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D GALAPAGOS ISLANDS / MONIQUE LUXURY YACHT

Brief itinerary and visitor sites

4-Night Cruise / Sunday - Thursday

			Walking	Snorkeling	Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding	Dinghy ride
DAY 1 SUNDAY	1	Arrival to San Cristobal Airport				
	2 3 PM	Witch Hill / Kicker Rock, San Cristobal Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
DAY 2 MONDAY	4 AM	Santa Fe Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	5 PM	South Plaza Island	◆		◆	◆
DAY 3 TUESDAY	6 AM	Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island	◆	◆		◆
	7 PM	Bartholomew Island	◆	◆		◆
DAY 4 WEDNESDAY	8 AM	Prince Philip's Steps, Genovesa Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	9 PM	Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
DAY 5 THURSDAY	10 AM	Black Turtle Cove, Santa Cruz Island				◆
	11	Transfer to Baltra Island Airport				

● Circumnavigation

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4-Night Cruise

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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

AM: San Cristobal Airport Arrival

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and assisted at the airport, then transferred from San Cristobal Airport to the M/C Monique.

PM: Witch Hill & Kicker Rock (San Cristobal Island)
In the afternoon, head to Witch Hill, a secluded bay with fine white sand and crystal-clear waters perfect for swimming or snorkeling. Its shallow saltwater lagoon offers a peaceful setting ideal for spotting marine life and enjoying views of Kicker Rock from a unique vantage point.

During a circumnavigation, you will enjoy breathtaking views of Kicker Rock — a towering, twin-peaked volcanic formation rising from the sea. This iconic landmark is a haven for seabirds such as blue-footed boobies and frigatebirds, often seen perched on its narrow ledges

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride, Kayaking/Stand-up paddleboarding (Kicker Rock circumnavigation)
Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Monday

AM: Santa Fe Island
Begin your morning by landing on Santa Fe, one of the oldest islands in the Galapagos, known for its towering forests of Opuntia cacti and distinctive pale-yellow land iguanas. Hike along scenic trails that lead you across the island's arid landscape or into the highlands, where these endemic iguanas bask under the sun. After your walk, cool off in the calm, crystal-clear waters of the bay — ideal for swimming or snorkeling alongside playful sea lions, rays, and colorful reef fish.

Activities: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride, Kayaking/Stand-up paddleboarding
Difficulty: Moderate

PM: South Plaza Island
In the afternoon, explore the compact yet incredibly diverse South Plaza Island. Its vivid red and green Sesuvium ground cover contrasts dramatically with the island's black lava and towering prickly pear cacti. Here, you can often see swallow-tailed gulls, tropicbirds, and other seabirds nesting or riding the thermals above the crashing waves.

Activities: Walking, Dinghy ride, Kayaking/Stand-up paddleboarding
Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Tuesday

AM: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

In the morning, you will visit Sullivan Bay, located on the east coast of Santiago Island. We land on a white coral sand beach and begin our walk over lava that flowed less than 100 years ago. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galapagos. Also, in this area you will admire flora that grows in lava fields.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy Ride
Difficulty: Easy

PM: Bartholomew Island

In the afternoon, you will discover Bartholomew Island. Once here, you will ascend to admire the spectacular panorama of 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 and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride
Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Wednesday

AM: Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa Island)

In the morning, you will go to El Barranco (Prince Philip's Steps), a staircase carved out of stone. This will lead you to a wide plateau, where you can observe large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels, and red-footed boobies. During this easy stroll you will cross a small Scalesia forest, habitat of the short-eared owl. The same path will lead you back to your boat.

Activities: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy Ride, Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

In the visit to Darwin Bay, which is the only sandy beach found in the caldera on Genovesa. Colonies of the Great Frigates are found along the beach. Males exhibit their red gular pouch to females in an effort to attract a mate.

Red-footed boobies nest in the trees, in contrast to the other two booby species, which do so on the ground.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy Ride, Kayaking / Stand-up paddleboarding
Difficulty: Moderate

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Thursday
AM: Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)
In the morning, you'll explore Black Turtle Cove, located along the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This site vividly demonstrates how mangroves shape the marine ecosystem, forming a vibrant and unique habitat. Three different species of mangroves extend from the shore deep into the water, stretching nearly a mile inland.

While gliding silently through the calm waters aboard a dinghy, you may spot spotted eagle rays and mustard rays gracefully swimming in formation. Keep an eye out for white-tipped reef sharks gliding beneath the surface and Pacific green sea turtles surfacing to breathe or mate. The area is also a haven for waterfowl, such as pelicans, herons, and egrets, all drawn by the cove's rich feeding grounds.

Activities and Excursions: Dinghy ride
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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