

# M/C TIP TOP II

TOUR 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

ITINERARY " EAST " (FRIDAY TO FRIDAY)

## DAY 1. FRIDAY: BALTRA ISLAND – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

**AM: BALTRA.** - Flight from Ecuador mainland to Baltra. Your guide will meet you at arrivals gate, our crew will take care of your luggage. Your guide will conduct you to a bus and after a short 5-kilometer ride to the pier; you board the Yacht immediately. As the crew weighs anchor, we greet you with our first orientation and we offer a light snack.

**PM: BACHAS BEACH (SANTA CRUZ).** - After navigating, we disembark on Playa Las Bachas, a place where you can appreciate a Flamingos lagoon. During all walks, your guide will be explaining details about the lives of the birds and animals. Optional: time for those who would like to swim and snorkel, in the evening you have an orientation about the Galapagos Islands in general: their origin and evolution.



Welcome cocktail with the entire crew, and dinner

## DAY 2. SATURDAY: GENOVESA ISLAND

**AM: PRINCE PHILLIPS.** - After breakfast, you take a panga ride and you make a dry landing on Prince Phillips's Steps (Barranco), you walk and observe the interesting lives of the birds here. Optional: time for those who would like to swim and snorkel or kayak. You come on board for a delicious lunch.



**PM: DARWIN BAY.** - Later in the afternoon, you make a wet landing on Darwin Bay to walk and observe frigate birds, herons, mockingbirds, boobies, shorebirds, turtles, marine iguanas, etc. Optional: time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or kayak. Dinner on the Yacht, and then your orientation about conservation efforts made to protect the Islands.

### **DAY 3. SUNDAY: SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND – SANTA FE ISLAND**

**AM: SOUTH PLAZA.** - After breakfast, you make a dry landing on the pier of the South Plaza, there you can enjoy the antics of the sea lions. A walk through a cactus forest allows us to observe land iguanas and many species of tropical birds. Return to the Yacht for lunch.

**PM: SANTA FE.** - Then, you make a wet landing on Santa Fe Island to visit the cactus forest and a colony of land iguanas native from Santa Fe. Optional: time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or kayak. At the end of the afternoon, we return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.



### **DAY 4. MONDAY: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND**

**AM: HIGHLAND.** - After breakfast, you will disembark to take the bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island for a visit to the native forests, Twin Craters, then, you will go to enjoy the giant tortoises in the wildlife in a farm. You will be delighted with the lunch in the farm.

**PM: INTERPRETATION CENTER FAUSTO LLERENA.** - After lunch, you will return to Puerto Ayora to start the visit to the Interpretation Center Fausto Llerena inside the Charles Darwin Research Station. You return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.



## DAY 5. TUESDAY: FLOREANA ISLAND

**AM: POST OFFICE.** - After breakfast, you make a dry landing, you will continue to



the Baroness Point view, named due to the presence of a particular character who lived on Floreana Island, it is the Baroness Eloisa von Wagner, you will enjoy of the beautiful landscape and the ruins of her house. Then, you will continue to Post Office Bay, a historic site that recalls the days of the whalers, who presumably placed a

wooden barrel in the 18th century to use it as a post office. Return to the Yacht for lunch.

**PM: CORMORANT POINT.** - In the afternoon, you make a wet landing on Cormorant Point for a short walk to the Flamingo Lagoon of this island. You then continue the walk until we reach the beach called "La Picon" to see marine turtles and their spawning grounds. Optional: time for those who would like to swim and snorkel. Then, you have a panga ride in Champion Islet, for snorkeling for those who wish it. You return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## DAY 6. WEDNESDAY: ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

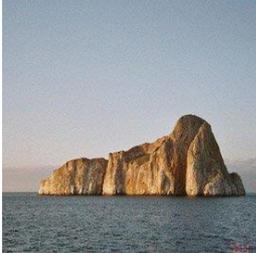
**AM: SUAREZ POINT.** - After breakfast, you make an early dry landing on Punta Suarez to walk along lava beds where you will observe unique colonies of marine birds, including Albatross (May - December). Return to the Yacht for lunch.

**PM: GARDNER BAY.** - In the afternoon, we make a panga ride around the Osborn Islet and the islets of Gardner. Then, you make a wet landing in Gardner Bay for a walk on the beach and observe a colony of sea lions, which inhabit the beach in great quantity during the breeding season; this is also an important nesting area for sea turtles. Optional: time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or kayak. Return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.



## **DAY 7. THURSDAY: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND**

**AM: KICKER ROCK.** - After breakfast, you make a wet landing on Cerro Brujo to walk on a white sand beach and observe sea lions, brown pelicans, marine iguanas and blue-footed boobies. Optional: time for those who would like to swim, snorkel or Kayak. Then, your experienced Captain sails easily around Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido), a massive tuff-rock that juts abruptly almost 500 feet straight from the ocean. Kicker Rock serves as nesting place for many sea birds. Optional: time for those who would like to swim and snorkel. You come aboard for a delicious lunch.



**PM: GIANNI ARISMENDY INTERPRETATION CENTER.** - In the afternoon, you make a dry landing on San Cristobal port, after a short drive, you arrive at Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center where you learn about its reproductive process and the programs to maintain the species. You take the bus back to the port to visit the Interpretation Center of Human History of the Islands; this tour takes you through the geological and human history of the islands and its conservation. You return to the Yacht for dinner and our nightly orientation.

## **DAY 8. FRIDAY: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – BALTRA ISLAND**

**AM: BLACK TURTLE COVE (SANTA CRUZ)** - After breakfast, you make a panga ride on Black Turtle Cove, series of mangrove-surrounded coves and islets; here you can observe white-tipped sharks, marine turtles, spotted eagle rays, and yellow cow-nosed rays. You return to the Yacht for disembarking on the pier at 09:00. Your guide accompanies you on the bus ride directly to the airport for flight back Ecuador mainland.

End of the trip.