

Itinerary H – Fragata YACHT

Monday

DAY 1



Santa Cruz Island

AM

Departure from Guayaquil to the Galápagos Islands (1 ½ hour flight).

BALTRA ISLAND:

This island became a strategic point during World War II. It is home to the main airport of the Galápagos Islands, where tourists and settlers arrive and depart. Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, our bilingual guide will assist you. Transfer to the yacht. Welcome and briefing session.

PM – After lunch

TORTUGA BAY BEACH:

Take a 1.5-hour walk on a paved and marked trail to reach the beautiful Tortuga Bay, a pristine area with stunning white sandy beaches. There are two beaches at Tortuga Bay: the main beach, popular for surfing due to its strong waves, and a calmer beach perfect for relaxing. After this visit, you can enjoy the island's nightlife attractions.

Accommodation and dinner at Hotel Fernandina or similar.

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DAY 2



Santa Cruz Island

AM – After breakfast

CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION:

Begin with a 20-minute walk to the Charles Darwin Research Station to observe the Galápagos giant tortoises feeding. The Darwin Station is part of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galápagos Islands, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to scientific research in the Galápagos since 1959.

PM – After lunch

HACIENDA PRIMICIAS:

Visit Hacienda Primicias to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. The tortoises are easy to spot as they feed on grass and leaves. You can also see birds such as cattle egrets, mockingbirds, finches, and flycatchers. After the walk, return to the yacht. Dinner and briefing for the next day.

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Wednesday

DAY 3



AM – After breakfast

TINTORERAS:

Located south of Puerto Villamil, Tintoreras features a small bay of completely calm turquoise waters where you can see sea lions, sea turtles, marine iguanas, rays, and other species. The bay is connected to a shallow crystal-clear channel that closes at low tide. In this channel, reef sharks swim alongside small fish and sea lions. Lunch on board.

PM

ARNALDO TUPIZA BREEDING CENTER:

This center runs a captive breeding program for tortoises from the southern populations of Isabela Island.

WETLANDS: (Dry landing) A 30-minute walk. This area features sandy beaches, rocky coasts, and mangroves. Trails here allow you to see the four species of mangroves found in the Galápagos, as well as migratory birds such as the long-billed curlew, Wilson's phalarope, common tern, blue-winged teal, osprey, and more.

PLAYA DEL AMOR (LOVE BEACH):

At this beautiful beach, you can observe marine iguanas resting or diving in the clear waters and iconic island birds like blue-footed boobies, masked boobies, and frigatebirds.

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LA PLAYITA:

A fine sandy beach where you can spot pelicans, marine iguanas, and boobies actively fishing, as well as mangrove forests and cacti.

EL TÚNEL DEL ESTERO:

Directly connected to the ocean and surrounded by cactus, this unique landscape allows you to observe small crabs and a variety of small fish as you cross through it.

Thursday

DAY 4



AM – After breakfast

RÁBIDA: (Wet landing). One of the most colorful and volcanically diverse islands in the archipelago, as well as an excellent diving spot. The visit begins at Rábida's famous brown sand beach, followed by an easy hike of about 1 km to reach a stunning viewpoint offering breathtaking landscapes.

The island is a paradise for birdwatchers. Some of the rarest species are found here in abundance, including various finches, large flycatchers, Galápagos hawks, and brown pelicans.

PM – After lunch

CERRO DRAGÓN: Dry landing at the pier. The walk leads to a hypersaline lagoon (saltier than the ocean) located behind the beach, frequently visited by flamingos, plovers, stilts, and other bird species. A short hike up the hill rewards visitors with panoramic views of the bay and a nesting site for land iguanas. Many of the iguanas nesting here

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have been repatriated by the Charles Darwin Research Station. Dinner and briefing for the next day.

Friday

DAY 5



Isla Santa Cruz

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CALETA TORTUGA NEGRA:

A boat (panga) trip to Caleta Tortuga Negra, located very close to Baltra. This place is special for its beautiful beach with sea lions and its clear, calm waters.

Here you can see black turtles (Pacific green turtles) and many different types of birds feeding as you paddle around the beautiful lagoons hidden among the mangroves. After this visit, transfer by bus to Baltra airport for your flight back to Guayaquil / Quito.