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# CACHALOTE EXPLORER TOWER + FERNANDINA ITINERARY

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15 DAYS | 14 NIGHTS



# ITINERARY SUMMARY

- LOCATIONS** Galapagos Islands (Eastern): Santa Cruz, Plazas, Santa Fe, San Cristobal, Kicker Rock, Española, Santiago, Floreana, Genovesa, (Western): Rabida, Sombrero Chino, Isabela, Fernandina, North Seymour
- DURATION** 15 DAYS | 14 NIGHTS
- ACTIVITIES** Wildlife viewing, walking, hiking, snorkelling, land visits to inhabited and uninhabited islands in the National Park, sightseeing, kayaking
- HIGHLIGHTS** Tours to inhabited and uninhabited islands in National Park, snorkelling or kayaking in renowned marine reserve, tortoise reserve, beautiful beaches, and more!
- INCLUDED** All amenities of the yacht, certified naturalist guide, excursions, meals, and activities mentioned in itinerary, snorkelling gear, access to kayaks
- NOT INCLUDED** Flights, Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee, Migratory Card Fee, bottled and alcoholic beverages, personal expenses, tips





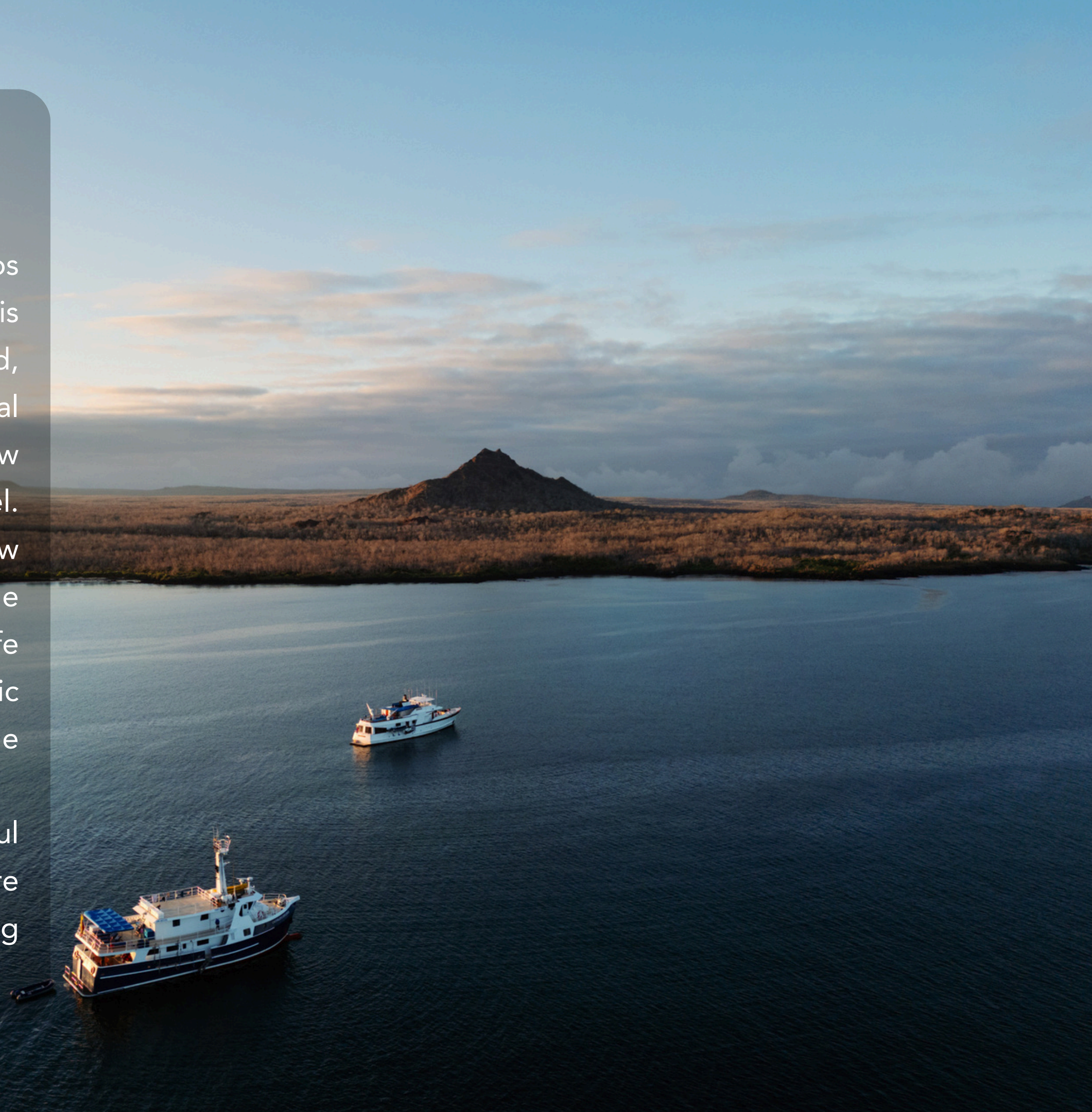
# THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Nestled in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Galapagos Islands stand as a testament to the sheer wonder of nature. Renowned for unparalleled biodiversity and otherworldly landscapes, this UNESCO National site beckons both adventurers and nature enthusiasts. Each moment spent in this remote archipelago feels like stepping into an untouched realm where time stands still and endemic species thrive in splendid isolation.

Uncover the secrets below the water in one of the world's largest and most renowned marine reserves. This enchanting archipelago is not just a destination, but an experience unlike any other, a journey into the heart of our planet's natural heritage. Here, amidst the cradle of evolution, one can't help but marvel at the intricate tapestry of life that unfolds at every turn. In the Galapagos, the mystical and the magnificent converge, leaving an indelible mark on all who are fortunate enough to wander its shores.

# THE CRUISE EXPERIENCE

Embarking on a boutique cruise through the Galápagos Islands is one of the most immersive ways to experience this extraordinary destination. With fewer passengers on board, these intimate journeys create a relaxed, personal atmosphere, inviting genuine connections with fellow travellers while enjoying the comforts of a live-aboard vessel. As your yacht travels overnight, each day begins in a new location, maximizing your time exploring these remarkable islands. Guided by expert naturalists, you'll encounter wildlife found nowhere else on Earth, set against dramatic volcanic landscapes, with opportunities to snorkel in one of the largest and most biodiverse marine reserves on the planet. More than just a voyage, our yachts offer a meaningful journey. A quiet, more refined way to explore, where there are no crowds, only a sense of peace, and a lasting connection to the magic of the Galapagos.



# THE TOWER + FERNANDINA COMBO ITINERARY



# CACHALOTE EXPLORER

- First-Class
- Up to 16 passengers
- 8 Cabins w/ private bathrooms
- Air-conditioning
- Multiple common areas





# DAY 1

## ARRIVAL, TORTOISE RESERVE, CHARLES DARWIN STATION

Upon arriving at Baltra Airport, your guide will welcome you and escort you to a bus heading to the canal, where a ferry will take you to Santa Cruz Island. You will board our bus and enjoy a scenic drive to Los Gemelos (sunken craters) for breathtaking views. Next, you'll visit a Tortoise Reserve to observe these incredible creatures in their natural environment and enjoy a delicious lunch. Afterwards, explore the Charles Darwin Station to learn about the tortoise breeding program and see tortoises at various stages of life. If time allows, take a leisurely stroll through the charming streets of Puerto Ayora. Then board a dinghy to your yacht located in Academy Bay, where the friendly crew will welcome you onboard. Enjoy a delightful dinner and settle into your cabin for the night, as the yacht begins motoring to its first destination.



**Place(s):** Baltra Island, Santa Cruz Island



**Sights:** Los Gemelos, Tortoise Reserve, town of Puerto Ayora, Charles Darwin Station, beautiful landscape of the highlands



**Activity level:** Easy ●○○○○

**Activities:** Walking at tortoise reserve & Charles Darwin Station



**Wildlife you may see:** Tortoises, endemic birds, sea lions, marine iguanas, lava lizards, various marine life off docks



**Meals included:** lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 2

## SOUTH PLAZAS & SANTA FE ISLAND

Awake to the stunning views of South Plazas Island and enjoy a delicious breakfast before your morning adventure begins. A dinghy will escort you to the island, where you'll be greeted by sea lions. Wander along a scenic trail for apx. 1.5 hours, scattered with red-billed tropic birds, swallow-tail gulls and land iguanas as you reach a cliff lookout, offering breathtaking views of the landscape and bachelor sea lions. After, return to the yacht for lunch as it motors to Santa Fe Island. Upon arrival prepare for your first snorkel in the celebrated Galapagos Marine Park, with the chance to swim alongside playful sea lions and other unique marine life. Later in the afternoon, step onto a pristine beach dotted with sea lions and begin an up-hill walk up where towering opuntia cacti and vibrant yellow land iguanas thrive. Back aboard, End the day with a satisfying dinner and a debrief of today's highlights and tomorrow's plans.



**Place(s):** South Plazas Island, Santa Fe Island



**Sights:** Beautiful landscapes, flora and fauna of South Plazas and Santa Fe Island



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, endemic birds, land & marine iguanas, lava lizards, sharks, rays, sea turtles



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 3

## SAN CRISTOBAL

Wake up to San Cristobal Island, the easternmost and oldest island of this remarkable archipelago. Following breakfast, prepare for your first visit to Cerro Brujo, near the historic spot where Charles Darwin first arrived in the Galapagos. After a quick dinghy ride, step onto a white sandy beach, and take a scenic walk along the shore to a nearby lagoon (apx. 1.5 h). Enjoy a snorkel session in the coastal waters before returning to the boat for lunch. As we journey toward Kicker Rock, take in the striking views as we circumnavigate this iconic landmark. From there, we continue to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, where a bus will take you to the highlands of San Cristobal. Explore El Junco, the only freshwater crater lake in Galapagos, and visit the tortoise breeding center to learn about conservation efforts. Then, venture to La Galapaguera to observe tortoises roaming in their natural habitat. Return to the yacht for dinner and a debrief.



**Place(s):** San Cristobal Island



**Sights:** Cerro Brujo, Kicker Rock, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, El Junco, La Galapaguera



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Tortoises, sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, lava lizards, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 4

## ESPAÑOLA ISLAND, GARDNER BAY & PUNTA SUAREZ

Wake up to the stunning landscapes of Española Island. After breakfast, take a wet landing onto the pristine white sands of Gardner Bay, where sea lions lounge, hawks glide above, and curious mockingbirds may join your walk. Following this serene exploration, return to the yacht to snorkel among vibrant marine life, including colorful fish, sea turtles, and playful sea lions, before enjoying a delicious onboard lunch.

In the afternoon, journey to Punta Suarez where you will dingy to a pier and take a scenic hike along dramatic cliffs. Marvel at the natural Blowhole and spot unique wildlife like Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, and striking marine iguanas. From April to December, witness the graceful courtship rituals of the Waved Albatrosses. End the day with dinner and a debrief on the yacht, which will sail overnight to Floreana Island.



**Place(s):** Española Island, Gardner Bay, Punta Suarez



**Sights:** Beautiful landscapes of Española Island, Gardner bay and Punta Suarez



**Activity level:** Moderate ●●●○○

**Activities:** Walking, hiking (rugged terrain), snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, boobies, Waved Albatross (April - Dec), mocking bird, sharks, rays, sea turtles, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks

# DAY 5

## FLOREANA ISLAND

Start your day on Floreana Island, known for its colorful history of pirates, whalers, convicts, and early settlers and home to a small community of fewer than 200 people. Begin your morning with a dinghy ride to Punta Cormorant, where you'll explore a scenic trail connecting two beaches. Along the way, visit a large lagoon frequented by flamingos. Return to the yacht to prepare for snorkeling at the renowned Devil's Crown, a submerged volcanic crater just off Punta Cormorant. Known as one of the top snorkeling spots in the Galapagos, teeming with vibrant marine life, offering an unforgettable underwater experience. After lunch onboard, the yacht will take a short journey to Post Office Bay. Here, take a brief walk to the historic wooden mail barrel, where visitors can leave letters or postcards to be picked up by future travellers, as well as the remnants of an old Norwegian tuna canning location. Return for a delicious dinner and a debrief then motor overnight.



**Place(s):** Floreana Island



**Sights:** Punta Cormorant, beautiful beaches and wildlife, Devil's Crown, vibrant sealife, Post Office Bay



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, endemic birds, flamingos, marine iguanas, tropical fish, sharks, rays, eels, sea turtles, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks





# DAY 6

## SANTA CRUZ & SANTIAGO ISLAND

Start your day on the scenic north coast of Santa Cruz Island with an excursion to Dragon Hill (Cerro Dragón). After a dry landing, embark on a 1.5-hour guided walk, beginning with a stroll past a lagoon where flamingos and pintail ducks often gather. Continue inland to discover a unique habitat for land iguanas, and make your way up the hill for a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding landscape.

Return to the yacht for lunch as you cruise towards Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island. Here, you'll take an awe-inspiring walk on rugged, 100-year-old pahoehoe lava flows, dotted with distinctive lava cacti. Afterwards, prepare for a refreshing snorkel in the bay, where diverse marine life awaits, and if you're lucky, you might even spot a Galapagos penguin.

Back on board, enjoy dinner and a debriefing as the yacht begins its journey to Genovesa Island (Tower), setting the stage for the next adventure.



**Place(s):** N. Santa Cruz, Santiago Island



**Sights:** Beautiful landscapes, Sullivan Bay, ancient lava flows



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○

**Activities:** Walking, hiking (rugged terrain), snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Penguins, sea lions, endemic birds, land iguanas, tropical fish, sea turtles, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 7

## GENOVESA (TOWER) ISLAND

Begin your morning anchored inside the stunning caldera of Genovesa Island. Enjoy breakfast before heading to Darwin Bay by dinghy. Here, a short beach walk brings you into a vibrant nesting ground for red-footed boobies, frigatebirds, lava gulls, tropicbirds, doves, storm petrels, and yellow-crowned night herons. Take in the fascinating diversity of avian life. Return to the yacht and prepare for a snorkel or kayak in the caldera's deep waters, where marine life is abundant. After lunch prepare for a snorkel, where you may spot the shy scalloped hammerhead sharks. Return to the yacht to get ready for an adventure at Prince Philip's Steps. Upon arrival, fur seals may greet you at the landing site before you ascend up the steps to the island's outer edge, passing through trails lined with fragrant palo santo trees. Here, keep an eye out for short-eared owls and nesting boobies. Enjoy a delicious dinner on board and a debriefing to reflect on the day's sights as you cruise to your next destination.



**Place(s):** Genovesa (Tower) Island



**Sights:** Diverse bird nesting grounds, Prince Philip's steps, snorkeling in the caldera, opportunity to see scalloped hammerhead sharks



**Activity level:** Moderate ●●●○○

**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling (choppy water), kayaking



**Wildlife you may see:** Scalloped hammerhead, sea lions, boobies, doves, lava gull, yellow crowned night heron, storm petrels, tropic birds, short-eared owl, endemic birds, fur seals, marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 8

## SANTA CRUZ

The morning begins at the peaceful Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz Island. Enjoy a scenic dinghy ride through this serene red mangrove lagoon, where calm waters create the perfect habitat for an abundance of marine life. Keep an eye out for green sea turtles gliding beneath the surface, along with rays, juvenile sharks, and other species that thrive in this protected ecosystem.

After exploring the lagoon, return to the yacht for breakfast as you navigate back toward Baltra Island. From here, you may join newly arriving guests for another visit to the Giant Tortoise Reserve and the Charles Darwin Research Station, or spend some time exploring the lively town of Puerto Ayora, or opt for a personalized excursion that we would be happy to arrange in advance (available at an additional cost).



**Place(s):** Santa Cruz



**Sights:** Black Turtle Cove, tortoise reserve, Charles Darwin Station



**Activity level:** Easy ●○○○○○

**Activities:** dinghy ride



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea turtles, rays, sharks, endemic birds, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast



# DAY 9

## SOMBRERO CHINO & RABIDA

Start your day with breathtaking views of Sombrero Chino (“Chinese Hat”), a small volcanic island near the southeastern tip of Santiago. After a wet landing on its pristine white sand beach, you’ll encounter the island’s unique wildlife on a guided 1.5-hour walk. Back on Cachalote Explorer, prepare for your first snorkeling adventure in the canal, where you may encounter sea lions, reef sharks, penguins, rays, and a vibrant array of tropical fish. Savor a delightful lunch onboard as Cachalote Explorer cruises to Rábida Island, renowned for its striking red beaches. Here, embark on a 1.5-hour guided walk to spot flamingos, nesting pelicans, marine iguanas, and a bachelor colony of sea lions. Cap off the afternoon with an invigorating snorkeling session along Rábida’s colorful coast. Return to the yacht to unwind with a delicious dinner while your guide recaps the day’s highlights and shares plans for the next adventure. Motor overnight to your next destination.



**Place(s):** Sombrero Chino, Rabida



**Sights:** Beautiful landscapes of Sombrero Chino and Rabida, various wildlife



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, lava lizards, sharks, rays, sea turtles, penguins, flamingos



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 10

## ISABELA ISLAND & SULPHUR MINES

Awake to the stunning vistas of Isabela Island's southern tip, where the charming town of Puerto Villamil awaits. After breakfast, a dinghy ride takes you to Isabela's main dock, followed by a scenic bus journey to a trailhead where you will begin your hike to the sulfur mines, which are apart of a network of Sierra Negra, one of Galapagos's most active volcanoes. The landscape gradually transforms, where steaming fumaroles release sulfur-rich gases from deep within the Earth, offering a fascinating glimpse into the island's volcanic heart. After, return to Cachalote for lunch before heading back to Villamil. Spend the afternoon visiting the tortoise breeding center, strolling around the flamingo lagoon, and enjoying free time to explore this coastal town at your leisure. After, savor a delicious dinner onboard while your guide recaps the day's highlights and previews tomorrow's adventures.



**Place(s):** Isabela Island, sulphur mines, town of Puerto Villamil



**Sights:** Amazing sights of the sulphur mines, the quaint town of Puerto Villamil, tortoises at breeding center, flamingo lagoon



**Activity level:** Moderate ●●●○○

**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling, kayaking (opt.)



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, various endemic birds, marine iguanas, vermilion fly catcher, flamingos, penguins, rays, reef sharks, tropic fish



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 11

## WESTERN ISABELA, PUNTA MORENO, & ELIZABETH BAY

Start your morning with a hearty breakfast before embarking on a scenic dinghy ride around rocks and islets of Western Isabela, home to an array of wildlife including cormorants, playful sea lions, and Galápagos penguins. Next, explore Punta Moreno with a 1.5-hour guided walk across striking black lava fields, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding volcanoes and unique geological features. Return to Cachalote Explorer to gear up for your first snorkel of the day, where you might encounter sea turtles, seahorses, rays, sharks, and colorful tropical fish. After a refreshing lunch onboard, continue to Elizabeth Bay. A peaceful dinghy ride takes you through a lush lagoon, where mangroves create a serene sanctuary for sea turtles, rays, penguins, and other marine life. Conclude your day with a delicious dinner and a recap on the day's highlights. Motor through the night to your next destination.



**Place(s):** W.Isabela, Punta Moreno, Elizabeth Bay



**Sights:** Stunning landscapes of Western Isabela, rock and islets teeming with life, Punta Moreno and Elizabeth Bay



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Tortoises, sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, lava lizards, sea turtles, penguins, rays, reef sharks



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 12

## URBINA BAY & TAGUS COVE

Awaken to the sights of Urbina Bay, a fascinating location that emerged from the ocean floor in 1954, leaving remnants of the seabed visible to this day. Embark on a guided walk along the trail, where you'll encounter giant tortoises and vibrant land iguanas in their natural habitat. Afterward, enjoy a snorkel directly from the beach. Return to Cachalote Explorer for a delicious lunch before continuing your journey. In the afternoon, arrive at Tagus Cove, a historic harbor once favored by whalers and pirates, who left their marks by carving names into the cliffs and rocks. Here, take a hike to Darwin's Crater, a striking saltwater lake surrounded by breathtaking views of the island's volcanic landscapes (approximately a 1-hour walk). Afterward, prepare for an exhilarating dinghy ride or snorkeling session in the cove's tranquil waters, teeming with marine life. Conclude the day with a satisfying dinner aboard the yacht, followed by a debrief on the day's discoveries.



**Place(s):** Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove



**Sights:** Unique sights and reminance of seabed on Urbina Bay, historic harbor of Tagus Cove



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, tortoises, land and marine iguanas, various endemic birds, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 13

## FERNANDINA ISLAND

During the night, motor to Fernandina Island, the youngest and most westerly of the Galapagos Islands, renowned for its active volcanoes. After breakfast, take a dinghy to Punta Espinoza, home to large colonies of marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, Galapagos hawks, and the non-venomous Galapagos snake. Enjoy a leisurely guided walk along flat trails. Return to the yacht to gear up for an exciting snorkel in the bay. After lunch onboard, the journey continues back to Isabela Island, arriving at Punta Vicente Roca. Known for its towering cliffs, breathtaking vistas, and a hidden cave, this location offers an unforgettable snorkeling experience. Glide along the cliffs and mouth of the cave towards a calm bay where you may encounter resting sea turtles, flightless cormorants, and a variety of marine life. Back on board, change for a scenic circumnavigation of the cliffs, providing up-close views of the dramatic coastline. End the day with a special celebration of crossing the Equator, followed by a delightful dinner.



**Place(s):** Fernandina Island, Isabela Island: Punta Vincente Roca



**Sights:** Fernandina and its beautiful landscape and marine iguana colonies, Punta Vincente Roca, crossing the equator



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate ●●○○○  
**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, Galapagos Hawk, marine iguanas, Galapagos Snake, Sea turtles, flightless cormorant, penguins



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 14

## SANTIAGO ISLAND & BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND

Wake up to the stunning views of Santiago Island. After breakfast, take a dinghy to Playa Espumilla, where golden sands meet lush green mangroves. This serene spot is home to pintail ducks, flamingos, sea turtle nests, and Galapagos hawks. Enjoy a swim or snorkel before heading to Buccaneer's Cove for a scenic circumnavigation. Once a pirate hideout and a temporary home for Charles Darwin, the cove is teeming with wildlife, including swallow-tailed gulls, fur seals, brown noddies, and pelicans.

Return to the boat for lunch, then journey to Bartolomé Island, renowned for its iconic Pinnacle Rock and breathtaking views. Ascend the stairs to marvel at the panorama. Snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, where you might encounter penguins, rays, sharks, and vibrant tropical fish.

End your day with dinner and a debrief on board, enjoying the spectacular scenery as you sail overnight to North Seymour.



**Place(s):** Santiago Island, Bartolomé Island



**Sights:** Beautiful landscapes, Pinnacle Rock and 360 views



**Activity level:** Moderate ●●●○○

**Activities:** Walking, hiking, stairs, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Penguins, sea lions, fur seals, endemic birds: pintail ducks, swallow-tailed gulls, tropical fish, rays, sea turtles



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 15

## NORTH SEYMOUR & DEPARTURE

On your final day, before breakfast, take a dinghy ride to North Seymour, a flat island uplifted thousands of years ago that offers a fascinating glimpse into the Galápagos' geological history. Set out on a 1.5-hour guided walk among thriving wildlife, including colonies of blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, magnificent and great frigatebirds, and playful sea lions, with the chance to spot reef sharks along the shoreline.

Return to the yacht for breakfast as you cruise toward Baltra Island, where your itinerary comes to an end. Upon arrival, you and your luggage will be transferred to the airport for your departing flight or onward travels.

For guests on a two-week itinerary, the journey continues with new islands and discoveries ahead. Those wishing to extend their stay can enjoy discounted add-ons at [Enchanted Galapagos Lodge](#), nestled in the tranquil highlands of Santa Cruz Island, an ideal place to relax and unwind after your cruise.



**Place(s):** North Seymour, Santa Cruz



**Sights:** Endemic bird colonies, and sea life



**Activity level:** Easy ●○○○○○

**Activities:** dinghy ride



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea turtles, rays, sharks, endemic birds, great and magnificent frigate birds, blue footed boobies, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast



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