



Galapagos Cruises: Letty Yacht Itinerary A

Experience the unbounded beauty of the Galapagos on our first class yacht - the Letty. With a capacity for just 20 guests, the intimate vessel evoke a bygone era of ocean exploration, with polished teak interiors and shiny brass accents. From the yacht's ten ocean-facing cabins, spread across three decks for maximum privacy, enjoy the creature comforts of home as you sail past the singular views of the Galapagos. Itinerary A highlights the amazing wildlife, striking landscapes, magnificent marine environment and fascinating history.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 7 Nights Luxury Yachts Eric, Flamingo & Letty

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Air and Ground Transfers

- Galapagos National Park Fee

- Tours with Naturalist Guide
- All Meals

ARRIVE AIRPORT:



Upon arrival to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristobal, the crew is waiting at the airport to escort you by bus to the main dock and then by zodiac to your yacht anchored in the bay. After the welcome briefing and safety drill, a delicious buffet lunch is served. We travel by bus to Cerro Tijeretas or "Frigatebird Hill" situated on the edge of town. This is one of two sites where you can spot nesting colonies of both species of Frigate birds (Great and Magnificent). The trail leads to Punta Carola where there are beautiful vistas. We find lava lizards, the medium ground finch and Chatham mockingbird. We return to the yacht to join your fellow yacht mates this evening for your briefing followed by the Captain's welcome cocktail party and dinner prepared by the culinary schooltrained chefs.

(Lunch, Dinner & Accommodation, Luxury Yachts)

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS:



We arrive to Cerro Brujo, a breathtaking white coral beach, considered one of the most spectacular in Galapagos and perfect for a peaceful walk with expansive views and good bird watching. We have an opportunity to kayak from the beach or swim with sea lions. A Zodiac ride takes us through a cave called The Cathedral. During lunch, we cruise toward the northeastern tip of San Cristobal to Punta Pitt, a tuff formation that serves as a nesting site for many sea birds including all three types of boobies: Blue footed, Nazca and Red-footed boobies, both Frigate species, swallow-tailed gulls, Storm petrels, Shearwaters, Brown pelicans and a colony of sea lions. Punta Pitt is considered to be a first class site for birds and on par with Genovesa (Tower) Island. Here we can snorkel at Pitt Rock with sea lions and colorful fish such as the King Angel and Surgeon fish. We return to the yacht to cruise around Leon Dormido or "Kicker Rock", a vertical tuff cone formation that rises abruptly almost 500 feet out of the ocean. On the cliffs, we spot Bluefooted Boobies, Nazca Boobies and Magnificent Frigate birds. We return to the yacht for a briefing followed by dinner.

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We disembark at Punta Suarez, Espanola, where we witness the highest rate of endemic species in Galapagos. Sea lions noisily greet us as we land on their beach. Curious Hood Mockingbirds peck at our shoelaces. Colonies of blue-footed boobies engage in "sky-pointing" to show off for potential mates. Nazca boobies busily care for their young. Stunning swallow-tailed gulls are the only nocturnal gulls in the world and fish at night. Red-billed tropicbirds take shelter under the cliffs. We also find Darwin's Finches, Galapagos Doves and Galapagos Hawks. Observe a unique species of marine iguana identified with traces of red and green colorings. After lunch we have a wet landing on Gardner Bay, Espanola, walk along seemingly endless stretch of this white sandy beach where you'll find large colonies of sea lions. You may find a Galapagos Hawk, Darwin's Finches or Hood Mockingbird. Swim with sea lions right from the beach, explore the bay and islets by kayak or just relax on the beach. There's an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with a colorful diversity of sea life near Tortuga Rock. Explore caves by Zodiac covered with invertebrates. We return to the yacht for a briefing followed by dinner.

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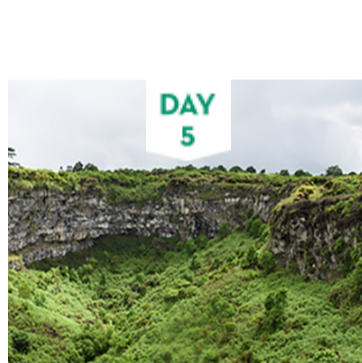
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We travel by bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. The scenery gradually changes as we wind our way through all seven vegetation zones found in Galapagos. Here, we visit the tortoise reserve at "Las Primicias" one of the private farms in the highlands where we encounter giant tortoises in their natural habitat. We stop at "the tunnels", the largest lava tubes found in Galapagos. We visit Los Gemelos, Spanish for "The Twins", a pair of large pit craters where we may see the red male vermilion flycatcher. Next, we visit Centro de Crianza Fausto Llerena (aka the Charles Darwin Research Station). We visit the tortoise and land iguana corals and the breeding center with new hatchlings and miniature tortoises not yet ready to be repatriated. Lonesome George is no longer with us but there is Diego, "The Professor" who has been more successful at mating. Puerto Ayora is the social heart of the islands with the largest population of 24,000. After lunch and briefing on board, we return to town to shop for souvenirs or stop at an internet cafe. You have the option to remain in town on your own account to stimulate the local economy or you can return to the boat for dinner. There is a schedule for zodiac transportation from the yacht to town later in the evening.

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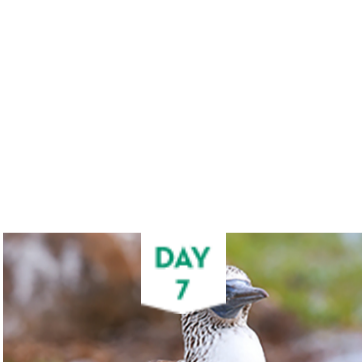
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We disembark at Bartolome, where it seems like we are walking on the moon. This young island is inhospitable to most plants and animals. After a dry landing, climb 30 minutes up stairs leading to the summit of a once active volcano. Along the way, we pause to marvel at lava bombs, spatter cones and cinder cones. From the top of the wooden stairs, we can gaze out across the island for a panoramic view of the island and "Pinnacle Rock", an eroded tuff cone. Crystal clear water is an invitation to snorkel from the beach with schools of tropical fish and Galapagos Penguins or take a Zodiac ride. After lunch, we visit Las Bachas, Spanish for "barges". There is a long stretch of a soft white sand and interior lagoons where we find the Greater Flamingo. There is also a wonderful chance to snorkel here from the beach. Located off the Southern tip of Santiago is Sombrero Chino aka Chinese Hat that owes its name to its shape. After a wet beach landing with sea lion colonies, the trail gives way to a primeval landscape of volcanic rubble including cracked lava formations and lava tubes. We find marine iguanas and pairs of oystercatchers. You can choose to snorkel at a site that is frequented by Galapagos penguins. There is a briefing followed by dinner while we anchor in a calm protected area.

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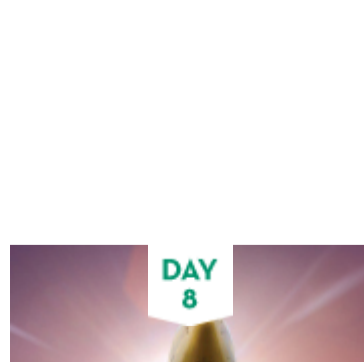
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Today we visit South Plaza, a small geological uplift with tall cliffs offering spectacular views. After a dry landing, the trail leads us through Prickly Pear or Opuntia and Sesuvium. Here we can find the Galapagos Land Iguana feeding on the cactus leaves. Toward the end of the hill, we encounter a colony of sea lion colonies. The dominant bulls are in various stages of recovery from battles lost over prime beach territory. We also find Swallow tailed gulls, Shearwaters and Red-billed tropicbirds who build their nests along the cliffs. After lunch, we have a dry landing at North Seymour, a small geological uplift. We follow a trail that leads us to Swallow-tailed gulls, Blue-footed boobies and the endemic Land iguanas. Visit the largest colony of Magnificent Frigate birds found in Galapagos. As we stroll along the beach, we find Marine Iguanas and sea lions body surf the northern swells. We return to the yacht for the Captain's Farwell cocktail party and dinner as well as a special slide show presentation by your guides.

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We visit the Interpretation Center opened on San Cristobal Island in 1999 by bus. Here we gain a more complete understanding of the natural and human history of the Islands. Afterwards, we spend time in port before heading to the airport for our flight back to the mainland departing before noon time on Aerogal.

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