

Awesome Galápagos
Daily Trip 4 Nights
21 – 25 September 2019

Day 1 September 21st Saturday (without meals): Arrival to Galápagos

Our guide will be waiting for you in the VIP room inside of the Baltra Airport
Transfer from Airport Baltra to Itabaca Canal in land transportation
After that, we will take the big speedboat to pass the Itabaca Canal (shared services)
Finally, we are going to take the car and continue our trip until the Chato Ranch

- 13:30 Lunch at El Chato Ranch (The menu in this place is local meal)
- 14:30 Visit to the giant turtles reserve (please use close shoes and wind sweater for the walking)
- 16:30 Check in Hotel
- 16:50 Visit to the Charles Darwin research station, observation marine iguanas, lonely Jorge in the museum and relax in the beach (optional)
- 17:50 Back the hotel
- 19:00 Dinner in the restaurant of the place

Lodging in Santa Cruz



Day 2 September 22nd Sunday (B): Tortuga Bay & Bahia Tour

- Breakfast in the Hotel
 - Visit to Tortuga Bay, it is located on the southern area of Santa Cruz Island and it takes a 30 minute walk through a scenic path, surrounded by cactus and endemic plants, to get there. First you will touch Playa Brava (Rough Beach) and, after walking 10 minutes through sand, you will arrive to Playa Mansa calm Beach the place to do kayak activity.
 - Lunch in the restaurant of the place
 - In the Afternoon, The bay tour consists of visiting 5 sites. The Loberia is a small island about 10 minutes into the bay where there is a large colony of sea lions. It provides an excellent environment to swim with the babies and playful youngsters.
 - Shark Channel and Lovers Channel are both lovely snorkelling sites and also beautiful places to take in the blue footed boobies who are regularly seen resting on the cliffs close by.
 - Dog's beach gives you opportunity to get off the boat and walk through cactus forests to a remote beach where you will almost definitely encounter a marine iguana or many, and turtles are often seen feeding just off the shore.
 - The last site is Las Grietas, a water filled crevice in the rocks. The water is cool and clear and great for snorkelling, and if you dare you can join the locals in scaling the vertical walls and plunge gracefully or clumsily if it may be, into the water below.
 - Dinner in the restaurant of the place
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Day 3 September 23rd Monday (B-L on board):

Seymour North & Bachas
A World of Birds



North Seymour Island is regarded as a true highlight of any Galapagos travel itinerary. It's easily reached from the north side of Santa Cruz Island and the Itabaca Channel, with a wealth of wildlife encounters in store.

This rocky island is home to one the most impressive colonies of different species of animals in the archipelago. While exploring, we encounter Great frigate birds which spend hours handing nesting materials to each other during courtship. We also find blue footed boobies cleaning the ground and transporting some twigs here and there, but never actually constructing a nest. This area where these birds lay their eggs is marked instead by a simple ring of white guano.

As we explore the shoreline, we cross a wide expanse of sand which is home to nests or black marine iguanas. Some of the islands' finest waves pound a boulder beach nearby – young sea-lions often body-surf here. Looking west, the two Daphne islands, Major and Minor, lie in the distance.

After a delicious lunch onboard the yacht, we head to Bachas Beach, a beautiful white coralline expanse. This is the perfect place for practicing snorkeling, swimming or to simply enjoy the white soft sand. Several brackish lagoons only a few steps away from the sea provide feeding grounds for various wading birds, from stilts to flamingos.



General Information

- **Activity level:** Moderate
- **Tour style:** Hiking & Snorkeling
- **Pick up:** 7:00 am
- **Departure & Return location:** Hotel
- **Return time:** 17:00

What to Bring:

We recommend to bring a small (waterproof) backpack, comfortable walking shoes, sneakers or rubber soles, shorts or light-weight trousers, t-shirts, long and short sleeved shirts, windbreaker, bathing suit, hat or cap, sun block, sunglasses, binoculars & camera.

Day 4 September 24th Tuesday (B-L on board):

Bartolomé y Bahía Sullivan Pinnacle rock, punto de Penguin



Bartolome is a small Galapagos Island located 18 miles northwest from the Itabaca Channel. It's among the most famous of all the islands, due to its fascinating volcanic landscapes and the wildlife encounters it promises.

Arriving in Bartolome is to enter an other-worldly landscape, witness to the islands' volcanic origins. The summit trail begins with a dry landing, though accompanying sea-lions can make the purpose-built dock more exciting. The trail winds its way uphill over volcanic ash and past craters. The only vegetation is the pioneer Tiquilia plant and the greenish Chamaesyce.

Bartolome is considered one of the best snorkeling sites in the central islands of the archipelago. Here, we swim at the foot of the famous Pinnacle Rock and around its base, observing many species of parrot fish, marine turtles, sea lions and, if we're lucky, Galapagos penguins.



After a lunch on board, we motor to Chinese Hat Island. This is a very small volcano close to Santiago Island, surrounded by small spatter cones: a captivating landscape. Because of its distinctive shape, Sombrero Chino has fascinated all visitors to the islands. It's one of the smallest Galapagos Islands but don't be fooled: it has a unique visitor site with an unforgettable view! Galapagos Penguins and Galapagos hawks are active here. A wet landing on the main beach of the island gives us time to enjoy the sandy beach, where sea lions rest and a variety of wading birds feed on the shore line.



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Day 5 September 25th Wednesday (B):
AM: Departure to Baltra Airport

Breakfast in the Hotel

Transfer out in the land transportation until arrival to Itabaca Canal

After that, we will pass in the ferry (big speedboat with shared services)

Finally, we will take the land transportation to go the airport.

National Flight to comeback to Ecuador Continental

Special Rate TMLA: 1488 USD

Note: This itinerary is subject to changes during the Excursions by possibilities due to suspension of the route or strikes, events or natural disasters, weather conditions, government resolutions. Galapagos Center Expeditions is not responsible by loss of luggage or any damage caused by other companies and others

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Includes:

- Entrance the Vip living room at Baltra Aiport (arrival to Galápagos)
- Double Accommodation
 - 4 Nights at Santa Cruz / **Mainao Hotel (without pool) or similar**
- Meals detailed in every day of the itinerary

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Sunday	September 22	B in the Hotel
Monday	September 23	B in the Hotel + L on board
Tuesday	September 24	B in the Hotel + L on board
Friday	September 25	B in the Hotel
B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner		

- Marin & Land transportation
- Tours and excursions detailed in the itinerary
- Snorkeling Equipment (mask, tube & fins)

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- Kayak in Tortuga Bay
- Snacks, water, tea and coffee on board during every daily tour
- English Naturalist guide of National Park and personalized attention
- National Travel Insurance by 5 days in Galápagos

Additional:

- Air ticket to Galápagos (Quito or Guayaquil – Baltra - Quito or Guayaquil) \$520
- Meals without detailed in the itinerary (every day)
Approximately by meal from 25 to 35 USD included taxes

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- Wetsuit \$ 10 per day and per person
- Payment of income tax to the National Park \$ 100.00 USD
- Immigration entry card \$ 20 USD
- Soft, alcoholic drinks and extra expenses
- Changes last minute or during the tour please have to pay directly in Galápagos
- Additional Excursions
- Special Single Supplement TMLA 30%
- Tips

Once confirmed like reserve, it applies charges by cancellations
Please ask about our options in Galapagos combine with Isabela or San Cristobal Island

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