

ARCHIPELL II

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

ITINERARY A2

THURSDAY-MONDAY

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS



Thursday: Baltra Airport - The Highlands

Our guide will be waiting for you at **Baltra Airport** and once the group of passengers is completed he/she will accompany you to the Archipell Catamaran which anchors in Puerto Ayora harbor. After arrival on board, we will check in and give you general information. You will have lunch. Afterwards on your first excursion you will visit the Highlands. There you will find incredible areas of vegetation. Later 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. (L, D)

Friday: Isabela Island - Tintoreras - Humedales



Isabela Island is the largest of the archipelago with a surface of 4588 sq.km. It engages more than the half of the land area of whole Galapagos. You will reach the small island of “Tintoreras”. There you will take an easy walk through the bizarre landscape of lava with its huge colonies of sea lizards and sea lion colonies. Often you can observe white tip sharks, resting in the flat water near the shore.

Humedales (The Wet lands) are a complex 6km long trail, located in the south of Isabela Island. They have a wide variety of flora and fauna, as well as a spectacular scenery of the bay, the town of Puerto Villamil, volcanoes, islets and rocks. Isabela wetlands present both natural and introduced species. (B, L, D)

Saturday: Isabela Island - Moreno Point - Elizabeth Bay

Punta Moreno is a young volcanic landscape with numerous fresh-water pools and lagoons. There you can catch flamingos, bahama ducks and other birds. Later you will go to the mangrove area of **Elizabeth Bay** with little off-shore islands. There you can see little dwarf penguins as well as schools of manta rays, turtles and other giants of the ocean such as whale-sharks and more. The mangrove woods are home to different types of seabirds and herons.



Elizabeth Bay is a marine visitor site. The excursion is carried out in a zodiac and because there is no landing point. Your zodiac ride starts with a visit to the Marielas islets where the largest and most important penguin colony in the Galapagos Islands lives. The excursion continues into the cove that is surrounded by red mangroves where you are able to observe sea turtles, flightless cormorants, spotted eagle rays, golden rays, brown pelicans and sea lions. (B, L, D)



Espinoza Point

Sunday: Isabela: Tagus Cove - Fernandina:

Tagus Cove. A tour along the cliffs in a zodiac will give the visitors a good chance to see the Galapagos penguin, the flightless cormorant and other sea birds. From the landing dock it is about a 30 minute hike along the trail up to the top of the cliff from where you can overview Darwin Lake, an uplifted ultra saline lake saltier than the sea. You can also see several volcanoes

from this spot.

Espinoza point is one of Fernandina's visit points and is situated within a fascinating lava scenery with Lava-Cactuses and on the surface of the lava growing mangroves. The highlights are sea lions, penguins, the flightless cormorant (especially in spring and summer) and one of the biggest iguana colonies of Galapagos. Do not miss a snorkeling trip during which you have the possibility to explore the beautiful underwater world. (B, L, D)

Monday: Las Bachas Beach - Baltra Airport

Las Bachas is a beautiful white-sand beach on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. There you can go for a stroll or do some easy snorkeling in the gentle surf. Sea turtles lay their eggs at the edge of the vegetation. You can also look for a rusted pontoon, a relic of the Second World War. In fact, "Las Bachas" is a poor pronunciation of "barges," two of which were wrecked offshore at that time. The locals mispronounced the name and it stuck. After that, you will be transferred to Baltra's Airport to fly back to the mainland of Ecuador. (B)

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

(B) = Breakfast
(L) = Lunch
(D) = Dinner
