

## First Class - Yachts Galapagos

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### ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

## Itinerary 'Option 2' 8 days / 7 Nights

### DAY 1- FRIDAY

#### **In the morning: Baltra - Bachas Beach**

Flight from mainland Ecuador (Quito or Guayaquil) to Baltra, with AVIANCA Airlines; arriving at 09:20 a.m. approximately. Your guide will meet you at arrivals gate, our crew will take care of your luggage. Your guide will conduct you to a bus and after a short 5-kilometer ride to the pier; you board the Yacht immediately. As the crew weighs anchor, we greet you with our first orientation and we offer a light snack.

#### **In the afternoon: Bachas Beach**

After navigating, we disembark on Playa Las Bachas, a place where you can appreciate a Flamingos lagoon. During all walks, your guide will be

explaining details about the lives of the birds and animals.

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

In the evening we have an orientation about the Galapagos Islands in general: their origin and evolution. Welcome cocktail with the entire crew, and dinner.

## DAY 2 -SATURDAY

### **In the morning: Darwin Bay**

After breakfast, you make a wet landing on Darwin Bay to walk and observe frigate birds, herons, mockingbirds, boobies, shorebirds, turtles, marine iguanas, etc.

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

### **In the afternoon: Prince Phillips's Steps (Barranco)**

You take a panga ride and you make a dry landing on Prince Phillips's Steps (Barranco), you walk and observe the interesting lives of the birds here. Dinner on the Yacht, and then your orientation about conservation efforts made to protect the Islands.

## DAY 3 - SUNDAY

### **In the morning: South Plaza**

After breakfast, you make a dry landing on the pier of the South Plaza, where you can enjoy the antics of the sea lions. A walk through a cactus forest allows us to observe land iguanas and many species of tropical birds.

### **In the afternoon: Santa Fe Island**

Then, you make a wet landing on Santa Fe Island to visit the cactus forest and a colony of land iguanas native from Santa Fe.

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

At the end we return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 4- MONDAY

### **In the morning: Highlands**

After breakfast, you will disembark to take the bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island for a visit to the native forests, Twin Craters, then, you will go to enjoy the giant tortoises in the wildlife in a farm. You will be delighted with the lunch in the farm.

### **In the afternoon: Interpretation Center Fausto Llerena**

After lunch, you will return to Puerto Ayora to start the visit to the Interpretation Center Fausto Llerena inside the Charles Darwin Research Station.

You return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 5 - TUESDAY

### **In the morning: Baroness Point**

After breakfast, you 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. Then, you will continue to the Baroness Point view, named due to the presence of a particular character who lived on Floreana Island, it is the Baroness Eloisa von Wagner, you will enjoy of the beautiful landscape and the ruins of her house.

### **In the afternoon: Cormorant Point**

You make a wet landing on Cormorant Point for a short walk to the Flamingo

Lagoon of this island. You then 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 snorkel. Then, you have a panga ride in Champion Islet, for snorkeling for those who wish it.

You return to the yacht for a delicious dinner and our nightly orientation.

## **DAY 6 - WEDNESDAY**

### **In the morning: Punta Suarez**

After breakfast, you make an early dry landing on Punta Suarez to walk along lava beds where you will observe unique colonies of marine birds, including Albatross (May - December).

### **In the afternoon: Gardner Bay**

Then, you make a wet landing in Gardner Bay for a walk on the beach and observe a colony of sea lions, which inhabit the beach in great quantity during the breeding season; this is also an important nesting area for sea turtles.

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

You return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## **DAY 7 - THURSDAY**

### **In the morning: Brujo Hill**

After breakfast, you make a wet landing on Cerro Brujo to walk on a white sand beach and observe sea lions, brown pelicans, marine iguanas and blue-footed boobies.

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

After: Then, your experienced Captain sails easily around Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido), a massive tuff-rock that juts abruptly almost 500 feet straight from the ocean. Kicker Rock serves as nesting place for many sea birds.

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

### **In the afternoon: Interpretation Center Jacinto Gordillo**

You make a dry landing on San Cristobal port, after a short drive, you arrive at Jacinto Gordillo Interpretation Center where you learn about its reproductive process and the programs to maintain the species. You take the bus back to the port to visit the Interpretation Center of Human History of the Islands; this tour takes you through the geological and human history of the islands and its conservation.

## **DAY 8 - FRIDAY**

### **In the morning: Black Turtle Cove - Baltra**

After breakfast, you make a panga ride on Black Turtle Cove, series of mangrove-surrounded coves and islets; here you can observe white-tipped sharks, marine turtles, spotted eagle rays, and yellow cow-nosed rays. You return to the Yacht for disembarking on the pier at 09:00. Your guide accompanies you on the bus ride directly to the airport.

**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.