



Solaris Yacht



Solaris Yacht Itinerary 11 Days AB4

Day	Activities
1	Baltra and Bachas Beach: Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport, you will be transferred by a bus ride to the harbour, and then take a dingy ride to Solaris Yacht, after settling in and lunch, you will visit Bachas Beach, two small beaches made of decomposed coral, which makes it a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind one of this beaches, there is a small brackish water lagoon, where it is possible to observe flamingos and other coastal birds like black-necked stilts and whimbrels. On the other beach there are two barges, abandoned during World War II, since this place was used as a strategic point to protect the Pnama Channel. After this activity head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.
2	Tintoreras Islet and Tortoise Breeding Center: Early in the morning, you will take a zodiac ride to Intoreras Islet, where white tipped reed sharks can be spotted, and are also called "Tintoreras" hence the name of this island. In the afternoon you will head to Villamil Port's wetlands, where a few lagoons, swamps and mangroves, home to several species of birds, like the flamingo, can be seen. In the afternoon you will head to Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center, where giant tortoies are reared in captivity to preserve the species. Then you will head to the Wall of Tears,, which was constructed between 1946 and 1959 by the prsioners when Isabela was a penal colony.
3	Moreno Point and Tagus Cove: Early in the morning you will head to Moreno Point, located on the north coast of Isabela, between Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul Volcano, where a Pahohoe lava flow (solidified lava) runs, into a complez of coastal lagoon, where several species of birds can be found. In the afternoon, you wil take a zodiac ride to Tagus Cove, to spot Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants and other sea birds. Once you land, you will take a 30 minute trail uup to the cliff where you can view Darwin Lake, and spot several volcanoes fromt his locations. Tere is also graffiti around this cove, that was left centuries ago by pirates and buccaneers that visited the Islands.
4	Espinosa Point and Vicente Roca Point: First activity of the day will be heading to Fernandina Island, to Espinosa Point, where unique Galapagos species can be seen, such as marine iguanas, flightless cormorant, and galapagos penguins from a very short distance. In the afternoon you will head to Vicente Roca Point, at the north west of Isbela Island, by a panga rie, to observe the geological formation and volcanic tuff cones, that form this island, this is also home to a variety of nesting birds like blue footed boobies and nazca boobies. This is also an excellent snorkelling area, where you can spot sea lions, sea turtles and other marine life.



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5	Espumilla Beach and Buccaneer Cove: After breakfast you will head to Santiago Island and visit Espumilla Beach. where you can visit a palo santo forest. Then you will head to Buccaneers Cove for a great snorkeling opportunity. In the afternoon you will head to Egas Port, where a black sand beach waits for you. This place was also used as a salt mine, but failed and the project was abandoned. After this visit, head back tot he yacht for dinner and rest.
6	Rabida Island and Chinese Hat: Early in the morning you will head to Rabida Island, a unique place due to the red color of the sand at the beach, due to the volcanic material that forms it. You will take a trail to a coastal lagoon behind the beach to observe finches, doves, and mocking birds. There is also a colony of flamingos, and the beach if full of sea lions. In the afternoon you will visit Chinese Hat, a recent colcanic cone shaped like a hat, hence its name, which is also an excellent place to osberve the geological features of lava tubes andsolidified lava flows. There are also sea lion colonies and marine iguanas along the coast. After this activity head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.
7	Charles Darwin Station and Highlands: First activity of the day will be landing at Santa Cruz Island, where you will visit Charles Darwin Station, and learn about the protection and conservation efforts made in the island to preserve the native and endemic species. You will also visit the Van Strelen Exhibition Hall and the Breeding Center for young tortoises and adult Galapagos Tortoises in captivity. In the afternoon you will take a bus ride to the Highlands, and see the agricultural zone of the Island. You will also spot the extinct volcanic cones now covered with grass and greenery, and then visit Twin craters, two colpased craters that make an amazing landscape, then you will head to a local ranch to see the Galapagos giant tortoises roaming freely. Then you will head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.
8	North Seymour: Early in the morning you will head to North Seymour Island, where there are nesting sites for a large population of frigate birds. You can also spot blue-footed boobies performing thir courtship dance, and also swallow tailed gulls. At the shore sea lions can be seen too. After this visit you will head to Mosquera Islet, located between Baltra and North Seymour, this small islet is formed by a geological uplift with a reef of rocks and coral and a great sand beach, where you can spot a great colony of sea lions and sally light-foot crabs. After this visit you will head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.



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9	<p>Darwin Bay and Prince Phillip Steps: Early in the morning, after breakfast you will visit Darwin Bay, a collapsed crater that is now below sea level, and has a white coral sandy beach, where you can spot red-footed boobies, lava gulls, and lava herons. You will take a trail to this place's edge and spot more species in the mangrove area, like sharp beaked finches, Galapagos doves and swallow-tailed gulls. In the afternoon, after lunch, you will visit El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip Steps, you will climb to a plateau, where a big population of masked boobies reside, along with red-footed boobies, storm petrels and short-eared owls. After this activity head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.</p>
10	<p>Santa Fe and South Plazas: After breakfast you will visit South Plazas, that forms part of two islands known as Islas Plazas, where you will find various outstanding species like hybrid iguanas, the result of crossing a male marine iguana and a land female iguana. This big population resides here due to the presence of tunas, their favorite food. Swallow-tailed gulls can also be seen in the cliffs, along with red-billed tropicbirds and brown pelicans. In the afternoon you will visit Santa Fe, island that was formed from an uplift and is mostly flat. This place is also home of species like Galapagos Hawk, Galapagos snake, and two species of land iguanas. You may also have the opportunity to snorkel with playful sea lions and tropical fishes. After this activity head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.</p>
11	<p>Kicker Rock: Early in the morning you will begin with a visit to Kicker Rock or "Leon Dormido" in Spanish; a rock formation, now split in two, where a large population of blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies and frigate birds can be seen. You may also be able to snorkel here, with a great opportunity to see eagle rays, sea turtles and Galapagos Shark. After this visit you will be transferred to San Cristobal Airport 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
- ✓ Drinking water, tea, coffee, snacks.

Exclusions:

- ✗ Entrance fees Galapagos: Galapagos National Park \$100pp (subject to change). Galapagos transit control card \$20pp (subject to change), Isabela docking fee \$15pp . Santa Cruz Highland Tortoises ranch \$5. Bus ticket Baltra Airport / Itabaca Channel - \$5
- ✗ 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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