

**Itinerary A – 3 DAYS /4 NIGHTS
(Wednesday to Saturday)**



Wednesday

San Cristobal: has a harbor Puerto Baquerizo Moreno as a political capital of the Colon's archipelago. San Cristobal is the only island that has a lagoon with fresh water, that is inside the Junco Volcano, and is the vital liquid for the population of the island and most of the tourism ships of Galapagos. This water comes from the condensation of the vapor water. The main town zone is called "El Progreso" that has its origins in the human settlement on the San Cristobal island.

Wizard Hill: Where beaches of white coral sand can be seen. Is a beautiful beach where you can swim and observe the birds and the sea lions, also snorkeling can be performed.



Thursday

Punta Suarez: Is located at the south of the archipelago and has an extension of 60km². and a height of 206 meters above the sea level. The sea lions surf every wave that majestically hits the natural slopes. The first emotion that can be experienced in the island – just at the disembark moment- will be seen the animal living peacefully and harmonious so close to each other: marine iguanas, gulls, blue footed boobies, crabs and lava lizards.

In the path you can observe these boobies in their nests with eggs or chicks, as well as marine iguanas in full swing - digging their nests, fighting for their territory or in the process of thermo-regulation. You can also observe tropical birds in their caves, bifurcated tail gulls, masked boobies, whose nesting area differs from the booby-legged blue crabs beautiful colors covering the black lava.

There is also the "blow hole" that ejects the water to up to 20-25 meters above the sea level when the waves are big and the tide is high. Besides the albatrosses whose colony is formed by 15000 couples that nests from April to November...Is all this that makes this place really unique



Gardner Bay: Is located at the east of the island. Has a wide beach with white sand where the sea turtles shelters in reproduction time. They have ideal rocks to dive or snorkel and a beautiful beach to rest and to observe the sea lions. In the front are located three islets where you will find; sharks, sea turtles, rays, and a great variety of fishes of tropical and subtropical waters. Some activities can be performed such as hikes, diving in deep waters (experience is required), beach walk. Among the fauna that can be observed we have Galapagos hawk, mockingbirds, finches, doves, lizards besides you can see observe a great variety of bushes.





Friday:

Charles Darwin Scientific station is next to Puerto Ayora, in Santa Cruz island, in a special zone for Galapagos National Park use only. This is next to the Galapagos National Park headquarters and they work together developing conservation programs for the native and endemic species of the archipelago. Here one can easily appreciate the work of some programs, the program Interpreting as-in-Tourist Reception Center, the Breeders both tortoises and land iguanas, the Research Programs of these and other species, etc. .



These species are found in semi natural large pens protected and easy to see - divided into four stages: eggs, babies, juveniles (in the age of being "repatriated"), and adults. It is an excellent place to see several species of finches to their surroundings, like varied vegetation Xerophytes. Then they visit Puerto Ayora, which is a recreation center for tourists, with crafts and varied connotations, positive features of its people in front of the visitor. In general, you will have the opportunity to see - in colonized areas - the activities of the field, their products, their lifestyle and customs of the peasant island.



Puerto Ayora: This is a really natural beauty, the centered location and the variety of characteristics for the tourist and makes Puerto Ayora the axis of Galapagos. This is the most inhabited part of the island and has the most important harbor in the archipelago. Even though some tourists come for just a few hours to see the Charles Darwin station the different activities available, restaurants and other services that makes this an unforgettable place.



The iguanas rest over the cargo that is placed on the dock while the boobies and pelicans plunge into the turquoise water of Academy Bay. Here are also the headquarters of Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin station.



Rabida island: It is a small island (5 km2), covered by dry and coastal vegetation and a central volcano of 367 m2., Rabida is characterized by its red sand and brown waters resulting from the lava erosion. Colony of sea lions. Behind the beach is almost always a gap with flamingos, at one end of it and the seashore pelicans nest in the breeding season. There is a trail overlooking the cliff, and during this journey you can enjoy an incredible landscape, flora and fauna. At a short distance in the top of the road, you can take good photographs of the clear waters and the peaks of volcanoes. It is also a great place to dive with snorkel. Stay near the rocks and away from sharks and rays.



Among the activities are: Hikes, snorkeling, bird watching. Its fauna is very interesting and attractive consist of flamingos, Galapagos Hawks, penguins, pelicans, sea lions and their vegetation has prickly pear cactus and Rosewood.





Saturday:

Bachas Beach: White sand beach where you can see some sites of nesting, sheltering, and marine turtles also a small lagoon with migratory birds, herons, pelicans, crabs, and some other species. Is a very popular place for snorkeling, swimming, dinghy tours and beach walks.



Return.



Summary of activities by itinerary of visits

Itinerary A 3 nights / 4 days cruise (Wednesday to Saturday)		Islands	Hikes	Snorkeling	Beaches	Towns	Dinghy	Total	Species
<i>Wednesday</i>	AM:	Arrival to San Cristobal airport	1						
	PM:	Wizard Hill, San Cristobal***		1	1				4
<i>Thursday</i>	AM:	Punta Suarez, Española island	1	1					
	PM:	Gardner Bay, Española Island		1	1				4
<i>Friday</i>	AM:	Charles Darwin Scientific Station and Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz island	1	1		1			6
	PM:	Rabida Island**		1	1				5
<i>Saturday</i>	AM:	Bachas Beach, Santa Cruz		1	1	1			6
		Departure Form Baltra	1						
		Total	4	4	4	4	1	0	25

** Modificaciones de itinerario