

ARCHIPELL II

DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

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MONDAY-MONDAY

8 DAYS -7 NIGHTS



MONDAY: Baltra - North Seymour



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 Archipel Catamaran which is anchored in Puerto Ayora 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 **North Seymour**. It is located slightly in the north of Baltra. It is a low, flat island, formed as a result of a submarine lava formation uplift. Covered with low, bushy vegetation, it contains the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds in the

Galapagos. There is also a large population of blue-footed boobies that perform an amusing courtship dance when nesting conditions are right. It really is one of the highlights of this island.(L, D)

TUESDAY: Bartolome - Santiago: Sullivan Bay



At **Bartolomé Island** you will ascend to admire the spectacular panorama of the **Sullivan Bay** and the famous Pinnacle Rock. The beaches at the foot of the Pinnacle Rock are excellent for snorkeling from which you can discover the marvelous underwater world. In the afternoon, you will visit Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago. We land on a white coral sand beach and begin our walk over lava that flowed less than 100 years ago. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galapagos. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY: Isabela Island (Wall of Tears and Interpretation Center)



We will visit a historical place that was built by prisoners from Ecuador's first jail. There we will learn something about their life and habits in jail. Later, we will pay a visit to the fascinating **Interpretation Center Arnaldo Tupiza**, where we will discover Galapagos' mysteries and we visit the breeding center.

THURSDAY: Santa Cruz Island - The Charles Darwin Research Station - Twins

The **Charles Darwin Research Station** consists 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 is probably the Lonesome George turtle. During the afternoon you will visit the **Twins**, a geological formation with an a huge variety of flora and fauna, in some cases endemic of this area.

FRIDAY: Floreana - Cormorant Point - Post Office Bay -View Point Baronesa



At **Cormorant Point** you land on a green olivine sand beach. Following a 100 m long path you will soon reach a beautiful lagoon with abundant flamingoes.

In the afternoon you will visit the Post Office Bay, which still keeps the legendary post barrel that whalers historically used to post their mail in. Later we will go to “Mirador de la Baronesa” and your naturalist guide will tell you the murder and mystery legend of the Baronesa.

This viewpoint is

located on the north of Floreana Island. The climb on the trail is very easy. Steps are placed in this area for security

SATURDAY: Española - Gardner Bay - Suarez Point



At **Española Island** you will explore a lot of natural wildlife. It is home to a lot of birds, like the endemic Hood-Mockingbird.

Gardner Bay provides you an excellent beach for swimming. Around the small islets nearby, snorkelers will find lots of fish and sometimes turtles and sharks. The bay is also frequented by colonies of sea lions, which like to swim with you.

Point Suarez has one of the most outstanding wildlife areas of the archipelago, with a long list of species found along its cliffs and sandy or pebbly beaches. (B, L, D)

SUNDAY: San Cristobal - Pitt Point - Cerro Brujo

Punta Pitt is one of the only two sites where all three boobies breed, as well as the place where great frigate birds swallow tailed gulls and Galapagos storm-petrels.

Cerro Brujo is one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin. This fascinating lava landscape is located on the northeast coast of San Cristóbal. On the rocks you can observe boobies, sea gulls and some pelicans. The protected bay is very popular by young ocean turtles and rays. (B, L, D)



MONDAY: San Cristóbal Island - Lobos Island - San Cristobal Airport

At **Lobos Island**, you will enjoy swimming and snorkeling with sea lions in its calm bay. It is also a seasonal nesting location for the blue footed booby and frigate birds. Around midday you will fly back to the mainland of Ecuador. (B)

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(B) = Breakfast

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(D) = Dinner
