



Darwin Yacht



Darwin Yacht 8 Days Adventure Itinerary "A"

Day	Activities
1	<p>Bachas Beach: Upon your arrival, transfer to the Darwin Yacht. After lunch, you will visit Bachas beach, two small beaches made of decomposed coral, and a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind one of the beaches there is a small brackish water lagoon, where you may see flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels. The other beach is longer, and has two old barges that were abandoned during the Second World War, when the USA used Baltra Island as a strategic point to protect the Panama Canal.</p>
2	<p>Pitt Point and Kicker Rock: First activity in the morning will be a visit to Pitt Point, offering an impressive view after climbing up a steep narrow path onto a plateau surrounded by reddish hills. After this visit, we head to Kicker Rock (León Dormido), to take a dinghy ride observing the narrow channel and the marine species that nest there.</p>
3	<p>Witch Hill and Lobos Islet (San Cristobal Island): Early start after breakfast, to begin with a visit to Witch Hill (Cerro Brujo), a beautiful white sand beach, where species like brown pelicans, blue-footed boobies and sea lions are found. You may also have the chance to swim or snorkel from the beach. After lunch, head to Lobos Island, famous for its population of sea lions and fur sea lions. Head back to the yacht and dinner.</p>
4	<p>Charles Darwin Station & Santa Cruz Highlands: After breakfast we land at Santa Cruz Island, where you will visit the famous Charles Darwin Station, a non-profit institution that dedicates itself to studying and protecting the flora and fauna of the Galapagos, and a great place to see land tortoises. After lunch, we take a bus ride to Santa Cruz Highlands, which is a moisture-rich area with fertile volcanic soils & lush vegetation. The main highlight here is to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat, & you may also spot bird species such as Darwin Finches, Yellow Warblers, and Bright Red Vermillion Flycatchers. In the late afternoon you' will return to Puerto Ayora to enjoy the nightlife of the town.</p>



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5	<p>Isabela Island: Early in the morning visit to the Tintoreras Islet, where you will be able to see sea lions, Galapagos Penguins, and also White tipped reef sharks (depends on season). After lunch, we land at Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island, the largest and one of the youngest island in the archipelago. Here we visit the Breeding Center Arnaldo Tupiza, that has a captive breeding program for tortoises. Next the wetlands (Humedales), where you can see four species of mangroves and species like blue winged teals, ospreys, Wilson's phalaropes, blue winged teals and others. Finally the Wall of Tears, a historical site that pays homage to the prisoners of the old penal colony, who were forced to build a wall out of huge blocks of lava. End of the day and dinner.</p>
6	<p>Rabida Island and Dragon Hill: Early start after landing at Rabida Island, where we walk a short trail to a water lagoon, home to wading flamingos. We also visit a Palo Santo Forest. During the afternoon, you will visit Dragon Hill, named like this because of the land iguanas species that reside there. We follow a trail that leads to a hyper-saline lagoon behind the beach, frequented by flamingos, pintail ducks and other species of birds. After these activities head back to the yacht for dinner.</p>
7	<p>Black Turtle Cove: After breakfast, you will have a dinghy visit to Black Turtle Bay, to see sea lions and pacific green turtles. After lunch, head to Chinese Hat (Sombrero Chino), a volcanic cone that forms an islet off the rocky coast of Santiago, where a small colony of Galapagos penguins have settled. You may also see Galapagos sea lions and marine iguanas. After these activities head back to the yacht for dinner.</p>
8	<p>Daphne Island: After breakfast, the boat will take you to Daphne Island, Major and Minor, and you will sail around them to admire their ecosystem and the species that inhabit it. After this activity you will disembark at Baltra Island to take your flight back to the continent.</p>



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Inclusions:

- ✓ Meals: From lunch on day 1, until breakfast on the final day
- ✓ Accommodation with private bathroom
- ✓ Excursions as listed in the itinerary, with a certified naturalist bilingual guide (Spanish/English)
- ✓ Snorkel equipment *Depending on the cruise
- ✓ Drinking water, tea, coffee, snacks.
- ✓ Bus ticket Baltra Airport / Itabaca Channel - \$ 5 pp * Depending on the cruise

Exclusions:

- ✗ Entrance fees Galapagos: Galapagos National Park \$100pp (subject to change). Galapagos transit control card \$20pp (subject to change), Isabel docking fee \$15pp *Depending on cruise. Santa Cruz Highland Tortoises ranch \$5 * depending on the cruise. Bus ticket Baltra Airport / Itabaca Channel - \$5 * depending on the cruise
- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Quito/Guayaquil - Galapagos - Quito/Guayaquil
- ✗ Airport transfers in Quito or Guayaquil
- ✗ Singles supplement *Depending on the cruise
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages & colas (there is a bar on board)
- ✗ Tips for guides and crew
- ✗ Any other personal expenses.



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