

Itinerary C 5D/4N

SOUTH & CENTRAL ISLANDS



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DAY 1: MONDAY

Morning – Noon: ARRIVAL – SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND.

Arrival to Airport in San Cristobal. If you booked your flights with us, your guide will be expecting you at the Airport to take you to Yacht Letty (passengers with own flights or already in Galapagos will be properly informed meeting point and time to join the Cruise from the main Pier). Lunch on board.

Afternoon: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND.

After Lunch, visit to the Interpretation Center that will take you through the history of the Islands, in their natural, human, and conservation contexts with two permanent interesting and interactive exhibits: the Natural History Room and the Human History Room; if time permits it, visit to Playa Mann. Return to Yacht Letty. Briefing.

Dinner and overnight on board.

Activities: TK

Meals: B – L – D



DAY 2: TUESDAY

Morning: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND.

After Breakfast, board the Zodiac to Pitt Point (wet-landing at beach) to take an active trail-hike up to the top of a volcanic tuff with fantastic views. You will be able to spot all three species of boobies in one place: Blue, Red Nazca boobies plus frigate birds, other sea-bird species and, of course, playful sea-lions. It is also an excellent spot for snorkeling and swimming,

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Afternoon: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND.

After Lunch, disembark (wet-landing) at Witch Hill (Cerro Brujo), an eroding tuff-cone composed mostly of lava formations and volcanic rocks; it houses a lovely white-sand beach which is a great spot for snorkeling and swimming. Also a wonderful site to spot migratory birdlife: whimbrels, white-cheeked pintails, stilts and more. Continue to Kicker Rock for circumnavigation around this giant rock formation which remains on once an active volcano cone with the shape of a sleeping lion, hence its name, the top of the rock is home for hundreds of blue-footed boobies, tropical bird, frigate birds and more. Return to the Yacht. Briefing, dinner and overnight.

Activities: TK/ KY/ PR

Meals: B – L – D



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY

Morning: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND.

After Breakfast, take the Zodiak to the oldest island in the Archipelago. Española with wet-landing at Gardner Bay, a breathtaking large coralline sandy beach filled with curious Sea-lions to welcome you on this experience. Snorkeling is a must here as you will be able to spot rays, white-tipped sharks and colorful reef school of fish; also a great site for kayaking. Spot colonies of marine iguanas, endemic mocking birds, sally light-foot crabs and blue-footed boobies. Lunch on board the Letty.

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Afternoon: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND.

Dry disembarkation at Suarez Point, considered as a bird sanctuary of the Archipelago due to the amazing variety of species, especially the fantastic waved-albatrosses that visit this Island for nesting between April and December and also endemic mockingbirds, swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca blue-footed boobies, tropical-bird and more. After a wonderful afternoon hike, return to the boat. Dinner and overnight.

Activities: TK/ KY/ SN

Meals: B – L – D



DAY 4: THURSDAY

Morning: FLOREANA ISLAND.

Today you will visit Floreana Island with a wet-landing at the north side of the Island on a sandy beach at Post Office Bay named by Captain James Colnett in 1773, who installed a wooden barrel that will serve sailors as an improvised post office where seamen will drop letters that will eventually be taken by other sailors on their way to other Countries especially in Europe; there has been cases where the letter arrives back home long after the sender does! Hike up to the Baroness viewpoint to enjoy fantastic panoramic views of the Island, Darwin finches, lava lizards, sea lions, yellow warblers and more can be spotted on site; also good opportunity to snorkel and swim.

Lunch on board the Yacht.

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Afternoon: FLOREANA ISLAND.

Disembark at Cormorant Point at the south of Floreana, the site features a golden- greenish beach rich in olivine. It's a collection of volcanic crystals originating in the Earth's mantle and composed of aluminum, silica, magnesium and iron, as well as eroded tuff remains, all of which are responsible for the sand's unique color.

Not far inland, a brackish lake home to a variety of migratory and coastal birds, is also ideal for flamingo-watching. Here, there's quite a large percentage of flamingos living in one single pond considering that the entire population of Galapagos Flamingos amounts to only about 1,200 to 1,500 individuals scattered across the archipelago, Flamingos tend to migrate from island to island searching for food but never attempting to fly toward mainland Ecuador. Their ancestors come from the Caribbean. The trail continues to a beautiful white-sand beach, one of the most important nesting sites of Green Pacific Sea Turtles. Return to the Yacht, Briefing, Dinner and overnight.

Activities: TK/ KY/ PR/ SN

Meals: B – L – D

DAY 5: FRIDAY

Morning: NORTH SEYMOUR & BALTRA ISLANDS.

Early in the morning, a final visit to lovely North Seymour (dry-landing) Island for a short hike around blue-footed boobies nesting area, magnificent frigate birds, sea- lions, lizards, swallowed-tailed gulls and vast endemic vegetation. Sail to Baltra Island (arrive around 9h30-10h00) for your flight back to Mainland or end at Itabaca Channel's pier area if you plan to remain for a few more days in the Galapagos.

End of services.

Activities: TK

Meals: B

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