



# Fragata Yacht



# Fragata Yacht Itinerary 15 Days "DC"

Day	Activities
1	<b>Mosquera Island:</b> Early arrival at Baltra Airport, and transfer to the Fragata Yacht. After lunch, disembark at Mosquera Island. This place consists of a long narrow stretch of white sand, and is a great place for snorkeling, strolling on the beach and observing sea lions and a variety of shorebirds. Dinner on board.
2	<b>Vicente Roca Point &amp; Espinoza Point:</b> After breakfast, start the morning with a visit to Vicente Roca Point (Isabela Island), this site is a large bay with spectacular sea life. You will also have the opportunity to see penguins, blue footed boobies and Nazca boobies. After lunch, head to Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, to take a walk to see lava flows, a large colony of marine iguanas, penguins, pelicans and flightless cormorants. You can also practice snorkeling. Return to the yacht and dinner onboard.
3	<b>Urbina Bay &amp; Tagus Cove (Isabela Island):</b> Early start at Urbina Bay, located on the west of Isabela Island, at the foot of Alcedo Volcano. Walk through a 1km path to observe a large colony of iguanas, Darwin's finches and giant tortoises. After the walk, you may snorkel along the shoreline. During the afternoon visit Tagus Cove, this used to be a place where whaling ships and buccaneers landed in the 1800s. Then head to Darwin Lake and the Palo Santo Forest for panoramic views of Darwin and Wolf Volcanoes. You may also have time for snorkeling and then head back to the yacht and have dinner.
4	<b>Port Egas and Chinese Hat:</b> After breakfast, visit Puerto Egas, where, after a short walk you can see Darwin Finches, endemic Galapagos hawks, marine iguanas, fur seals and sea lions. You may also swim and snorkel. After lunch disembark at Chinese Hat (Sombrero Chino), to observe lava tunnels, lava cactus and you also have the option to swim and snorkel if you wish. Return to the yacht and dinner.



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5	<b>Charles Darwin Research Station &amp; Highlands:</b> We start with a visit to Charles Darwin Station to learn about the conservation efforts and scientific research that has been made to preserve the Galapagos giant tortoise. After lunch visit Hacienda Primicias to see the giant tortoises in their natural habitat. After this activity, return to the yacht. Dinner and rest.
6	<b>Tintoreras &amp; Breeding Center (Isabela Island):</b> Early in the morning visit to the Tintoreras Islet, where you will be able to see sea lions, Galapagos Penguins, and also White tipped reef sharks (depends on season). After lunch, we land at Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island, the largest and one of the youngest island in the archipelago. Here we visit the Breeding Center Arnaldo Tupiza, that has a captive breeding program for tortoises. Next the wetlands (Humedales), where you can see four species of mangroves and species like blue winged teals, ospreys, Wilson's phalaropes, blue winged teals and others Finally the Wall of Tears, a historical site that pays homage to the prisoners of the old penal colony, who were forced to build a wall out of huge blocks of lava. End of the day and dinner.
7	<b>Rabida Island and Cerro Dragon:</b> In the morning, head to Rabida Island, where a red sand beach waits for you. Watch a various species such as flycatchers, Galapagos haws and brown Pelicans. Lunch on board. Then head to Cerro Dragon, visit the lagoon behind the beach often frequented by flamingos and pintail ducks, and go for a short walk to the hill, where you will see a nesting site for land iguanas. Return to the yacht for dinner and end of the day.
8	<b>Black Turtle Cove:</b> After breakfast, you will have a dinghy visit to Black Turtle Bay, to see sea lions and pacific green turtles. After lunch, head to Bachas Beach, a white sand beach which is a nesting place for sea turtles, and where you can also spot light foot crabs, flamingos, hermit crabs and sea lions. End of the day and dinner.



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9	<b>Prince Philip Steps &amp; Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island):</b> We begin the day practising snorkeling to see various species of ray or (with luck) hammerhead sharks from afar. Then, we head to El Barranco, also called Prince Phillips Steps, for an amazing wildlife watching opportunity. Hike up the steps to see a colony of red footed boobies and masked boobies. Next to Darwin Bay, where you will follow a trail to see frigate birds, gulls, blue and red footed boobies. End of the day and dinner.
10	<b>Bartolome Island:</b> We begin with a hike to enjoy the most amazing panoramic view at the Galapagos Islands. After, relax on the beach or take the opportunity to snorkel at the reef to see various fish, friendly sea lions, and sea turtles. In the afternoon, we visit Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island, to see fascinating giant lava formations, due to the recent formation of the island, and where you can also swim and snorkel to see seals and penguins. Return to the yacht and dinner.
11	<b>South Plazas Island and Santa Fe Island:</b> At the beginning of the day we visit South Plazas Island, one of the smallest islands at Galapagos, which has one of the largest populations of land iguanas, and various species of birds, such as red billed tropic birds, swallow-tailed gulls, and also sea lions along the coast. After lunch, head to Santa Fe Island where we hike towards the cliffs to view the giant prickly pear cactus and land iguanas. You may also spot sea turtles, sea lions, and white tipped sharks from the yacht. After this visit, you can swim and snorkel. End of the day and dinner.
12	<b>Kicker Rock &amp; Witch Hill (San Cristobal Island):</b> we begin at Kicker Rock, a giant rock that was formed by a volcanic eruption, and a narrow canal cuts through it, which allows the passage of small boats. This site is home to many sea birds and is considered a great snorkeling and diving site. After lunch, head to Witch Hill. Its main attraction is a coral sand beach, which is an excellent place to swim and snorkel. This place was one of the first that Darwin visited, and you may also see coastal and migratory birds. Then we visit Lobos Island, where an important colony of sea lions and blue footed boobies reside. Return to the yacht and dinner.



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**Suarez Point & Gardner Bay (Española Island):** Early in the morning head to Suarez Point, a basaltic cliff which forms a blowhole where water sprays high into the air. A trail takes us to see various species such as blue footed boobies, masked boobies, marine iguanas & albatross. After lunch, head to Gardner Bay, to see a sea lion colony lazing on a white sand beach. You can also swim and snorkel here or at Osborn Islet, which you will visit later. Dinner onboard and rest.

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**Cormorant Point, Devil's Crown & Charles Darwin Station:** Early in the morning, head to Cormorant Point. This site hosts a flamingo lagoon, and also white-cheeked pintails. This is also a place where marine turtles nest from December to May. Then head to Devils Crown for snorkeling with multi colored fish, sharks and turtles that can be seen underwater. Then, we head to Charles Darwin Station on Santa Cruz Island, to learn about the conservation efforts and scientific research that have been made to preserve the Galapagos giant tortoise.

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**North Seymour Island:** After breakfast, head to North Seymour Island, where you can see blue footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds, marine iguanas and sea lions. After this visit, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport to take your flight back to the continent.



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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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