

GALA I - PINGÜINO EXPLORER

DIVING ITINERARY

Tuesday-Tuesday

8 days / 7 nights

TUESDAY: Arrival to Baltra Island



Our guide will be waiting for you at Baltra's airport, once the whole group is complete; will be transferred to the same island's dock to board the GalaExplorer Yacht. Then a meeting will be held in the meeting hall in which the guide will welcome you on board. After a fine lunch served, divers will gather at the diving platform where they will be informed some aspects to be considered for your first dive and the respective equipment as the yacht is sailing to Northeast Baltra Island for your first dive or Weight check.

Once this activity is completed, the yacht will continue its itinerary, dinner will be served during navigation.

WEDNESDAY: Bartholomew(1 Dive) – Cousin Rock (2 Dives)



Bartholomew's Pinnacle Rock – A Great place to start your diving cruise as this is a quiet place without much power down down to a maximum depth of 20 meters in which you can observe white tip sharks, green turtles, different types of rays, Red-Lipped Batfish and variety of tropical fish. After the first dive, buffet breakfast will be served in the upper deck.



Cousin Rock – The second dive will take place on an islet located at the North side of Bartholomew navigating 15 minutes on the Yacht. In this site you can see: Seahorses, Bloody Toadfish, Eagle rays, sea lions and fur seals. The topography of the site is a hillside full of holes, making this a perfect hiding place for different species such as moray eels, lobsters and prawns, through the area you will find black corals and different species of Corals. When you return to the yacht you

may take a hot water shower and dressed to enter the dining room where a delicious buffet lunch will be served. After a deserved break the third dive will take place in the same site.

When the last dive is done, we will sail to the Wolf Island.

THURSDAY – Wolf Island (3 dives)

On this distant island in the Galapagos Archipelago 3 dives will be made, which will be on the Landslide and Caves.



The Landslide – On this site 2 dives will be made, the topography of the place is a slope reaching a maximum of 25 meters where you will see large schools of hammerhead sharks and Galapagos sharks, it is possible to see open water species such as Carey and green turtles, occasionally also you can see the great Whale Shark, giant Manta Rays and Eagle Rays. Between the rocks you can see large morays, scorpion fish among other species.



The Cave (optional) – It is a place where each one of the divers needs a personal flash light as it is possible to enter an underwater cave which is worth exploring , here you can see Morays, lobsters, scorpion fish, Nudibranchs, this is why we recommend to be cautious when grabbing a rock, there are turtles all over the area and a variety of fish, before entering and leaving the cave it is possible to see Galapagos sharks and black tip sharks.

At night you will have the opportunity to make a fourth dive depending on weather conditions.

FRIDAY – Darwin Island (4 Dives)

In this wonderful island 4 dives will be made in the bow, the most famous and well known for scuba diving in the Galapagos Island and the world.



The Bow – This for being the most distant island of the Archipelago is a very special place as everywhere you look you will see fabulous species, wether in the sky watching lot of birds like Blue Footed Boobies, Red Footed Boobies, Frigates among others; and if you look at the ocean’s surface you may see lots of dolphins’ fins, and occasionally a dolphin jumping. It is also possible to see large scholls of hammerhead sharks, Galapagos sharks, but the main attraction is

the great Whale Shark which it begins to be observing from the month of July to November, it is worth to note that the other animals are found throughout the year.

SATURDAY – Wolf Island (3 dives), Landslide, Shark, Shark Tip Bay and Banana

This day the activities of the Landslide and Cave will be repeated.



The Landslide – On this site 2 dives will be made, the topography of the place is a slope reaching a maximum of 25 meters where you will see large schools of hammerhead sharks and Galapagos sharks, it is possible to see open water species such as Carey and green turtles, occasionally also you can see the great Whale Shark, giant Manta Rays and Eagle Rays. Between the rocks you can see large morays, scorpion fish among other species.



The Cave (optional) – It is a place where each one of the divers needs a personal flash light as it is possible to enter an underwater cave which is worth exploring , here you can see Morays, lobsters, scorpion fish, Nudibranchs, this is why we recommend to be cautious when grabbing a rock, there are turtles all over the area and a variety of fish, before entering and leaving the cave it is possible to see Galapagos sharks and black tip sharks.

SUNDAY – (3 dives) Punta Vicente Roca, Marshall Corp, Puerto Coca and City of the Mantas



Punta Vicente Roca - The first dive is very early in Punta Vicente Roca, this is a unique immersion in which divers should focus on the ground and corals to achieve find the seahorses which are found throughout the area , it is also possible to observe the cat shark, red lipped batfish, you may also see the Mola Mola fish and lots of sea turtles, it is important to note that these species could be found all year long.

When ending the diving, you could go on the zodiacs to see the flightless cormorants and penguins which are all year in the area.

Then we will sail for 5 hours to reach the other side of the island having the chance to see from the boat several volcanoes such as the Ecuador, Wolf and Darwin until we arrive to Marshall

Corp where 2 dives will be made, lunch is during the navigation.



Marshall Corp , Puerto Coca and City of the Mantas –

The main attraction of this place are the giant 5-6 meters mantas, which pass through the shallow area, you may also see barracudas and schools of breems or lined big eyes; between the rocks you can see several species such as moray eels, scorpion fish and Nudibranchs.

MONDAY – Pinzon Island (2 dives), Charles Darwin



In this small island in the center of the Archipelago will be held the last 2 dives in the morning, in which you can see the Red lipped bat fish, giant mantas from 3-6 meters, marmoleade pan rays and lots of sea turtles.

Past noon is planned to be on Santa Cruz island to visit Charles Darwin Research Station and its interpretation center to observe giant land tortoises and land iguanas in captivity.

TUESDAY – Baltra and Isla Mosquera Islet



Mosquera Islet – A small sandy island where its main inhabitants are the sea lions, as here there is the whole year a colony of this playful specie while doing snorkel, after this visit we continue to Baltra airport for our flight back.

*****All itineraries are subject to change without prior notice due to National Park regulations, weather condition or major force *****

UPDATED 03.01.2014 KC