

YACHT TIP TOP IV

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(Friday-Monday)



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Day by Day Friday to Monday (3n/4d)

Friday, Day 1

Flight from mainland Ecuador (Quito or Guayaquil) to Baltra, with AVIANCA Airlines, arriving at 09:20 a.m. approximately. A guide meets us and accompanies us as we ride the bus to the Itabaca Channel, we cross the channel by barge and then we continue to Puerto Ayora by bus. We board the Yacht and the crew greets us and offers us a light snack and we have our first orientation. In the afternoon, we land at the pier for a visit to the Charles Darwin Station and its Interpretive Center. Return to the Port for a walk through the little town to appreciate various handicrafts. We board and have a welcome cocktail with the entire crew, and dinner.

Saturday, Day 2

After breakfast, we make an early dry landing on Punta Suarez to walk along lava beds where we will observe unique colonies of marine birds, including Albatross (May - December). Return to the Yacht for lunch. In the afternoon, we make a wet landing in Gardner Bay for a walk on the beach and observe a colony of sea lions, which inhabit the beach in great quantity during the breeding season; this is also an important nesting area for sea turtles. We then make a panga ride around the Osborn Islet and the islets of Gardner. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel. Return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

Sunday, Day 3

After breakfast, we make a wet landing on Punta Pitt in San Cristobal Island; the trail includes an olivine beach approximately 90 meters and a trail that ascends to the top of a volcanic tuff hill passing through several natural viewpoints. Punta Pitt is composed of volcanic tuff substrate. High winds present there have led to natural erosion. This is the only site in the Galapagos Islands, where you can watch the three species of boobies and 2 species of frigates nesting in the same area. We come aboard for a delicious lunch. Later in the afternoon, our experienced Captain sails easily around Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido), a massive tuff-rock that juts abruptly almost 500 feet straight from the ocean. Kicker Rock serves as nesting place for many sea birds. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/ or snorkel. Then we make a wet landing on Cerro Brujo to walk on a white sand beach and observe sea lions, brown pelicans, marine iguanas and blue-footed boobies. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/ or kayak. We return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation

Monday, Day 4

After breakfast, we make an early wet landing on Mosquera Island, a reef of rocks and coral (the result of an uprising) and a great white sand beach and tide pools. We observe colonies of sea lions, brown pelicans, blue footed boobies and sally light-foot crabs, the contrast between these bright red crabs on top and blue on the bottom and the black lava is stunning. We return to the Yacht for disembarking on Baltra pier at 09:00. Your guide accompanies you on the bus ride directly to the airport.

	Day	AM	PM
1	Friday	Baltra	Charles Darwin Station (Santa Cruz Island) (WA)
2	Saturday	Punta Suarez (WA)	Gardner Bay (SN/KY/WA) Osborn Islet (SN) Garden I (PR/SN)
3	Sunday	Pitt Islet (SN/WA)-Punta Pitt (SN/KY/PR/WA)	Kicker Rock (SN)- Cerro Brujo (SK/KY/PR/WA)
4	Monday	Mosquera Island (WA)	Baltra

*Landing transfer to Santa Cruz
 SN: SNORKEL
 PR: PANGA RIDE
 KY: KAYAK