

M/V SANTA CRUZ II
PRE – TOUR: Aug 07th to 13th, 2020
POST – TOUR: Aug 21st to 27th, 2020
7 days / 6 nights

Cabin type: **Horizon Deck US\$ 6.500 per person in Twin or double cabin**
Single cabin US\$ 7.361
Twin or Double cabin for Single use a surcharge of 100% applies

Booking Deadline Deposit: **MAY 17, 2019 – US\$ 1.000 per person**
Full payment is required: **MAY 15, 2020**

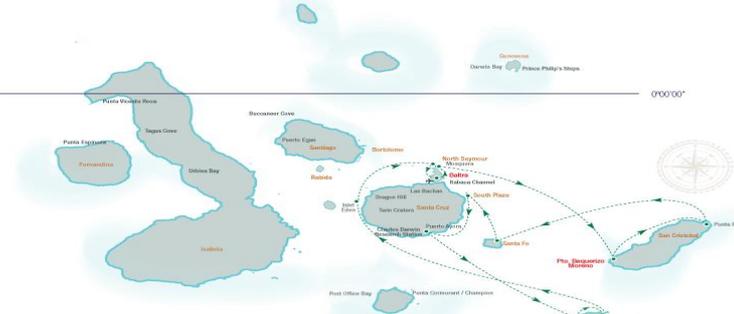
EASTERN GALAPAGOS 7 days/6 nights (Friday to Thursday)

| | AM VISITS | ISLAND | AQUATIC ACTIVITIES | PM VISITS | ISLAND | AQUATIC ACTIVITIES | HIGHLIGHT |
|-----------|---|---------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------|
| Friday | Baltra Airport | Baltra | | Mosquera | Mosquera |    | North Seymour Española |
| Saturday | Puerto Baquerizo Moreno Tortoise Breeding Centre | San Cristobal | | Punta Pitt | San Cristobal |    | |
| Sunday | Santa Fe | Santa Fe |   | South Plaza | South Plaza | | |
| Monday | Charles Darwin Research Station | Santa Cruz | | Optional activities | Santa Cruz |  | |
| Tuesday | Punta Suarez | Española | | Gardner Bay / Osborn Islet | Española |    | |
| Wednesday | Eden Islet | Santa Cruz |   | North Seymour | North Seymour |   | |
| Thursday | Baltra Airport | Baltra | | | | | |

SANTA CRUZ II
GALAPAGOS CRUISE

2018 Itineraries

7D-6N ITINERARY
EASTERN GALAPAGOS
FRIDAY TO THURSDAY
BALTRA - BALTRA



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DAY-BY-DAY DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY

Baltra Island

We arrive by plane at Baltra Island and transfer to the dock to board the Santa Cruz II, where we receive our welcome introductory briefing and lunch.



Mosquera

After lunch and your introductory briefing on board, Santa Cruz II will relocate only four nautical miles from Baltra, next to Mosquera Islet, a small volcanic uplift between Baltra and North Seymour. The island is a long and narrow sand bank surrounded by lava reefs. Our groups will approach the island from its western shore, a long shallow reef, the perfect rookery for young sea lions. After a wet landing, our guides will lead you past the sea lion colonies, where you will learn more about the fragile marine and terrestrial ecosystems of Galapagos. The walk is easy as it is restricted to a few hundred metres of flat sandy dunes. This will also be a great opportunity for an introduction to snorkelling.



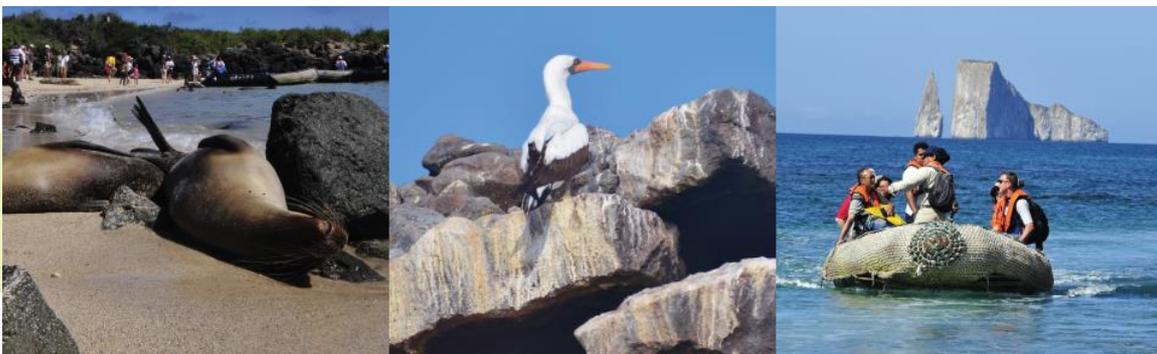
SATURDAY

Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristobal Island)

After breakfast, we disembark (dry landing) at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the island's capital, and drive 40 minutes to the island's southern shore. At Cerro Colorado, we visit the breeding centre for highly endangered giant tortoises in the midst of a fantastic deciduous forest, home to dozens of bird species, including the San Cristobal mockingbird, and the San Cristobal lava lizard, both island endemics.

Punta Pitt (San Cristobal Island)

In the afternoon, we disembark (wet landing) on the eastern tip of the island at Punta Pitt, an eroded tuff cone, whose trail provides spectacular views of the shoreline. This is the only site in the Galapagos where the three species of boobies can be found together. We can walk or enjoy a panga ride along the coast. Opportunity for snorkelling, swimming and kayaking.



SUNDAY

Santa Fe Island

After breakfast, we take the dinghy over to this idyllic sandy-white beach populated by many sea lions (wet landing). The endemic land iguana, unique to this island, may be spotted during the morning walk amid the giant prickly pear cactus. Snorkelling and swimming from the panga rounds off our rewarding experience, or if guests prefer, the glass bottom boat is available for non-snorkelers. Opportunity for kayaking.

South Plaza Island

Following lunch and a rest, we disembark (dry landing) in this channel, whose turquoise waters contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava of the shoreline. Beyond, a carpet of scarlet sesuvium succulents serves as groundcover for a grove of luminescent green prickly-pear cactus. Yellow-grey land iguanas sit beneath these, waiting patiently for pears to drop. Along the coastline one finds sea lion colonies, while frigates, swallow-tailed gulls and shearwaters glide, playing with the thermals.



MONDAY

Puerto Ayora and the Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)

In the morning, we disembark (dry landing) for our visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station's giant tortoise Breeding Centre within an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest home to many land birds. These are the headquarters of scientific investigation, conservation and the National Park administration. Following our visit, we board our transport to enjoy lunch in the cooler highlands of Santa Cruz Island, a completely different ecosystem.

Santa Cruz Island

We have several options available for the afternoon, which can be discussed in advance with your Expedition Leader. At the end of the afternoon's activities, we return to Puerto Ayora and embark on the Santa Cruz II.



TUESDAY

Punta Suarez (Española Island)

(Dry landing) - An exciting walk awaits at this site, where we enjoy its unique sea bird colonies, including waved albatrosses (April-December), Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls as well as a view of the Galapagos' famous "blow-hole". Also, look out for red-green-black marine iguanas. Back on board for lunch.

Gardner Bay – Osborn Islet (Española Island)

(Wet landing) In the afternoon, the picture-postcard white coral beach of Gardner Bay and the nearby islet of Osborn provides a beautiful setting for observing sea lions, mockingbirds, and finches as we relax. We can expect great snorkelling in this area. Opportunity for swimming and kayaking as well.



WEDNESDAY

Eden Islet (Santa Cruz Island)

After breakfast, a panga ride takes us to Eden Islet, a small islet located off the coast of Santa Cruz, where we can observe blue-footed boobies diving into the water, reef sharks and frigates. There's a chance to snorkel and, if weather condition permits, ride in the glass-bottom boat and kayak.

North Seymour Island

North Seymour was lifted from the ocean floor by a volcanic event, and its origins as a seabed give the island its low, flat profile. A tiny forest of silver-grey Palo Santo trees stands just above the landing (dry landing), usually without leaves, waiting for the rains to burst into bloom. Enjoy its wonderful wildlife, full of bird colonies of blue-footed boobies, two species of frigate birds, swallow-tailed gulls, as well as sea lions and marine iguanas.



THURSDAY

Baltra Island

On our last day, we disembark at Baltra Island and transfer to the airport to take the flight back to the continent.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Please remember that the exact route and programme may vary according to weather and ocean conditions and the wildlife we encounter. It's also subject to change without previous notice due mainly to readjustment of the National Park policies and regulations.

Dry landing: Guests step from the panga (dinghy) onto rocks or a dock.

Wet landing: As the dinghy edges onto a sandy beach, guests step into around 20 cm (8 in) of water and wade ashore.

Included

- All meals
- Island sightseeing
- Naturalists and lecture services
- Snorkelling gear
- Transfers in Galapagos.
- Air tickets to/from Galapagos US\$ 525.00 (Subject to change)
- Galapagos National Park admission fee US\$ 100 (subject to change)
- Transit Control Card for Galapagos US\$ 20 per person (subject to change)

Not Included

- Wet suits
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage
- Tips
- Gifts
- Internet*
- Additional items.

* Due to the Galapagos' remote location, internet connections are intermittent and low-bandwidth.

BOOKING AND PAYMENTS POLICIES:

For reservations a deposit of US\$ 1.000 per person is required. Deposits must be received in our bank accounts within the time limits established in these policies for reservations to be processed.

For all Cruise services, including flight tickets, and Galapagos National Park entrance fee taxes , full pre-payment is needed for **May 15, 2020**.

CANCELLATION CHARGES:

- If cancellation is received between the date of booking until **61** days prior the date our services are due to begin, we will charge (25%) as a cancellation fee. This deposit cannot be transferred to another booking.
- If cancellation is received between **60 and 0 days** prior the date our services are due to begin, we will charge 100% as a cancellation fee.

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- **In the case of a cancellation, deposits made as part of a booking are non-refundable and not transferable to another departure.**
- In the case of a cancellation due to medical reasons, we require a medical certificate. With this, we will provide a credit note of a value of 50% of the booking for the guest. This credit note is valid for another departure for one year from the cancellation date. This credit note will not be issued for departures during Peak Season.
- In the case of cancellation due to death, we require a certificate. With this, we will provide a credit note of a value of 50% of the booking for a future departure by a friend or family member. This credit note is valid for another departure for one year from the cancellation date. This credit note will not be issued for departures during Peak Season.

PACKING CHECK LIST

- 1 small backpack
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sneakers with rubber soles
- Shorts
- Long pants
- T-shirts
- Long and short sleeved shirts
- Wind breaker
- Bathing suit or a wetsuit for snorkelling in cold months
- Hat or cap
- Sunblock and repellent
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Camera & video recorder
- Any medicine you may be taking
- Book/Notebook