



## Majestic 8 Day Itinerary "B"



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### Day 1 (Monday)

#### San Cristobal Island

In the morning, you will arrive at *San Cristobal Island*. After going through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Majestic staff member and transferred to the yacht. You will be guided to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing.

In the afternoon, you will visit the *Breeding Center Jacinto Gordillo - "La Galapaguera"* in Cerro Colorado. It is a new visitor site in the southeast part of San Cristobal Island and can now be reached in roughly one hour by road from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. On the trees and shrubs surrounding the site, you may see land birds like warblers, finches and mockingbirds. Giant tortoises can be observed on the trails. They live there wild but in a protected area to ensure their survival by sealing them off from introduced predators like pigs and goats.

Breeding Center Jacinto Gordillo (Galapaguera)	
<b>Activities:</b>	Short hike (0,6 mi / 1 Km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy / moderate
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry landing
<b>Highlights:</b>	Giant tortoises, finches, warblers, mockingbirds

### Day 2 (Tuesday)

#### North Seymour and South Plaza Islands

In *North Seymour* you will be able to see Galapagos sea lions, land iguanas, blue-footed boobies, magnificent and great frigate birds which are abundant on this island. North Seymour was formed by a series of submarine lava flows containing layers of sediment that were uplifted by tectonic activity. The island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone.

North Seymour	
<b>Possible Activities:</b>	Dinghy ride & hiking (1.5 miles / 2.41 km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate / Difficult
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Land & marine iguanas, frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, sea lions; snorkeling: rays, reef sharks, fish, garden eels.

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In the afternoon, you will head to **South Plaza Island**. This small island with steep cliffs was formed by rising lava and is now covered by Opuntia cacti. It is also home to one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as colorful yellow and bright orange land iguanas. The most characteristic plant is the Sesuvium. During the rainy season its color is a greenish to yellowish tone and in the dry season (end of June through January) a bright red.

South Plaza Island	
<b>Possible Activities:</b>	Hike (1,5 miles / 2 ½ km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Land iguanas, sea lion colony, Audubon's shearwaters, swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies, amazing landscape with cliffs.

### Day 3 (Wednesday)

#### Bartholomew and Egas Port

In the morning, you will head to **Bartholomew Island**, home of the famous Pinnacle Rock. Bartholomew consists of an extinct volcano with a variety of red, orange, black and even green volcanic formations. We will take a trail of stairs to the summit of the volcano (about 30 or 40 minutes) where you will enjoy one of the best views of the islands! You will also visit a small, beautiful beach surrounded by the only vegetation found on this barren island. The beach is perfect for snorkeling where you may even see Galapagos penguins.

Bartholomew Island	
<b>Activities:</b>	Panga ride, snorkeling & hike (1,2 miles / 2 km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate/ difficult. Walk up to the top of volcano of 114 meters, 375 wooden steps
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry and wet landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Pinnacle Rock, panoramic view, moon-like landscape, penguins, pioneer plants, lava cactus; snorkeling: penguins, reef sharks, rays, great colorful fish.

In the afternoon, you will go to **Egas Port**, also known as James Bay, on Santiago Island which is home to the curious Galapagos hawks and quick-footed Galapagos lava lizards. The trail leads to the coastline with gorgeous tide pools and grottos full of fauna. Here the Galapagos fur sea lions bathe in the sun. This is also a great snorkeling site.



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Egas Port	
<b>Activities:</b>	Snorkeling, hiking (1,2 miles / 2km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy /moderate
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Wet landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Fur sea lions, Galapagos sea lions, tidal pools and "grottos," Galapagos hawks, oyster catchers, marine iguanas, finches; snorkeling: reef sharks, turtles, rays, nice underwater formations.

### Day 4 (Thursday)

#### Tagus Cove and Urbina Bay

In the morning, you will visit **Tagus Cove** on Isabela Island which is located across from Fernandina Island, near the Bolivar Channel dividing the two islands. This spot has been frequented by ships since the 1800s, using the area as an anchorage site. Trails winding by Lake Darwin up to a ridge display wonderful views.

Tagus Cove	
<b>Activities:</b>	Long hike, snorkeling, panga ride, kayaking (depending on weather conditions and time availability).
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate / Difficult
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Penguins, flightless cormorants, Darwin Volcano & Lake

In the afternoon, you will go to **Urbina Bay** which is located at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the west coast between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth Bay. This area experienced a major uplift in 1954 causing the land to rise over 16 feet. The coast expanded half a mile out leaving marine life stranded on the new shore. This area is also a great place for snorkeling.

Urbina Bay	
<b>Activities:</b>	Snorkeling and hike (0.6 mi / 1 km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy /moderate
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Wet landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Land iguanas (the biggest in the Galapagos), hawks, giant tortoises. Snorkeling: turtles, rays, tropical fish



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### Day 5 (Friday)

#### Isabela Island and Fernandina Island

In the morning, crossing the Bolivar Channel that divides Isabela and Fernandina Islands, you will land at **Espinosa Point**, and after walking past a colony of marine iguanas and a group of sea lions, to reach the island's highlight: the flightless cormorant nesting site (seasonal). This area provides a great opportunity to see the Galapagos hawk.

Espinosa Point	
<b>Activities:</b>	Hike of approximately (1.2 miles / 2 km)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry and slippery at low tide
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Flightless cormorant, marine iguanas, 'a'a lava, sea lions, penguins, active volcano "La Cumbre".

The afternoon visit is to **Vicente Roca Point**. Comprised of two separate coves, this site is a large bay with spectacular sea life. Keep an eye out for seahorses, sea turtles, and the strange yet fascinating Mola mola (or sunfish).

Vicente Roca Point	
<b>Activities:</b>	Snorkeling & panga ride
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy / moderate
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	No landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Penguins, blue-footed boobies, terns, Nazca boobies, two types of sea lions. sea turtles, rays and puffer fish.

### Day 6 (Saturday)

#### Santiago - Espumilla Beach Or Buccaneer Cove & Sullivan Bay

In the morning, visit is to **Espumilla Beach** where marine iguanas lounge and the Sally Lightfoot crabs attract the hunting herons performing the dance of predator and prey right before your eyes. Snorkeling is highly recommended as you could find yourself face to face with an octopus, moray eel, shark and a variety of other species of tropical fish.

Buccaneer Cove / Espumilla Beach	
<b>Activities:</b>	Snorkeling, beach walk and swimming
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Wet landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Snorkeling



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The afternoon visit takes you to **Sullivan Bay** located on the southeast part of Santiago. This place is interesting for its geology because the area is covered by lava flows. This place has elevations in form of small volcanoes, formed by the lava flows.

Sullivan Bay	
<b>Possible Activities:</b>	Hiking (0.9 miles / 1.5 km), snorkeling and swimming
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate / Difficult
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry landing.
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Lava flows, small volcanoes.

### Day 7 (Sunday)

#### Santa Cruz Island

In the morning, you will visit **Bachas Beach**, located on the north shore of Santa Cruz, Bachas is a swimming beach. One of the few remnants of the U.S. World War II presence in the Galapagos, a floating pier, can be seen here. You may see flamingos, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black-necked stilts, and whimbrels. Sea turtles also nest on the beach.

BACHAS BEACH	
<b>Possible Activities:</b>	Hiking and Snorkeling
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Wet landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	World War II remnants, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black-necked stilts, whimbrels, sea turtles

In the afternoon, you will visit **"Fausto Llerena" Giant land tortoises breeding center**, where giant tortoises are bred in captivity; this is home to tortoises ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long adults. Subspecies of the giant tortoises interact with one another, and many of the older tortoises are accustomed to humans stretching out their heads for a photo opportunity. The babies are kept until they are about four years-old and strong enough to survive on their own.

"Fausto Llerena" Giant land tortoises breeding center.	
<b>Possible Activities:</b>	Walking
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy
<b>Type of Landing:</b>	Dry landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Giant tortoises in captivity



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#### Kicker Rock

In the morning, you will visit *Kicker Rock*. This striking rock formation is located a couple hours off the western shore of San Cristobal. Jutting out of the water, the rocks stand vertically at hundreds of feet above the ocean divided by a small channel. Although there are no landing areas, snorkeling allow visitors to spot a variety of marine life.

Kicker Rock	
<b>Activities:</b>	Dinghy ride
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy
<b>Anlegeart:</b>	No landing
<b>Highlights &amp; Animals:</b>	Spectacular rock formations; sea birds: blue- footed boobies, Nazca boobies & frigate birds.

After visiting the Interpretation Center, you will be transferred to the San Cristobal airport to catch your flight to Guayaquil or Quito on mainland Ecuador.