



Solaris Yacht



Solaris Yacht Itinerary 8 Days A

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 Panama 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 Tintoreras Islet, where white tipped reef 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 tortoises 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 prisoners 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 complex of coastal lagoon, where several species of birds can be found. In the afternoon, you will 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 up to the cliff where you can view Darwin Lake, and spot several volcanoes from his locations. There 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 Isabela Island, by a panga ride, 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 be transferred to Baltra Aiport to take your flight back to the continent.



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Solaris Yacht 8 Days Cruise 'A'



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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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