

# GALAPAGOS ONBOARD A CRUISE 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS YACHT GALAXY



				HIKING	SNORKEL	PANGA RIDE	DLE BOARD	КАҮАК
	THURSDAY	PM	Santa Cruz: Black Turtle Cove	•				
	FRIDAY	AM	Rabida: Rabida	•	•	•	•	•
		PM	Sombrero Chino: Chinese Hat	•	•	•	٠	•
	SATURDAY	AM	Seymour: Seymour	•	٠	•		
		PM	Mosquera: Mosquera	•	•			
	SUNDAY	AM	Santiago: Sullivan Bay	•	•	•		
6 DAYS "C"		PM	Bartolome: Bartolome	٠	•	•		
	MONDAY	AM	San Cristobal: Cerro Brujo		•	•		•
		PM	San Cristobal: Highlands	•				
	TUESDAY	AM	San Cristobal: Interpretation Center	•				

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# 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 see 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 see turtles, rays, herons, blue-footed boobies, mangroves.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner Lodging: Yacht Galaxy Level: 1 panga Ride





#### 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 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





### **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.

**Snorkel:** This place is a really great snorkeling location, as it has tremendous diversity and amount 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 Wet landing and hiking





#### 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 teaming 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





### **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 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

Dry landing and hiking



#### DAY 5

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.

Highlights	Diverse tropical fish stunning corals.
Difficulty	Level 3
Type of landing	Wet landing

### 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.

Highlights	Galapagos Giant Tortoises
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Difficulty	Level 3
Type of landing	Dry landing
Activities	Hiking





# 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

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

Meals: Breakfast

Level: 1

Dry landing and hiking

