



## **DAY 1 AM: BALTRA AIRPORT**

**Departure to the Galapagos** Islands, arrival at Baltra airport, where our naturalist guide of the National Park will be waiting for you.

## **PM: PLAZAS**

Of the two twin islands, only South Plazas is allowed to be visited, while North Plazas is kept exclusively for scientific research. This is a small islet, but it packs an impressive amount of wildlife. Right after you land you will see Galapagos land iguanas waiting under prickly-pear cactus feed on their fruits. A large colony of sea lions will give you the opportunity to see playful pups enjoying the tide pools, but also large grumpy males defending their territories. The trail will take you to a cliff where you can observe many sea birds, such as frigatebirds, red-billed tropicbirds, boobies, swallow-tailed gulls and pelicans. A reddish succulent vegetation with scattered cactus covers most of the islands like a carpet, giving this island a unique personality.



## **DAY 2 SANTA CRUZ**

### **AM: BLACK TURTLE COVE**

Black Turtle Cove gets its name from the abundance of green sea turtles, locally known as: "*tortugas negras*". There is no landing here so you will be doing a boat tour on the dinghies, exploring shallow channels and small coves surrounded by beautiful mangrove forests. Reef sharks, sea turtles and several species of rays inhabit this beautiful area which is considered an important mating area for turtles and a nursery for several species of sharks. Herons, pelicans and boobies are also common here as they pray in schools of anchovies.

**Highlights:** *White-tipped and black-tipped reef sharks, green sea turtles, rays, herons, blue-footed boobies, mangroves.*



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### **PM: HIGHLANDS**

Either if you do this visit starting from Baltra or from Puerto Ayora, a bus will take you to the highlands stopping along the way at one of the reserves to visit the lush highland forests where you will look for Galapagos Giant tortoises in their natural environment. This is the best place in the Galapagos to see these gentle giants (reaching over 300 kg / 600 pounds!) casually grazing and resting in freshwater ponds. This is also home for a great diversity of birds rarely found at the lowlands, including finches (tree, woodpecker and vegetarian finches), flycatchers and several species of water birds. You will visit a lava tunnel (depending on the itinerary) and learn how these extraordinary formations were created by ancient volcanic eruptions.



### **DAY 3 GENOVESA**

#### **AM: DARWIN BAY**

Genovesa is a favorite island for birdwatchers as it is home for very large colonies of seabirds. From the minute you set foot at the beach you will be amazed by the noise of hundreds of boobies, gulls and frigatebirds flying over your heads, perched in the bushes or nesting on the sandy terrain. The trail is an ultimate wildlife experience as there are animals everywhere; sea lions and marine iguanas near the sea; night herons, lava & swallow tailed gulls, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and many more species inland.

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**Snorkel:** The bay offers several places to snorkel; from deep waters along the cliffs across the bay, to shallow waters by the beach. In either case, there are many fish to see and great chances of seeing sharks, rays and sea lions.

### **AM: EL BARRANCO**

El Barranco is located in the southern part of Darwin Bay at Genovesa Island. The cliffs facing the sea are made of very fragile fractured lava, making it the ideal place for storm petrels to build their colonies, which attracts an important population of short-eared owls preying on the nesting birds. Red footed and Nazca boobies are abundant along the trail. At the base of the cliffs you can see Galapagos fur seals resting in shaded areas, as well as several species of seabirds.



### **AM: SANTIAGO - SULLIVAN BAY**

This hike is a journey into understanding the birth of these volcanic islands. You will walk in a very well preserved flow of Pahoehoe lava, which will give you endless opportunities to see the delicate textures of these type of lavas which only appear in a few places throughout the world. At first sight the barren landscape looks completely deprived of life, but look carefully for pioneer plants, lava lizards and small birds. By the shore, you can find penguins, pelicans and oystercatchers.

**Snorkel:** You will have the option to swim or snorkel from a coral sand beach or from the dinghies. Getting underwater is like traveling to another world: if the land is almost lifeless, the sea is teeming with life, including large schools of fish, Galapagos penguins, reef sharks, turtles and rays.

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## **PM BATOLOME**

Bartolome is one of the most iconic places in the Galapagos and one of the few where you can see penguins without going to the remote areas of western Isabela and Fernandina. You will get great views of Pinnacle Rock, located on the northern side of the island, right next to a beautiful peach-color sand beach.

The hike to the top of the island is fantastic and will offer you incredible views of lunar landscapes with scattered volcanic cones. Many islands are visible from this outlook, as well as the bay of Sullivan and the Pinnacle rock.

**Snorkel:** You will have the option to swim or snorkel from the beach. This area holds a well-deserved reputation of being one of the best snorkeling places in the Galapagos, not only because it's clear and calm water, but also because of the presence of penguins, which are relatively easy to find while snorkeling, along with an incredible diversity of fish, colorful invertebrates, sea lions, turtles, rays and reef sharks.

## **DAY 5**

### **AM: SEYMOUR**

This island is home for large colonies of both magnificent and great frigatebirds and you can see them displaying their red balloons to attract a female. Blue-footed boobies' nest in the ground and perform their famous dance in the open areas, while swallow-tailed gulls perch on the cliff edges. Land iguanas are common inland while their marine cousins bask in the rocks by the sea, close to sea lions, which often like to body surf in the waves.

Then, transfer to the airport to take your flight back to continental Ecuador.

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**B = Breakfast**

**L = Lunch**

**D = Dinner**

**\*\* This itinerary is subject to change without notice; due to seasonal changes, weather conditions or Galapagos National Park regulations. \*\***

**PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: US\$ 2,600.00**

**NOTE:**

- Single supplement 50%
- Discount for children 10% (between 6 and 11 years)

<b>General conditions:</b>
* Credit Card using secure payment through PayPal (Note: a 6% PayPal additional fee will be added to your account)
* A wire transfer to our Mytoureec Bank account in USA.

**Price includes:**

- All meals
- Accommodation on board
- Island sightseeing
- Naturalists and lecture services
- Snorkelling gear (mask, snorkel and fins)
- Kayaks
- Wetsuit and fins
- Paddle boards

**Not Included**

- Air tickets to/from Galapagos US \$ 400,00 (The operator will issue the flight tickets otherwise there will be a penalty of US\$ 70.00) (subject to change)
- Galapagos National Park admission fee US \$100 (subject to change without notice)
- Transit Control Card for Galapagos US\$ 20 per person (subject to change)
- Alcoholic beverage, tips, gifts and additional items.

**PACKING CHECK LIST:**

- At Night: cruise-casual attire for dining; no shorts, swimwear or tank tops.
- On Shore: shorts or fast-drying slacks, T-shirts, or long-sleeved cotton shirts.
- Walking shoes
- Thongs or sandals



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- Wind-breaker
- Hat with a brim
- Bathing suits
- Bandana to cover the back of your neck from the sun's rays
- Sunglasses (with holding strap)
- Extra set of glasses or contact lenses + lens solution
- Sun block (SPF30 or higher)
- Insect repellent (Mosquitoes are NOT malaria carrying)
- Grooming kit
- Personal medication
- Multi-purpose Zip-lock bags.
- Camera gear, extra memory and charger (or extra batteries)
- Lip balm (SPF30 or higher)
- Portable computer or Tablet (intermittent and low-bandwidth Wi-Fi available on board)