

Luxury Class - Catamarans Galapagos

OCEAN SPRAYCATAMARAN



Itinerary "B"

6 Days – 7 Nights

THURSDAY:

Santa Fe Island

Santa Fe (Barrington) is home to the small picturesque bay and anchorage on the island's northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest.

Land Iguanas, giant tunas

Highlights:

Activities: Hiking

Type of Landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Moderate

FRIDAY: Suarez Point

This area is great for spotting Blue-footed Boobies, albatrosses and Nazca Boobies. A beautiful site on the ocean front, the large Waved Albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous attraction is the magnificent blowhole, spurting water high into the air. This site presents wonderful photograph opportunities.

- Highlights:** Hood Mockingbird, Nazca Boobies, Waved Albatross, Red-billed tropicbirds, lava lizards, Galapagos Hawk, Blue-footed Boobies, blow hole, amazing landscape
- Activities:** Hike (1.9 mi/3 km)
- Type of Landing:** Dry Landing
- Difficulty:** Difficult

Gardner Bay Gardner Bay, on the eastern side of the island, is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12,000 pairs of Waved Albatrosses. It has an ample white sandy beach with a myriad of sea lions, perfect for relaxing. Its rocky shores make this site a great place for diving and snorkeling.

- Highlights:** White sandy beach, sea lions, mockingbirds; snorkeling: colorful fish, sea lion nursery
- Activities:** Snorkeling, dinghy ride, kayaking, short hike of (0.6 mi/1 km)
- Type of Landing:** Wet landing
- Difficulty:** Easy

SATURDAY:

Interpretation Center & Galapaguera

The Interpretation Center was opened in 1998 as a phase of the project "Interpretation and Environment Education Project." Visitors enjoy expositions on natural history, human history, and conservation. The conservation efforts represent the movement to protect the wildlife and natural environment through means of population and tourist control. The Interpretation Center has an outdoor stadium, audio-visual equipment, and meeting rooms.

Giant tortoises in captivity, land
birds

Highlights:

Activities: Short walk

Type of Dry landing

Landing:

Difficulty:
Easy

Kicker Rock

This striking rock formation is located a couple hours off the western shore of San Cristobal. Jutting out of the water, the rocks stand vertically at hundreds of feet above the ocean divided by a small channel. Although there are no landing areas, kayaking and scuba diving allow visitors to spot a variety of marine life.

Highlights:
Great snorkeling: sharks, tropical
fish, turtles, manta rays (occ.),
hammerhead sharks,
spectacular rock formations; sea
birds: Blue-footed Boobies,
Nazca Boobies & frigatebirds.

Activities: Snorkeling & dinghy ride

Type of No landing

Landing:

Difficulty:
Easy

Lobos Island

The name of this island means "Sea Lion Island". This appropriately named island is ripe with noisy, frolicking, jolly sea lions who will welcome you to their home with open, well, fins. This island also offers great snorkeling opportunities as well as the chance to see Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies.

Snorkeling with sea lions,
frigatebirds, Blue-footed Boobies

Highlights:

Activities: Short hike (less than 0.6 mi/1
km), dinghy ride and/or
snorkeling.

**Type of
Landing:** Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy/moderate

SUNDAY:

Pitt Point

Pitt Point, situated on the north-eastern tip of the island, hosts frigatebirds, storm petrels, and all three types of Booby Birds: the Nazca, Blue-footed and Red-footed Boobies. A steep trail goes up a cliff and through a ravine leading visitors to an area with an abundance of birds. This site is also great for snorkeling and scuba diving.

Highlights: Wonderful landscape, sea lion
colony, three possible species of
Boobies.

Activities: Dinghy ride, snorkeling, kayaking
& hike (1.5 mi/2.5 km)

**Type of
Landing:** Wet landing

Difficulty: Moderate/difficult

Witch Hill

Located on the northern coast, this eroded hill and its surroundings present one of the most picturesque beaches in the Galapagos with its white powdery sand and the abundance of animals. Wildlife includes sea turtles, rays, and various types of Booby Birds. The clear water provides an excellent opportunity for enjoying swimming and snorkeling.

Highlights: Beautiful rock formations, sea
lions, shore birds, finches and
mockingbirds; snorkeling: nice
tropical fish, anemones, sponge
coral

Activities: Hike, dinghy ride, snorkeling & kayaking

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy walk along the beach

MONDAY:

Post Office Bay

In the 18th century whalers passing through the islands placed a wooden barrel on Floreana Island for use as an unofficial mail box. The tradition continues today as visitors leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home.

Highlights: Barrel Post Office, nice sandy beach

Activities: Short hike (less than 0.6 mi/1 km) & snorkeling

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy

Cormorant Point

This site hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts, White-cheeked Pintails can also be seen. The beaches on this island are distinct: The "Green Beach" named so due to its green color, which comes from a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the "Four Sand Beach" composed of white coral.

Highlights: Flamingoes, green-colored beach

Activities: Dinghy ride & hike (1.2 mi /2 km)

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy

TUESDAY: Black Turtle Cove

Black Turtle Cove is situated in the northern part of Santa Cruz. This inlet is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy. The shallow cove is a safe haven for young marine life. Blacktip and whitetip reef sharks, sea turtles, and a variety of rays are often spotted here.

Highlights: Hammerhead shark babies, rays, sea turtles, sea birds

Activities: Dinghy ride

Type of Landing: no landing

Difficulty: Easy