

PASSION EASTERN ITINERARY

8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



ITINERARY SUMMARY

LOCATIONS	Galapagos Islands (Eastern Islands): Santa Cruz, Genovesa, Bartolomé, Rabida, Española, Santa Fe, Sombrero Chino, Plazas
DURATION	8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS
ACTIVITIES	Wildlife viewing, walking, hiking, snorkelling, land visits to inhabited and uninhabited islands in the National Park, sightseeing, kayaking
HIGHLIGHTS	Tours to inhabited and uninhabited islands in National Park, snorkelling or kayaking in the renowned marine reserve, tortoise reserve, Charles Darwin Station and beautiful beaches, and more!
SEASON	All year
INCLUDED	All amenities of the yacht, certified naturalist guide, excursions, meals, and activities mentioned in itinerary, snorkelling gear, access to kayaks
NOT INCLUDED	Flights, Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee, Migratory Card Fee, bottled and alcoholic beverages, personal expenses, tips





THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Nestled in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Galapagos Islands stand as a testament to the sheer wonder of nature. Renowned for unparalleled biodiversity and otherworldly landscapes, this UNESCO National site beckons both adventurers and nature enthusiasts. Each moment spent in this remote archipelago feels like stepping into an untouched realm where time stands still and endemic species thrive in splendid isolation.

Uncover the secrets below the water in one of the world's largest and most renowned marine reserves. This enchanting archipelago is not just a destination, but an experience unlike any other, a journey into the heart of our planet's natural heritage. Here, amidst the cradle of evolution, one can't help but marvel at the intricate tapestry of life that unfolds at every turn. In the Galapagos, the mystical and the magnificent converge, leaving an indelible mark on all who are fortunate enough to wander its shores.

THE CRUISE EXPERIENCE

Embarking on a boutique cruise through the Galápagos Islands is one of the most immersive ways to experience this extraordinary destination. With fewer passengers on board, these intimate journeys create a relaxed, personal atmosphere, inviting genuine connections with fellow travellers while enjoying the comforts of a live-aboard vessel. As your yacht travels overnight, each day begins in a new location, maximizing your time exploring these remarkable islands. Guided by expert naturalists, you'll encounter wildlife found nowhere else on Earth, set against dramatic volcanic landscapes, with opportunities to snorkel in one of the largest and most biodiverse marine reserves on the planet. More than just a voyage, our yachts offer a meaningful journey. A quiet, more refined way to explore, where there are no crowds, only a sense of peace, and a lasting connection to the magic of the Galapagos.



PASSION

- Luxury-Class
- Up to 14 passengers
- 7 Cabins w/ private bathrooms
- 2 Suites & 5 Staterooms
- Air-conditioning
- 2 Hot tubs
- Multiple common areas



THE EAST ITINERARY





DAY 1

ARRIVAL TO BALTRA, SANTA CRUZ ISLAND AND BLACK TURTLE COVE

Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your naturalist guide and escorted to your floating home for the next eight days, M/Y Passion. Once aboard, settle into your cabin and enjoy a delicious lunch as the yacht begins its journey toward its first destination, Black Turtle Cove, a peaceful estuary on Santa Cruz Island.

Embark on a scenic dinghy ride through a tranquil red mangrove lagoon, where calm waters shelter an abundance of marine life such as sea turtles, rays, juvenile sharks and a variety of coastal birds.

After exploring this thriving ecosystem, return to the yacht for a beautifully prepared dinner. Your guide will then provide a recap of the day's highlights and a briefing on the adventures ahead.



Place(s): Baltra Island, Santa Cruz Island



Sights: Black Turtle Cove and marine life



Activity level: Easy ●○○○○○

Activities: Dinghy ride



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, sea lions, reef sharks, sea turtles, rays, tropical fish



Meals included: Lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 2

GENOVESA (TOWER) ISLAND

Awake inside the stunning caldera of Genovesa Island. Enjoy breakfast before heading to Darwin Bay by dinghy. Here, a short beach walk brings you into a vibrant nesting ground for red-footed boobies, frigatebirds, lava gulls, tropicbirds, doves, storm petrels, and yellow-crowned night herons. Take in the fascinating diversity of avian life. Return to the yacht and prepare for a snorkel or kayak in the caldera's deep waters, where marine life is abundant. After lunch prepare for a snorkel, where you may have the opportunity to spot the shy scalloped hammerhead sharks. Return to the yacht to get ready for a hike at Prince Philip's Steps. Upon arrival, fur seals may greet you at the landing site before you ascend up the steps to the island's outer edge, passing through trails lined with fragrant palo santo trees. Here, keep an eye out for short-eared owls and nesting boobies. Enjoy a delicious dinner on board and a debriefing to reflect on the day's sights as you cruise to your next destination.



Place(s): Genovesa (Tower) Island, Darwin Bay, Prince Phillip's Steps



Sights: Beautiful beach with up close bird watching along the path, Palo Santo forest, possibility of seeing hammerhead sharks



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling, stairs



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, endemic birds, scalloped hammerhead sharks, short-eared owls



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 3

BARTOLOMÉ & SOMBRERO CHINO

Wake up to the striking landscapes of Bartolomé Island, renowned for its iconic Pinnacle Rock and sweeping panoramic views. After breakfast, a dinghy ride brings you ashore, where a wooden staircase leads you to one of the most breathtaking viewpoints in the Galápagos.

Return to the yacht to prepare for a snorkel around Pinnacle Rock. Here, you may encounter Galápagos penguins darting through the water, along with rays, reef sharks, and schools of vibrant tropical fish.

Following lunch onboard, the yacht continues to Sombrero Chino (China Hat), a small islet named for its hat-like shape. Enjoy a casual walk where your guide will share insights into the island's fascinating volcanic geology.

Later, set out for a second snorkel in the nearby bay, with another opportunity to observe penguins and a variety of marine life up close. Return to the yacht in the evening for dinner and a recap on the day and tomorrow's adventures.



Place(s): Bartolomé, Sombrero Chino



Sights: Pinnacle Rock, viewpoint, amazing snorkeling with an opportunity to see penguins, pristine beach on Sombrero Chino



Activity level: Moderate ●●●○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling, stairs to viewpoint



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, penguins, sharks, rays, tropical fish, various endemic birds, sea turtles



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 4

RABIDA & SANTA CRUZ: DRAGON HILL

Savor a delightful breakfast before boarding the dinghy to Rábida Island, renowned for its striking red-sand beaches. Here, set out on a 1.5-hour guided walk in search of flamingos, nesting pelicans, marine iguanas, and a bachelor colony of sea lions. Cap off the morning with an invigorating snorkel along Rábida's vibrant coastline. Return to the yacht to relax over a delicious lunch as you cruise toward your next destination, Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill). Upon arrival, head ashore for a dry landing and begin a 1.5-hour walk along cactus-lined trails, passing a lagoon where flamingos and pintail ducks are often seen. Continue inland to discover a unique habitat for land iguanas, then ascend the hill for sweeping panoramic views. Return to the yacht to prepare for another snorkel nearby in the surrounding waters before coming back to the yacht for a delicious, nourishing dinner and an evening recap of the day's adventures as well as what tomorrow will bring.



Place(s): Rabida, Santa Cruz: Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill)



Sights: Striking red beach of Rabida, beautiful viewpoints, lagoons with flamingos, pristine beaches, Cerro Dragon Hill



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, flamingos, pintail ducks, land and marine iguanas, sea lions



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 5

SANTA CRUZ: HIGHLANDS & DARWIN STATION

Return to Santa Cruz Island, where you will moor in the turquoise waters of Academy Bay. After breakfast, head ashore to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, you'll encounter Galápagos giant tortoises at various stages of life and learn about the vital conservation work being carried out to protect the islands' unique ecosystems.

After your visit, enjoy some free time to explore the local shops and charm of Puerto Ayora before returning to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon, journey into the lush highlands of Santa Cruz, where you'll visit a tortoise reserve and observe these majestic creatures roaming in their natural habitat.

Later, return to the yacht for a delicious dinner, followed by a recap of the day's experiences and a preview of tomorrow's highlights.



Place(s): Santa Cruz Island: Highlands, Charles Darwin Station



Sights: Beautiful landscapes, Academy Bay, Puerto Ayora, the highlands of Santa Cruz, Charles Darwin Station, tortoise reserve



Activity level: Easy ●○○○○
Activities: Walking



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, marine iguanas, sea lions, giant galapagos tortoises, lava lizards



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 6

ESPAÑOLA ISLAND, GARDNER BAY & PUNTA SUAREZ

After breakfast, journey to Punta Suárez, where you will board a dinghy to the landing site and set out on a scenic hike along dramatic coastal cliffs. Marvel at the powerful blowhole and observe an abundance of wildlife, including Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, and striking marine iguanas. From April to December, you may also witness the graceful courtship displays the Waved Albatross.

Return to the yacht for lunch before heading to Gardner Bay, where a wet landing brings you to pristine white-sand beaches. Here, sea lions lounge along the shore, hawks glide overhead, and curious mockingbirds may join your walk. Following this tranquil visit, enjoy a snorkel in the clear waters, where you may encounter colorful fish, sea turtles, and playful sea lions. Return to the yacht for dinner and an evening debrief.



Place(s): Española Island, Gardner Bay, Punta Suarez



Sights: Beautiful landscapes of Española Island, Gardner bay and Punta Suarez



Activity level: Moderate ●●●○○

Activities: Walking, hiking (rugged terrain), snorkeling



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, boobies, Waved Albatross (April - Dec), mockingbird, Glp. Hawk, sharks, rays, sea turtles, and various marine life



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 7

SOUTH PLAZAS & SANTA FE ISLAND

Awake to the stunning views of Santa Fe Island. After breakfast, take a dinghy ashore and step onto a pristine beach dotted with sea lions before beginning an uphill walk through a landscape of towering opuntia cacti, where vibrant yellow land iguanas thrive.

Return to the yacht for lunch, followed by a refreshing snorkel in the surrounding waters. In the afternoon, continue to South Plazas, where a dinghy ride brings you ashore to an island bustling with sea lions.

Set out on an approximately 1.5-hour walk along a scenic trail, where you may spot red-billed tropicbirds, swallow-tailed gulls, and land iguanas. The trail leads to a dramatic cliffside lookout, offering breathtaking views of the rugged coastline and bachelor sea lion colonies below.

Later, return to the yacht to enjoy a satisfying dinner, followed by a recap of the day's highlights and a preview of tomorrow's plans.



Place(s): South Plazas Island, Santa Fe Island



Sights: Beautiful landscapes, flora and fauna of South Plazas and Santa Fe Island



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, endemic birds, land & marine iguanas, lava lizards, sharks, rays, sea turtles



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 8

SANTA CRUZ: LOS GEMELOS, BALTRA & DEPARTURE

Return to Santa Cruz Island for your final day. After breakfast, take time to pack before being transferred to the canal dock, where you will board a bus to visit Los Gemelos, a natural wonder featuring two twin sunken craters filled with lush vegetation.

Afterwards, return to the canal where you and your luggage will board the ferry to Baltra, to catch your flight home or continue on to your next adventure.

For those who would like to extend their time in the Galápagos, we offer optional add-ons at a discounted rate to our passengers to stay at [Enchanted Galapagos Lodge](#), nestled in the tranquil highlands of Santa Cruz Island. This peaceful retreat provides a perfect opportunity to rest and unwind after an unforgettable cruise.



Place(s): Santa Cruz, Baltra, Los Gemelos



Sights: Los Gemelos



Activity level: Easy



Activities: Walking



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, tropical fish at the canal



Meals included: Breakfast & snacks