



**M/C ELITE
Itinerary A
7-Night Cruise
Saturday – Saturday**

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

(**B:** breakfast/ **L:** lunch/ **D:** dinner)

Saturday

AM: Arrive at San Cristobal airport where you will be transferred to the vessel.

PM: El Junco Lagoon

Walk up the rocky path surrounded by rich vegetation and wildlife to the rim of the El Junco Lagoon, an impressive crater lake located in the highlands of San Cristobal island. Here you will enjoy superb panoramic views of the island, and you can often catch frigate birds diving and bathing in the crystal clear water below.

Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Moderate

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Sunday

AM: North Seymour

North Seymour island is a small island named after Lord Hugh Seymour, a senior British Royal Navy officer. Walking amongst the low, bushy vegetation you will be able to observe a large variety of birds, including blue-footed boobies, swallow tailed gulls and a large population of frigate birds.

Look out for the marvelous bright red chests of the male frigates used to attract a mate.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Soft

PM: Santa Cruz Dragon Hill

The name Dragon Hill refers to the large population of Galapagos land iguanas that have made their home here.



As you walk along the rocky coastline and through the forests of cacti and Palo Santo trees, you will no doubt encounter a number of these incredible creatures that resemble miniature dragons.

The high tide also makes this a fantastic place to snorkel as the coral attracts a plethora of colorful fish close to the shoreline.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

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Monday

AM: Tintoreras / Sierra Negra Volcano

Las Tintoreras is a chain of islets off the coast of Isabela island that are characterised by dark lava formations and have created a unique habitat for a variety of wildlife. It is therefore a fantastic site for water activities such as a panga ride, snorkelling, kayaking or paddle boarding and visitors are often treated to close-up sightings of turtles, sharks, penguins and sea lions.

The Sierra Negra is one of the most active volcanoes in the Galapagos and has the second largest caldera in the world. As you walk up to the top of the caldera you will encounter forests of guava trees and on a clear day you will be treated to spectacular views of the other five volcanoes on the island.

Activities and Excursions: Trek, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center / Isabela Wetlands

The Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center, where two species of giant tortoise are bred to increase the population of these incredible animals, plays an essential role in protecting the future of the Galapagos.

As you walk around the centre you will also be able to enjoy the beautiful gardens that boast of a wide variety of native plants.

Just outside Puerto Villamil you can also take a walk around the Isabela wetlands, comprised of lagoons, swamps and mangroves, which have become a paradise for migratory birds such as stilts and flamingos.

Activities and Excursions: Walk



Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Tuesday

AM: Isabela - Moreno point

Moreno point is located on the west coast of Isabela island and although it appears a barren lava flow at first, a walk along one of the trails soon reveals a multitude of beautiful green lagoons and mangroves and is a fantastic place to see penguins, blue herons and flamingos.

Meanwhile, a panga ride or snorkel along the rocky shoreline is a wonderful way to spot green sea turtles and white-tip sharks.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Isabela - Urbina Bay

Urbina Bay is located at the foot of the Alcedo Volcano and is the result of a major volcanic uplift that took place in 1954 and resulted in 6km of coral reef being lifted out of the ocean. Walking along this new shore, you can observe the corals and remains of marine life that were stranded due to this event.

However, it is now home to giant land iguanas and giant tortoises and it often a good spot to see Galapagos hawks and flightless cormorants. It is also ideal for snorkeling as turtles, rays and tropical fish frequent the coastline.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

Wednesday

AM: Fernandina - Espinosa Point

Fernandina is the youngest island in the Galapagos and Espinosa point is a wonderful area of natural beauty. Snorkeling and swimming from the zodiac allows you see three marine iguanas feeding underwater.



On the rocks you will often see large numbers of colourful Sally Lightfoot crabs. On land, the walking trails enable you to explore the fascinating mangrove plants, lava cacti and striking black lava formations where marine iguanas enjoy basking themselves in the sun.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Isabela - Vicente Roca Point

Accessible by panga, Vicente Roca Point on the north west coast of Isabela island is a beautiful large bay with two coves that provide nesting sites for blue-footed and Nazca boobies, gulls, storm petrels and Brown Noddy Terns.

Snorkeling is also a great activity here as the cooler waters result in an abundance of food for marine life, and it is common to see groups of whales, dolphins, sea lions and marine birds gorging themselves.

Activities and Excursions: Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Moderate

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Thursday

AM: Rabida

Rabida island is most known for its dark red sand beach surrounded by a backdrop of cliffs and steep volcanic hills full of Palo Santo trees and endemic cacti.

A panga ride around the shoreline gives the chance to spot blue-footed and nazca boobies and water activities such as snorkeling, kayaking or paddle boarding are ideal for seeing white tipped sharks and rays.

On the beach you will find a large noisy colony of sea lions and the surrounding salt brush is home to a nesting colony of pelicans. Inland, bird watchers will delight in seeing mockingbirds, yellow warblers and Darwin finches - Rabida is the only site where all nine Darwin's finches are found.

Activities and Excursions: Trek, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Bartholomew Island



Bartholomew island is an islet located in Sullivan Bay and its most famous landmark is a huge volcanic cone named Pinnacle Rock. A walking trail leads up to a viewpoint at the summit of the island where you can enjoy spectacular views of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding lava flows.

The northern beach, a nesting site for green sea turtles, is perfect for snorkeling where sightings of spotted eagle rays, penguins and reef sharks are possible.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Friday

AM: San Cristobal - Kicker Rock

Kicker Rock, is an iconic feature of the Galapagos that has been formed over time by the erosion of the cone of an extinct volcano. In addition, on the rock formation itself, blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds and sea lions can often be seen perched on the ledges above which makes an excellent site to take great pictures while the vessel circumnavigate the rock formation.

Activities and Excursions: Circumnavigation

Difficulty: ----

AM: San Cristobal - Witch Hill

Witch Hill features an idyllic white sand beach which can be accessed by panga and is a superb vantage point for seeing Kicker Rock in the south of the island. The hill itself is an eroded tuff cone and the calm waters at the base of it offer a magnificent spot for snorkeling.

Meanwhile, a walk along the beach or on one of the inland paths, provides opportunities to see a variety of shore birds, finches and mockingbirds.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Giant Tortoises' Reserve, off San Cristobal

The visit to the Giant Tortoise's Reserve is the longest hike on San Cristobal; the walk is about 5 km one way and may be quite hot.



This is an excellent site for observing giant tortoises in their natural habitat. San Cristobal has a population of six thousand giant tortoises; in a good day, hundreds of them can be seen along with other endemic species, such as lava lizards, and mockingbirds.

Snorkel is a great activity as you have opportunities to see sea turtles and tintorerias (white tipped reef sharks). The beach of this visitor site is a nesting area for sea turtles.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate to High Intensity

(B, L, D)

Saturday

AM: San Cristobal Interpretation Center

A short distance from the centre of San Cristobal is the San Cristobal Interpretation Center, which provides an overview of the fascinating history of the islands. The main areas of focus, which are addressed through a number of expositions are: natural history, human history and conservation for the future.

You can also take one of the trails behind the center that lead to some great viewpoints of the ocean and volcanic rocks below.

Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Easy

San Cristobal Airport

Depart from San Cristobal airport.

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End of cruise

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**M/C ELITE
Itinerary B
7-Night Cruise**



Saturday – Saturday

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Saturday

AM: Arrive at San Cristobal airport where you will be transferred to the vessel.

PM: David Rodriguez Breeding Center

A visit to the David Rodriguez Breeding Center provides information about the origin and evolution of the giant tortoise and explains why the center is so vital in safeguarding the future of these incredible creatures.

Walking through the trails of the reserve, you can see baby tortoises being reared in semi-natural conditions - a brilliant demonstration of the commitment the local people have to preserving the wildlife that makes the Galapagos so special.

Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Soft

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Sunday

AM: Española - Suarez Point

Suarez Point is packed with wildlife and is best explored by following the circular walking trail. This memorable walk will take you past nesting sites of large colonies of nazca and blue-footed boobies and mockingbirds.

Unique to Española island are also the beautiful waved albatross, that can be seen majestically launching themselves out across the ocean from the cliffs and the red and green marine iguanas.

A geological highlight are several blow holes, capable of shooting water 25m into the air, that make for a spectacular photo.

Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Gardner Bay, Gardner and Osborn Islets



The pristine white sandy beach of Gardner Bay dotted with sea lions provides a perfect spot to relax and kayaking or paddle boarding is a fantastic way to observe the large number of waved albatross who use this beach as a breeding site.

A short panga ride will take you to the Gardner and Osborn Islets, which are superb locations for snorkeling with young sea lions and a variety of colourful tropical fish and corals.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

Monday

AM: Floreana - Cormorant Point / Champion islet

Cormorant Point features two contrasting beaches: one with green-tinted sand due to the high content of olivine crystals, and another with pure white sand (commonly known as 'Flour Beach') derived from pulverized coral.

The saltwater lagoon is a must-see as it is frequented by one of the largest population of Galapagos flamingos as well as other shorebirds such as stilts, white-cheeked pintails and large-billed flycatchers.

A panga ride to Champion Islet, an extinct shield volcano, provides a fantastic opportunity for snorkeling in an area that is known for having a high diversity of fish.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Post Office Bay / The Baroness' Lookout

Post Office Bay is a man-made site that offers an insight into a remarkable mailing tradition developed by British whalers in the 18th century that visitors can still take part in today.

The beach here provides for good snorkeling and kayaking and it is also possible to descend into and walk through a lava tube.

Next, take a panga ride to the Baroness' Lookout, a volcanic rock formation named after an Australian baroness, who visited the island in the 1930's and is believed to have mysteriously disappeared.

A short trail leads to a brilliant vantage point with panoramic views of the surrounding mangroves and coastline.



Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Tuesday

AM: Mosquera Islet

Mosquera islet is a small, flat, sandy islet located between Baltra and North Seymour islands. With no fixed trail, you are free to explore the beautiful surroundings on foot, where you will encounter a large population of sea lions, shorebirds and the striking Sally Lightfoot crabs that cling to the dark rocks.

The numerous coral reefs also make it a fantastic site for snorkeling and catching sight of a range of marine life including sharks, turtles and rays.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Charles Darwin Research Station

The Charles Darwin Research Station provides an unmissable opportunity to find out about the vital work that is being carried out to preserve the archipelago's ecosystems.

One element of this is a significant breeding programme for Galapagos tortoises, whose numbers have been in decline since the 1970's.

These captivating enormous reptiles are very accustomed to humans, so be sure to bring your camera for some close-ups.

Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Wednesday

AM: Genovesa - Prince Philip's Steps / El Barranco

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storm petrels launching out over the ocean.

A panga ride or kayaking/paddle boarding along the edge of the cliffs provides a good chance to see the elusive Galapagos fur seals nestled on the rocks, and snorkeling is a great activity if you fancy a dip with a variety of shark species.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Moderate

PM: Genovesa - Darwin Bay

Darwin Bay has a small sand and coral beach that provides the perfect spot for snorkeling, kayaking or paddle boarding in calm, sheltered waters in the company of hammerhead sharks, rays and a plethora of colourful reef fish. Onshore, a short trail leads along a tidal lagoon and mangroves, home to a variety of land bird species, including Nazca and red-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls.

The trail culminates at a viewpoint that offers a stunning view overlooking the cliffs and the bay below.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

Thursday

AM: Santiago - Espumilla Beach / Buccaneer Cove

Espumilla beach, located on the northern coast of Santiago island, is an exquisite white sand beach, whose name refers to the meringue-like trails of foam left by the lapping of the waves. Sally Lightfoot crabs are in abundance here and as a result, it is common to see predatory birds such as hawks, herons and pelicans.

This idyllic location is perfect for snorkeling or kayaking/paddle boarding amongst a raft of marine life, including species of octopus, eels and sharks. Buccaneer Cove has an interesting history as it is where sailors, buccaneers and whalers frequently anchored their vessels in search for food and water. In more recent times it has become an important nesting site for turtles and is also popular with sea lions.

A panga ride along the eroded shoreline provides views of intriguing rock formations that provide excellent ledges for boobies, pelicans and gulls.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride, Kayak/Paddle Boarding

Difficulty: Moderate



PM: Egas Port

Egas Port was once the site of a salt mine, but now this impressive black sand beach is an excellent location for snorkeling and observing shorebirds, Sally Lightfoot crabs and marine iguanas.

A stroll along the wide trails inland leads you past tidal pools and rocky volcanic formations known as grottoes where it is possible to spot fur seals enjoying a spot of shade.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Friday

AM: Santa Cruz - Bachas Beach

Bachas Beach is a glorious white sand beach on which the remnants of a rusted barge, thought to have been abandoned by the Americans during WWI, can be seen. It is a popular nesting site for turtles, so if you go for a snorkel, you might find yourself sharing the water with these wonderful creatures.

The beach is also full of vibrant Sally Lightfoot and hermit crabs and elegant pink flamingos that frequent the salt water lagoon behind.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

PM: Twin craters and the Highlands of Santa Cruz

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Here, Bird enthusiasts can also enjoy spotting the distinct red feathers of Vermilion Flycatchers, Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves and, with a bit of luck, an endemic short-ear owl.



Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Saturday

AM: Lobos Island, off San Cristobal

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Snorkeling in the calm clear water provides a unique opportunity to see these inquisitive and playful animals up close and it is also common to be accompanied by green turtles and rays as well.

Inland, there is a trail where you can expect to encounter nesting sites for blue-footed boobies and frigates.

Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

Difficulty: Moderate

San Cristobal Airport

Depart from San Cristobal airport.

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End of cruise

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**It is important for our guests to consider that our 7-night / 8-day Expedition B is a combination of our 3-night and 4-night cruises. During this week-long cruise, our travelers, after finishing their Tuesday morning excursion, will have time to take advantage of our onboard facilities and activities, and then get ready for our next adventure to a new visitor site. Guests doing shorter cruises will disembark and embark on Tuesday; however, it will not interfere with the regular course of our 7-night cruise passengers.



**M/C ELITE
Itinerary C
3-Night Cruise
Saturday – Tuesday**

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Saturday

AM: Arrive at San Cristobal airport where you will be transferred to the vessel.

PM: David Rodriguez Breeding Center

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Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Soft

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Difficulty: Moderate

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Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

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Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

Baltra Airport

Transfer from the yacht to the airport.

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End of cruise

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**M/C ELITE
Itinerary D
4-Night Cruise**



Tuesday – Saturday

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Tuesday

AM: Baltra Airport

Arrival to Baltra airport and transfer to the vessel.

PM: Charles Darwin Research Station

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Difficulty: Moderate



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Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

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Activities and Excursions: Walk

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)



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Activities and Excursions: Walk, Snorkeling, Panga ride

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San Cristobal Airport

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End of cruise

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