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TOURS
Mainland Ecuador &
Galápagos Islands

TIP TOP II

ITINERARY 1 – 8 DAY / 7 NIGHT CRUISE FRIDAY - FRIDAY



DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

BACHAS BEACH (SANTA CRUZ)

The flight from mainland Ecuador (Quito or Guayaquil) to Baltra Island, with AVIANCA Airlines, arrives at approximately 09:20 a.m. Your guide meets you upon arrival and accompanies you to the bus. After a short 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) ride to the pier, you board the yacht without delay. As the crew weighs anchor, we greet you with our first orientation and offer a light snack. After navigating around the shore, we disembark on Playa Las Bachas, Santa Cruz Island, where you can appreciate numerous species of wildlife, including flamingos. During a walk along the lagoons, your guide explains details about the lives of local birds and animals. Is it private transportation? If so, I would say "private bus" or "chartered van" to clarify they won't be on a public bus.

Optional: opportunity for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

In the evening, there is an orientation about the origin and evolution of the Galapagos Islands. The entire crew welcomes you with cocktails and dinner.

DAY 2

RABIDA ISLAND & BUCANEER COVE

After breakfast, you make a wet landing on Rabida Island, to walk and observe marine iguanas, sea lions, pelicans, blue-footed boobies, masked boobies and brown pelicans. Your guide leads you to a small saltwater lagoon where you can see pink flamingos. After lunch, you make a wet landing on James Bay (Puerto Egas), Santiago Island, to walk and observe endemic sponges, snails, hermit crabs, a variety of shore birds, barnacles, four-eyed blenny, marine iguanas and sea lions.

Optional: opportunity for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

Then, we navigate around Buccaneer Cove (Caleta Bucanero), an area of steep bluffs and dark-red sand beaches. The cove was once a popular place for 17th & 18th century buccaneers to dock their vessels. Today, the cliffs and pinnacles are home to nesting areas for several species of seabirds.

Optional: time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or kayak. Return to the yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

ISLANDS

- Santa Cruz
- Rabida
- Santiago
- Isabela
- Fernandina
- Bartolome
- Chinese Hat
- North Seymour

SUMMARY

On the west side, there is plenty of lava landscapes spanning for miles. You'll see coral beds that have appeared after intense volcanic activity adjacent to beautiful beaches. There is no limit to the fish and birds you can see on this side of the island: whales, dolphins, sunfish, mangrove & medium tree finches, fur seals and much more! You can see plenty of small Galápagos Penguins and Flightless Cormorants around Isabela and Fernandina, surrounded by a lot of lava and volcanic landscapes.

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DAY 3

VICENTE ROCA (ISABELA) & ESPINOZA POINT (FERNANDINA)

After breakfast, you make a panga (dinghy) ride to Vicente Roca Point, Isabela Island, to observe a plentitude of sea lions, marine iguanas, blue-footed and masked boobies, and flightless cormorants.

Optional: opportunity for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

You come aboard for a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, you make a dry landing on Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island, to see a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants and clusters of lava cactus. Return to the yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

DAY 4

URBINA BAY & ELIZABETH BAY (ISABELA)

After breakfast, you make a wet landing on Urbina Bay, Isabela Island, to take a walk and observe a coral reef, land iguanas, flightless cormorants and giant tortoises.

Optional: opportunity for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel.

Return to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon, you take a panga ride around the islets of Elizabeth Bay, Isabela Island, to see marine iguanas, penguins, marine turtles, seabirds, shorebirds, herons and blue-footed boobies. Return to the yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

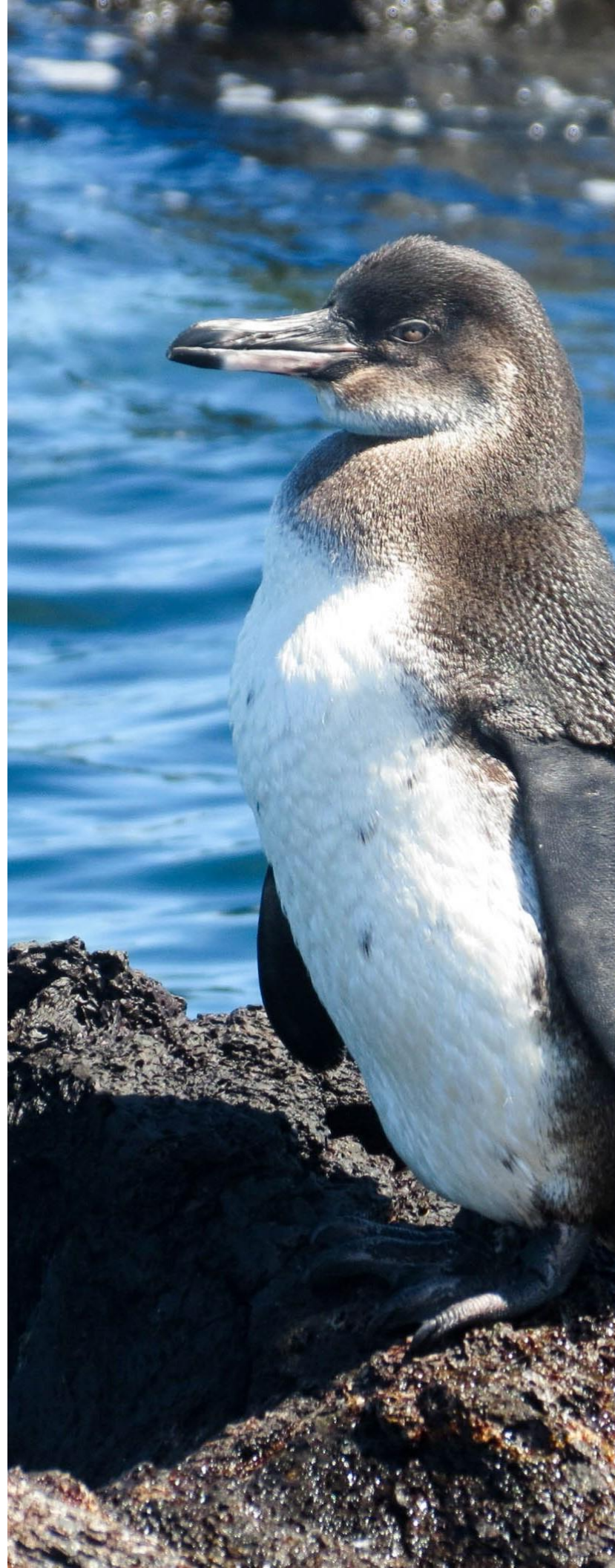
DAY 5

JAMES BAY (SANTIAGO) & BARTOLOME ISLAND

After breakfast, you make a wet landing on James Bay (Puerto Egas), Santiago Island, to walk and where you observe can spot endemic sponges, snails, hermit crabs, a variety of shore birds, barnacles, and the endemic four-eyed blenny, marine iguanas and sea lions.

Optional: time opportunity for those who would like to swim or snorkel.

You return to the boat for a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, you make a dry landing on Bartholomew Island, to hike to the summit. ; Dduring the hike you observe colonies of marine iguanas and lava lizards. On the summit you see an impressive spectacular view of the surrounding islands, including the eroded tuff cone of Pinnacle Rock. You return to the yacht for a delicious dinner and our nightly orientation.





DAY 6

CHINESE HAT & DRAGON HILL

After breakfast, you make a wet landing on Chinese Hat (Sombrero Chino), a small island off the Coast of Santiago Island. On the rocky shoreline you can observe Galapagos penguins, eagle rays, sea lions and marine iguanas. This is an excellent snorkeling site.

Optional: opportunity for those who would like to swim, snorkel and/or kayak.

You return to the boat for a delicious lunch. Later in the afternoon, you make a dry landing on Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island, where you can see land iguanas. Your guide leads you to a hypersaline lagoon (saltier than the ocean), where you can observe flamingos, common stilts, pintail ducks and other species of birds. **Optional:** time for those who would like to swim and/or snorkel. You return to the yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

DAY 7

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

After breakfast, you will disembark to take the a bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island for a visit to the native forests, twin craters, and the a conservation ranch reserve to see the tortoises in the wildlife. You will be delighted with the lunch in at the reserve ranch. After lunch, you will return to Puerto Ayora to start thefor a visit to the Interpretation Center Fausto Llerena Tortoise Center. You return to the yYacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

DAY 8

NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

After breakfast you make an early dry landing for a walk along the coast and the interior of North Seymour Island, a low, flat island that was uplifted from the sea by underground seismic activity. You observe blue-footed boobies (during May to November nesting times), marine iguanas, pelicans, frigate birds, shore birds, sea lions and endemic palo santo.

You return to the yacht to disembark on the pier at 09:00 a.m. Your guide accompanies you on the bus ride directly to the airport.