



**Galapagos
Sea Star
Journey**



Galapagos Sea Star Journey 15 Days Itinerary B+C+A

Day	Activities
1	Santa Cruz Island and Dragon Hill: Upon arrival to the airport in Baltra Island, you will be transferred to Galapagos Sea Star Journey Ship. After settling in the yacht and lunch, you will head to the first visiting site, Dragon Hill, is located in northwestern Santa Cruz Island, it consists of a trail that leads to a hyper-saline lagoon behind the beach, frequented by flamingos, pintail ducks and other species of birds. This site is also populated with land iguanas that were introduced here to reestablish this species. End of the day and dinner onboard
2	Rabida Island and Chinese Hat: Early in the morning, you will land at Rabida Island, where you will visit a red sand beach, product of the volcanic material found in the sand. A sea lion colony resides in this island, as well as flamingoes that inhabit in a lagoon located behind the beach, you can also kayak or snorkel in this place. During the afternoon, you will head to Chinese Hat, a small islet located at the southeastern tip of Santiago, this place is a recent volcanic cone, shaped like a Chinese hat, hence its name. This is an excellent place to see the formation of lava tubes and lava flows and you can also see marine iguanas, Galapagos penguins and sea lions that inhabit here.
3	El Barranco and Darwin Bay: Early in the morning, you will visit I Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, it's a step rocky path that leads to a cliff, from where you can appreciate an amazing view of Genovesa Island. After this activity, head to Darwin Bay at Genovesa Island, a white sand coral beach, where you will take a trail that winds through mangroves filled with land birds. Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls. Further down the path you will find tidal pools where sea lions swim playfully.
4	Bartolome Island and Sullivan Bay: After breakfast onboard, the first visit of the day will be to Bartolome Island, and its main visiting site, the Pinnacle Rock. You will hike to a viewing spot from where you can observe one of the most beautiful scenarios in the archipelago. Then you will head to the beaches at the base of the pinnacle, home to marine turtles and a small colony of Galapagos penguins. During the afternoon, you will visit Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, the fourth largest island in the archipelago, this is a volcano active island, with many young lava flows and cones to be seen, and where land and marine iguanas reside.



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Santa Cruz Highlands: At the beginning of the last day, you will land at Santa Cruz Island, and you will take a bus ride to the last visiting point, Santa Cruz Highlands, where you will see the agricultural island zone and spot giant tortoises in their natural habitat. After lunch, you will head to the first visiting site, Charles Darwin Research Station at Ayora Port, where you will learn about the conservation efforts that have been made to preserve species like the Galapagos Giant tortoises at the archipelago, and where you will also visit the breeding and rearing center for young tortoises and adult Galapagos Tortoises. After this activity head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.

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Isabela Island: First activity of the day will be heading to Isabela Island and taking a zodiac ride to a place called Tintorerías Islets, where you will be able to see, a mangrove ecosystem and the white-tipped reef sharks that inhabit this place, called Tintorerías, hence the name of this visiting point. In the afternoon, you will land at Isabela Island, and after a brief bus ride you will arrive to Sierra Negra Volcano and take a hike to its crater, which is one of the most fantastic views of the entire archipelago. After this activity end of the day and dinner onboard.

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Moreno Point and Elizabeth Bay: Early in the morning you will visit Moreno Point on the north site of Isabela, this place is characteristic because of the lava flow that formed a trail of solidified lava, which is very interesting to see. There is also a system of complex lagoons where several unique species of birds can be found. In the afternoon, you will take a zodiac ride to Elizabeth Bay, and you begin with a visit to Marielas Islets, where the largest colony of sea penguins resides, and continue to a cove surrounded by mangroves, where you will spot eagle rays and sea lions.

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Espinoza Point and Tagus Cove: After breakfast, the cruise will head to Fernandina Island's single visitor point, Espinoza Point, where you will see one of the largest group of marine iguanas in the entire archipelago, and where you can also find species like the flightless cormorant. In the afternoon, you will visit Tagus Cove. The tour will take place along the cliffs, where you will have the chance to see Galapagos penguins. You will also go to a hike to Darwin Lake, a saline lake, where you can also see the graffiti that buccaneers and pirates left here in past centuries. End of the day and dinner onboard.



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9	Espumilla Beach and Egas Port: The day begins with a visit to Santiago Island, then you will disembark at Espumilla Beach. This island main attraction is a Palo Santo Forest and the white sand beach, a nesting site for marine turtles. You can also visit two coastal lagoons and have the chance to spot flamingos. In the afternoon, you will head to Egas Port, a black sand beach formed of volcanic tuff deposits. This place used to be a salt mine that was left abandoned in the 50s. End of the day and dinner onboard.
10	Lobos Island: Early in the morning, you will take a panga ride to Lobos Island. Once you land you will see a great colony of Sea Lions, hence the name of this place along with blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. After lunch you will head to Puerto Chino, a beautiful white sand beach where you can swim or relax. Finally you will head to Jacinto Gordinillo tortoise Breeding Center where you will learn about the conservation purposes of the Galapagos Tortoises and see individuals of these species.
11	Suarez Point and Gardner Bay: In the morning, after breakfast, the first place to visit will be Suarez Point, a basaltic cliff which forms a blowhole where water sprays high into the air. A hike to the top makes a great opportunity to take spectacular pictures. After lunch, head to Gardner Bay, that provides an excellent beach for swimming and snorkeling, where you will spot turtles and reef sharks, and also sea lions, which like to swim along the divers. End of the day and dinner onboard.
12	Cormorant Point and Post Office Bay: In the morning, after breakfast, you will head to Cormorant Point and visit the coral sand beach and olivine green sand beach, and where you will also see flamingos, pintail ducks and other birds at the coastal lagoon found here. During the afternoon you will visit Baroness Lookout, from where you will have an amazing view of Floreana Island, and by the end of the day you will head to Post Office Bay, which keeps the legendary post barrel that whalers used to post their mail in, and where tourists can do too.



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13	Santa Fe Island and South Plaza: First activity of the day will be heading to Santa Fe island, home to a number of endemic species like Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake and mickingbirds. You will take a trail to visit a sea lion colony while seeing giant prickly pear cactuses. During the afternoon, head to South Plaza Island, where you will see a colony of land iguanas, marine iguanas and hybrid of these species coexisting here. End of the day and dinner onboard.
14	North Seymour and Bachas beach: Early in the morning you will visit North Seymour Island, home of the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds in the Galapagos. There is also a large population of blue-footed boobies that perform an amusing courtship dance when nesting conditions are right. In the afternoon, you will head to bachas Beach, one of the main nesting sites for sea turtles, it is one of the few remnants of the U.S. World War II presence in the Galapagos where you can admire native species like flamingos, light foot crabs, among others. End of the day and dinner onboard.
15	Mosquera Islet: At the beginning of the final day, visit Mosquera Islet, between Baltra & North Seymour Islands. It also hosts the largest populations of sea lions and orca whales that can be seen occasionally depending on the season you visit the islet. After this activity you will be transferred from the boat to Baltra airport to take your flight back to the continent



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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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