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GALAPAGOS ISLANDS / ENDEMIC ENTRY LUXURY YACHT

Brief itinerary and visitor sites

4-Night Cruise / Sunday-Thursday

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		Transfer to Baltra Airport			

Walking · Snorkeling · Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding · Dinghy ride · ● Circumnavigation

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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 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– BALTRA AIRPORT

In the morning, South Plaza 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

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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