Galapagos Central Wonders Cruise

5 Days – 4 Nights

			Hiking	Snorkel	Panga Ride	Kayak
SATURDAY	AM	**Santa Cruz Island :** Baltra - airport (arrival)				
	PM	**Santa Cruz Island :** Bachas Beach	*			
SUNDAY	AM	**Bartolome Island :** Bartolome	*	*	*	
	PM	**Santiago Island :** Sullivan Bay	*	*	*	
MONDAY	AM	**South Plazas Island :** South Plaza	*		*	*
	PM	**Santa Fe Island :** Santa Fe	*	*	*	*
TUESDAY	AM	**San Cristobal Island :** Witch Hill	*	*	*	*
	PM	**San Cristobal Island :** Pitt Point	*	*		
WEDNESDAY	AM	**San Cristobal Island :** Highlands	*			
	PM	**San Cristobal Island :** San Cristobal - airport (return)				

DAY 1

AM: ARRIVAL AT BALTRA AIRPORT

Welcome to Galapagos! Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, your naturalist guide will greet you and assist with the transfer to Itabaca Channel. This initial journey offers your first connection with the archipelago as you take a short ferry ride to Santa Cruz Island. Along the way, observe Baltra's arid landscape and learn about its history as a former U.S. WWII airbase. This is just the beginning of the many fascinating stories awaiting you on your adventure.

Trail:	
Level:	1
Activities:	-

PM: BACHAS

After, we will go to the beach known as Bachas, located north of Santa Cruz Island. Here we can snorkel or take a relaxing walk on the beach. For this, we will make a wet landing, in which we will jump from the panga to the shore of the beach. Again, we recommend disembarking barefoot and wearing light walking shoes for the rest of the journey. The saltwater lagoon behind the beach often has great blue herons and small birds. Both beaches are nesting areas for green sea turtles.

_Stunning Views, Blue footed boobies, White-cheeked pintails, American flamingoes, Sandpipers, Lava gulls

Food:	-/L/D
Trail:	1,6 km / 1 mi
Lodging:	M/Y Galaxy Orion
Level:	1
Activities:	HIKING

DAY 2

AM: BARTOLOME

Bartolome is one of the most iconic islands in Galapagos, renowned for its dramatic volcanic landscape and the famous Pinnacle Rock. Nestled beside a peach-colored sand beach, this island is one of the few places where you can spot penguins without traveling to remote Isabela and Fernandina. The hike to the summit offers breathtaking views of a lunar-like terrain dotted with volcanic cones, with stunning panoramas of Sullivan Bay and Pinnacle Rock. From the top, the vast beauty of the archipelago unfolds before you, creating a truly unforgettable experience.

Highlights: Volcanic landscapes, Pinnacle rock, Herons, Bluefooted boobies, Galapagos penguins

Trail:	1,5 km / 0,9 mi
Level:	2
Activities:	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE

PM: SULLIVAN BAY

Walking through Sullivan Bay is a fascinating journey into the volcanic origins of the Galapagos Islands. The trail crosses a vast Pahoehoe lava flow, showcasing unique textures that reveal the story of past eruptions. While the terrain may seem desolate at first, a closer look unveils pioneer plants, scurrying lava lizards, and small birds adapted to this extreme environment. Along the shore, the stark landscape is brightened by the presence of penguins, pelicans, and oystercatchers, adding a vibrant contrast to the stunning volcanic scenery.

Highlights: ¸Lava tubes, Galapagos penguins, Oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks

Food:	B/L/D
Trail:	2,2 km / 1,4 mi
Lodging:	M/Y Galaxy Orion
Level:	3
Activities:	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE

DAY 3

AM: SOUTH PLAZAS ISLAND

Of the two twin islands, only South Plazas is open to visitors, while North Plazas remains a scientific research site. Despite its small size, South Plazas is teeming with wildlife. Upon landing, ll find land iguanas lounging beneath Opuntia cacti, waiting for fallen fruit. A large sea lion colony dominates the shore, where playful pups explore tide pools while massive bulls defend their territory. The trail leads to a dramatic cliffside, offering breathtaking ocean views where frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, red-billed tropicbirds, and swallow-tailed gulls soar. A blanket of reddish succulents covering the island adds to its striking beauty.

Highlights: Stunning Views, Boobies, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos shearwaters, Galapagos land iguanas, Tropicbirds, Pelicans

Trail:	1,4 km / 0,8 mi
Level:	2
Activities:	HIKING,PANGA RIDE,KAYAK

PM: SANTA FE ISLAND

Santa Fe Island, nestled in one of the most stunning bays in the Galapagos, boasts towering prickly-pear cacti and ancient lava formations. Its white-sand beach and turquoise waters are home to a large sea lion colony basking under the sun. As you follow the trail, look for the endemic Santa Fe land iguana and, if lucky, a Galapagos hawk perched atop a cactus scanning for prey. Along the way, Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, and lava lizards are commonly seen, making this hike a true wildlife experience.

Highlights: Stunning Views, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos doves, Santa Fe land iguanas, Reef sharks

Food:	B/L/D
Trail:	0,8 km / 0,5 mi
Lodging:	M/Y Galaxy Orion
Level:	2
Activities:	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE,KAYAK

DAY 4

AM: WITCH HILL

Witch Hill, on the northern coast of San Cristóbal, is one of the most stunning beaches in the Galapagos. Its powdery white sand and turquoise waters create a perfect setting for strolling and relaxing, while a large sea lion colony lounges on the shore. The nearby lagoon attracts diverse birdlife, including pelicans and blue-footed boobies. This site holds historical significance as one of Charles Darwin's first stops in the Galapagos. Dive into the crystal-clear waters for a snorkeling experience filled with tropical fish, rays, and sea turtles.

Highlights: Snorkeling opportunities, White sand beach, Blue-footed boobies, Galapagos sea lions, Pelicans

Trail:	0.5 km / 0.3 mi
Level:	1
Activities:	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE,KAYAK

PM: PITT POINT

Located on the northeastern tip of San Cristóbal, Punta Pitt is a must-visit for nature and adventure enthusiasts. Its rugged trails lead to breathtaking viewpoints, where you can observe frigatebirds and the three iconic booby species—blue-footed, red-footed, and Nazca—a rare sight in the Galapagos. The volcanic landscape, with dramatic rock formations and lush vegetation, creates a thriving habitat for diverse wildlife. This experience blends a challenging hike with the chance to witness the archipelago's incredible biodiversity at its finest.

Highlights: Stunning Views, Snorkeling opportunities, Magnificent and great frigatebirds

Food:	B/L/D
Trail:	1.5 km / 0.9 mi
Lodging:	M/Y Galaxy Orion
Level:	3
Activities:	HIKING,SNORKEL

DAY 5

AM: HIGHLANDS

Your day begins with a journey to the highlands of San Cristobal Island, offering a different perspectiveof the Galapagos'; unique ecosystem. This lush and verdant area contrasts sharply with the coastalzones. The highlands are home to a variety of bird species, giant tortoises in their natural habitat, anda rich array of plant life, including endemic trees and ferns. You'll have the opportunity to walk alongpaths that meander through this lush landscape, offering a chance to observe the giant tortoises upclose and personal. The highlands also provide panoramic views of the island, showcasing its diversetopography

Trail:	Variable
Level:	1
Activities:	HIKING

PM: SAN CRISTOBAL AIRPORT (RETURN)

After exploring the breathtaking biodiversity and unique landscapes of the Galapagos, it's time to return to mainland Ecuador. You'll be transferred to the airport, bringing this

unforgettable journey to a close. Every encounter with giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and volcanic landscapes will remain etched in your memory. Galapagos is not just a destination—it's a transformative experience that will stay with you forever. Wishing you a wonderful journey back!

Food:	B/-/-
Trail:	
Lodging:	M/Y Galaxy Orion
Level:	1
Activities:	-

GLOSSARY

Feeding	**Breakfast**	B
	Lunch	L
	Dinner	D
Difficulty of the hike	**Level 1**	Easy
	Level 2	Moderate
	Level 3	Difficult