



GALÁPAGOS YACHT SERVICES

GALAPAGOS & ECUADOR LUXURY DMC ON SITE

ITINERARY AT GLANCE

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DAY 6	TOUR TO PINZON ISLAND BY YACHT
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DAY 8	TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT



ARRIVAL IN BALTRA

UPON ARRIVAL AT BALTRA AIRPORT, A GUIDE WILL WELCOME YOU, ASSIST WITH YOUR LUGGAGE, AND ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR HOTEL. ON THE FIRST DAY, GUESTS WILL CHECK IN AT THE ROYAL PALM, AN EXCLUSIVE RETREAT NESTLED IN THE LUSH HIGHLANDS OF SANTA CRUZ ISLAND. SURROUNDED BY PRISTINE NATURE, THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL OFFERS UNPARALLELED TRANQUILITY, ELEGANT ACCOMMODATIONS, AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE. GUESTS CAN RELAX IN A SERENE ENVIRONMENT WHILE ENJOYING THE UNIQUE COMBINATION OF COMFORT AND NATURAL BEAUTY THAT DEFINES THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

RELAXING AT THE HOTEL

DIFFICULTY:

EASY

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

STUNNING VIEWS AND PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE



BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND

BREAKFAST/BARTOLOME ISLAND BOASTS ONE OF THE MOST STUNNING LANDSCAPES IN THE GALAPAGOS, MAKING IT THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED OF ALL THE ISLANDS. FROM ITS SUMMIT, ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF TWO PICTURESQUE BAYS AND STRIKING VOLCANIC FORMATIONS. AT THE ISLAND'S BASE, GALAPAGOS PENGUINS — THE ONLY PENGUIN SPECIES NORTH OF THE EQUATOR — SHUFFLE ALONG VOLCANIC LEDGES, WHILE SEA LIONS LOUNGE ON ROCKY PLATFORMS, READY TO INTERACT WITH PASSING SNORKELERS. BENEATH THE WAVES, VIBRANT SCHOOLS OF TROPICAL FISH WEAVE THROUGH ROCKS SURROUNDED BY SEA URCHINS, STARFISH, AND ANEMONES. A CRESCENT-SHAPED PINK-AND-WHITE SANDY BEACH LIES NEAR THE ICONIC PINNACLE ROCK, OFTEN VISITED BY SEA TURTLES NESTING OR RESTING AFTER THEIR ARDUOUS TASK, THE SNORKELING EXPERIENCE ON THE SCENIC TOUR OFFERS A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THIS VIBRANT UNDERWATER WORLD./DINNER

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

SCENIC TOUR, SNORKELING & HIKING

DIFFICULTY:

MODERATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

PINNACLE ROCK, MOONLIKE LANDSCAPE, PENGUINS, REEF SHARKS, RAYS AND GREAT COLORFUL FISH



NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

BREAKFAST/ THIS ISLAND IS TEAMING WITH LIFE! YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE WAY TO A PASSING SEA LION OR MARINE IGUANA; BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY NESTS SIT BESIDE THE TRAIL WHERE MATING PAIRS PERFORM THEIR COURTSHIP DANCE. FURTHER ALONG, THE ROCKY SHORE IS INTERSPERSED WITH WHITE SAND, WHILE LARGE FLOCKS OF PELICANS MASS FOR A DIVE-BOMB FEEDING-FRENZY, PAINTING A TABLEAU FROM AGES LONG PAST FOR US. THE TRAIL TURNS INLAND TO REVEAL THE LARGEST NESTING SITE IN THE GALAPAGOS OF THE "MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD." THESE HUGE, DARK ACROBATS HAVE TWO-METER (6-FOOT) WINGSPANS, AND MALES, WITH PUFFED UP SCARLET THROAT SACKS, SIT PRECARIOUSLY PERCHED IN LOW BUSHES TO WATCH OVER THEIR EQUALLY LARGE CHICKS. THIS IS A WALKING EXCURSION AND INVOLVES UNEVEN ROCKY TERRAIN. DRY LANDING. IN THE AFTERNOON, WE VISIT LAS BACHAS BEACH. DINNER.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

HIKING, SNORKELING

DIFFICULTY:

MODERATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

BLUE-FOOTED BOOBIES, FRIGATE BIRDS COLONY



GARRAPATERO BEACH

IT IS A SERENE REFUGE AND ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO RELAX AND DISCONNECT FROM THE WORLD. UPON REACHING THE ENTRANCE OF THE BEACH, A PLEASANT 15-MINUTE WALK ALONG A PAVED TRAIL AWAITS, LEADING YOU DIRECTLY TO THE SOFT WHITE SANDS OF THIS IDYLIC COAST.

THE BEACH NOT ONLY OFFERS A PERFECT ESCAPE WITH ITS STUNNING LANDSCAPE AND CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS BUT ALSO SERVES AS A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL POINT OF INTEREST. A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, YOU WILL FIND A FASCINATING BRACKISH LAGOON, A VITAL HABITAT FOR LOCAL BIODIVERSITY. HERE, IF WE ARE LUCKY, ONE CAN OBSERVE THE RARE GALAPAGOS VARIETY OF THE AMERICAN FLAMINGO, A SPECTACULAR SIGHT OF BIRDS IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE LAGOON ATTRACTS VARIOUS SEASONAL WADING BIRDS THAT ADD A TOUCH OF MAGIC TO THE SCENERY WITH THEIR ELEGANT PRESENCE.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

SNORKELING, HIKING, KAYAKING

DIFFICULTY:

EASY

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

SEASONAL WADING BIRDS, FLAMINGOS



HIGHLANDS

THE NATIVE SCALESIA FOREST OF EL CHATO TORTOISE RESERVE IS THE BEST PLACE TO SEARCH FOR GALAPAGOS GIANT TORTOISES IN THEIR MOST AUTHENTIC SETTING! DESPITE THE INTERESTING BREEDING CENTERS – WHERE YOU ARE GUARANTEED TO FIND TORTOISES IN THEIR CORRALS – THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN TO OBSERVE THEM IN THEIR WILD ENVIRONMENT. THOUGH IT CAN BE QUITE MOIST AND MUDDY, YOUR VISIT MAY TURN INTO AN ADVENTUROUS QUEST WHEN THEY HAVE LEFT THEIR FAVORITE POND SILENTLY. THE TWIN CRATERS ARE FOUND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD LEADING TO PUERTO AYORA. THESE IMPRESSIVE FORMATIONS ARE NOT REALLY VOLCANIC CRATERS AND WERE FORMED BY MAGMA DOMES, WHICH HARDENED ON THE OUTSIDE WHILE THE LAVA CONTINUED FLOWING INSIDE, LEAVING HUGE AND EMPTY MAGMA CHAMBERS THAT EVENTUALLY COLLAPSED, LEAVING TWO LARGE HOLES. THE CRATERS LIE WITHIN A LUSH SCALESIA CLOUD FOREST, A HIGH-ALTITUDE PLANT SPECIES THAT ARE ENDEMIC TO THE GALAPAGOS. THIS AREA IS ALSO HOME TO THE CARPENTER FINCH, WHICH USES TOOLS TO SEARCH FOR FOOD. THERE MAY ALSO BE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE THE VERMILLION FLYCATCHER, A SMALL RED-BREASTED BIRD

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

WALKING

DIFFICULTY:

MODERATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

GIAN TORTOISE, LAVA TUNNEL



TORTUGA BAY BEACH

HOME TO THE LONGEST BEACH IN THE GALAPAGOS OFFERS A PERFECT SPOT TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE ISLAND'S NATURAL BEAUTY. A 45-MINUTE WALK FROM PUERTO AYORA TAKES YOU TO THIS PRISTINE DESTINATION. THE FIRST STRETCH OF BEACH, WITH ITS STRONG CURRENTS, IS POPULAR AMONG SURFERS, WHILE FURTHER ALONG LIES PLAYA MANSA, A SHELTERED LAGOON IDEAL FOR SWIMMING AND SOAKING UP THE TRANQUIL ATMOSPHERE. ALONG THE WAY, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MARINE IGUANAS BASKING ON THE ROCKS. AFTER YOUR VISIT, RETURN TO PUERTO AYORA.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

WALKING, SNORKELING

DIFFICULTY:

MODERATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

MARINE IGUANA, LONG WHITE SANDY BEACH



CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION

VISIT THE TORTOISE BREEDING CENTER FAUSTO LLERENA, WHERE ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE HATCHED AND RAISED BEFORE BEING RELEASED INTO THE WILD. OBSERVE GIANT TORTOISES AND LAND IGUANAS UP CLOSE, INCLUDING SPECIES FROM ESPAÑOLA ISLAND. DON'T MISS THE PRESERVED BODY OF LONESOME GEORGE, A SYMBOL OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS. THE CENTER ALSO FEATURES EXHIBITS ABOUT GALAPAGOS FLORA AND FAUNA AND A SMALL BEACH NEARBY, PERFECT FOR RELAXING

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

WALKING

DIFFICULTY:

EASY

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

GIAN TORTOISE, LAVA LIZARDS, MARINE IGANAS



PINZON ISLAND

AFTER THE NAVIGATION, WE WILL ARRIVE AT PENGUIN BAY, WHICH IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE BAY OF PINZÓN. HERE, YOU CAN OBSERVE A LOT OF MARINE LIFE IN ITS CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SEA LIONS, TURTLES, WHITE-TIP SHARKS, RAYS, AND VARIOUS REEF FISH LIKE PARROTFISH, AND SOMETIMES EVEN PENGUINS. WE WILL MOVE TO ANOTHER SNORKELING SPOT ALONG THE PINZÓN COAST TO ENJOY MARINE ANIMALS ONCE AGAIN. YOU CAN ALSO ENJOY SOME ONBOARD FISHING.

AFTER 30 MINUTES OF SAILING, WE WILL REACH LA FE, A BEACH LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF SANTA CRUZ WITH WHITE SAND AND PRISTINE WATERS, WHERE YOU CAN CONTINUE SNORKELING OR SIMPLY RELAX. THE TOUR CONCLUDES BACK IN PUERTO AYORA.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

SNORKELING

DIFFICULTY:

MODARATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

SEA LIONS, COLORFUL FISH, RAYS, SEA TURTLE AND WHITE-TIPPED SHARKS



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SANTA FE ISLAND

BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE WITH A 45-MINUTE BOAT RIDE TO SANTA FE ISLAND. UPON ARRIVAL, ENJOY A SCENIC PANGA RIDE ALONG THE CLIFFS, HOME TO MARINE BIRDS LIKE BLUE-FOOTED BOOBIES, SEAGULLS, AND TERNS. SNORKELING FOLLOWS AT TWO VIBRANT SPOTS, OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SWIM WITH PLAYFUL SEA LIONS AND MARVEL AT COLORFUL MARINE LIFE IN SHALLOW WATERS OF 3-4 METERS.

NEXT, SAIL 25 MINUTES TO PLAYA ESCONDIDA, A STUNNING BEACH WITH CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS. SNORKEL, SWIM, OR STROLL ALONG THE SHORE TO OBSERVE COLONIES OF MARINE IGUANAS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT. RELAX, SUNBATHE, OR EXPLORE THE SERENE SURROUNDINGS BEFORE RETURNING TO SANTA CRUZ IN THE AFTERNOON.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

SNORKELING

DIFFICULTY:

MODARATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:

SEA TURTLE, MANTA RAYS, WHITE- TIPPED REEF SHARKS



TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

YOU WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOUR HOTEL TO BALTRA AIRPORT.