

## GALAPAGOS NORTH EASTERN CRUISE\*

4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS / YACHT GALAXY

\* Temporary itinerary authorized by the Galapagos National Park Authority

			HIKING	SNORKEL	PANGA RIDE	PADDLEBOARD	KAYAK	
4 DAYS "E"	SATURDAY	PM	<b>Mosquera:</b> Mosquera	•				
	SUNDAY	AM	<b>Santiago:</b> Sullivan Bay	•	•	•		
		PM	<b>Bartolome:</b> Bartolome	•	•	•		
	MONDAY	AM	<b>San Cristobal:</b> Cerro Brujo		•	•		•
		PM	<b>San Cristobal:</b> Highlands	•				
	TUESDAY	AM	<b>San Cristobal:</b> Interpretation Center	•				

### DAY 1

#### AM: BALTRA AIRPORT

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



#### PM: MOSQUERA

Mosquera is mostly a barren sand bar with 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, often flying over the beach for food.



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

<b>Highlights</b>	<i>Galapagos sea lions, lava gulls, oystercatchers, shorebirds</i>
<b>Trail</b>	<i>There is no trail, but you can walk along a sandy area of 0,6 km / 0,4mi</i>
<b>Meals</b>	<i>Lunch and Dinner</i>
<b>Difficulty</b>	<i>Level 1</i>
<b>Type of landing</b>	<i>Wet landing</i>
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Hiking</i>

## DAY 2

### AM: SULLIVAN BAY

This hike is a journey into understanding the birth of these volcanic islands. You will walk in a remarkably well-preserved flow of Pahoehoe lava, giving you endless opportunities to see the delicate textures of this lava, which only appear in a few places worldwide. At first sight, the barren landscape looks 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 can swim or snorkel from a coral sand beach or the dinghy. 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.

<b>Highlights</b>	<i>Pahoehoe lava, Galapagos penguins, oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks.</i>
<b>Trail</b>	<i>2,2 km / 1,4 mi</i>
<b>Meals</b>	<i>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner</i>
<b>Difficulty</b>	<i>Level 3</i>
<b>Type of landing</b>	<i>Dry landing</i>
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Hiking</i>



## 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 on the island's northern side, right next to a beautiful peach-color sand beach.

The hike to the island's top is fantastic and offers 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 of its 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.

<b>Highlights</b>	<i>Galapagos penguins, volcanic landscapes, Pinnacle rock, blue-footed boobies, herons, sea lions, sharks.</i>
<b>Trail</b>	<i>1,5 km / 0,9 mi</i>
<b>Meals</b>	<i>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner</i>
<b>Difficulty</b>	<i>Level 2</i>
<b>Type of landing</b>	<i>Dry landing</i>
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Hiking</i>



## DAY 3

The itinerary of Genovesa, Darwin Bay, and El Barranco, established on this day, has been changed on September 20, 2023, by the Galapagos National Park Directorate (GNPD) due to a Contingency Plan for the Conservation of Species on this island. In its place, visits will be made to the neighboring islands based on the authorization of the Galapagos National Park.

This itinerary will return to normal when the GNPD considers it optimal for the reception of passengers again on Genovesa Island.

### AM: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: CERRO BRUJO

Cerro Brujo is one of the Galápagos Islands' most enchanting and pristine locations. Its name, hinting at magic and mystique, rings true: its beaches are so pure they appear untouched by time. It's a treasured spot for those seeking an authentic communion with nature, boasting playful sea lions and diverse seabirds. Visitors can bask in the serene beauty of this coastal gem.

**Snorkeling:** Cerro Brujo offers a unique snorkeling experience. Swim alongside curious marine life and perhaps enjoy a moment with a sea turtle or manta ray.

<b>Highlights</b>	Diverse tropical fish stunning corals.
<b>Difficulty</b>	<i>Level 3</i>
<b>Type of landing</b>	<i>Wet landing</i>

### PM: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: HIGHLANDS

The Highlands of San Cristobal are one of the Galápagos Islands' most verdant and breathtaking landscapes. Its name, evoking elevations and lush terrains, is fitting: the area is a sanctuary of giant tortoises and offers a mosaic of biodiversity. This green haven is a must-visit for those longing for a deeper connection with nature. Here, the essence of the island truly comes alive.

**Exploration:** In the highlands, trek through mist-covered forests and perhaps witness the graceful movement of a giant tortoise in its natural habitat.

<b>Highlights</b>	Galapagos Giant Tortoises
<b>Meals</b>	<i>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner</i>
<b>Difficulty</b>	<i>Level 3</i>
<b>Type of landing</b>	<i>Dry landing</i>
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Hiking</i>



## DAY 4

### AM: INTERPRETATION CENTER

Located on the outskirts of Puerto Baquerizo, this center is dedicated to the history of human presence in the Galapagos. From 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.

At the end of the visit, we will be transferred to San Cristobal airport for our domestic flight back to mainland Ecuador.

<b>Highlights</b>	<i>Endemic plants, exhibition on human history</i>
<b>Trail</b>	<i>0,2 km / 650 ft</i>
<b>Meals</b>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<b>Difficulty</b>	<i>Level 1</i>
<b>Type of landing</b>	<i>Dry landing</i>
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Hiking</i>

