



Archipel I Catamaran



Archipel I Itinerary 8 Days A

Day	Activities
1	Colorado Hill and Tortoise Breeding Centre: Arrival to San Cristobal Airport. Short bus ride to the harbor and settle aboard the yacht. Your first visit will be to Cerro Colorado Tortoises Protection and Growing Centre, where you will see different species of native and endemic plants, also species like San Cristobal mockingbird and many species of finches. You will be able to discover the amazing and emblematic Galapagos Tortoises. After this visit, return to the yacht and early dinner.
2	South Plazas and Santa Fe Island: Early in the morning you will visit South Plazas, located to the east of Santa Cruz Island, and forming a pair of islands known as "Islas Plazas", where you will see outstanding species such as land and marine iguanas and hybrid iguanas too. After lunch you will visit Santa Fe Island, where you can see some endemic species such as the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snake, Galapagos mockingbird, and land iguanas. You will also see one of the many sea lion colonies, and have the possibility to snorkel. After this activity return to the yacht and dinner.
3	Champion Islet and Loberia: After breakfast, the yacht will sail to Champion Islet, and along the trip you might see bottlenose dolphins and Galapagos sea lions. A dinghy ride along the shoreline offers sightings of endemic seabirds such as Galapagos penguins, blue footed boobies, swallow tailed gulls and lava herons. If you are lucky enough you may also see the Charles mocking bird on top of prickly cacti, the species that put Darwin on track of his theory of "adaptive evolution". After lunch, visit the Asylum of Peace Island, and la Loberia beach, an ideal place to enjoy the ocean as you watch the playful sea lions that live there.
4	Charles Darwin Research Station & Highlands: Begin with an early visit to Charles Darwin Station to learn about the protection and conservation of the island, you will see the Breeding and Rearing Center for young tortoises and adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity. After lunch, you will take a bus ride to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island at the National Park boundary to visit the Twin Craters and a local ranch to observe the giant tortoises of Santa Cruz Island in their natural habitat. Return to the yacht and dinner.
5	Tintoreras Islet & Breeding Center: Early in the morning visit to the Tintoreras Islet, where you will be able to see sea lions and Galapagos Penguins, and also White tipped reef sharks (depends on season). After lunch, you will land at Puerto Villamil in Isabela Island, the largest and one of the youngest island in the archipelago. First we visit the Flamingo Lagoon, then the breeding center Arnaldo Tupiza, where you will see hundreds of giant Galapagos tortoises; this project was created to rescue endangered populations of tortoise that live around the island. In the early afternoon, return to the yacht and dinner.



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6	Moreno Point & Elizabeth Bay: Early in the morning visit Moreno Point in the north coast of Isabela, between volcanoes Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, through a trail of solidified lava until a coastal lagoon where you will see several species of birds. During the afternoon we go to Elizabeth Bay, the excursion has no landing point so we travel by zodiac. You will visit the Marielas islets to see the most important penguin colony and a cove that is surrounded by red mangroves where you can observe seas turtles, flightless cormorants, spotted eagle rays, brown pelicans and sea lions.
7	Tagus Cove and Espinoza Point: Early in the morning, visit Tagus Cove to see the Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorant and other seabirds. Then we hike along the trail to the top of the cliff to view Darwin Lake and the graffiti on the surrounding cliffs of the cove, written by pirates, whalers and buccaneers in past centuries. After lunch, visit Espinoza point in Fernandina, where you will see large colonies of marine iguanas. Dinner and end of the day.
8	Bachas Beach: At the beginning of the day, you will visit Bachas Beach, at the west of Turtle Cove, these are two small beaches and its sand is a nice nesting place for sea turtles. Behind this beach there is a small brackish water lagoon, where it is possible to observe flamingos and coastal birds, like black necked stilts. The other beach was a strategic point during WWII to protect the Panama Channel. After this activity, you will take a shuttle back to Seymour Ecological Airport for your flight out.

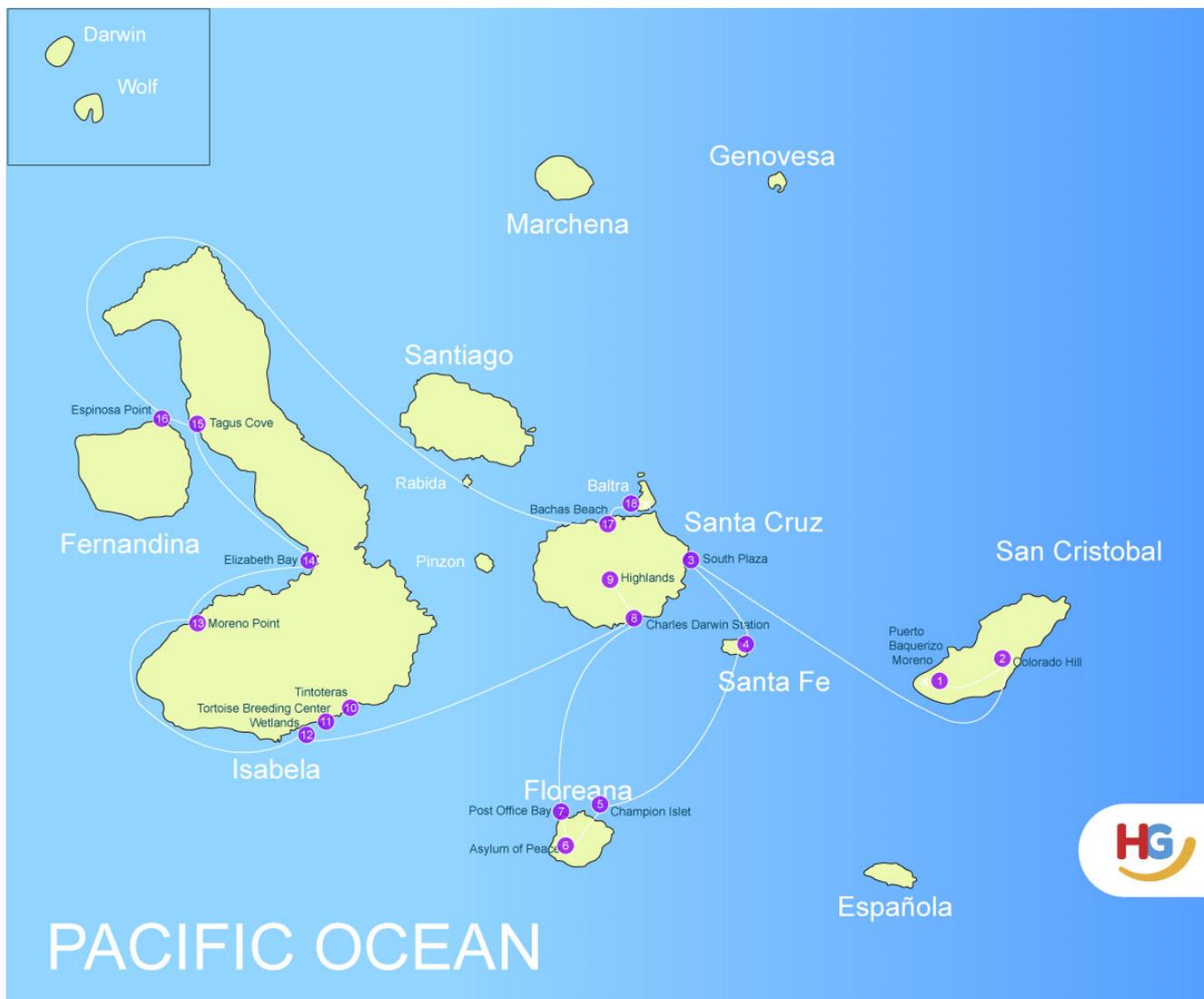


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Archipel I 8 Days Cruise 'A'



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Inclusions:

- ✓ Meals: From lunch on day 1, until breakfast on the final day
- ✓ Accommodation with private bathroom
- ✓ Excursions as listed in the itinerary, with a certified naturalist bilingual guide (Spanish/English)
- ✓ Snorkel equipment *Depending on the cruise
- ✓ Drinking water, tea, coffee, snacks.
- ✓ Bus ticket Baltra Airport / Itabaca Channel - \$ 5 pp * Depending on the cruise

Exclusions:

- ✗ Entrance fees Galapagos: Galapagos National Park \$100pp (subject to change). Galapagos transit control card \$20pp (subject to change), Isabel docking fee \$15pp *Depending on cruise. Santa Cruz Highland Tortoises ranch \$5 * depending on the cruise. Bus ticket Baltra Airport / Itabaca Channel - \$5 * depending on the cruise
- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Quito/Guayaquil - Galapagos - Quito/Guayaquil
- ✗ Airport transfers in Quito or Guayaquil
- ✗ Singles supplement *Depending on the cruise
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages & colas (there is a bar on board)
- ✗ Tips for guides and crew
- ✗ Any other personal expenses.



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