

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY OF THE MILLENNIUM YACHT

Detailed Itinerary:

THURSDAY: San Cristobal:



PM: Arrival at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristobal, Galapagos

Your flight from Quito (via Guayaquil) to the Galapagos will land at San Cristobal Airport. Upon arrival, your guide will be waiting for you. He will collect your luggage and escort you on the short bus ride to the harbor.

Motorized rafts, called 'Pangas' will transport you to the M/Y MILLENNIUM.

The crew will welcome you on board. After a briefing and a light lunch you'll have your first site visit.



PM: Lobos Island

About 1 hour travel across a small channel, will take you to Isla Lobos. The name means Sea Lion Island, which is certainly appropriate since many sea lions frolic, leap and make their homes here. This island is also a great place for snorkeling opportunities as well as to view blue-footed boobies

FRIDAY: Española:



AM: Gardner Bay:

Here we'll see Galápagos Sea Lions will greet us at Gardner Bay. Ashore, we will meet the endemic Hood Mockingbird, known for its tendency to follow tourists, Yellow Warbler, American Oystercatcher, Wandering Tattler, and some of the thirteen species of Darwin's finches including Large Cactus Finch and Warbler Finch.



PM: Punta Suárez:

We'll walk a trail that leads through a Blue-footed Booby nesting colony and the only known nesting site of the enormous Waved Albatross. Along the way we will marvel at Marine Iguanas, watch Sally Lightfoot Crabs scurry over the lava, and keep an eye out for Galápagos Hawks perched on the low vegetation. The trail leads toward the cliffs where we will watch albatross and other seabirds soaring and see the famous blowhole, a fissure in the lava where water spurts high into the air like a geyser.

SATURDAY: Floreana:



AM: Punta Cormorant

It is a beach tainted green, due to the accumulation of olivine crystal mineral. The trail leads inland to a brackish lagoon where flamingos and migratory birds can be observed. Later you will arrive at a beach with sand so fine that it has been dubbed 'Flour Sand Beach'. Here you see green sea turtle nests high on beach and can wander in the shallows observing baby sting rays and even baby sharks.



PM: Post Office Bay/ Devil's Crown

We'll visit the famous Post Office, which has been in operation since 1793 when Captain James Colnett installed an empty rum barrel to serve as a post box. Sailors and pirates would leave letters in the barrel, where they would be picked up by the next sailing crew who could take them to their destination. Devil's Crown is a half-submerged volcanic cinder cone, considered to be one of the most outstanding snorkeling sites of the Galapagos Islands offers encounters with sea lions, white tips sharks, turtles and an array of reef fish. On this tour look out for: Flamingos, Sea lions, Lava lizards, Shearwaters, Marine iguanas, Great frigate birds, Blue footed boobies, Brown noddie terns, Brown pelicans, White tip sharks, Sting rays, Sea turtles, Yellow tailed surgeonfish, Mexican hogfish, Sergeant major fish and occasionally Penguins

SUNDAY: Santa Cruz Island



AM: Highlands

During your visit to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, you will walk through tunnels formed by rivers of red hot lava, gaze down into giant pit craters formed by collapsed magma chambers, trek through lush green cloud forest observing many colorful species of birds, and, seek out giant Galapagos Tortoises in the wild

The two gigantic pit craters offer another dramatic and exciting insight into the formation of these islands. Nestled in a cloud forest in the highlands of Santa Cruz this visitors site offers great bird watching, plant identification and nature trails. Los Gemelos are in fact surface magma chambers that were once filled with red hot, liquid magma. This magma was expelled or drained away leaving huge empty chambers just below the land surface. Over time, the ceilings of these caverns weakened and collapsed leaving two enormous holes in the forest that had grown

over the top of them.

You'll see the lush green forest of endemic Scalesia and Galapagos Guava Trees is a cool and refreshing change from the heat of the coast. The forest is shrouded in clouds (or garua, a light mist) most of the year and so lush green vegetation is abundant as are a wide variety of birds including the bright red Vermillion Flycatcher, many species of Darwin Finches, Galapagos Doves and Yellow Warblers.

You'll have the opportunity to see a Galapagos Giant Tortoise in it's natural habitat. These enormous creatures roam freely between the national park areas and the agricultural zone. This visit offers the ideal opportunity to view these ancient creatures munching on lush green vegetation or wallowing in the mud of the seasonal pools that attract them from the lowlands during the dry winter season. Many bird species may be observed too, including migratory shore birds at certain times of year!



PM: Transfer to the Airport to take your flight to Mainland

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