

**M/C MILLENNIUM**

It's the most elegant and comfortable catamaran in the Galapagos while also providing the highest standards of security.



**ITINERARY D**  
**WEDNESDAY TO MONDAY**  
**6 DAYS - 5 NIGHTS**

DAY	VISIT
WEDNESDAY	AM - Baltra airport PM - Highlands of Santa Cruz
THURSDAY	AM + PM Pto. Villamil (Tintoreras / Wetlands / Breeding Center / Wall of Tears or Sierra Negra)
FRIDAY	AM - Punta Moreno (Isabela) PM - Punta Mangle (Fernandina)
SATURDAY	AM - Punta Espinoza (Fernandina) PM - Tagus Cove (Isabela)
SUNDAY	AM - Puerto Egas (Santiago) PM - Chinese Hat
MONDAY	AM - Black Turtle Cove (Sta. Cruz) PM - Baltra airport



All Galapagos itineraries are subject to change without prior notice due to National Park regulations, weather conditions, and majeure.

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### 6D / 5N - DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

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#### DAY 1 WEDNESDAY: HIGHLANDS SANTA CRUZ

Your flight arrives at noon from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Airport. After a short drive you will cross the channel Itabaca and so reach the north of the island of Santa Cruz. Then, we go to the top of the Crocker Hill, over there, on clear days, you can enjoy a wonderful view of the surrounding islands. You will learn about the typical Galapagos vegetation, for example, tree ferns, and visit the famous giant tortoises in El Chato. Dinner and overnight on board.

#### DAY 2 THURSDAY: PUERTO VILLAMIL - TINTORERAS - HUMEDALES - WALL OF TEARS

In the early morning you reach the fishing village of Puerto Villamil in the south of, Isabela island. With an area of 4588 km<sup>2</sup>, it takes more than half the land area of the archipelago. Nevertheless, this island is comparatively rarely visited. In the early morning you see on the barrier island Tintoreras sea lions and with some luck, white-tip sharks.

Then continue to the "Muro de las Lágrimas" (The Wall of Tears) a moving, man-made monument. This long stone wall was built in the 1940s by convicts of the penal colony settled here once Ecuador took possession of the Islands. Our hike then leads through a wetland of brackish lagoons where flamingos are often seen.

In the afternoon, we have a visit to the Galapagos Tortoises Breeding Center where you will learn more about its intention to protect and safeguard the various species of giant tortoises that inhabit Isabela Island, in order to help increase the population of giant tortoises. On days with good weather, there will be an afternoon excursion to the crater of Sierra Negra. Dinner and overnight on board.

#### DAY 3 FRIDAY: PUNTA MORENO — PUNTA MANGLE

Punta Moreno Isabela is a bay with small lagoons, where flamingos often stay. Other water birds live here, including Bahamian ducks. In the early afternoon you reach the island of Fernandina, the youngest of the archipelago.

On the south coast at Punta Mangle, you visit one of the best snorkeling sites of all Galapagos. It's an excellent site for seeing penguins. Dinner and overnight on board.

#### DAY 4 SATURDAY: PUNTA ESPINOZA- TAGUS COVE

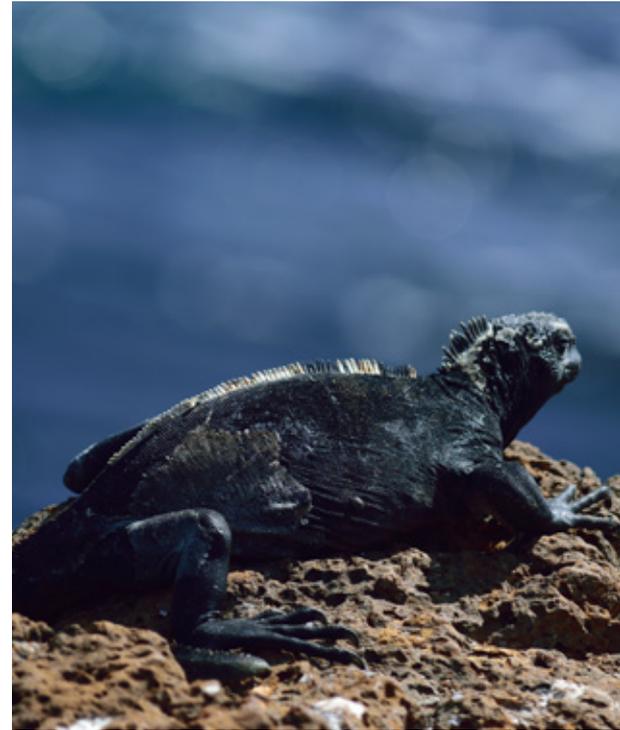
In the morning a visit to Punta Espinoza in the north of Fernandina. A fascinating lava scenery with cacti and individual mangrove vegetation. Besides penguins, flightless cormorants and sea lions, the largest marine iguanas of the Galapagos are among its attractions. In the afternoon visit of Tagus Cove on the west coast of Isabela.

The feet of Darwin volcano were a popular anchorage site for pirates and whalers. Some have written the names of their ships on the rock walls. After a 2-kilometer walk, you will reach a small cave, where inscriptions are dating from about 1800. Charles Darwin also visited Tagus Cove on his voyage on the Beagle. Here you will find penguins, flightless cormorants, and other marine birds. A steep path through dry forests and cactus, will lead us to the salty green crater lake, called Darwin Lagoon. During this short hike, you will discover once again the beauty of this island. It also offers the opportunity to snorkel, in order to appreciate the unique underwater world of this place.

Dinner and overnight on board.

#### DAY 5 SUNDAY: PUERTO EGAS — CHINESE HAT

Also, on Santiago there are still traces of the pirate times. This richly structured volcanic island offers long walks always. Puerto Egas was until the sixties a salt mine. Some abandoned buildings of that era are still standing. In the rock pool, marine iguanas are taking sun with the glowing red crabs on the rocks. Three species of Galapagos herons are living here, together with pigeons and oystercatchers.



Moreover, this is one of the best places to see migrating shorebirds. At the end of the path Galapagos fur seals and sea lions are awaiting you. In the afternoon you are at Sombrero Chino, close to the coast of Santiago Island. Topped by a perfectly formed crater, this island resembles the silhouette of "Chinese hut". Only specialized plants can live between the fragile lava. Sea lions inhabit the white, coral beach, fringed by salt bushes adapted to saline soil. Dinner and overnight on board.

## **DAY 6 MONDAY: CALETA TORTUGA NEGRA - BALTRA AIRPORT**

At morning the dinghy will take us to explore the brackish lagoon of Black Turtle Cove with its many sea turtles and schools of gold rays and sharks.

At midday, the return flight to mainland, to Guayaquil or Quito, will be ready to take off from Baltra Airport.