

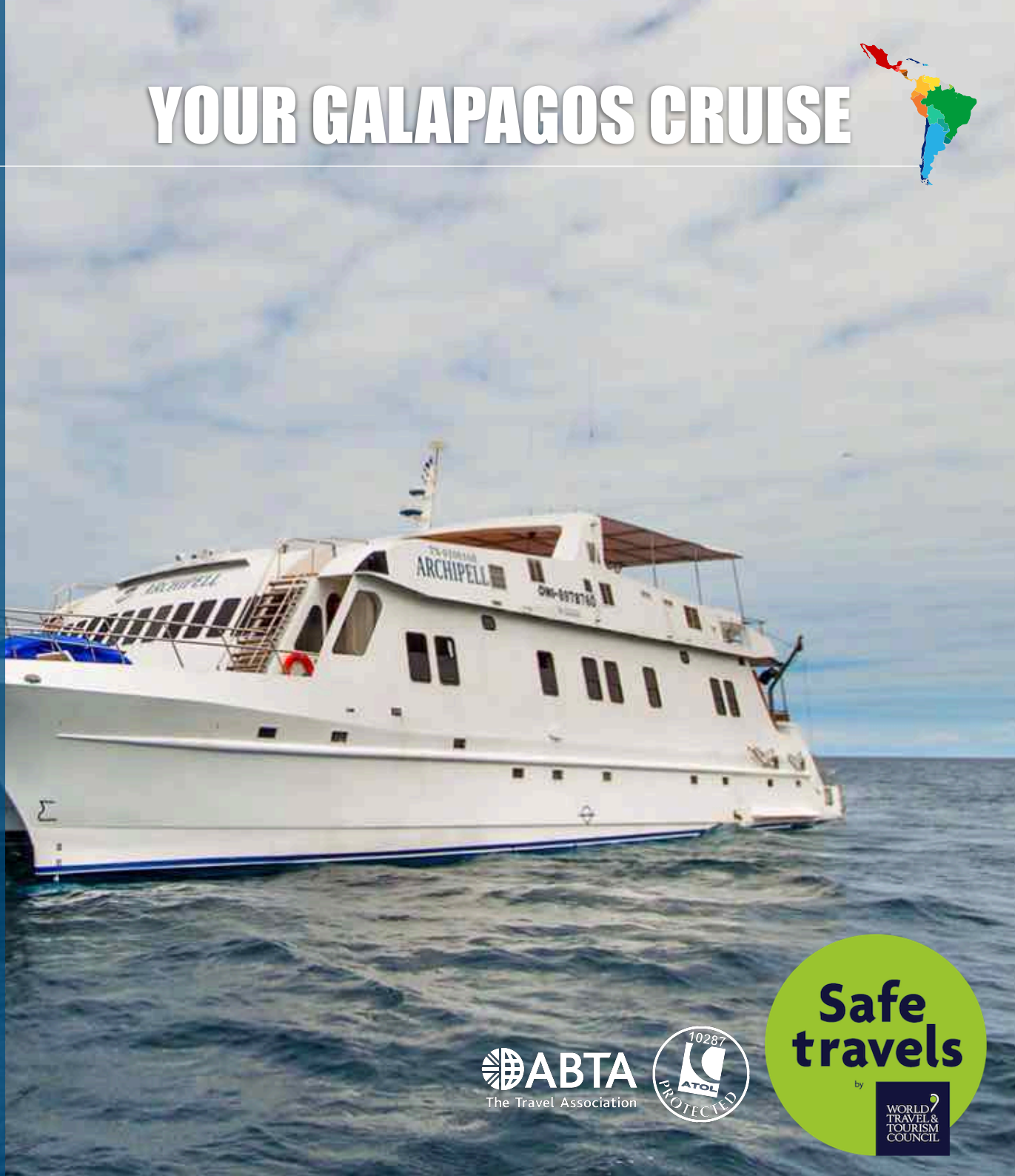
M/C ARCHIPEL I



The Archipel I is a classic Galapagos boat having started sailing in 2002. Over the years it has been continually refurbished with smart, stylish and up to date décor. It is a motor catamaran with double hulls and wide decks ensuring the best possible stability. There are just 8 cabins for 16 passengers and all the cabins are located above the waterline on the main deck. This means each cabin has two ocean view windows. The cabins are quite cosy, but there is ample storage space plus the essential comforts of your own private bathroom and air conditioning. The sun deck is where most of your time will be spent where there are loungers and a covered area for alfresco eating. Inside there is a large, open plan bar and dining area including a lounge. Other facilities include a TV with DVDs, a small library and board games. A dedicated naturalist guide is joined on board by an experienced crew to ensure you have the best possible experience of the Galapagos.

"The Archipel I represents great value for money with all cabins coming with ocean views and a huge sun deck complete with a covered area."

YOUR GALAPAGOS CRUISE

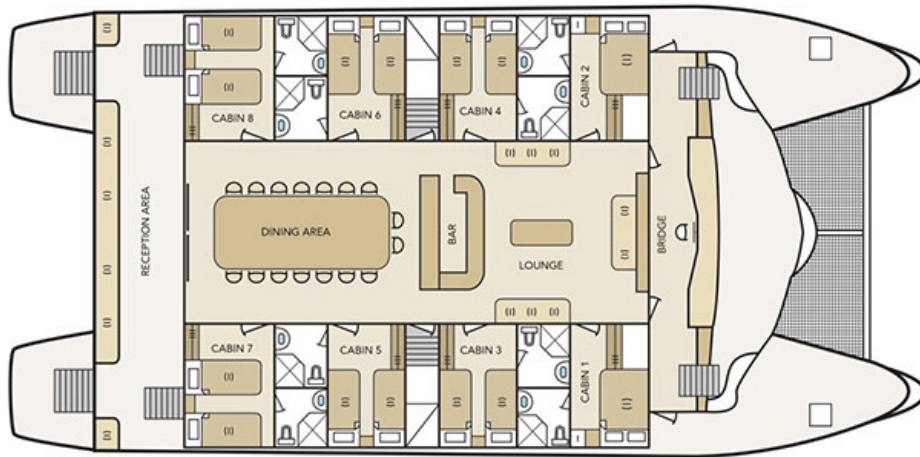




M/C ARCHIPEL I - DECK PLANS

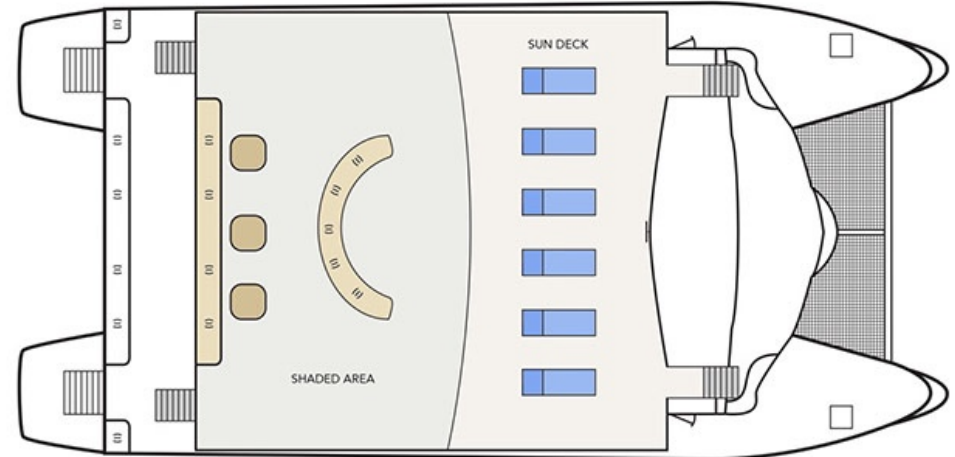
MAIN DECK

The main deck is where all 8 cabins, the bridge, the open plan bar, dining area, lounge and the embarkation area are located.



SUN DECK

The sun deck is the top deck where you will find ample space for watching wildlife, sun loungers, a shaded area and an outdoor eating area.





TO NOTE

- ✓ Excellent sun deck
- ✓ All cabins with ocean views
- ✓ Alfresco dining area
- ✓ Ample interior bar and lounge

FACILITIES

- ✓ 8 cabins
- ✓ 16 passenger capacity
- ✓ 8 crew & onboard naturalist guide
- ✓ Air conditioning
- ✓ Private bathrooms
- ✓ Open bridge
- ✓ Open plan dining area
- ✓ Small library
- ✓ TV with DVD player
- ✓ Board games



M/C ARCHIPEL I - CABINS

The Archipel I offers eight cabins above the waterline, with two sea-view windows. They also include clean private facilities, hot/cold water, low beds, air-conditioning, and storage space for a comfortable stay.

TWIN CABIN



DOUBLE CABIN



TYPE, CLASS & CAPACITY

Category: Tourist Superior
Type: Motor catamaran
Length: 27m / 88ft
Beam: 11m / 36ft
Capacity: 16 passengers



CONSTRUCTION

Guayaquil, 2005

MAINTENANCE

Guayaquil, 2021



CREW & STAFF

9 members



CABIN DISTRIBUTION

Main Deck:

2 cabins with double beds, 6 cabins with twin beds



SOCIAL AREAS & AMENITIES

Dining room, bar and conference area with television, DVD player, chart games, library of books and DVDs



DINING AREA



LOUNGE



SUNDECK





M/C ARCHIPEL I - THE BOATS



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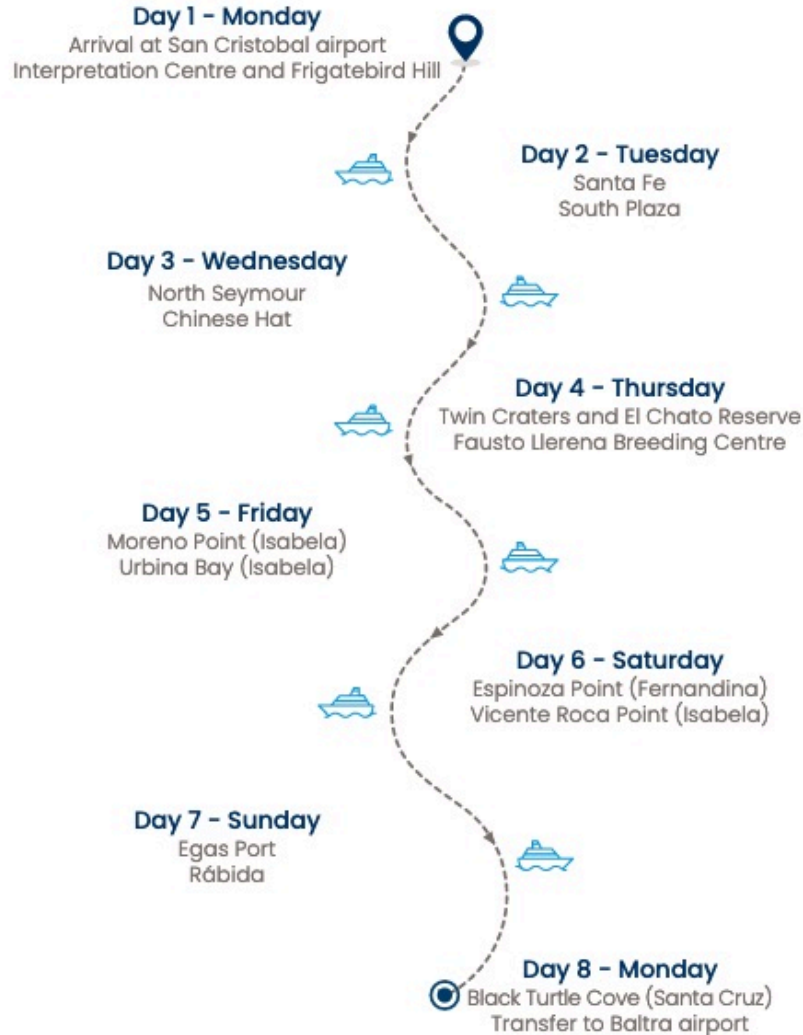
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ITINERARY A

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
Monday to Monday

HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING



	Booby colonies		Great and American frigatebird
	Flightless Cormorant		Marine iguana
	Galapagos giant tortoise		Whitetip reef shark
	Green sea turtle		Galapagos penguin



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - MONDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

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DAY 4 - THURSDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

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DAY 6 - SATURDAY

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 7 - SUNDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

VISIT EGAS PORT (SANTIAGO) & RÁBIDA

Puerto Egas is a black beach located on the west side of Santiago Island. Volcanic tuff deposits have favoured the formation of this special black sand beach and this is the main attraction of the Island. This site is called Puerto Egas because there was an attempt of Hector Egas to start the exploitation of salt, which failed. After all, the price of salt on the continent was very cheap and did not justify its exploitation in the Galapagos. The project was abandoned and they left their infrastructure.

Rábida Island is unique because of the red colour of the rocks and sand. The volcanic material in this island is very porous and external factors such as rain, saltwater and sea breeze have acted as an oxidising agent. A short walk along a trail will lead you to a coastal lagoon behind the beach that allows for the observation of land birds as finches, doves, yellow warblers and mockingbirds. There is also a colony of flamingos at the lagoon.

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DAY 8 - MONDAY

DATE TBC



BLACK TURTLE COVE (SANTA CRUZ) AND DEPARTURE BACK TO MAINLAND BY PLANE

After breakfast, you will check out and disembark the cruise for the last time at 08:30 am. Your last adventure is brief but enchanting, and will take place enroute to the airport. You will explore onboard the dinghy the green landscape of Black Turtle Cove, which is mostly composed of mangrove trees that host innumerable aerial and aquatic species. Observe how the quiet emerald lagoon and surrounding shallow bays enables the easy observation of sea turtles and as well as groups of sharks.

The visit ends and you will disembark at 09:00 at Baltra island, ultimately reaching Baltra airport at 09:30, where its the official end of your cruise adventure. Flight on to the Mainland.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.











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ITINERARY A4 | **4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS**
Monday to Thursday

HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING



	Booby colonies		Great and American frigatebird
	Flightless Cormorant		Marine iguana
	Galapagos giant tortoise		Whitetip reef shark
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DAY 2 - TUESDAY

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DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

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DAY 4 - THURSDAY

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4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS











ITINERARY A5

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS
Thursday to Monday

HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING



	Booby colonies		Great and American frigatebird
	Flightless Cormorant		Marine iguana
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DAY 3 - SATURDAY

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GALAPAGOS

VISIT EGAS PORT (SANTIAGO) & RÁBIDA

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OVERNIGHT

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DAY 5 - MONDAY

DATE TBC



BLACK TURTLE COVE (SANTA CRUZ) AND DEPARTURE BACK TO THE MAINLAND BY PLANE

After breakfast, you will check out and disembark the cruise for the last time at 08:30 am. Your last adventure is brief but enchanting, and will take place enroute to the airport. You will explore onboard the dinghy the green landscape of Black Turtle Cove, which is mostly composed of mangrove trees that host innumerable aerial and aquatic species. Observe how the quiet emerald lagoon and surrounding shallow bays enables the easy observation of sea turtles and as well as groups of sharks.

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

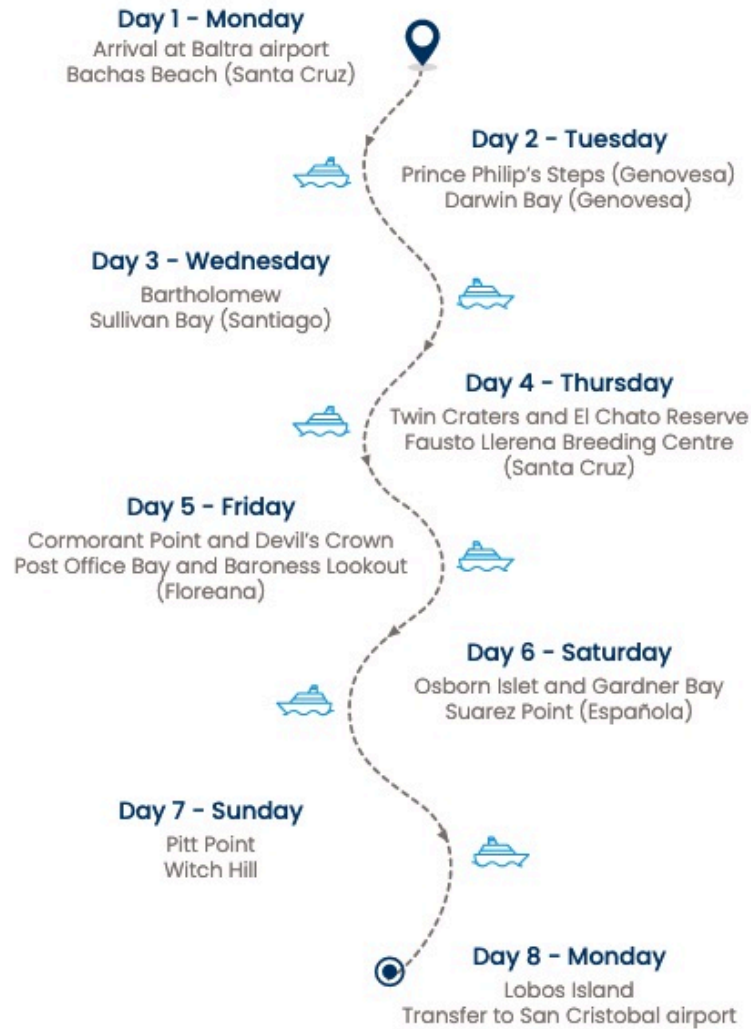













ITINERARY B

8 days / 7 nights
Monday to Monday

HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING



 Waved Albatross	 Blue & Red footed boobies	 Galapagos Giant Tortoise
 Fragata común y real	 Galapagos Penguin	 Galapagos Sea Lion
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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6 - SATURDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

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DAY 7 - SUNDAY

DATE TBC

GALAPAGOS

PITT POINT & WITCH HILL (SAN CRISTOBAL)

Two wind-sculptured tuff cones at Pitt Point make up the extreme eastern end of San Cristobal, and thus, the archipelago as well. These cliffs were the first sight of land when HMS Beagle and Charles Darwin arrived on the 15th of September, 1835. On the small green sand beach, you will be welcomed by a group of barking Galapagos sea lions. This is a bachelor colony, where males usually relax and prepare themselves for fighting and mating.

The primary attraction of this site is the coral sand beach, an excellent place to swim and snorkel. Witch Hill is the remains of a tuff cone and one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin. It has an impressive landscape, where it is often possible to see coastal and migratory birds, including pelicans, blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls; as well as sea lions and marine iguanas. At times, the lagoon is completely dry and deposits of salt can be found at the bottom. The people of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno used to use the lagoon as a salt mine.

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DAY 8 - MONDAY

DATE TBC

 **END**

LOBOS ISLET (SAN CRISTOBAL) & DEPARTURE BACK TO MAINLAND BY PLANE

The Lobos Islet's beach harbours a colony of Galapagos sea lions. As in other colonies in the archipelago, you can approach nurturing females within a few metres. In the breeding season, this colony is also visited by territorial males, defending and mating the harem on their part of the beach. This low islet is home to more than just Galapagos sea lions. Two other emblematic species breed here: male blue-footed boobies and great frigate birds who try to impress the females (and tourists) with clumsy dances, heaving their striking blue feet or blowing up their balloon-sized scarlet pouches. During the breeding season, the fluffy and hungry chicks cry for food, and when their wings get strong enough, they will learn to fly..

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3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS



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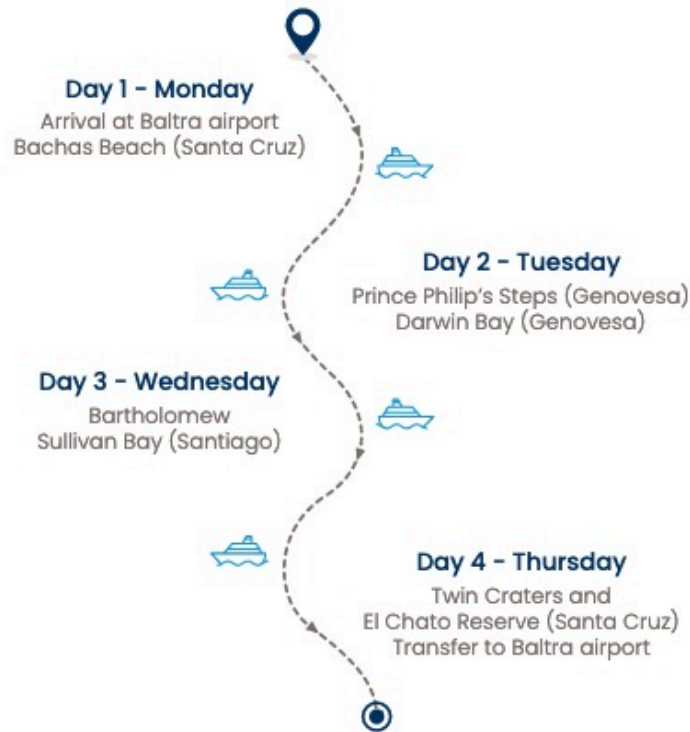
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ITINERARY B4

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS
Monday to Thursday

HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING



 Waved Albatross	 Blue & Red footed boobies	 Galapagos Giant Tortoise
 Fragata común y real	 Galapagos Penguin	 Galapagos Sea Lion
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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - MONDAY

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 **ARCHIPEL I**
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ITINERARY B5

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS
Thursday to Monday

HIGH CHANCE OF SPOTTING



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DAY 4 - SUNDAY

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GALAPAGOS

PITT POINT & WITCH HILL (SAN CRISTOBAL)

Two wind-sculptured tuff cones at Pitt Point make up the extreme eastern end of San Cristobal, and thus, the archipelago as well. These cliffs were the first sight of land when HMS Beagle and Charles Darwin arrived on the 15th of September, 1835. On the small green sand beach, you will be welcomed by a group of barking Galapagos sea lions. This is a bachelor colony, where males usually relax and prepare themselves for fighting and mating.

The primary attraction of this site is the coral sand beach, an excellent place to swim and snorkel. Witch Hill is the remains of a tuff cone and one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin. It has an impressive landscape, where it is often possible to see coastal and migratory birds, including pelicans, blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls; as well as sea lions and marine iguanas. At times, the lagoon is completely dry and deposits of salt can be found at the bottom. The people of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno used to use the lagoon as a salt mine.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

ARCHIPEL I



A wide and stable motor catamaran with all cabins benefiting from ocean views, a fantastic sun deck and a stylish interior lounge and dining area.

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DAY 5 - MONDAY

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LOBOS ISLET (SAN CRISTOBAL) & DEPARTURE BACK TO MAINLAND BY PLANE

The Lobos Islet's beach harbours a colony of Galapagos sea lions. As in other colonies in the archipelago, you can approach nurturing females within a few metres. In the breeding season, this colony is also visited by territorial males, defending and mating the harem on their part of the beach. This low islet is home to more than just Galapagos sea lions. Two other emblematic species breed here: male blue-footed boobies and great frigate birds who try to impress the females (and tourists) with clumsy dances, heaving their striking blue feet or blowing up their balloon-sized scarlet pouches. During the breeding season, the fluffy and hungry chicks cry for food, and when their wings get strong enough, they will learn to fly..

After this, assisted by the naturalist guide and some crew members, you will be taken to San Cristobal airport.. Flight on to the Mainland.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

