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YACHT GALAXY JUNE 17-22, 2024



M/Y Galaxy - Itinerary C



Monday	PM: Seymour: North Seymour
Tuesday	AM: Bartolome: Bartolome PM: Santiago: Sullivan Bay
Wednesday	AM: Genovesa: Darwin Bay PM: Genovesa: El Barranco
Thursday	AM: Plazas: South Plazas PM: Santa Fe: Santa Fe
Friday	AM: San Cristobal: Interpretation Center PM: San Cristobal: Lobos Island
Saturday	AM: San Cristobal: Highlands



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DETAILED ITINERARY

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: 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 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 prey in schools of anchovies.

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

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Lodging: Yacht Galaxy

Level: 1

panga Ride



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DAY 2

AM: RABIDA

Rábida is a small island famous for its reddish lava rocks (rich in iron) which gives it a unique look. The beach is also red and hosts a small colony of sea lions. There is a small salt water lagoon where we will see ducks and stilts and sometimes flamingoes. The trail will take you inland to get beautiful views of the beach and the lagoon. Look for Darwin finches, flycatchers and mockingbirds. In the cliffs along the coast you can find Nazca & blue-footed boobies, brown noddy, herons and the two species of sea lions: Galapagos and fur seals.

Snorkel: You can snorkel from the beach and explore a sheltered rocky area, which is excellent for fish, sea lions and reef sharks. Look at the high diversity of small invertebrates attached to the vertical walls.

Highlights: *Red-sand beach, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos hawks, flycatchers, Darwin finches, Galapagos mockingbirds, ducks, flamingoes.*

Trail: 2 km / 1,2 mi

Level: 1

Wet landing and hiking



PM: CHINESE HAT

This small islet is formed by a volcanic cone with a perfect symmetrical shape. It is separated from Santiago by a narrow channel forming one of the most beautiful bays in the islands. Blue-turquoise water and coral sand beaches surrounded by dark lava rocks gives this area a real tropical character, which



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makes even more surprising finding penguins resting in the rocks. The trail goes along the shore, taking you through a small colony of sea lions.

Snorkel: When you swim in this place you will get mesmerized by the incredible colors of the fish and the sleek silhouette of reef sharks and, it is not uncommon to see a penguin darting through the water chasing anchovies like a small torpedo.

Highlights: *Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos penguins, lava tubes, oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks.*

Trail: *1,3 km / 0,8 mi*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Lodging: Yacht Galaxy

Level: 1

Wet landing and hiking



DAY 3

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.

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Snorkel: This place is a really great snorkeling location, as it has tremendous diversity and number of fish, but also sea lions, sharks, eels, turtles, rays and many more.

Highlights: Galapagos sea lions, blue footed boobies, magnificent & great frigatebirds, land & marine iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls, shearwaters, Darwin finches.

Trail: 1,4 km / 0,8 mi

Level: 1

Dry landing and hiking



PM: MOSQUERA

Mosquera is mostly a barren sand bar with some rocky areas and scattered salt-resistant plants. You can walk along the beach and enjoy seeing playful sea lion pups surfing the waves and having a great time in the tide pools. Look for endemic lava gulls which are often seen flying over the beach in the search of food.

Snorkel: If the waves are not too big you can snorkel at the northern tip of the island or at one of the small beaches in the sheltered side.

Highlights: Galapagos sea lions, lava gulls, oystercatchers, shorebirds,

Trail: There is no trail, but you can walk along a sandy area of 0,6 km / 0,4mi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Lodging: Yacht Galaxy

Level: 1

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DAY 4

AM: 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.

Highlights: *Pahoehoe lava, Galapagos penguins, oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks.*

Trail: 2,2 km / 1,4 mi

Level: 3

Dry landing and hiking

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PM: BARTOLOME

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 in 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.

Highlights: *Galapagos penguins, volcanic landscapes, Pinnacle rock, blue-footed boobies, herons, sea lions, sharks.*

Trail: 1,5 km / 0,9 mi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Lodging: Yacht Galaxy

Level: 2

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DAY 5

The Genovesa itinerary has been changed since September 20, 2023, due to a contingency conservation plan for the species on this island. As a replacement, visits will be made to the neighboring Marchena Island, known for its abundant flora and fauna.

This itinerary will return to normal once the Galapagos National Park deems it optimal for the reception of guests again.

AM: ESPEJO POINT

Espejo (Mirror) Point is one of the most intriguing and spectacular sites in the Galapagos Islands. Its name, reminiscent of reflections and clarity, rings true: the waters are so clear that you can see the ocean floor in all its glory. It's a prime spot for underwater enthusiasts due to its rich marine biodiversity. Visitors can admire a spectrum of tropical fish and corals of various shapes and colors.

Snorkeling: The conditions at Mirror Point are ideal for snorkeling. Swim with vibrant fish and perhaps have a close encounter with a ray or turtle.

Highlights: Diverse tropical fish, stunning corals.

Difficulty Level: 3

Wet landing



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PM: BLACK BEACH

Black Beach is undoubtedly one of the most fascinating and least explored beaches in the Galapagos Islands. Its dark sand, a result of the volcanic activity that formed the archipelago, contrasts beautifully with the clear turquoise waters, creating an unparalleled natural scene. Here, visitors will have the chance to learn about the biology of various endemic species, such as the marine iguanas sunbathing on nearby rocks.

Snorkeling: Dive into Black Beach's vibrant underwater world. Swim alongside colorful fish and white-tip sharks.

Panga Ride: Enjoy a serene panga ride to explore the coast and observe seabirds and iguanas. It's a great way to see the area's beauty from another angle.

Highlights: Marchena lava lizard, cow-nosed rays, turtles, schooling hammerhead sharks, and shoals of snappers.

Level: 3

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DAY 6

AM: INTERPRETATION CENTER

Located in the outskirts of Puerto Baquerizo, this center is dedicated to the history of human presence in the Galapagos. Since the times of the early Spanish explorers to the present times, including illustrious visitors such as Charles Darwin, this permanent exhibition will take you through the dangers and struggles of the first settlers trying to survive the harsh Galapagos environment.

Highlights: *Endemic plants, exhibition on human history*

Trail: *0,2 km / 650 ft*

Meals: Breakfast

Level: 1

Dry landing and hiking

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

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

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PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: US\$ 3,250.00

NOTE:

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

General conditions:
* 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\$ 75.00) (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
- 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)