

Luxury Class - Catamarans Galapagos

OCEAN SPRAYCATAMARAN



## Itinerary "B"

8 Days – 7 Nights

### **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

Wet landing

**Type of 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.

Barrel Post Office, nice sandy beach

**Highlights:**

**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.

Flamingoes, green-colored  
beach

**Highlights:**

**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

***Bartholomew Island***

Home of the famous Pinnacle Rock, Bartholomew consists of an extinct volcano with a variety of red, orange, black and even green volcanic formations. A trail of stairs leads to the summit of the volcano, boasting one of the best views of the islands. The beach is perfect for snorkeling and possible sightings of the Galapagos Penguin.

**Highlights:** Pinnacle rock, panoramic view,  
moonlike landscape, penguins,  
pioneer plants, lava cactus;  
snorkeling: penguins, reef

sharks, rays, and great colorful fish.

**Activities:** Dinghy ride, snorkeling & hiking  
(1.2 mi/ 2km)  
Dry and wet landings

**Type of  
Landing:**

**Difficulty:** Moderate/difficult. Walk up to the  
top of volcano 114 meters, 375  
wooden steps

### ***WEDNESDAY:***

#### ***Darwin Bay***

This white-sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (.75km) that winds through mangroves filled with land birds. Nazca Boobies, Red-footed Boobies, and Swallow-tailed Gulls can be spotted here. Further down the path are tidal pools where sea lions swim playfully. At the end is a spectacular view off a cliff.

**Highlights:** Nazca Boobies, Red-footed  
Boobies, Swallow-tailed Gulls,  
mangroves, coral pebbles beach,  
snorkeling: rays, colorful reef fish  
and hammerhead sharks

**Activities:** Hiking (0.9 mi/1.5 km),  
snorkeling, kayaking & dinghy  
ride

**Type of  
Landing:** Wet landing.

**Difficulty:** Easy/moderate

#### ***El Barranco***

Also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, El Barranco's steep, rocky paths leads up to a high cliff-face. A marvelous view can be appreciated from here. This site is also home to Palo Santo vegetation as well as Red-footed Boobies, Short-eared Lava Owls, Galapagos Swallows, and Galapagos Doves.

**Highlights:** Red-footed Boobies, Short-eared  
Lava Owls, storm-petrels,  
Galapagos Doves

**Activities:** Hiking (0.9 mi/2 km)

**Type of** Dry, difficult landing

**Landing:**

**Difficulty:** Moderate

#### **THURSDAY:**

##### ***Espumilla Beach***

Espumilla Beach is a popular place for marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot Crabs. The crabs attract the hunting herons, performing the dance of predator and prey. With an abundance of marine life including octopi, moray eel, and shark, snorkeling is highly recommended.

Snorkeling

**Highlights:**

**Activities:** Snorkeling and swimming

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Difficulty:** Easy

##### ***Egas Port***

Also known as James Bay, Egas Port is home to the curious Galapagos Hawks and Quick-footed Galapagos Lava Lizards. The trail leads to a coastline with gorgeous tide pools and grottos full of fauna. Here the Galapagos Fur Sea Lions bathe in the sun. This is also a great snorkeling site.

**Highlights:** Fur sea lions, Galapagos Sea  
Lions, tidal pools and "grottos",  
Galapagos Hawk, oyster  
catchers, marine iguanas,  
finches; snorkeling: reef sharks,  
turtles, rays, nice underwater  
formations.

**Activities:** Snorkeling, hiking (1.25 mi/2 km)

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Difficulty:** Easy /moderate

**FRIDAY:**

***North Seymour Island***

Galapagos Sea Lions, Blue-footed Boobies and Magnificent Frigatebirds are abundant on North Seymour Island. The island was formed by a series of submarine lavas containing layers of sediment that were uplifted by tectonic activity. The island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone.

**Highlights:** Land & marine iguanas, frigatebirds, Blue-footed Boobies, sea lions; snorkeling: Rays, reef shark, fish, garden eels. Snorkeling, dinghy ride &

**Activities:** hiking  
(1.5 mi/2.5 km)

**Type of Landing:** Dry landing

**Difficulty:** Moderate/difficult

***Santa Cruz Highlands***

Reached by bus from Puerto Ayora, the highlands of Santa Cruz are a deep green, contrasting beautifully with much of the dry, lower islands. The dominant vegetation in the highlands is the Scalesia trees, creating the lush green color. The lava tubes, over half a mile long, are underground and walking through them is a unique, surreal experience.

**Highlights:** Lava tunnels, wild turtles, tortoises breeding center.

**Activities:** Hike (1.5 mi/ 2 ½ km)

**Type of Landing:** Dry landing

**Difficulty:** Moderate (Long)

**SATURDAY: *Mosquera Islet*** Located between the islands of Baltra and North Seymour, this reef of rocks and coral (the result of an uprising) is only 160 meters across at its narrowest width. This island has one of the largest populations of sea lions and is home to many shorebirds. There have been occasional reports at this site of Orcas feeding on sea lions.

**Highlights:** Orcas, Sea lions, shore birds

**Activities:** Dinghy ride

**Type of Landing:** None

**Difficulty:** Easy