

Galapagos Natural Life

Luxury Class - Yachts Galapagos

LA PINTA YACHT

East Itinerary

5 Days – 4 Nights



THURSDAY:

Baltra Airport

Our adventure begins when we arrive to the Island of Baltra, transfer to the pier of Baltra, to board the yacht La Pinta. Introductory talk, zafarrancho and lunch. We climbed the anchor and started sailing to our first exit that afternoon.

(Plaza Sur Island)

The turquoise waters contrast with the brilliant white sand and the black lava of the coast. A little further up is a carpet of the succulent scarlet sesuvium in the opuntia cactus base, a luminous green, under whose shadow the gray-yellow terrestrial iguanas wait patiently to feed of the fallen fruits. Many colonies of sea lions are found on the coastline, while the birds -fragatas, forked-tailed gulls, and other shorebirds- plan on the air currents that form on the cliffs of this small but amazing island.

FRIDAY:

Santa Fe Island

At the edge of a panga we head for this idyllic white sandy beach and populated by colonies of sea lions. We can see Galapagos hawks perched on the bushes. During the walk, we can observe one of the great native land iguanas of Santa Fe. After the walk, we can do surface diving or swim along a natural barrier.

Galapaguera Colorado Hill (San Cristóbal Island)

After lunch, we disembark again in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, we go 40 minutes by land towards the part on the island. In the Colorado Hill, we visited the breeding center of giant tortoises in danger of extinction located in the middle of a fantastic forest, home to several species of birds and lava lizard endemic to San Cristóbal.

SATURDAY:

Punta Pitt (San Cristóbal Island)

In the afternoon we disembark at the eastern tip of the island. The path ascending from the beach provides spectacular views of the coast. We can observe frigates plus a colony of singles sea lions. After the hike, if the conditions are favorable, we can swim on the beach or perform surface diving.

Brujo Hill (San Cristóbal Island)

A ride in panga along the shore of layers of volcanic stone takes us to a large coral white beach known as Brujo Hill, excellent for walking and bird watching, especially marine and coastal. We also observed Galapagos sea lions. These are the same coasts for which Charles Darwin walked in September of 1835.

SUNDAY:

Punta Suárez (Española Island)

Our morning visit to Punta Suárez offers an exciting hike on lava and rock terrain to visit seabird colonies, including albatrosses (between April and January), piqueros, forked gulls and the

famous "blower". We also find marine iguanas that have a greenish-red and black color. Many consider this place as the best of the Islands. Back on board for lunch.

Gardner Bay (Española Island)

In the afternoon, we arrive at this beautiful white coral beach for a short walk to observe sea lions, cucuvas (snakes), finches and enjoy the beach. The snorkeling in this area is excellent, you can also do kayak or stroll in the boat with glass bottom.

MONDAY:

Estación Científica Charles Darwin (Isla Santa Cruz)/ Aeropuerto de Baltra

In the morning we disembark on Santa Cruz Island for a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station and the captive breeding program for giant tortoises. Here we will witness the efforts and results of all the field work done in the name of science. Transfer to the bus to cross Santa Cruz Island and then cross by ferry to the Island of Baltra. Transfer to the airport to take the flight back to the mainland. Due to the flat substrate of Baltra (because of its rising origin) the island was chosen in the 1940s as the site for the construction of an airport.

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