

## First Class - Yachts Galapagos

### TIP TOP IV YACHT



### ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

## Itinerary 'Option 1' 8 days / 7 Nights

### DAY 1 - FRIDAY

**In the morning:** Arrival to Baltra Airport

Flight from mainland Ecuador (Quito or Guayaquil) to Baltra, with AVIANCA Airlines, arriving at 09H20 a.m. approximately. Your guide conducts you to the bus and after a short 5-kilometer ride to the pier; we board the Yacht without delay. As the crew weighs anchor, we greet you with our first orientation and we offer a light snack.

**In the afternoon:** North Seymour Island

We make a dry landing for a walk along the coast and the interior of North Seymour Island, a low, flat island that was uplifted from the sea by underground seismic activity. We observe blue footed boobies (they nest from May to November), marine iguanas, pelicans, frigate birds, shore birds, sea lions and endemic Palo Santo.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/or kayak. We return to the Yacht for a welcome cocktail with the entire crew, and dinner.

## DAY 2 - SATURDAY

**In the morning:** Darwin Bay

We make a wet landing on Darwin Bay to walk and observe frigatebirds, herons, mockingbirds, boobies, shorebirds, turtles, marine iguanas, etc.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or kayak.

We come aboard for a delicious lunch.

**In the afternoon:** Later in the afternoon, we make a dry landing on Prince Phillips's Steps (Barranco), we walk and observe the interesting lives of the birds here. Dinner on the Yacht, and then our orientation about conservation efforts made to protect the Islands.

## DAY 3 - SUNDAY

**In the morning:** James Bay

After breakfast, we make a wet landing on James Bay (Puerto Egas), to walk and observe sponges, snails, hermit crabs, a variety of shore birds, barnacles and the endemic four-eyed blenny, marine iguanas and sea lions.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim or snorkel.

We return to the boat for a delicious lunch.

**In the afternoon:** Buccaneer Cove (Caleta Bucanero)

We navigate around Buccaneer Cove (Caleta Bucanero), an area of steep cliffs and dark beaches. The cliffs and pinnacle are used as nesting areas by several species of seabirds. This was a popular place for 17th & 18th century buccaneers to careen their vessels.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or kayak. Dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 4 - MONDAY

**In the morning:** Punta Vicente Roca

After breakfast, we make a panga ride on Punta Vicente Roca to observe plenty of sea lions, marine iguanas, blue-footed and masked boobies, and flightless cormorants.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

We come aboard for a delicious lunch. In the afternoon.

**In the afternoon:** Punta Espinoza

We make a dry landing on Punta Espinoza to observe and see a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas and the flightless cormorants and clumps of lava cactus. Return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 5- TUESDAY

### **In the morning:** Tagus Cove

After breakfast, we make a panga ride on Tagus Cove, a protected cove between the shoulders of two volcanic craters which protect it from the open sea; we observe penguins, marine iguanas, sea lions and a variety of birds including flightless cormorant and blue footed boobies.

Optional: time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/ or kayak.

Return to the Yacht for lunch.

### **In the afternoon:** Elizabeth Bay

We make a panga ride around the islets of Elizabeth Bay to see marine iguanas, penguins, marine turtles, seabirds and shorebirds, herons and blue-footed boobies. Return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 6 - WEDNESDAY

### **In the morning:** Urbina bay

After breakfast, we make a wet landing on Urbina Bay to take a walk and observe a coral area, land iguanas, flightless cormorants and giant tortoises.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/ or kayak.

### **In the afternoon:** Punta Moreno

Sail to Punta Moreno, again we make a wet landing. We make a walk along shore lagoons located among petrified lava flows where different type of birds can be seeing. On top we have a panoramic view of the famous volcanoes Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, as well as the highest part of Fernandina Island. Return to the yacht for dinner and our night orientation.

## DAY 7 - THURSDAY

### **In the morning:** Point Cormorant

After breakfast, we make a wet landing on Point Cormorant for a short walk to the Flamingos Lagoon of this island. Then we continue the walk until we reach the beach called "La Picona" to see marine turtles and their spawning grounds.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

**Later:** we make a panga ride on Champion Islet, a small island off the Coast of Floreana Island. The principal attraction of Champion Islet is the nearly-extinct Charles (Floreana) Mockingbird. Visitors can also observe bird species such as

Swallow-tailed Gulls, Nazca Boobies or Brown Noddies. It is a great place for snorkelling; we will see sea turtles, reef fishes, Galapagos Penguins and white-tipped reef sharks.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

### **In the afternoon:** Post Office Bay

We make a wet landing on Post Office Bay, a historic site that recalls the days of the whalers, who presumably placed a wooden barrel in the 18th century to use it as a post office.

**Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel. Return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 8 - FRIDAY

**In the morning:** After breakfast, we disembark and a bus takes us to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island for a visit to the native forests and twin craters. Then the bus takes us directly to the airport (Baltra). Your guide accompanies you on this ride.

### **Rate includes:**

- All meals, Buffet (breakfast - lunch - dinner) water with meals.
- Accommodation in double cabins.
- Transfers from the airport to the yacht and vice versa in Galapagos.
- Excursions in the islands with English Speaking Naturalist Guide.
- **Air ticket.**

### **Rate does not include:**

- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee: USD 100.00 per person.
- Migratory Control Card: USD 20.00 per person.
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages.
- Snorkelling equipment for rent on board.
- Tips.

### **Note:**

- Rates per person in U.S. Dollars
- Single occupancy supplement 80% or 100%
- The route of the ship and the itinerary are subject to change and can vary depending on the regulations and policies of the Galapagos National Park, weather, seasonal changes, safety, etc.