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# Origin Yacht Itinerary 15 Days A + B

Day	Activities
1	<p><b>El Junco Lagoon:</b> Upon your arrival to San Cristobal Island, you will be transferred to Origin Yacht. Once you've boarded you'll get your cabin assignment and be treated to a delicious buffet lunch. Then you'll have a welcome briefing and a short safety drill. After this, you will head to the first visiting site, el Junco lagoon, this is the caldera of an extinct volcano and only sizeable fresh water lake in the Galapagos. From here you will have an amazing view of the island. After this visit, and upon your return to the yacht, the Captain and crew will welcome you on board with a cocktail, and a briefing of the next day's activities. Then you will enjoy a multi course dinner complete with complementary wine.</p>
2	<p><b>Witch Hill and Pitt Point:</b> The first visit will be to Witch Hill, by a zodiac ride, a breathtaking white coral beach, with expansive views and good bird-watching. Take a peaceful walk along the beach, or swim with sea lions from the beach. Take out the kayaks or stand up paddle boards for a different perspective of the marine life. You can also enjoy a scenic Zodiac ride that takes us through a cave called The Cathedral. After BBQ lunch served on the sun deck if the weather allows it, you will visit Pitt Point a tuff formation that serves as a nesting site for many sea birds including all three types of boobies – blue-footed, Nazca and red-footed boobies, both frigate bird species, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels, shearwaters, and brown pelicans. You can also snorkel with sea lions and various species of fish at this spot. After this activity return to the yacht for a briefing followed by dinner.</p>
3	<p><b>Suarez Point and Gardner Bay:</b> Early in the morning you will disembark at Suarez Point on Española Island, home to the greatest number of endemic species found in Galapagos. You can spot sea lions, curious Hood mockingbirds, and from April to December there are waved albatross, that perform their mating ritual. There are also colonies of blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies and swallow tailed gulls. You can also find Darwin's finches, Galapagos Doves and Galapagos Hawks. After this visit return to the yacht for lunch onboard. Then disembark at Gardner Bay, where large colonies of sea lions dot the white sand beach. You can take a stroll or relax at the beach. You can also swim with playful sea lions from the beach or explore the bay and islets by kayak or paddle board. After this activity return to the yacht for a briefing followed by dinner.</p>
4	<p><b>Cormorant Point and Post Office Bay:</b> First activity of the day will be landing at Cormorant Point on Floreana Island, to visit the olivine sand beach. You will spot sea lions, lava herons, yellow-crowned night herons, blue footed boobies and penguins. You will also visit a brackish lagoon home to Bahama ducks, stilts and greater flamingos. You will head to a white sand beach, where sea turtles lay their eggs in certain months. After this, you can also head to Champion Islet or Devil's Crown to snorkel and spot colorful fish, white tipped reef sharks and sea turtles. In the afternoon after lunch you will head to Post Office Bay, where a post office barrel was erected in the 18th century to be used by English whaling vessels. There is also a chance to swim from the beach. In the late afternoon you will visit Baroness Point by a zodiac ride. Return to the yacht for dinner.</p>



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5	<b>Santa Cruz Highlands:</b> First activity of the day will be disembarking at Ayora Port in Santa Cruz Island. You will take a bus ride to the Highlands, passing the vegetation zones in Galapagos to visit a privately owned ranch, where giant tortoises roam in their natural habitat. Stop at the lava tunnels that are large enough to walk through, and be marveled by the sight. Then visit los Gemelos (The twins), a pair of large craters, formed by two collapsed lava domes. After lunch, head to Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, to see the giant tortoises and land iguanas from close, and learn about the conservation efforts done to preserve this species. After this, you will have free time to explore Ayora Port town and buy souvenirs. At the end of the day, return to the yacht for dinner and rest.
6	<b>Bartolome Island and Chinese Hat:</b> You will have two options on the morning. You can climb the 400 steps around Bartolome Island and admire Pinnacle rock, or enjoy a zodiac ride around Bartolome looking for penguins, swimming playfully. At this island you can also snorkel with schools of tropical fish and white-tipped reef sharks. In the afternoon after lunch, visitors will go to Chinese Hat, which has this curious shape hence its name. You can spot the remnants of the islands geological history, with volcanic rubble and cracked lava formations, along with sea lions swimming by the shore. After this visit head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.
7	<b>South Plaza and North Seymour:</b> First activity of the day will be visiting South Plaza, a place with a geological uplift, with tall cliffs where swallow-tailed gulls, shearwaters and red-billed tropicbirds build their nests. You will also spot land iguanas and a colony of bachelor sea lions. After lunch, you will head to North Seymour to observe great colonies of blue footed boobies, and magnificent frigate birds, along with endemic land iguanas and sea lions. You will also have the opportunity to snorkel in deeper water, while spotting sea lions, starfish and sharks. Return to the yacht for farewell cocktail party and dinner, followed by a special presentation by your guides.
8	<b>Loberia or Frigatebird Hill &amp; Cerro Colorado Galapaguera:</b> After breakfast, you will disembark at San Cristobal Island and visit Frigatebird Hill, where you will find nesting colonies of both species of frigate birds, great and magnificent, lava lizards, finches and San Cristobal mockingbird OR the Loberia, where you will see a great colony of sea lions resting at the beach, taking the sun or swimming by the shore. In the afternoon, after lunch, you will head to Cerro Colorado to Jacinto Gordillo Breeding Center, where the National Park has established a breeding program for giant tortoises in their natural habitat. At the visitor center, Learn about the origin and evolution of tortoises, as well as threats by introduced animals. Along the trail, watch for the San Cristobal mockingbird and Calandrinia plant, both endemic to this island. Return to the yacht for a briefing followed by the Captain's welcome cocktail party and dinner accompanied by wine.



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9	<p><b>Genovesa Island:</b> Early in the morning you will land at Prince Phillip's Steps at Genovesa Island, where you will spot red footed boobies and a Palo Santo trees forest. There are also Nazca boobies and storm petrels. After this visit, return to the yacht for a BBQ lunch. Then you will go to Darwin Bay, and be amazed by a coral sand beach and see the swallow tailed and lava gulls that live here. You can also spot Great frigate birds, inflating the pouch on their chests to attract the female. You can relax at the beach or swim with sea lions. Return to the yacht for a briefing and dinner followed by a sky full of stars.,</p>
10	<p><b>Bachas Beach and Dragon Hill:</b> After breakfast, head to Bachas beach, Spanish translation for "barges" for one that was left here during WWII. This is a long white sand beach, with an interior lagoon where you can spot flamingos, pelicans, white-cheeked pintail ducks, stilts and iguanas. You can also snorkel from the shore. Then you will return to the yacht for lunch and after this, you will head to Dragon Hill for a majestic view of the bay and to visit the island trail to see flora species like opuntia cactus and palo santo. You will spot Galapagos flycatchers, yellow warblers, shearwaters and endemic land iguanas. After this activities return to the yacht for dinner and rest.</p>
11	<p><b>Vicente Roca Point and Urbina Bay:</b> First activity of the day will be taking a zodiac ride to Vicente Roca Point. You can also snorkel at this spot, and see penguins diving playfully in the water. Look for sea turtles beneath the surface, and after lunch, you can relax at the sundeck while enjoy the scenery at Bolivar Chanel, where you might see whales or dolphins. In the afternoon you will disembark at Urbina Bay on Isabela Island, product of a dramatic uplift produced by a volcanic eruption in 1954. Here you can see Galapagos land and marine iguanas, Darwin finches, brown pelicans, and flightless cormorant at this spot.</p>
12	<p><b>Espinosa Point and Tagus Cove:</b> After breakfast, head to Espinosa Point on Fernandina Island, the most pristine and young island in the archipelago. You can spot sea lions at the beach, hundreds of marine iguanas, and nests of flightless cormorants, that stay close to the shore. After lunch, you will head to Tagus Cove, place that used to be a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers in past centuries. This place is covered with graffiti they used to leave here. You can explore this places' shoreline by kayak or stand up paddle board, while searching for Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, blue/footed and Nazca boobies. You can also snorkel at this spot.</p>



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13	<b>Rabida Island:</b> Early in the morning you will disembark on Rabida Island, a red sand beach, due to the high iron content in the volcanic shores. You can visit a salt water lagoon here, where you may spot flamingos. You can also snorkel from the shore while spotting sea lions and rays. After lunch you will take a zodiac excursion to Black Turtle Cove, through a series of peaceful coves and inlets surrounded by mangroves, whose large roots rise out of the water, and where you can spot various species like white tipped reef sharks, and golden cow nosed rays. After these activities, return to the vessel for dinner and a special presentation by your guides
14	<b>Santa Cruz Island: Breeding Center:</b> Early in the morning you will disembark at Ayora Port on Santa Cruz Island. You will visit Fausto Llerena Breeding Center and Charles Darwin Research Station, where you will learn about the ongoing conservation efforts made to preserve Galapagos giant tortoises and also spot this species here. After this you will have a guided tour through the streets of Ayora Port. In the afternoon after lunch, you will be transferred to the highlands, passing the vegetation zones found in the Galapagos, to visit Los Gemelos (The twins), a pair of large craters, collapsed volcanic craters that make an amazing landscape. Then you will visit a private hacienda, were giant tortoises roam freely. After this activity, return to the yacht for dinner or you can remain ashore on your own at a local restaurant. Zodiac shuttles will remain on dock throughout the evening for your convenience.
15	<b>Interpretation Center:</b> After breakfast, you will disembark at San Cristobal Island and visit the Interpretation Center to learn about the natural history of the Island. Then you will be transferred to the airport to take your flight back to the continent.



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## Origin Yacht 15 Days Cruise 'A+B'



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## Inclusions:

- ✓ Meals: From lunch on day 1, until breakfast on the final day
- ✓ Accommodation with private bathroom
- ✓ Use of all amenities on board including the library, Jacuzzi and Fitness Center equipped with a treadmill, elliptical, free weights, yoga mats, and more.
- ✓ Transfers in the islands between the airport with meet & greet at the dock in Galapagos
- ✓ Excursions as listed in the itinerary, with a certified naturalist bilingual guide (Spanish/English)
- ✓ Snorkel equipment \*Depending on the cruise
- ✓ After-excursion snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Fully-stocked bar and 24/7 coffee & tea station
- ✓ All beverages including an open bar policy, featuring wines and spirits, soft drinks, fresh juices, tea and coffee served complimentary and the Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail parties.

## 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
- ✗ Tips for guides and crew
- ✗ Any other personal expenses.



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