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AT EDEN TURIST SUPERIOR YACHT

SUNDAY: San Cristobal

- **A.M. Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (Airport)**

Departure from Quito or Guayaquil to San Cristobal in a 2-hour flight. Upon arrival, passengers are picked up at the airport by our naturalist guides and taken on a ten-minute bus drive to the pier to board the Eden Yacht.

- **P.M. Isla Lobos (SN/PR)**

On this Galapagos tour to Lobos Islet, we will disembark and go for an hour-long hike and snorkel around the island, hopefully spotting blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas and frigatebirds. If luck is on our side, there is a chance to see the marine iguanas feeding underwater. Thanks to the channel this islet creates with the island of San Cristobal, we will be able to see rays and turtles on the sandy bottom. This is considered a great place for first time snorkelers as the water is clear and not far away from land.



MONDAY:

- **A.M. Santa Fé (SN/WLK/PR)**

Wet landing. Santa Fe shows white sand beaches surrounded by sea lion colonies; through the island path, an endemic cactus forest is passed, home the Santa Fe land iguanas (the largest in the islands). This island is the habitat for a number of species, including the Galapagos hawk, Galapagos snakes, rice rats (one of the few endemic Galapagos rodents) a variety of finches and one of the four mockingbird species of the archipelago.

- **P.M. South Plaza Islet (WLK)**

Dry landing. Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls and land iguanas are all present at the landing site. The small island is covered with a carpet of a red succulent studded with Opuntia cacti. At the cliff edge, we spend time watching birds fly past at eye level in the up draught. These include, frigatebirds, flocks of Galapagos shearwaters and of particular note, flights of displaying red-billed tropicbirds. Back at sea level, we once again encounter land iguanas, some of which have hybridized with their resident marine cousins.



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TUESDAY: Santa Cruz

- **A.M. Charles Darwin Research Station (WLK)**

Dry landing. Once home to the famous Lonesome George, the last tortoise of the Pinta race, the breeding and relocation center is named in honour of his long-time guardian. The center is set in the Galapagos National Park Service where various interpretative buildings are available to visit. The grounds, with large stands of native vegetation, are one of the better places to spot some of the seldom seen .

- **P.M. Parte Alta (WLK)**

Dry landing. In the central highlands of Santa Cruz Island we have our best opportunity to interact at close quarters with totally wild, Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these huge, 600 lb reptiles will also offer the chance for more highland species, especially several species of the famed finches.



WEDNESDAY: Isabela

- **A.M. Humedales – Muro de las lagrimas (WLK)**

"Los Humedales" is a 6km long trail complex, located south of Isabela Island, Galapagos. They have a great variety of flora and fauna, as well as the spectacular landscapes of the bay, the town of Puerto Villamil, volcanoes, islets and rocks. Isabela wetlands have both their own and introduced species.

The "Muro de las Lagrimas" is at the end of the Wetlands route, on the way to the wall there is a viewpoint with a wonderful view of Puerto Villamil and you can also observe giant turtles in the wild along the way.

- **P.M. Breeding Center Arnaldo Tupiza (WLK)**

We will be close to the majestic giant tortoises of the Galapagos Islands at Giant Tortoise Breeding Center Arnaldo Tupiza Chamaidan. With the last remaining Cerro Palomo tortoises - four male and two female - in its care, the breeding center dedicates itself to increasing and stabilizing the population of this endangered species. The center also cares for more than 300 other giant tortoises, which you can see on your visit.



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THURSDAY: Isabela

- **A.M. Punta Moreno (SN/WLK/PR)**

Punta Moreno is located on the north coast of Isabela Island between the volcano Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcano. The distance of the trail is about 2100 meters, and runs along a lava flow Pahohoe (solidified lava in the form of corrugated or an accordion) into a complex of coastal lagoons.

The main attractions at Punta Moreno are coastal lagoons amid black lava flows where there are several species of birds. It has a panoramic view of three volcanoes, the most active of the Galapagos that are Sierra Negra, Cerro Azul of Isabela Island and La Cumbre of Fernandina Island.

- **P.M. Bahia Elizabeth (PR)**

Elizabeth Bay is one of the best Galapagos destinations for the practice of surface diving. Its privileged location on Isabela Island, bathed by its crystalline waters and abundant marine life, make it a paradise for lovers of this water sport.



FRIDAY: Isabela - Fernandina

- **A.M. Tagus Cove (SN/WLK/PR)**

Dry landing. A well-known hideout and deep water anchorage in the days of pirates, Tagus Cove was also one of the few sites visited by Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle in 1835. A beautiful hike leads us past an overview of Darwin Lake and on to a stunning volcanic landscape revealing Isabela island's dramatic northern volcanoes. Once back at sea level the perfect activity is to snorkel along a submerged wall with turtles, lots of fish, penguins and potentially flightless cormorants. You might even be tempted by a panga ride or kayak!

- **P.M. Espinosa Point (SN/WLK)**

Dry landing. The youngest island of Galapagos and one of the most pristine in the world. Fernandina is simply the "marine iguana capital of the world". This desolate volcanic backdrop is home to a huge concentration of these enigmatic reptiles. Incongruously, sharing the same shoreline, we can find the diminutive Galapagos penguins. Here we also have the exciting opportunity to snorkel with marine iguanas feeding underwater, penguins, turtles and the bizarre, endemic, flightless



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SATURDAY:

- **A.M. Egas Port (SN/WLK)**

Wet landing. The black volcanic sand sets this landing apart from most. It is best known for the dramatic shoreline where we meet a host of species that chose to live between land and sea. Particular among these are the endemic Galapagos fur seals which maintain a small colony at the end of our walk. Other species of note include American oystercatchers, sea lions, waders, herons, lava lizards and even Galapagos hawks. An optional visit takes us to an abandoned salt mine famous in its day for supplying salt to mainland Ecuador.

- **P.M. Rábida (SN/WLK/PR)**

Wet landing. Lying at the heart of the archipelago this dramatic island, with its distinctive red-sand beach, is home to sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, endemic Galapagos doves and vermilion flycatchers. A walk takes us through a forest of palo santo and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay. Snorkeling here can be excellent, often with large schools of black-striped salemas, sea lions and the ubiquitous turtles.



SUNDAY:

- **A.M. North Seymour Island (SN/WLK/PR)**

Dry landing. This flat, uplifted, island is an important spot to see both magnificent and great frigatebird males courting the females by clicking, bill-clapping, shuddering and flapping their wings, all while showing off their grossly inflated, bright red, gular pouch. We will also likely see courting blue-footed boobies displaying their unique feet while 'dancing' to a prospective mate. Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, crashing surf and distant views of the Daphne Islands top off a great visit.

- **Baltra (Airport)**

After the visit, passengers will be transferred to the airport for their return flight to Guayaquil or Quito.

