




GALAPAGOS ISLANDS / MONIQUE PREMIUM YACHT

Brief itinerary and visitor sites

7-Night Cruise / Thursday-Thursday

Day	Time	Activity	Walking	Snorkeling	Kayaking / Stand-up paddle board	Dinghy ride
DAY 1 THURSDAY	1 AM	Arrival to Baltra Airport				
	2 PM	Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz Island	◆	◆		
DAY 2 FRIDAY	3 AM	Rabida Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
	4 PM	Punta Albarmar, Isabela Island	◆		◆	◆
DAY 3 SATURDAY	5 AM	Vicente Roca Point, Isabela Island	◆			◆
	6 PM	Tagus Cove, Isabela Island	◆			
DAY 4 SUNDAY	7 AM	Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island	◆	◆		
	8 PM	Urbina Bay, Isabela Island	◆	◆		
DAY 5 MONDAY	9 AM	Puerto Egas, Santiago Island	◆	◆		
	10 PM	Buccaneer Cove, Santiago Island	◆	◆	◆	◆
DAY 6 TUESDAY	11 AM	Bartholomew Island	◆	◆		◆
	12 PM	Sullivan Bay, Santiago Island	◆	◆		◆
DAY 7 WEDNESDAY	13 AM	North Seymour Island	◆	◆		◆
	14 PM	Mosquera Islet	◆	◆		
DAY 8 THURSDAY	15 AM	Charles Darwin Research Station, Santa Cruz Island	◆			
	16 PM	Transfer to Baltra Island Airport				

 Walking
  Snorkeling
  Kayaking / Stand-up paddle board
  Dinghy ride

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A 7-NIGHT CRUISE THURSDAY - THURSDAY





M/C Monique

Itinerary A

7-Night Cruise

Thursday – Thursday

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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

Thursday

AM – Baltra Airport

Upon landing, guests will be welcomed and assisted at the airport before being transferred to the M/C Monique.

PM – Las Bachas Beach

In the afternoon, you'll explore Las Bachas, a stunning white-sand beach along the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. It's a great spot for a relaxing walk or gentle snorkeling. This beach is a nesting site for sea turtles, and you may spot a rusted pontoon—an old World War II remnant. The name "Bachas" is derived from a mispronunciation of "barges," referring to the two partially sunken vessels in the area.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

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Friday

AM – Rábida Island

This morning's visit takes you to Rábida Island, which is renowned for its unique red sand beach. The island is home to striking cactus groves and dramatic rocky landscapes, along with native dry-zone vegetation and endemic species. A walk along the beach might reveal brown pelican nests and occasionally flamingos in a nearby saltwater lagoon.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride, Kayaking

Difficulty: Moderate

PM – Punta Albemarle (Isabela Island)

Located on the northern tip of Isabela Island, Punta Albemarle is home to a large mangrove that is ideal for dinghy exploration, thanks to its mesmerizing network of channels and creeks. Nearby, you'll find the remains of a WWII-era American radar base. The site offers excellent



wildlife viewing, including marine birds, the largest marine iguanas in the Galapagos, and many flightless cormorants.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Dinghy ride, Kayaking

Difficulty: Easy

(B, L, D)

Saturday

AM – Vicente Roca Point (Isabela Island)

Only accessible by dinghy, this expansive bay on Isabela's northwest coast features two coves that attract a variety of nesting birds, including blue-footed and Nazca boobies, storm petrels, and Brown Noddies. The nutrient-rich waters make this a premier snorkeling spot, where whales, dolphins, sea lions, and marine birds can often be seen feeding.

Activities and Excursions: Snorkeling, Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Moderate

PM – Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

A dinghy ride along the cliffs of Tagus Cove offers a chance to observe Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, and other seabirds. After landing, a 30-minute hike leads to panoramic views of Darwin Lake—a large saltwater lagoon—and surrounding volcanic peaks.

Activities: Walking

Difficulty: Easy

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Sunday

AM – Espinoza Point (Fernandina Island)

Espinoza Point showcases Fernandina Island's stark lava fields dotted with Lava Cacti and mangroves that grow atop hardened lava flows. Highlights include colonies of sea lions, penguins, flightless cormorants (especially active in spring and summer), and one of the largest concentrations of marine iguanas in the archipelago.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

PM – Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)

In the afternoon, explore Urbina Bay, renowned for its upraised coral beds and vivid land iguanas. The area is rich in wildlife—giant tortoises, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, penguins, and marine iguanas are all commonly seen.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

Monday

AM – Puerto Egas (Santiago Island)

Once the site of a salt mine, this black-sand beach now serves as a prime location for spotting shorebirds, marine iguanas, and Sally Lightfoot crabs. Inland, a walk that takes visitors past tidal pools and beautiful volcanic formations may offer views of fur seals lounging in shaded grottoes.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

PM – Buccaneer Cove (Santiago Island)

Once a haven for pirates and whalers, Buccaneer Cove now attracts wildlife rather than ships. It's a key nesting area for sea turtles and frequented by sea lions. A dinghy ride reveals stunning eroded cliffs that host nesting boobies, pelicans, and gulls.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride, kayaking

Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

Tuesday

AM – Bartholomew Island

Bartholomew is best known for Pinnacle Rock, a striking volcanic cone that soars out of the water. A trail leads to the island's summit, where breathtaking views of the surrounding lava terrain and the iconic rock await. The northern beach, a sea turtle nesting site, is perfect for snorkeling with reef sharks, penguins, and eagle rays.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

PM – Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

Located next to Pinnacle Rock, the beaches at Sullivan Bay offer outstanding snorkeling, and lucky visitors might find themselves swimming alongside penguins. This northern beach is also a key nesting ground for green sea turtles.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

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Wednesday

AM – North Seymour Island

Named after British naval officer Lord Hugh Seymour, this small island is covered in low-lying vegetation and teems with birdlife.

You'll encounter blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and a substantial colony of magnificent frigatebirds, with males displaying their vibrant red throat pouches to attract mates.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling, Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

PM – Mosquera Islet

Positioned between Baltra and North Seymour, Mosquera is a flat, sandy islet without a designated trail, allowing for free exploration.

It's known for its thriving sea lion colony, shorebirds, and colorful Sally Lightfoot crabs.

The surrounding reefs make for excellent snorkeling, with chances to spot rays, turtles, and reef sharks.

Activities and Excursions: Walking, Snorkeling

Difficulty: Moderate

(B, L, D)

Thursday

AM - Charles Darwin Research Station

Visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, also known as the Charles Darwin Research Station. The center hosts an interpretation center, museum, library, and tortoise breeding facility, home to various tortoise subspecies being prepared for reintroduction.

Activities and Excursions: Walking

Difficulty: Easy

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After your last visit, you will be transferred to the Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador.

Assistance and farewell at the airport.

End of cruise



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