

CHINESE HAT

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Operation Day: Every Thursday

Meeting point and hour: 7:00 am / At the entrance of Puerto Ayora's Church, in front of the pier and aside from the restaurant "El Descanso del Guía"

Departing pier: Itabaca Channel

Arriving pier: Itabaca Channel

Coming hour: 17h00 approx.

Join us for an enchanting day tour of the fascinating Sombrero Chino, as it's called in Spanish. This inactive volcano islet, located near Santiago Island, has a peculiar shape that resembles a traditional Chinese hat. That's why its name.

Upon disembarking on its pristine white sand beach, after two hours of sailing from the Itabaca Channel, you'll be stepping into a world of dramatic contrasts. We'll explore rugged lava formations, creating an otherworldly backdrop for our adventure. The landscape here is not just unique; it's breathtakingly beautiful, with a mix of rough lava flows and soft, inviting sands.

Get ready to encounter the playful Galapagos sea lions, who often grace the beaches of Chinese Hat. These friendly creatures highlight the island, offering up-close encounters in their natural habitat. And keep your eyes peeled for the marine iguanas basking in the sun – these prehistoric-looking creatures are a sight to behold.



Sometimes, if we're lucky, we might spot the majestic Galapagos hawk soaring overhead, a true symbol of the wild spirit of the Galapagos. The surrounding waters are also home to fascinating marine life, including a variety of fish, sharks, and occasionally rays and penguins.

Our journey then takes us on a Zodiac ride along the coast of nearby Santiago Island. Here, we have the chance to witness a few penguins, and with some luck, we might even see them darting playfully in the water.

The snorkeling experience near Santiago's coast is an underwater spectacle not to be missed. Immerse yourself in the clear waters to discover an array of colorful fish, sharks, and, occasionally, rays and penguins swimming alongside you.

Our itinerary begins with a Zodiac tour and a guided walk on the island, culminating in an exhilarating snorkeling experience.



We gathered for our adventure at 7:00 AM at the entrance of the church, and our journey both began and ended at the Itabaca Channel. After a day filled with discovery and awe, we expect to return around 5:00 PM.

Included Services	Not Included Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboard lunch • Coffee and tea station • Snorkel and mask • Towels • Fins (Must be requested 72 hours before the tour date) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetsuits * • Soft drinks onboard <p>* Available for rent Must be requested 72 hours before the tour date</p>
Don't forget to bring	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfortable trekking shoes • Sandals for the beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimsuit • Hat and sunglasses • Sunscreen