



M/V Galapagos Legend: Itinerary C

Visit the islands and see famous Galapagos creatures such as penguins and fur seals, marine iguanas, giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies and the Galapagos albatross.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 3 Nights M/V Galapagos Legend

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Air and Ground Transfers

- Galapagos National Park Fee

- Tours with Naturalist Guide
- All Meals



MONDAY:

Baltra Airport: Departure from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra (2 1/2 hours flight). Passengers are picked up at the airport by our naturalist guides and taken on a ten minute bus drive to the pier to board the M/V Galapagos Legend.

Bartolomé Island: Considered the most iconic landscape in the entire archipelago, the view from the top of Bartolome Island, overlooking the famous Pinnacle Rock and the austere Santiago Island beyond, is well worth the climb up the wooden boardwalk. This volcanic scene has often been likened to a lunar landscape. Our subsequent snorkel here might put us face to face with Galapagos penguins, white-tipped reef sharks and playful sea lions.

(Dinner & Accommodation, M/V Galapagos Legend)



TUESDAY:

Plaza Sur, Plaza Island: Dry landing on the northern part of the Islet. The walk begins with an impressive cactus forest surrounded by land and marine iguanas; as we reach its highest point, be on the lookout for tropicbirds, a Nazca and blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls.

In South Plaza there is a large colony of the smaller sized land iguanas. The population is approximately 300 individuals. They feed on all kinds of vegetation, but during the dry season survive on the fruits and flowers of Opuntia cacti. Due to their proximity with marine iguanas, this is the only place on Earth where we will find the Galapagos hybrid iguana.

North Seymour Island: This flat, uplifted, island is an important spot to see magnificent and great frigatebird males courting the females by clicking, bill-clapping, shuddering and flapping their wings, all while showing off their grossly inflated, bright red, gular pouch. We will also take in blue-footed boobies displaying their unique feet, sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, crashing surf and distant views of the Daphne Islands.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Accommodation, M/V Galapagos Legend)



WEDNESDAY:

Pitt Point & Islet, San Cristóbal Island: Wet landing followed by a high intensity hike on rocky terrain. The trail includes an olivine beach of 90 meters long and a path that climbs to the top of a volcanic tuff, through several magnificent viewpoints. This is probably the only site where the three booby species of the Galapagos can be seen together, as well as two species of frigatebirds and a sea lion colony; it is also excellent for dinghy rides and snorkeling, where a good range of sea birds can be observed.

Cerro Brujo, San Cristóbal: Wet landing. Cerro Brujo is an eroding tuff cone that at several locations is composed of AA lava formations, and a beautiful white sand beach, great for snorkeling and sunbathing. We visit a lagoon where migratory bird species can be seen: Blacknecked Stilts, Ruddy Turnstones, Whimbrels, other sandpiper species and Whitecheeked Pintails. Cerro Brujo offers beautiful views of Kicker Rock, the southern part of San Cristóbal and the adjacent coast.

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THURSDAY:

Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve, San Cristóbal: Dry landing in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Passengers visit the San Cristóbal giant tortoise Breeding Center to learn about the National Park's conservation programs. Enjoy a beautiful landscape on the way to the Reserve. Passengers will also have the opportunity to visit the port village, have a drink or shop for arts and crafts and other souvenirs.

San Cristóbal Airport: After the visit you will go straight to the airport for return flight to Guayaquil or Quito.

(Breakfast, M/V Galapagos Legend)