

SUNDAY: CHINESE HAT & DRAGON HILL

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Activity level: Moderate

Tour style: Hiking | Snorkeling

Pick up: 7:30 AM

Departure & Return location: Hotel

Drop off: 17:00 PM

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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Chinese Hat is a very small volcano nearby Santiago Island, surrounded by small spatter cones creating a dramatic landscape. Because of its distinctive shape, Sombrero Chino has fascinated visitors as long as they have been coming to Galapagos. 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 eventually Galapagos hawks are active across this patch of land which is also beautiful for visitors who just come to see and enjoy the scenery. A wet landing in the main beach of the island will give you the opportunity of enjoying the sandy beach where sea lions rest and a variety of wade birds feed on the shore line. The tranquil waters offer a great snorkeling experience where you will enjoy observing several tropical fish, sea stars and the opportunity of observing penguins under water.

After a wonderful lunch on board the **WINDROSE** we will head to Dragon Hill, which is one of the few visitor sites directly related to a conservation program of the Charles, Darwin Foundation and the Galapagos National Park. This place was named after the land iguanas, which are considered the Galápagos' Dragons. The population of land iguanas in this area was restored by efforts of the Galápagos National Park. It took a lot of work for them to rein in control of feral mammals such as dogs, cats, goats and donkeys brought by early Galápagos settlers. Heading inland on the trail, visitors pass two small salt-water lagoons where it is sometimes possible to see flamingos and other shore birds. The trail continues on and circles a small hill near by the highest point on Dragon Hill where visitors can land iguanas and their many burrows on the hillside.

Included: Transportation Hotel - Yacht- Hotel • English speaking Guide • Lunch on board. • Snacks during the day • Snorkeling gear: mask, tube and fins. • Water, coffee and tea • Towels.

No Included: Extra soft and alcoholic drinks • Tips and extra services



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