

# ***ITINERARY A4 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS***

***MONDAY-MONDAY***



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## **DAY 1 – MONDAY**

### **MORNING FLIGHT TO SAN CRISTOBAL – LOBOS ISLAND**

PM: After arriving at San Cristobal airport, we will be greeted by our naturalist guide to then board the M/C Anali and have lunch. Following our meal, we will navigate a short distance to Lobos Island. This visitor site has a trail of 850 meters that crossed almost all of the island. There is a small population of blue-footed boobies and common frigate birds nesting at this site, that is also inhabited by the two species of sea lions present in the archipelago. This is also a great site for snorkeling, as the waters are calm and not so deep.

- PossibleActivities: Hiking – snorkeling– panga ride
- Difficulty: Moderate
- LandingType: Dry
- Wildlife: Sealions, mantarays, and sea turtles, blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds

## **DAY 2 - TUESDAY**

### **SOUTH PLAZA & SANTA FE**



AM: Dry landing on one of the oldest docks of the archipelago on colorful South Plaza, home to vibrant green prickly pears, deep red Sesuvium, and coppery-orange land iguanas. Impressive seaward cliffs make the perfect perching spot for a variety of coastal birds. This is also a great place to observe the adult and pup sea lions swimming along the shores.

- PossibleActivities: Hiking
- Difficulty: Moderate
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- Wildlife: Land iguanas, finches, sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, and red-billed tropicbirds

PM: After a wet landing on Santa Fe, we will be encountered by a white beach where sea lions are usually resting. We will be looking for the endemic species of land iguana, larger and yellower than land iguanas on other islands. The largest prickly pear cacti in the Galapagos are also found here.

- Possible Activities: Hiking – snorkeling – panga ride - Kayaking
- Difficulty: Easy
- Landing Type: Wet
- Wildlife: Galapagos hawks, Santa Fe land iguanas, sea lions, green sea turtles, and lava lizards

### **DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY**

#### **CHINESE HAT & DRAGON HILL**



AM: Less than a quarter of one square kilometer in size, this island gets its name from being shaped like a Chinese hat. The hat shape is best appreciated from the north side. Lava formations can be seen on the western side of the island, formed under the sea and later raised upward, making it possible to observe coral heads on the lava.

Be amazed by the landscapes covered by sea lions' colonies, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins.

- Possible Activities: Hiking – snorkeling – panga ride - Kayaking
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Landing Type: Wet
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- Wildlife: White-cheeked pintail ducks, colorful fish, sea lions, penguins, Galapagos hawks, white-tipped reef sharks, lava lizards, sea lions, and marine iguanas

PM: We head across to Cerro Dragon on Santa Cruz's northwest shore (dry landing) to visit a saltwater lagoon, home to Greater Flamingos, black-necked stilts, and white-cheeked pintails. Further inland we find a fantastic land iguana nesting site.

- Possible Activities: Hiking – snorkeling
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Landing Type: Dry
- Wildlife: Flamingos, Darwin's finches, white-cheeked pintail ducks, and land iguanas

## **DAY 4 - THURSDAY**

### **CHARLES DARWIN STATION (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)**

AM: We will visit Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, we will see tortoises from different islands. The animals are found in large semi natural pens for their protection, but also to ensure an easy view for the visitors.

After this visit, we will continue our way to the Baltra airport for the departing flight to mainland Ecuador.

- Possible Activities: Hiking
- Difficulty: Easy
- Landing Type: Dry
- Wildlife: Galapagos tortoises