

# TREASURE OF GALAPAGOS



# DAY BY DAY

### DAY 1 MORNING FLIGHT TO BALTRA COLORADO HILL

Transfer in - Lunch at noon.

**Cerro Colorado:** Dry landing. After a bus ride of 45 minutes to reach Cerro Colorado, where you can see giant Galapagos tortoises in a Breeding Center.

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: 2 Hours approximately

Evening dinner

### DAY 2 ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

### **Gardner Bay:**

Morning breakfast. Wet Landing. Located on the north coast of Española Island. The main attraction is the colony of sea lions, which inhabit the beach in great quantity during the breeding season. Both resident and migratory birds are observed.

Difficulty: Easy Duration: 2 Hours Lunch at noon.

### **Suarez Point:**

Dry Landing. During the walk on this island you can see sea lions, marine iguanas, blue footed boobies, Nazca boobies, Darwin finches, Galapagos hawks, albatrosses, lava lizards, herons.

Difficulty: Hard Duration: 2 Hours Evening dinner

## **SUMMARY**

Venture to the Eastern Galapagos Islands on this fascinating 5-day cruise itinerary from San Cristobal to Santa Cruz. Get up close to giant tortoises at the Cerro Colorado Breeding Center and sea lions in beautiful Gardner Bay, then embark on a hike to spot marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, Darwin finches and Galapagos hawks at Punta Suarez. Learn about the archipelago's whaling history at Post Office Bay and snorkel with tropical fish and sea turtles at beautiful Tortuga Bay.

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### DAY 3 FLOREANA ISLAND

### **Post Office Bay:**

Morning breakfast. Wet Landing. This is one of the few visitor sites, that is visited for its human history. Whaling Captain James Colnett established the wooden post barrel in the early 1793. At the time whaling was a big industry, ships were typically gone for 2 years at a time. The Galapagos Islands were a frequent stop for these ships. Outbound ships would drop off letters after rounding the cape and the ships returning home would mail them. Over the years thousands of ships have stopped to send and receive mail at Post Office Bay. Many have posted a sign of driftwood or other materials memorializing their visit. This is the only area in the Galapagos were graffiti is still acceptable.

### **Cormorant Point:**

Wet Landing. This site has a sandy olivine beach for walking and swimming. The island also has a flamingo lagoon. In addition, white sand beach where sea turtles nest from December to May.

### DAY 4 SANTA FE & TORTUGA BAY

### Santa Fe:

Morning breakfast. Wet Landing. Snorkeling in the rocky coast of the island to watch different species of fish and sea turtles. You can see colonies of sea lions, land iguanas, frigate birds, Galapagos doves and lava lizards. On the island you can see a forest of giant cacti and Palo Santo trees.

### Tortuga Bay:

Dry Landing. Interesting walk to the Turtle Bay beach, perhaps the most beautiful beaches in the Galapagos, we can swim and snorkel observing colonies of marine iguanas, pelicans, Darwin's finches, sharks, sea turtles, the incredible forest Giant Cactus,

### DAY 5 SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

### **EL Chato:**

Morning breakfast. Dry Landing.

El Chato reserve is divided into two areas; Caseta and Chato. The trail begins at Santa Rosa, 22 km from Puerto Ayora, with the Caseta route being the more challenging. The reserve allows visitors to observe giant tortoises in the wild during the dry season, and is also a good place to spot short-eared owls, Darwin's finches, yellow warblers, Galapagos rails and paint-billed crakes.

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: 1 hour 30 Minutes.

Transfer out to Baltra's Airport

