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Brief itinerary and visitor sites

7-Night Cruise / Sunday-Sunday

				Walking	Snorkeling	Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding	Dinghy ride
DAY 1 SUNDAY	1	✈	Arrival to Baltra Island Airport				
	2	PM	Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island	◆	◆		
DAY 2 MONDAY	3 4	AM	Kicker Rock ● / Witch Hill, San Cristobal Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	5	PM	Lobos Island, San Cristobal Island	◆	◆		◆
DAY 3 TUESDAY	6 7 8	AM	Gardner Bay / Gardner and Osborn Islets, Española Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	9	PM	Suarez Point, Española Island	◆			
DAY 4 WEDNESDAY	10	AM	Santa Fe Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	11	PM	Fausto Llerena Breeding Center / Highlands of Santa Cruz Island	◆			
DAY 5 THURSDAY	12	AM	South Plaza Island	◆			
	13	PM	Bartholomew Island	◆	◆		◆
DAY 6 FRIDAY	14 15	AM	Devil's Crown / Cormorant Point, Floreana Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	16 17	PM	The Baroness' Overlook / Post Office Bay, Floreana Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
DAY 7 SATURDAY	18	AM	Chinese Hat, Santiago Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	19	PM	North Seymour Island	◆	◆		◆
DAY 8 SUNDAY	20	AM	Black Turtle Cove, Santa Cruz Island				◆
	21	✈	Transfer to Baltra Airport				

● Circumnavigation

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SUNDAY - SUNDAY



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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

(**B:** breakfast/ **L:** lunch/ **D:** dinner)

SUNDAY
BALTRA AIRPORT – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Dragon Hill

Upon arrival, reception and assistance at the airport, transfer from Baltra Airport to the M/C Endemic.

In the afternoon, visit to Dragon Hill will take place, which is located in the north-western part of Santa Cruz Island. Here you will have the opportunity to walk into the island and view the land iguana. Be among these magnificent reptiles, that just a few decades ago were on the brink of extinction.

Moreover, at Dragon Hill you will see a flamingos' lagoon, pintail ducks and other endemic birds including flycatchers and warblers. After a short trek, amazing view awaits us up the hill. Offshore snorkeling before returning to the yacht.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling
Type of landing: Dry landing
Difficulty: Easy
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MONDAY
SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: Kicker Rock - Witch Hill – Lobos Island

In the morning, the first spot to be visited is Kicker Rock, an impressive geological formation due to erosion. This is a nesting place of sea birds and a nice spot to take pictures while the vessels circumnavigate around the rock.

Activities: Circumnavigation
Type of landing: No landing
Difficulty: ------

The next attraction to see is Witch Hill, a tuff cone hill located south west from San Cristobal. This name comes from the Spanish name of the bird known in English as Vermilion Flycatcher.

A dinghy ride will take passengers into amazing rock formations along the island shore. A white sand beach and crystal-clear waters are part of this enchanted location. Fantastic opportunity for snorkeling.

Activities: Walking, dinghy ride, snorkeling & kayaking.
Type of landing: Wet landing
Difficulty: Easy

In the afternoon, you will be taken to Lobos Island, where a small population of blue-footed boobies, frigates, marine iguanas, and great frigate birds nesting can be observed. Snorkeling with sea lions in this calm bay is also part of the excursion.

Activities: Short Walk (less than 0.6 mi/ 1 km), dinghy ride and/or snorkeling.
Type of landing: DRY landing
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate.

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TUESDAY
ESPAÑOLA ISLAND: Gardner Bay/ Osborn & Gardner islets – Suarez Point

Española Island will be explored today. You will have the chance to observe endemic wildlife such as the Hood-Mockingbird. This is the southernmost island in the Galapagos archipelago, and home to several wildlife species, including masked and blue-footed boobies. Spectacular views from the top of a cliff.

In the morning, after breakfast, the first attraction to be seen is Gardner Bay that provides an excellent beach for swimming. Around the small islets nearby, snorkelers will find lots of fish and sometimes turtles and sharks. The bay is also frequented by colonies of sea lions which like to swim with you.

Or visit the Osborn and Gardner islets that are amazing for underwater discovery. Snorkeling is a highlight on this visitor point.

Activities: Snorkeling, dinghy ride, kayaking, short walk of (0.6 miles/ 1 KM)
Type of landing: Wet landing
Difficulty: Easy

After lunch, Point Suarez will be visited, which represents one of the most outstanding wildlife areas of the archipelago, with a long list of species found along its cliffs and sand or pebble beach.

Activities: Walking (1.9 mi/ 3 km)
Type of landing: DRY landing
Difficulty: Difficult

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WEDNESDAY
SANTA FE ISLAND – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Fausto Llerena Breeding Center / Highlands

In the morning, after breakfast, Santa Fe island will be visited, which is one of the most entertaining destinations for shore excursions in the Galapagos Islands. It has two trail choices for visitors, one of which takes you to the tallest Opuntia cactus in the Galapagos. While the other trail takes you into the highlands where land iguanas can be seen. After a long walk, the opportunity to swim in calm waters or snorkel with playful sea lions will be pretty tempting.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling.
Type of landing: Dry landing
Difficulty: Moderate.

In the afternoon, visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, which is also known as Charles Darwin Research Station. This place has an information center, a museum, a library and a tortoise breeding station. In the tortoise breeding station, you can encounter tortoises of different subspecies, which are prepared for reintroduction to their natural habitats. The most popular inhabitant of this Station is probably the Lonesome George turtle, that already died in 2012.

As part of your day, we will head towards the Highlands of Santa Cruz to admire the famous giant tortoises in the wild. It is impressive to see these endemic animals that give the name to the archipelago, Galapagos. Birdwatching is also one of the activities in the highlands, since this area is home of finches and other Galapagos birds. Finally we walk into lava caves to see the enormous lava flows that formed the islands before continuing back to the M/C Endemic.

Activities: Walking
Type of landing: Dry landing
Difficulty: Easy

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THURSDAY
SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND – BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND

In the morning, South Plazas island is the next island to be discovered. It has unique Sesuvium plants and Opuntia cactuses scattered across the landscape which provide some of the most interesting wildlife observations available in Galapagos. Land iguanas are easily seen from the trail, frequently under the shade of cactuses, waiting for a prickly pear to fall.

Activities: Walking (1.5 mi/ 2.5 Km)
Type of landing: Dry landing
Difficulty: Moderate

After lunch, you will discover Bartholomew Island. Once here, you will ascend to admire the spectacular panorama of the Sullivan Bay and the famous Pinnacle Rock. The beaches at the foot of the Pinnacle Rock are excellent for snorkeling from which you can discover the marvelous underwater world, and with a little luck, you'll get to snorkel with penguins.

Activities: Dinghy ride, snorkeling & walking (1.2mi/ 2km)
Type of landing: Wet landing
Difficulty: Easy

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FRIDAY
FLOREANA ISLAND: Devil´s Crown /Cormorant Point - Baroness' Lookout/ Post Office Bay

In the morning, after breakfast, the first spot to be visited is Devil´s Crown that is an underwater volcanic crater, almost covered completely by Galapagos waters. Just a small portion of the rock formation can be seen from above and it looks like a crown. The underwater world is very rich in coral reefs, abundant marine species. Birds are also part of this visitor point due to its location in open waters.

Or visit Cormorant Point where you will land on a green olivine sand beach. Following a 100 meters long path you will soon reach a lagoon with flamingos.

Activities: Dinghy ride, snorkeling & walking.
Type of landing: Wet landing
Difficulty: Easy/ moderate

In the afternoon, you will visit the Baroness' Lookout (Mirador de la Baronesa). This viewpoint is located on the north of Floreana Island. The way up and trail is very easy, steps are placed in this area for security. Your naturalist guide will tell the murder and mystery legend of the Baroness.

Or you will go to the Post Office Bay, which keeps the legendary post barrel that whalers historically used to post their mail in.

Activities: Short walk (less than 0.6mi/ 1km) & snorkeling.
Type of landing: Wet landing
Difficulty: Easy

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SATURDAY
SANTIAGO ISLAND: Chinese Hat – NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

In the morning, after breakfast you will visit Chinese Hat, which is a small islet off the south coast of Santiago, with a maximum elevation of 160 feet (52 meters). Though within easy reach of Santa Cruz, Chinese Hat is typically only visited by those aboard a Galapagos Cruise.

Activities: walking, snorkeling, kayaking, dinghy ride.
Type of landing: Wet landing
Difficulty: Easy

In the afternoon, North Seymour island will be discovered. It is located slightly to the north of Baltra. It is a low, flat island, formed by submarine lava formation uplift. Covered with low, bushy vegetation, it contains the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds in the Galapagos. There is also a large population of blue-footed boobies that perform an amusing courtship dance when nesting conditions are right.

Activities: walking, snorkeling, dinghy ride.
Type of landing: Dry landing
Difficulty: Moderate/ difficult

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SUNDAY
SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Black Turtle Cove – BALTRA AIRPORT

After breakfast, enjoy the visit to Black Turtle Cove, which is located on the north shore of Santa Cruz. It is a living illustration of how mangroves alter the marine environment to create a rich and unique habitat. Three mangrove species crowd the area from the shore out into the lagoon, which reaches almost a mile inland.

As you drift through quiet waters in the dinghy, you are likely to see spotted eagle rays and diamond shaped mustard rays, which swim in a diamond formation. White-tipped reef sharks slip beneath the boat and Pacific green sea turtles come to the surface for air and to mate. Waterfowl, including pelicans, herons and egret, all feed in the cove. This is a peaceful place that will make you feel calm.

Activities: dinghy ride, snorkeling.
Type of landing: No landing
Difficulty: Easy

After this last visit, transfer to Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.

Assistance and farewell at the airport.

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End of cruise

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