



6 – 11 October 2024

Day 1 Sunday EMBARKATION AT BALTRA ISLAND AND SOMBRERO CHINO

Once you arrive at Baltra airport, you will be met by our team and escorted on a short cross island transfer to the jetty. Receive a warm welcome aboard Aqua Mare, the Galapagos Islands' first 50m luxury superyacht where you will be treated with the utmost attention courtesy of our 1:1 crew to guest ratio. After a delicious lunch, pick out your snorkeling kit complete with mask, fins, snorkel, and an optional wetsuit for your personal use during the week. You will also receive a special waterproof bag and an Aqua Expeditions water bottle as a welcome gift.

Next, we leave for Sombrero Chino Island, so named after the small crater that forms the islet. In the surrounding crystal-clear waters, you might have the opportunity to observe sea lions and penguins from above. There will be time for snorkeling, stand-up paddle boarding, and kayaking. After working up an appetite, return to the yacht for evening sundowners and our signature dining experience crafted by Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino.

Notes

Recommended Flights

* LATAM

Inclusions

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 Monday BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND AND CERRO DRAGÓN, SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Inclusions

Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

With an early morning anchor at Bartolomé Island, you will embark upon a mild climb up to the summit of a spatter cone for a spectacular view of the island's iconic Pinnacle Rock. Cool down afterwards with a snorkel where you may encounter sea turtles and Galapagos penguins, before heading back to the yacht for lunch as we sail towards Santa Cruz Island.

Our afternoon excursion takes us to Cerro Dragón or Dragon Hill, so named because in 1975 it was one of the only places in the Santa Cruz Island where scientists could still find a healthy population of land iguanas (*Conolophus subcristatus*).

Back onboard, swap tales of your magnificent excursion while enjoying the best of the region's flavors.

Day 3 Tuesday PUERTO AYORA, SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Inclusions

Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Build your own adventure today from a selection of activities, whether you're interested in snorkeling, hiking, cycling, or even scuba diving. Please reach out to our Cruise Director onboard for more information.

Spend the evening exploring the main town of Puerto Ayora. We recommend strolling along the main waterfront where you can stop by the many boutiques and jewelry shops before heading back to the ship for a fascinating lecture from our guides. Finally, end the day with a fresh seafood dining in the Galapagos Islands.

Day 4 Wednesday PUNTA SUÁREZ, BAHÍA GARDNER, AND ISLOTE OSBORN, ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

Inclusions

Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Rise and shine to a guided meditation on our upper deck before disembarking in Punta Suárez for this morning's excursion. This visitor site is one of the most interesting landing sites in Galapagos Islands, due to the high percentage of unique endemism in its fauna such as Española mockingbirds, lava lizards, marine iguanas, and the unique waved albatross.



In the afternoon, we will take a tender ride to the beautiful array of islets where you will be able to snorkel alongside playful sea lions and many different species of reef fishes. The last visit of the day will be Bahía Gardner, an outstanding coralline sand beach that boasts one of the biggest colonies of sea lions in the Galapagos Islands. Back at the yacht, head over to our bar to socialize over a glass of our special Aqua Bloody Mare as the crew prepares for departure to our next anchorage.

Day 5 Thursday SANTE FÉ ISLAND AND PLAZA SUR ISLAND

After a night of sailing, you will visit Santa Fé Island for your penultimate day. It is one of the oldest in the Galapagos Islands (around 3.6 million years old), with the island being characterized to some degree by its vegetation of palo santo trees, a pear cactus that is called *Opuntia echios barringtonensis*, and many other native bushes. Here we will spot land iguanas, lava lizards, mockingbirds, and Darwin's finches. After the visit, we will be able to enjoy snorkeling, kayaking, or stand-up paddle boarding.

After lunch onboard, the boat will sail to Plaza Sur Island, located off the eastern shore of Santa Cruz. In the afternoon you disembark at a small but diverse little islet to head out on a two-hour hiking excursion led by your guide to discover its unique landforms. Swap notes on everything you've seen today and end the day gazing at the archipelago's amazing starlit skies while sipping on a glass wine.

Inclusions

Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 6 Friday DISEMBARKATION AT PUERTO AYORA

The last day begins with a luxurious breakfast set against the morning sunrise. Enjoy the views from Aqua Mare before we make our way to Puerto Ayora for disembarkation. Bid farewell to the crew and your beautiful home for the past week.

Inclusions

Breakfast

Recommended Flights

*LATAM

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions.

**Flight schedule are subjected to change at the discretion of the Airlines without notice.*

