



**DIVE GALAPAGOS
 ABOARD *BLUE SPIRIT*
 ITINERARY D ~ 8 days / 7 nights**

The Galapagos Islands are unique in their variety of wildlife – on land, in the air and under the sea. During your eight day diving adventure, you will experience all three with the focus being the incredible marine life.

DAY BY DAY SUMMARY

Sample day:

06h30 First dive ~ Full breakfast ~ 10h30 More Dives

12h00 Lunch ~ 2 afternoon dives depending on conditions and navigation time needed

19h00 Dinner

Wednesday	A.M.	Flight to Baltra Airport / Galapagos	
	P.M.	Santa Cruz - Highlands	Visit Giant Turtoises, Los Gemelos
Thursday	A.M.	Marchena	Punta Espejo
	P.M.	Marchena	Punta Mejia
Friday	A.M.	Wolf	La Banana / Punta Shark Bay
	P.M.	Wolf	Islote la Ventana / El Derrumbe
Saturday	A.M.	Darwin	El Arco
	P.M.	Darwin	El Arenal
Sunday	A.M.	Wolf	Punta Shark Bay / El Derrumbe
	P.M.	Wolf	Islote la Ventana / La Banana
Monday	A.M.	Fernandina	Cabo Douglas
	P.M.	Isabela	Punta Vicente Roca
Tuesday	A.M.	Santiago	Cousins Rock
	P.M.	Bartolome	Land Visit
Wednesday	A.M.	Baltra	Check Out / Flight back to mainland Ecuador

Day 1 – Wednesday: Arrival and Santa Cruz

Morning flight to the Galapagos Islands, from either Quito or Guayaquil. As soon as you arrive, you need to register yourself and pay the Galapagos Entrance fee. Our guides will be waiting to welcome you to our cruise and take care of your luggage. Your buses will transport you to the Itabaca Channel where you will take a ferry to Santa Cruz Island where you will visit the Highlands, including a visit to a private ranch. View the famous giant tortoises in their natural habitat and visit the tunnels which are giant formations of lava. This is a great opportunity to learn about the characteristics of the island.

After the visit, transfer to your ship where security briefings and additional details will be provided.

Day 2 – Thursday: Marchena

The itinerary includes Marchena, which is an exceptional spot for diving, not known to many divers. You could find many endemic species here: large schools of Galapagos sharks, Hammerhead sharks, rays, fur sea lions, dolphins, sea turtles, Moray and Garden eels, cow-nosed rays and different types of fish such as blue-striped snappers, surgeonfish, scorpion fish, red-lipped batfish. The Island is also famous as it was embroiled in the 'Floreana Mystery'. Here the dead bodies of Rudolf Lorenz, one of the Baroness's consorts, and the captain of the ship he was on, washed up mysteriously on the shore of the island.

Day 3 – Friday: Wolf

Today we will enjoy one of the most interesting and remote visits to Wolf which is considered to be a sanctuary for its abundant and diverse marine wildlife. It took its name from Theodor Wolf, the German geologist who visited the island. Expect to see frigate birds, boobies, marine iguanas, a large population of different fish, sea lions, Hammerheads, Whale and Galapagos sharks, whales, dolphins, seals, rays and swallow-tailed gulls.



Day 4 – Saturday: Darwin

Darwin Island, one of the smallest islands in the archipelago, is rich in the variety of its pelagic species in the depths of the Pacific Ocean. It is a spectacular area for diving as it is considered to be one of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World. It is located close to Wolf.

One of its attractions is the impressive stone arch formation, known as Darwin Arch. This is home to many endemic birds. You could also see sea lions, humpback whales, whale sharks, hammerheads, angelfish, dolphins, tuna, grunts, different fish schools, garden eels, moray eels, manta rays and many more....

Day 5 – Sunday: Wolf again

This is the day to be in Wolf again, to observe more marine life, unique and incredible species. Wolf Island is a small tropical ecosystem with one of the most representative coral reefs of the archipelago. It is home to more than 8 species of corals and the greatest diversity of tropical fish. On its steep cliffs, there are the main nesting sites of red-footed boobies, blue footed boobies, Nazca (masked boobies), frigate birds, tropic birds, swallow-tailed gulls, the famous vampire finch which feeds on the blood of other birds and more.

Day 6 - Monday

Our itinerary is prepared according to the time of year of your visit:

Jan - May: We dive **Marshall Cape**, located on the Northeast side of Isabela Island, with its populations of giant manta rays, mobulas, enormous schools of barracudas, Galapagos sharks, sea lions and the, by now, traditional host of Galapagos critters. Cabo Marshall has another important attraction, the flightless cormorants, which can be seen resting on the shores.

June - Dec: We dive **Douglas Cape** in the morning to observe the gracious marine iguanas feeding on algae, underwater. First, you can observe them catching sun to warm themselves up and later they will go into the sea to feed for around 20 minutes, returning to the shores to warm up again. It will be different to see them laying on the beach, even disgusting while spitting saltwater from their noses, but they look different, even elegant in the water. You can also observe penguins, Galapagos sharks and schools of many different fish.

Punta Vicente Roca, on the northwest coast of Isabela Island, where different species can be observed: turtles galore, Peruvian grunts, flat worms, sponges, sea lions, frogfish, octopus, nudibranchs, Galapagos bullhead shark, mola molas (the largest bony fish in the sea), penguins, schools of black striped salemas, sea horses, dolphins, tuna; and nesting on the shores, Nazca and Blue-footed boobies, pelicans and other marine birds, all of them feeding at the same time.

Day 7 – Tuesday

We will dive at **Cousins Rock**, a small islet with platforms full of black coral where it will be possible to see plenty of barracudas, sea lions, salema, yellowtail surgeonfish, hammerhead and white tipped reef sharks, manta and eagle rays, lots of nudibranchs and frogfish, sometimes sea horses, small hard corals, red sponges and sea fans; sea lions are always there! In the afternoon, we visit the iconic Galapagos site of **Bartolome**, the Pinnacle Rock, where the unique Galapagos Penguins nest. You will climb a 600m trail to the 114m summit to appreciate the wonder of the surrounding islands and islets. The Green Sea Turtle, sea lions, stingrays, White-tipped Sharks, colourful fish schools, Spotted Eagle Rays and Black-tipped Sharks can be seen



Day 8 – Wednesday

It will be really difficult to say farewell to this natural paradise today. After breakfast, transfer to Baltra Airport where we will assist you with your departure flight.

RATES to May 2020 (Variation possible without notice)

Upper deck cabin per person sharing	USD 5,795
Under deck cabin per person sharing	USD 5,645
Single cabin – under deck	USD 8,468
Charter – maximum 16 people (2 free of charge)	USD 80,230

INCLUDED

- Cabin with private facilities
- All meals
- Coffee & tea
- 1 soft drink during lunch and 1 glass of National brands wine during dinner
- English speaking naturalist guides and dive masters, licenced by the Galapagos National Park
- Filled tanks, weights, weight belt
- Compressor
- Up to 4 dives per day (night dive optional)
- Land excursions
- Transfers in Galapagos (airport/ship/airport), if the flight to Galapagos has been booked through Custom Touring)

NOT INCLUDED

- Galapagos Islands afares
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee (currently USD100pp)
- Transit Control Card (currently USD20 pp)
- Travel insurance & personal expenses
- International flights
- Gratuities to guides and crew
- Bar and store purchases
- Hyperbaric chamber fee (\$35pp)
- Nitrox (\$150 p/week, subject to change)
- Dive gear equipment rental
- Camera equipment
- Extra courses scheduled on board

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