

## Full Itineraries

# Galapagos Navigable Tour Golondrina I Yacht

## Introduction



The Golondrina is a spacious and comfortable motor yacht that accommodates 16 passengers in comfortable double cabins, all furnished and equipped to provide guests a relaxing cruise in the Galapagos Islands. The Golondrina welcomes you aboard and invites you to discover the unique animals pristine habitat and lush flora and fauna of the Galapagos Archipelago.

These mythical Ecuadorian islands are home to thousands of unique species in the world, you will have the opportunity to meet them and to track trends over hundreds of years, come enjoy this exciting journey full of adventures and fun in the Galapagos Islands...

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### MONDAY to FRIDAY – 5D/4N

#### Day 1 (Monday)



#### A.M. BALTRA ISLAND

Depart from Guayaquil to Galápagos (1½ hours of flight time). This island was a strategic point during the Second World War. It is the main airport for the Galapagos Islands where tourists and colonists arrive and depart. At the Arrival at Baltra Airport, our naturalist English speaking guide will assist you. Transfer to the yacht. Welcome and briefing.

#### P.M. TORTUGA BAY BEACH (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)

After lunch, visit to Tortuga Bay Beach a pristine location covered with beautiful white sand beach. It takes around an hour walk to get the beach. Beautiful birds including the famous Galapagos finches can be admired. The trail to the beach is paved and marked. There are two beaches at Tortuga Bay, the main beach is used for surfing due to its strong waves. There is a site where sea is calm. After this visit you can enjoy the attractions of the night-life offered by the Island.

Accommodation and dinner at Hotel Fernandina or similar.

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## Day 2 (Tuesday)



### A.M. CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)

After breakfast, walk for about 20 mins. to the Charles Darwin Station, to observe the Galapagos giant turtles breeding. The Darwin Station is part of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galápagos Islands, an international non-profit organization dedicated to scientific research in the Galápagos Islands since 1959.

### P.M. HACIENDA PRIMICIAS (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)

After lunch, visit to Hacienda Primicias to see the giant tortoises in their natural habitat. The tortoises are easy to spot, lumbering around eating grass and leaves and wallowing. Some highland birds, like cattle egrets, mockingbirds, finches or flycatchers can be seen here. After the hike return to the yacht. Dinner and briefing for next day.

## Day 3 (Wednesday)



### A.M. TINTORERAS (ISABELA ISLAND)

After breakfast, Tintoreras is located south of Puerto Villamil. It has a small bay of completely calm turquoise waters, where you can appreciate sea lions, sea turtles, marine iguanas, rays, etc. The bay is connected to a crevice

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of crystal clear water, that's shallow and when the tide is low, the entrance closes. In this crevice, you can see how reef sharks swim along with other small fish and sea lions. Lunch on board.

#### P.M. BREEDING CENTER ARNALDO TUPIZA (ISABELA ISLAND)

This center has a captive breeding program for tortoises from the populations of southern Isabela.

#### P.M. HUMEDALES (ISABELA ISLAND)

Disembark (dry landing), walk for about 30 mins. This area is characterized by sandy beaches, rocky shores, and mangroves. The area has a number of trails where you can see all four species of mangroves found in Galapagos and also migratory birds: whimbrel, short-billed dowitcher, wilson's phalarope, common tern, blue-winged teal, osprey, black-bellied and semipalmated plovers, greater and lesser yellowlegs to name a few.

#### P.M. WALL OF TEARS (ISABELA ISLAND)

By bus to Wall of tears a sad reminder of the history of Isabela. The wall was constructed between 1946 and 1959 while Isabela was a penal colony. As punishment the prisoners were forced to build the wall from huge blocks of lava. The wall is named for the many convicts that died while building the wall. Dinner and briefing for next day.

### Day 4 (Thursday)



#### A.M. RABIDA

After breakfast disembark (wet landing) in one of the most colorful and volcanically varied islands in the archipelago as well as a great snorkeling site. We will start on Rabida's famous maroon sandy beach and after an easy hike (1 km aprox) will arrive to a stunning lookout to enjoy the amazing landscapes.

The island is a birdwatcher's delight. Some of the rarest species are in abundance, such as nine varieties of finches, Large-billed Flycatchers, Galapagos Hawks and Brown Pelicans.

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#### P.M. DRAGON HILL

After lunch, dry landing at a dock, the walk takes you to a hypersalinic (saltier than the ocean) lagoon behind the beach, often frequented by flamingos, common stilts, pintail ducks and other species of birds. There is a short walk to the hill, which rewards with a great view of the bay and a nesting site of land iguanas. Many of the Iguanas that nest here have been repatriated by the Charles Darwin Research Station. Dinner and briefing for next day.

#### Day 5 (Friday)



#### A.M. TORTUGA NEGRA COVE (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)

After breakfast a dinghy (*panga*) visit to Black Turtle Bay (Caleta Tortuga Negra). This is very close to Baltra. It is very special due to its lovely beach with sea lions and its clear, calm water. Black (Pacific Green) Turtles and many different types of birds can be seen feeding here as you are paddled around the beautiful lagoons hidden in the mangroves.

#### P.M. BALTRA

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