

ARCHIPELL

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

ITINERARY A1

MONDAY-FRIDAY

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS



Monday: San Cristóbal - La Galapaguera



Our guide will be waiting for you at **San Cristobal Airport** and once the group is completed He/She will accompany you to the Archipell Catamaran which anchors at Baquerizo Moreno harbor. After arrival on board, we will check in and give you general information. You will have lunch. Afterwards you will start with your first excursion to the **Galapaguera** which is located in the northeast part of San Cristobal Island. It has been created to conserve the San Cristobal tortoise species. The center has the

goal to lead and guide the tourists in conservation topics and protection of the environment. An attractive trail native plants leads to meeting giant tortoises in their natural habitat. (L, D)

Tuesday: South Plazas Island - Santa Fé Island

South Plaza has unique Sesuvium plants and Opuntia cactuses scattered across the landscape which provide some of the most interesting wildlife observations available in Galapagos. Land iguanas are easily seen from the trail, frequently under the shade of cactuses, waiting for a prickly pear to fall.



Santa Fé is one of the most entertaining destinations for shore excursions at Galapagos Islands. It has two trail choices for visitors, one of which takes you to the tallest Opuntia cactus in the Galapagos, while the other trail takes you into the highlands where land iguanas can be found. After a long walk, the opportunity to swim in calm waters or snorkel with playful sea lions will be pretty tempting. (B, L, D)

Wednesday: Floreana, Peace Asylum - Loberia



Peace Asylum is a visitor site where an artisan spring is located. This spring attracted pirates, whalers and later settlers to Floreana as it was one of the very few year-round sources of fresh water in the Galapagos. La Cueva de los Piratas (Pirate's Cave) is quite literally where pirates carved temporary shelter out of soft stone and is also the place where one of the original settlers landed.

La Loberia is a small beach, which is home to a colony of sea lions, as well as some marine iguanas. It's possible to walk there from town for some recreational snorkeling. If you're lucky, the sea lions will join you! Fortunate snorkelers may spot a ray or a shark. (B, L, D)

Thursday: Santa Cruz Island - The Charles Darwin Research Station - El Chato

Charles Darwin Research Station contains of an information centre, a museum, a library and a tortoise breeding station. In the tortoise breeding station you can encounter tortoises of different subspecies, which get prepared for reintroduction to their natural habitats. The most popular inhabitant of this Station probably is the Lonesome George turtle. (If your cruise takes only for 4 days after this visit you will fly back to the mainland of Ecuador).



The Highlands of Santa Cruz have incredible zones of vegetations. There you will visit the private farm "Las Primicias". This reserve offers you one of the best possibilities to see the huge turtles of Santa Cruz Island in their natural habitat. You can observe them from a very close distance. (B, L, D)

Friday: Twins - Airport



A great day to make a excursion to “Los Gemelos” (The Twins), two enormous collapsed lava chambers, inspiring visual reminder of the power of nature. The short, easy hike to each of the twins is teeming with endemic flora and fauna.

Afterwards, transfer to the airport.

Notice: According Galapagos National Park, itineraries are subject to change.

(B) = Breakfast

(L) = Lunch

(D) = Dinner