

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS B+A

First day

PM. Santa Cruz Highlands

Take the bus in Puerto Ayora, the upper part of Santa Cruz Island is characterized by green vegetation, which contrasts with the dry vegetation that are typical of the smaller islands. The dominant vegetation is the Scalesia, which are trees that give a lush green appearance.

You can also find lava tunnels, with distances of more than a mile long that are underground, walk through them, you have a unique experience, in this place the giant tortoises that are found in the wild inhabit.

Important aspects: Lava tunnels, wild giant tortoises, endemic vegetation and land birds

Activities: Hike (1.5 miles / 2 ½ km)

Landing Type: Dry Landing

Difficulty: Moderate hike



Second day

AM. Puerto Egas (Santiago Island)

Also known as James Bay, Puerto Egas is home to the curious Galapagos Hawks. The trail leads to a coastline with magnificent natural pools and caves full of fauna. Here sea lions bathe in the sun. This is also a great dive site.

Important aspects:

Galapagos sea lions, pools formed with sea water, the "caves", Galápagos sparrowhawk, oystercatchers, marine iguanas, finches; snorkeling: reef sharks, turtles, rays, beautiful underwater formations.



Activities:

Snorkeling, hike (1.25 mi / 2 km)

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy moderate

PM. Playa Espumilla (Isla Santiago)

Espumilla Beach is a popular spot for marine iguanas and lava crabs. Crabs attract hunting herons by performing the dance of predators and prey. The site has an abundant marine life, such as octopuses, moray eels and sharks, diving is highly recommended.

Attractions: Marine iguanas, lava crab, marine life.

Activities: Snorkeling and swimming

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy



PM. Caleta Bucanero (Isla Santiago)

Bucanero is a testament to the fact that Santiago Island was once a refuge for British buccaneers. These pirates anchored in the protected bay to make repairs to the boats and to stock up on turtle meat among other things. On the cliffs, there are hundreds of birds that perch in front of the dark red sand beach.

Attractions: Sea birds, historical site, snorkeling, rock formations

Activities: Walk along the beach (less than 0.6 mi / 1 km)

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy



Third day

AM. Cerro Dragón (Santa Cruz)

Cerro Dragon is located in the northwest of the island of Santa Cruz, it was one of the only places on Santa Cruz Island, where there were land iguanas (*Conolophus subcristatus*) in good condition, some specimens were transferred to Darwin Station for the purpose to breed in captivity. The entire population of iguanas from Cerro Dragón was transported to the Islet of Venice to keep away from wild dogs, after several iguanas reproduced in Venice, these were returned to Cerro Dragon in 1990. In this site there are some lagoons that at certain times of the year have abundant flamingos.

Attractions: Snorkeling, lagoon with flamingos, walk to see land iguanas and landscape.

Activities: Snorkel, hike (1.6 km)

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy / moderate





A.M. Bahía Ballena (Santa Cruz)

This place has a green sand beach located on the west coast of Santa Cruz Island. The beach contains olivine crystals. According to the writings of the French captain Genie, there is a path that originates from this site and ascends to the top of the island, this path was used to collect fresh water. Also here were a group of people who were dedicated to the collection of lichens (Rocellatinctoria), which was used to dye clothes.

Important aspects: Snorkeling, Olivine Beach, Lichen Collection Historic Site (Rocellatinctoria), Small Pinzón Island Turtle Population.

Activities: swimming, diving, hiking, plus a difficult hike.

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy

PM. Eden Island

It is located to the northeast and near the island of Santa Cruz, it is a small island with an area of 23 hectares, there is a mountain 71 meters above sea level, it is possible to take a walk around the island to see seabirds, which has a diameter of 600 meters.

Attractions: landscape characterized by the vegetation of arid areas, cliffs.

Activities: Snorkeling, boat tour.

Type of landing: No landing

Difficulty: Easy

Fourth day

AM. Isla Seymour Norte

Sea lions, blue footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds are abundant on North Seymour Island. The island was formed by a series of submarine lavas containing sediment layers, the same as were lifted by tectonic activity. The island is defined by arid vegetation

Attractive:

Marine iguanas, frigate land iguanas, blue-footed boobies, sea lions; snorkeling: stingrays, reef sharks, fish, eels. Iguanas marinas, iguanas terrestres.

Activities:

Snorkel, boat tour and excursions (1.5 miles / 2.5 km)

Landing Type:

Dry landing

Difficulty:

Moderate / difficult



PM MOSQUERA

This site allows an explanation of the geology of Galapagos is evidence of the lifting of the offshore platform, silver white sand with lions resting in the sand and water activities such as swimming and snorkeling complement the visit

Attractions: geological formation of marine uplift, colony of wolves, fish, corals

Activities: walking, snorkeling, swimming.

Fifth day

AM. Isla Plaza Sur

This small island with cliffs formed by rising lava, is now covered by Opuntia cacti. It is also home to one of the largest colonies of sea lions, as well as colorful yellow and red land iguanas. The most characteristic plant is the Sesuvium. During the rainy season it is greenish to yellowish in color and in the dry season (late June to January) a bright red color.



Attractions:

Land iguanas, colony of sea lions, petrels, forked-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies, incredible scenery, with cliffs.

Activities:

Hike (2.5 km)

Landing Type:

Dry Landing

Difficulty

Moderate



PM. Isla Santa Fe

The visiting site is a small picturesque bay, where you can anchor, located on the northeast coast of the island. The bay has two paths, one path leads to a viewpoint on top of a cliff, and the other path crosses a small beach until it reaches a tall palo santo forest.

Attractions:

Marine iguanas, giant cacti, beach with wolves, sea turtles.

Activities:

Hike

Landing Type:

Dry landing

Difficulty

Moderate



Sixth day

Isla Española

Española Island is located in the extreme southeast of the archipelago. Relatively flat with small hills, a group of geologists found signs of volcanic activity in the 1980s. Vegetation on the island includes many spiny plants and native and endemic animals including albatrosses, marine iguanas, and lava lizards.



AM. Islote Osborn

The name of the island, as well as many small islands located throughout the archipelago, refers to the names of Englishmen who visited the islands or were part of the groups of buccaneers and filibusters..

Attractions: Snorkeling, observation of the cliffs

Activities: Zodiac ride and snorkeling.

Type of landing: No landing

AM. Gardner Bay.

The Bay is located on the north coast of Española Island. We can walk along two wide beaches with a total length of 1300 meters. There is a colony of sea lions (*Zalophuswollebaeki*), which inhabit the beach.

The turtle population on this island was reduced by human predation. After the captive breeding program began with the Charles Darwin Research Station, in 1991 the first turtles were repatriated. The turtles are concentrated near Manzanillo Bay, in the upper part of the island, a place with restrictions for tourism. Resident and migratory birds are observed. This is an important nesting area for sea turtles (*Cheloniemydas*).

Important aspects: White Sand Beach, Sea Lions, cucube birds; snorkeling: multicolored tropical fish .

Activities: Snorkeling, zodiac ride, kayaking, short walk (1.3 km)

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy.



PM. Islote Gardner

Located in the inlet of Gardner Bay on Española Island, this site is one of the most fascinating to dive and take a zodiac tour around the island to observe the flora and fauna.

Attractive : Sea lions, seabirds, tropical birds, fish, stingrays.

Activities: Snorkeling, zodiac ride

Landing Type: No Landing

PM. Punta Suarez

This area is ideal for observing blue-footed boobies, masked boobies and albatrosses. A beautiful oceanfront location, the great Galapagos albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous attraction is the blower hole, throwing water gushing into the air. This site presents wonderful photography opportunities.

Attractions:

Cucube Bird, Masked Boobies, Albatross, Red-billed Tropical Birds, Lava Lizards, Galapagos Sparrowhawk, Blue-footed Boobies, Blowhole, Spectacular Scenery.

Activities

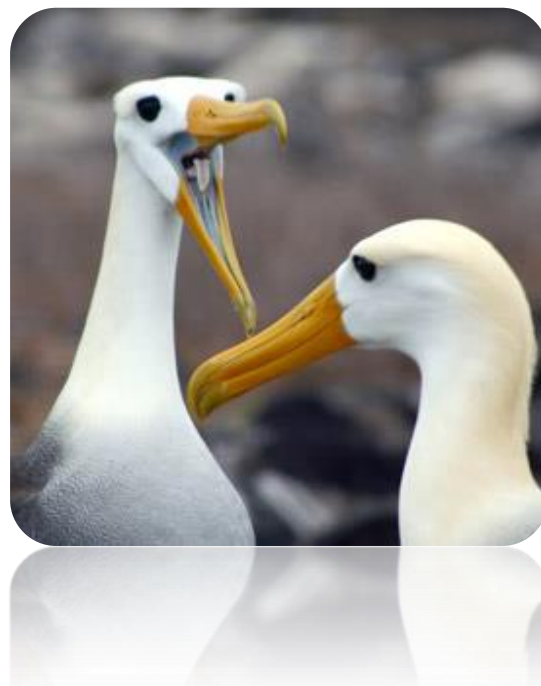
Walk to observe wildlife (1.9 mi / 3 km)

Landing Type:

Dry Landing

Difficulty

Little difficult



Día Séptimo

Isla Floreana

Floreana, officially known as "Santa María", is located in the extreme south of the archipelago. Famous for its post office and the formation of the Devil's Crown, the island is associated with a strange and curious history of its inhabitants. Diving in this area is one of the best in the Galapagos



AM. Mirador de la Baronesa (Isla Floreana)

Baroness Lookout is a fantastic place to learn about the human history of Floreana island that once was inhabited by a baroness and her three lovers, the history of this island is intriguing. Legends about this baroness are associated with a fascinating murder mystery. There are easy trails in this area for exploring the flora and fauna of Floreana.

Important aspects: Great view, sea turtles, mysterious story about the first inhabitants of the islands

Activities: Short walk (0.6 miles / 1 km)

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy



PM. Punta Cormorant (Isla Floreana)

This site hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds like common curlew, can also be seen. The beaches of this island are different: the "green beach", named for its green color, which contains a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the "white sand beach", made up of white coral.

Important aspects: flamingos, olivine green beach, white beach

Activities: boat ride and hike (1.25 miles / 2 km)

Landing Type: Wet Landing

Difficulty: Easy



PM. Corona del Diablo Isla Floreana

One of the best dive sites in the Galapagos, this volcanic crater has been eroded by waves coming out of the north and south sides jutting out of the water. The coral reef in the middle is perfect for attracting marine life. Divers enjoy the variety of life and exciting ocean currents that rush through the crown, creating an exhilarating experience.

Attractions: The best dive site in the Galapagos Islands with sharks, rays, rock formations, and various species of tropical fish.

Activities: Snorkeling

Landing Type: no Landing

Difficulty: Moderate / difficult



Eighth Day

AM. Estación Científica Charles Darwin (Isla Santa Cruz)

The tour starts at the information center of the Parque Nacional Galapagos PNG, the path continues to the interpretation center Van Stralen, continue to the breeding center and from there begins an elevated wooden trail from where turtles from the Spanish island can be seen, trail ends at the corrals display the same turtles are accustomed to visiting humans; the Galapagos breeding program is carried out by PNG staff with the collaboration of scientists from the Charles Darwin Research Station.

After the devastating predation that wild dogs have inflicted on the populations of land iguanas, *Conolophus subcristatus*, in Santa Cruz and Isabela in 1976, the station and the PNG began a breeding program for these reptiles.

The main function of the CDR is to promote scientific research in the islands and the associated logistics. The station is directly dependent on the Darwin Foundation, an international non-profit organization.

Attractions:

Breeding Center for giant tortoises and land iguanas, captive turtles.

Activities:

Hike, interpretive trail, photography.

Landing Type:

Dry Landing

Difficulty: Easy



INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on board based on a shared double cabin
- Detailed food: Breakfast, lunch and dinner (based on menu)
- Bilingual naturalist guide (English-Spanish) certified by the Galapagos National Park
- Detailed visits
- Maritime and land transportation for necessary visits

NOT INCLUDED:

- Air ticket (check our prices and advantages of buying with us)
- Migration control card Galápagos Government Council \$ 20
- Tax to the Galapagos National Park:

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- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance on land