



**BLUE SPIRIT NATURALIST CRUISE  
 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS  
 ITINERARY A ~ 8 days / 7 nights**

**WELCOME ON BOARD *BLUE SPIRIT!***

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Flight to Baltra Airport Galapagos	
	<b>P.M.</b>	Santa Cruz	Highlands
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Santiago	Sullivan Bay
	<b>P.M.</b>	Rabida	Rabida
<b>Friday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Isabela	Punta Vicente Roca
	<b>P.M.</b>	Fernandina	Punta Espinosa
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Isabela	Las Tintoreras
	<b>P.M.</b>	Isabela	Wet Lands
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Mosquera	Mosquera
	<b>P.M.</b>	North Seymour	North Seymour
<b>Monday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Floreana	Post Office Bay
	<b>P.M.</b>	Floreana	Punta Cormorant
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	South Plazas	South Plazas
	<b>P.M.</b>	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	Santa Cruz	Bachas Beach
		Flight back to mainland Ecuador	

## Day 1: Flight to Baltra Airport Galapagos and Santa Cruz Highlands

**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND** is the center of the Archipelago with a diversity of wildlife and with amazing vegetation. This is the second largest island after Isabella, the most visited and offers lots of interesting places to visit. Puerto Ayora, the capital located on the seafront, offers a relaxed and peaceful coastal town feeling. In the highlands of Puerto Ayora you will see different vegetation, altitudes, weather and fauna. Here you will see Giant Galapagos Tortoises roaming in their natural habitat and you can also explore a cavernous underground Lava Tunnel to view one of the geological wonders of this volcanic islands.



## Day 2: Santiago and Rabida Islands

### **SANTIAGO ISLAND**

Santiago or “San Salvador” has an area of 585 square meters and an altitude of 907 meters. Dolphins, sharks, sea lions and flamingos are part of the wildlife of the island. Santiago has evidence of the pahoehoe lava flow. The lava shoreline has provided the island many of its attractions.

### **RABIDA ISLAND**

Jervis Island or Rabida, a tiny Island with a rocky coastline, is located to the south of Santiago. Its distinctive red appearance comes from the presence of iron on the surface of the craters in the area. It has an area of 4.9 square kilometers and an altitude of 367 meters. Visitors have the opportunity to see pelicans as well as nine of the fourteen species of finches.



## Day 3: Isabela and Fernandina Islands

**ISABELA ISLAND**, named in honour of Queen Isabela of Spain, has an area of 4640 square kilometers and an altitude of 1707 meters. This island occupies 60% of the area of Galapagos, making it the largest island of the archipelago. The Equator passes directly through Isabela which is inhabited in its port, called Puerto Villamil.

**Punta Vicente Roca:** After breakfast, passengers will explore the island by boat, while a naturalist guide explains different aspects of its geology. This site is very well known for the bird nesting sites, specially for cormorants and Galapagos penguins. You may want to snorkel along the cliffs where you will find an abundant marine life, including sea turtles and the "sunfish" (mola mola).

This is one of the most impressive and beautiful sites in the Galapagos Islands.

**FERNANDINA ISLAND**, the third largest island of the Archipelago at 642 square kilometers and with an altitude of 1494 meters, offers the opportunity to see small volcanic eruptions. This island is the home of Galapagos penguins, sea lions and many other extraordinary species.

**Punta Espinosa** in the northeast of Fernandina is where you will see hundreds of marine iguanas gathered on the sand.



#### **Day 4: Isabela Island**

You should find white tip fin sharks around **Las Tintoreras**, a small rocky islet. The wetlands on Isabela Island form a network of trails essential for the maintenance of the wildlife of Galapagos.

#### **Day 5: Mosquera and North Seymour Islands**

**MOSQUERA**, located between Baltra and North Seymour Islands, is a reef of rocks, sand and corals. It is a flat island produced from a geological elevation. It has a length of 160 meters and a width of 600 meters. Mosquera has one of the largest populations of sea lions, Lava Gulls, marine fish, coastal birds and Crabs.

**NORTH SEYMOUR** is covered with bushy vegetation and many endemic species making it remarkable. It is home to one of the largest populations of blue-footed boobies, noddies, swallow-tailed gulls and magnificent frigate birds. Land Iguanas are plentiful here.

#### **Day 6: Floreana Island**

**FLOREANA** is one of the oldest of the Archipelago as well as one of the smallest islands. It has an area of 173 square kilometers and an altitude of 640 meters. It supports an abundant wildlife, with a variety of native and introduced species like: Shorebirds, flamingos, stilts, owls, rails, whitecheeked pintail ducks, migratory birds and nesting sites; sea lions, owls and a large forest of Palo Santo.

Floreana is known for its traditional pirate stories, and for being the home of one of the oldest settlements on the island.

**Post office Bay**, located in the north of Floreana, is one of its attractions with the famous post office barrel.

**Punta Cormorant** has a green beach made up of many olivine crystals.

#### **Day 7: South Plazas and Santa Fe Island**

**SOUTH PLAZAS**, a small island with an area of 0,119 square kilometers and an altitude of 23 meters, was formed by a stream of lava from the bottom of the ocean. This island is home to many species such as land iguanas, swallow tailed gulls, sea birds, brown pelicans, red-billed tropicbirds and frigate birds. Here you will come almost face to face with sea lions.



**SANTA FE** is a small island with 1,9 square kilometers and an altitude of 24 meters. Opuntia Cactus is part of its characterized dense forest vegetation; there are also salt bushes along the trail as well giant prickly pear cactus. This island is home to one of the most beautiful coves and endemic species like Galapagos snake, Galapagos Hawk, Galapagos mockingbird, sea lions, rice rats and lands Iguanas.

**Day 8: Santa Cruz and Flight back to Mainland**

**BACHAS BEACH** on Santa Cruz is a unique landscape with a magnificent white-coral sand beach where you can observe many endemic species like sea turtles, migratory birds, ducks and flamingos.

Transfer to the airport for flight back to the mainland.

**2019 RATES** (Variation possible without notice)

<b>Upper deck cabin per person sharing</b>	<b>USD 5,100</b>
<b>Under deck cabin per person sharing</b>	<b>USD 4,900</b>
<b>Single cabin – under deck</b>	<b>USD 7,350</b>
<b>Charter – maximum 16 people</b>	<b>USD 80,000</b>

<p><b>INCLUDED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabin with private facilities</li> <li>• All meals</li> <li>• English speaking naturalist guides, licenced by the Galapagos National Park</li> <li>• Snorkeling equipment (fins, mask &amp; visor)</li> <li>• Transfers in Galapagos (airport/ship/airport), if the flight to Galapagos has been booked through Custom Touring)</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOT INCLUDED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft &amp; alcoholic drinks</li> <li>• Galapagos Islands airfares</li> <li>• Galapagos National Park entrance fee (currently USD100pp)</li> <li>• Transit Control Card (currently USD20)</li> <li>• Travel insurance &amp; personal expenses</li> </ul>
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