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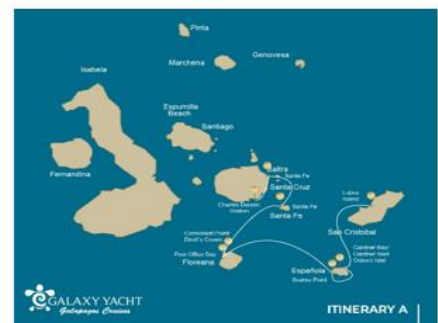
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**GALAXY YACHT  
AUG 17-21, 2024**



**5 DAYS CRUISE – ITINERARY A  
(TUESDAY – SATURDAY)**

			HIKING	SNORKEL	PANGA RIDE	PADDLE BOARD	KAYAK	
<b>5 DAYS "A"</b>	TUESDAY	PM	<b>San Cristobal:</b> Lobos Island	•	•	•		
	WEDNESDAY	AM	<b>Española:</b> Gardner Bay /Gardner Islet/Osborn Islet	•	•	•		
		PM	<b>Española:</b> Suarez Point	•				
	THURSDAY	AM	<b>Floreana:</b> Post Office Bay	•	•			
		PM	<b>Floreana:</b> Cormorant Point/Devil's Crown	•	•	•		
	FRIDAY	AM	<b>Santa Fe:</b> Santa Fe	•	•	•	•	•
PM		<b>Plazas Sur:</b> South Plaza	•					
SATURDAY	AM	<b>Santa Cruz:</b> Charles Darwin Station	•					



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## **DAY 1 TUESDAY: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND**

**PM** - San Cristobal airport. Reception at airport. Transfer IN. Welcome on board Galaxy Cruise. Welcome drink and lunch.

**LOBOS ISLAND:** Panga ride, swimming and snorkeling. Here, we can walk, swim and snorkel among the seals, frigate birds, marine iguanas, lava lizards, and the small endemic Galapagos snake. **(-/L/D)**



## **DAY 2 WEDNESDAY: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND**

Breakfast early in the morning. Our first visit:

**AM - GARDNER BAY:** wet landing. Activities during this visit: short walk, swimming, snorkeling and observation of seal colony. The sea lion is one of the animals that receives a lot of attention from visitors in the Galapagos: they are curious and playful, but at times aggressive; they are nice and loving, but also lazy. We are going to find many of them relaxing on the beach enjoying the sun in Gardner Bay. In addition to observing these fascinating animals, we will be able to swim with sea lions, sea turtles, a diversity of tropical fish, marine iguanas, etc. while snorkeling. We will return to the ship and sail to Gardner and Osborn Islets. Lunch.

**PM - SUAREZ POINT:** dry landing. Activities: Walking, sight-seeing. We recommend athletic shoes, hat or cap, and sunscreen. There is no color more amazing and outstanding in this tropical desert island than that of the blue-foot boobies. These birds have an impressive form of "greeting," and it is a real thrill to see their mating dance. The blue-footed booby can be seen on

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several islands, as nesting grounds and food are located along several coastal locations. The albatross, an aristocratic bird weighing up to four kilograms, can be observed here. This is one of the largest birds of the islands, with approximately 12,000 couples nesting on Espanola Island and a smaller number nesting on Silver Island, near mainland Ecuador. This species is considered endemic to this island. During our walk, we will observe these fantastic birds while taking in the beautiful landscapes offered by this island. It is important to note that albatrosses will not be seen between January and March (non-breeding season). We will also see colonies of marine iguanas, zayapas, masked boobies, finches, Española mockingbirds, and seagulls endemic to the islands. Our walk will be along lava rock, where we will be able to see lava tubes. Red mangroves are found here. Delicious snacks and fresh beverages are waiting for you on the ship. Dinner (**B/L/D**)



### **DAY 3 THURSDAY: FLOREANA ISLAND**

Breakfast early in the morning. Our first visit will be:

**AM - POST OFFICE:** (Mail Bay): Wet landing. Activities: short walk, swimming, snorkeling, explanation of the mail system. Description: Mail Bay is located on the north side of Floreana Island. Captain James Colnett installed an empty barrel to be used as a post office for the whaling fleets that stopped at the Galapagos Islands. You can leave postcards to your friends and

relatives here and/or pick up mail to deliver. Back at the ship, delicious snacks and beverages await.

**PM - CORMORANT POINT:** wet landing, snorkeling and short trek. This point is located on western Floreana Island, and it is famous for its dark green beach (due to the large quantity of olivine crystals). You can see many marine invertebrates here, as well as sea lions, sea iguanas, frigate birds and pelicans.



**Second visit: DEVIL'S CROWN:** Activities here include: panga ride and optional swimming. Enjoy a panga ride around a small island, a satellite islet of Floreana Island. Here, we will find a group of rocks that resemble a crown due to the constant erosion caused by the sea. It is one of the better places to snorkel (shallow diving) in and around the crown. Excellent visibility allows guests to admire a great variety of fish and sea animals. Dinner. **(B/L/D)**

**DAY 4 FRIDAY: SANTA FE ISLAND & SOUTH PLAZAS ISLAND**

**AM - SANTA FE:** Wet landing, activities on this day: hiking, swimming and snorkeling. With 24 km<sup>2</sup> and 60 m above sea level, this central island is a unique place to visit. It has an incredible bay with turquoise water, protected by a natural barrier of rocks. You will see colonies of seals, while hawks fly overhead. This island is home to one of two species of land iguanas found in the Galapagos. Their main food source is the leaves and fruit of the large, thick cacti found here. Crabs, nocturnal herons, marine iguanas,

mockingbirds and land doves are frequently seen. The bay is an excellent place to swim and snorkel. Marine tortoises, rays, sea lions and tropical fish are an amazing attraction! Snacks and refreshing beverages are waiting for you aboard the ship. Lunch. Navigate to South Plazas Island.



**PM - SOUTH PLAZAS:** two small islands created by uplifting of the land. The land iguanas are smaller here; nesting during the warm season. The hike runs along an extraordinary cliff where seabirds nest. There are approximately 1,000 sea lions (*Zalophus Wollebaeki*) located on the south side of Plazas Island. Dinner. **(B/L/D)**

#### **DAY**

#### **SATURDAY: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND**

**AM** - Breakfast is very early in the morning. Luggage and belongings should be ready for checkout, our last visit: CHARLES DARWIN STATION.

**Charles Darwin Station:** located in the main port on Santa Cruz Island; we will take a private bus to the entrance of the breeding center where we will see tortoises and land iguanas in captivity. This center is the main breeding site on the islands. Animals that were in danger of extinction on various islands are maintained here in captivity. Thanks to the dedicated work of several institutions, some species are being saved. This is where Lonesome George lived, the famous last survivor of the species of giant tortoise found on Pinta Island. Transfer to the airport. **(B/-/-)**





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**B = Breakfast**

**L = Lunch**

**D = Dinner**

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

**PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: US\$ 2.600.00**

**General conditions:**

\* Credit Card using secure payment through PayPal (Note: a 5% PayPal additional fee will be added to your account)

\* A wire transfer to our Mytoureec Bank account in Ecuador.

**Type of cabins available on the yacht:**

04 convertible upper deck cabins, 02 main deck fixed twin cabins, 01 main deck convertible cabin, 01 lower deck fixed twin cabin. Cabins subject to availability.

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**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 Fare Quito/Galapagos/Quito USD 400.00 subject to change.
- (The operator will issue the flight tickets otherwise there will be a penalty of US\$ 70.00) (subject to change)
- Galapagos National Park admission fee US \$100, Merco Sur US \$ 50.00 (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)