

PINGÜINO EXPLORER YACHT

Discover the best and most exotic places in the Galapagos Marine Reserve, where the most exclusive diving sites await you on this journey as well as naturalistic expeditions on land.



ITINERARY DIVING TUESDAY TO TUESDAY 8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

DAY	INMERSION	INMERSION	INMERSION	INMERSION	# IMMERSIONS
TUESDAY		Arriving flight to Baltra	North Baltra		
WEDNESDAY	Bartolome	Cousin Islet	Cousin Islet		2
THURSDAY	Wolf Island	Wolf Island	Wolf Island		3
FRIDAY	Darwin Island	Darwin Island	Darwin Island	Darwin Island	4
SATURDAY	Wolf Island: Derrumbe	Wolf Island: Punta Shark	Wolf Island: Banana		3
SUNDAY	Punta Vicente Roca	Cape Marshall	Coca Port / City of the Mantas		3
MONDAY	Pinzón Island		*Charles Darwin Station		2
TUESDAY	*Santa Cruz (Highland)		Departure Flight - Baltra		

All Galapagos itineraries are subject to change without prior notice due to National Park regulations, weather conditions, and majeure.

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DIVING ITINERARY - TUESDAY TO TUESDAY

8D / 7N - DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

DAY 1 - TUESDAY - BALTRA ISLAND - CHECK DIVE

AM - BALTRA

Arrival at Baltra airport. Our guide will welcome you, gather the group and take you to ASTREA to check in.

PM

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.



DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY

AM - BARTOLOME

This is the perfect spot to start your adventure with moderate currents. At the depth of around 20mtrs (60ft) we might see white tip reef sharks, green marine turtles, different types of rays, tropical fish and the red lip batfish, which are endemic to the Islands. Occasionally even the first hammerhead sharks can be spotted swimming nearby. After this first dive our chef awaits with an amazing breakfast.

PM - COUSINS ROCK

Today's second dive will be approximately 15 minutes north of Bartolome by an islet. It is a perfect spot with moderate to stronger currents with excellent possibilities to spot sea horses, bloody frogfish, and schools of eagle rays, sea lions seals and sometimes giant manta rays.

The topography forms a nicely populated slope full of volcanically formed holes that are the perfect refuge for moray eels, octopus and lobster. We will be surrounded by black coral and many different types of sponges.

A warm shower and little snacks wait for guests on board before lunch. After a well-deserved nap the third dive of the day will be at this same spot.

DAY 3 - THURSDAY: WOLF ISLAND (4 DIVES)

El Derrumbe (Landslide). The topography is forming a slope where we descend up to 25m (75ft). Large schools of hammerhead sharks are welcoming the divers to the first highlight of the trip. We also find Galapagos sharks and other open water species such as green and carey turtles. With some luck even the large whale shark will make its first appearance, as well as the giant manta ray, and eagle rays. Amongst the rocks we can spot morays, scorpion fish and many others...

Shark Bay: The conditions and topography are the same than El Derrumbe

La Cueva (The Cave). To dive this spot a flashlight is highly recommended. We will encounter an underwater tunnel to dive through with various caves to explore. Amongst the rocks we find moray eels, lobster, Nudibranchs and more. Turtles are found all over with a large quantity of fish. At the entrance and exit of The Cave we might find Galapagos and Black Tip Sharks.

DAY 4 - FRIDAY: DARWIN ISLAND (4 DIVES)

Arco de Darwin (Darwins Arch). To visit this unique spot is every divers dream. Here you see everything the marine life of Galapagos has to offer. Above the ocean uncountable groups of Blue and Red Footed Boobies along with many tropical birds welcome the visitors. Playful dolphins and occasionally whales around ASTREA are part of the excitement.

Underwater we will observe a large quantity of species, immense amounts of fish, large schools of hammerhead sharks, turtles, large fish such as yellow tail tuna and albacore.

Of course, the most important visitor of this remote spot and one of the main reasons to visit Darwin is the impressive Whale Shark, which is usually present from July to November.

DAY 5 - SATURDAY: WOLF ISLAND (3 DIVES)

Back at Wolf we will have two dives at El Derrumbe and La Cueva. A new day brings a new adventure! While in the company of turtles and plenty of hammerheads divers can search for some more whale sharks...

DAY 6 - SUNDAY: ISABELA ISLAND – PUNTA VICENTE ROCA (3 DIVES)

Punta Vicente Roca. At the sandy bottom by the corals we will look for large sea horses which live as couples scattered over the dive spot. We also find the catfish, red lip bat fish and the highlight of the day the Sunfish. This area is home of many marine turtles. All of the above stay in the area the whole year. After the dive, we will do a panga ride to the shoreline to observe the penguins, flightless cormorants and marine iguanas.

DAY 7 - MONDAY: PINZON ISLAND (2 DIVES) – CHARLES DARWIN STATION

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DAY 8 - TUESDAY: SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS – BALTRA AIRPORT

Before flying back to the mainland or continuing your adventure at Hotel Silberstein we visit the Highlands with the tortoises in their natural environment, several types of finches and the Twin Craters.

PINGUINO EXPLORER also offers to continue your adventure on board for a Naturalist cruise to explore the Islands on Land in an 8 day cruise.

For those who leave the Enchanted Islands our guide will take you back to the airport in Baltra and check you in for your flight home, full of beautiful memories.