



# Solaris Yacht



# Solaris Yacht Itinerary 12 Days B5A

Days	Activities
1	<b>Baquerizo Moreno Port:</b> Upon your arrival to San Cristobal Airport, you will be escorted to take a bus and be transferred to the harbor, then you will make your first visit to Galapagos Park National Park Visitor Center, next to Baquerizo Moreno Port town, where you will learn about the volcanic origin of the islands, the ocean climate, the different species that inhabit here, the human establishemnt, among other things. After this activity you will head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.
2	<b>Gardner Bay and Suarez Point:</b> In the morning, after breakfast you will head to Gardner Bay, located north-eastern coast of Española Island, place that provides an excellent beach for relaxing, swimming and snorkeling. You may also spot sea lions and sharks in the clear ocean waters. In the afternoon, you will head to Suarez Point, a rocky land spot, that sustains one of the most impressive colonies of sea birds in the Galapagos Islands. In the southern shore a high cliff rises up the sea and there is also a blow hole where water sputs up high into the air, showing an amazing landscape. After this activity head back to the yacht for dinner and rest
3	<b>Cormorant Point and Post Office Bay:</b> Early in the morning you will head to Cormorant Point at Floreana Island, where the largest flamingo lagoon at the archipelago can be seen. You can also spot white-checked pintail ducks. You can also visit two distinct beaches, an olivine crystal green sanded beach, and a coral white snad beach, then you will head to Devil's Crown or Champion Islet for some snorkeling. In the afternoon, you will visit Post Office Bay, where a wooden barrel was placed in the 18th century by the crew of a whaling ship, and is been used by mariners and tourists as a post office. Then you will visit the Baroness Lookout, where Eloisa von Wagner, one of the first colonizers of the Islands, used to reside
4	<b>Sullivan Bay and Bartolome Island:</b> First activity in the morning will be heading to Santiago Island, located in the west central part of the Galapagos Archipelago, which is also volcanically active, with many young flows and cones to be seen, this place consits of two coalesced volcanoes, which make an amazing visit spot for its unique landscape. In the afternoon, you will head to Bartolome Island, with an altitude of 144 meters, from where you can observe one of the most beautiful landscapes os the archipelago. This place has two amazing beaches, where marine turtles reside and a very small colony of Galapagos penguins. After these activities head back to the yacht for dinner and rest.



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5	<b>Black Turtle Cove and Bachas Beach:</b> Early in the morning, you will head to Black Turtle Cove, north of Santa Cruz Island, where a red mangrove lagoon can be seen, and place that also serves as home for white tipped reef sharks, hammer head sharks and eagle rays. This visit is done by a zodiac ride. After 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 famingos 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.
6	<b>Tintoreras Islet and Tortoise Breeding Center:</b> 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.
7	<b>Moreno Point and Tagus Cove:</b> 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.
8	<b>Espinosa Point and Vicente Roca Point:</b> 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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9	<b>Espumilla Beach and Buccaneer Cove:</b> 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.
10	<b>Rabida Island and Chinese Hat:</b> 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.
11	<b>Charles Darwin Station and Highlands:</b> 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, thern 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.
12	<b>North Seymour:</b> 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 be transferred to Baltra Aiport to take your flight back to the continent.



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## Solaris Yacht 12 Days Cruise 'B5A'



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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.

## 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 \*
- ✗ 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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