

Isabella II Galapagos Cruise Tuesday - Tuesday tour



Price from:
3,750.00 USD
per person

Fuel Surcharge: 203.00 USD

Yacht Isabela II Tuesday to Tuesday

With a capacity of only 40 guests, Yacht ISABELA II offers a relaxed atmosphere while enjoying an unforgettable Galapagos expedition, where guests fully experience their sense of discovery and bonding with nature. ISABELA II expeditions offer all aspects of the Galapagos: an intimate contact with wildlife, active volcanoes, a vast Marine Reserve, adventure, comfort and safety.



Tour Details

Our classic yacht cruising the Galápagos, the Isabella II combines elegance and relaxation to help you make the most of your Island experience.



DAY	MAIN ITINERARY
Tuesday	Baltra Island North Seymour Island
Wednesday	Gardner Bay (Hood Island) Punta Suárez (Hood Island)
Thursday	Point Cormorant (Floreana Island) Post Office Bay (Floreana Island)
Friday	Santa Cruz Island
Saturday	Darwin Bay (Tower Island) Prince Philip's Steps (Tower Island)
Sunday	Tagus Cove (Isabela Island) Punta Espinoza (Fernandina Island)
Monday	Puerto Egas (James Island) Bartolome Island
Tuesday	After breakfast, departure to the port and airport to take the flight back to the continent.

Included

- Accommodation
- All meals
- Island sightseeing
- All guide and lecture services
- Taxes and transfers in the island
- Glass - bottom boat outings

Not Included

- Air transportation to/from Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park admission fee (US \$100 subject to change without notice)
- Transit Control Card for Galapagos (US\$ 10 per person)
- Wet suits
- Bar
- Gifts and items of personal nature

Important Note

Please read the Itinerary as a guide only. Our route and program varies according to National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes, safety reasons and the wildlife we encounter. Flexibility is the key to the success of this expedition. The Expedition Staff will provide you with snorkeling gear (mask and snorkel, fins, floating device and net bag). Please note that the operation does not carry prescription masks. A shortie wet suit is recommended from June to December.

Dry landing: guests step from the dinghy onto rocks or a dock.

Wet landing: as the dinghy edges onto a sandy beach, guests step into knee-deep water and wade ashore.

Additional Information

TUESDAY

Baltra Island

Morning arrival to Baltra Island by TAME flight and immediate transfer to the dock to board the ISABELA II. Welcome introductory briefing, and lunch.

North Seymour Island

Afternoon disembarkation (dry landing) for a walk along the coast and the interior of the island, observing bird colonies of blue footed boobies, frigate birds, swallow tailed gulls and also sea lions and marine iguanas. A shorter walk is also available. Welcome Cocktail offered by the Captain. Naturalist's briefing on the next day's activities and dinner.

WEDNESDAY

Gardner Bay (Hood Island)

After breakfast, disembark (wet landing) at a white coral beach where you can take a short walk and watch the sea lions, mockingbirds, finches or enjoy the beach. There is great snorkeling in this area (snorkeling equipment is available for guests at no extra cost), or ride the glass-bottom boat.

Punta Suárez (Hood Island)

Afternoon dry landing for an exciting walk on lava terrain to visit its unique sea bird colonies, including the Waved Albatrosses (May - December) and the famous blowhole. A shorter walk is also available. Naturalist's briefing and dinner.

THURSDAY

Point Cormorant (Floreana Island)

After breakfast, disembark at Point Cormorant (wet landing) for an easy walk to see the flamingos that inhabit a brackish-water lagoon, and other birds like ducks, stilts, sandpipers, etc. Return to the beach and possibility to swim; there is great snorkeling at this site or kayak from the beach. Lunch on board.

Champion Islet, Post Office Bay (Floreana Island)

Possibility to snorkel from the pangas around Champion Islet or a ride on the glass-bottom boat. Return on board and navigate to Post Office Bay. Wet landing at the historic barrel that served as a post office, to learn about the human side of the islands, its early inhabitants and the adventures of pirates and whalers. Naturalist's briefing and dinner.

FRIDAY

Santa Cruz Island

After breakfast, disembark (dry landing) to visit the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, an Scalesia forest and the twin pit craters geology formation, Los Gemelos. From December to mid-April a visit to see the giant tortoises in the wild may be included, if weather conditions are good. Lunch at the Finch Bay Eco Hotel.

Afternoon visit to the **Charles Darwin Research Station** and the giant tortoise pens, an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest and many land birds. Then a stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking on the ISABELA II.. Naturalist's briefing and dinner.

SATURDAY

Darwin Bay (Tower Island)

Morning wet landing for an easy stroll observing thousands of bird life, mainly frigate birds, red footed and masked boobies, gulls, herons, finches and mockingbirds. If you wish you can continue walking over sharp lava and uneven terrain, or just go back to the beach to enjoy swimming and snorkeling at this beautiful natural harbor. Those most adventurous can snorkel along the cliffs or ride sea kayaks. Lunch on board.

Prince Philip's Steps (Tower Island)

The afternoon starts with a very interesting panga ride along the cliffs and then disembark (dry landing) on rocks for a steep climb (90 feet) and then a leveled walk for about a mile to the other side of this small island observing large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds and storm petrels. Naturalist's briefing and dinner. Those not wishing to disembark can enjoy a longer panga ride along the cliffs (depending on the weather conditions). Conference of the Naturalist Guide before dinner.

SUNDAY

Early risers will enjoy cruising right in front of famous Ecuador Volcano, which rises off the water line with one of its halves completely collapsed, and now resting underwater, while crossing the Equator line.

Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

On the northwest of Isabela, secluded Tagus Cove was in past centuries a favorite anchor for pirates and whalers. Old graffiti is still found on its walls. The vegetation in the area includes the fragrant Palo Santo trees. These white-barked trees are leafless and look dead most of the year. They leaf out and spring back to life in the wet season.

An uphill hike takes guests to the back of Darwin Crater, filled with salt water. The view at the end of the trail is worth the climb. Darwin is one of Isabela's six volcanoes, a remarkable contrast to the lower islands to the east of the archipelago. Possibility to swim, snorkel or ride kayaks. There is no beach in the area, so these activities are done from the pangas. Lunch on board.

Punta Espinoza (Fernandina Island)

The afternoon brings us to the youngest island, Fernandina. Disembark (dry landing) for a one-mile walk. Punta Espinoza has an amazing combination of barrenness with lots of wildlife. Having no introduced mammals, Fernandina has a very unique environment with the highest density of marine iguanas, sharing their space with sea lions, sally-light foot crabs, hawks, penguins and the flightless cormorant. Naturalist's briefing and dinner.

MONDAY

Puerto Egas (James Island)

Wet landing for a mid-length walk. Most of the landscape is tuff-stone layers and lava flows. This is a great opportunity to see land and marine birds. At low tide, marine iguanas graze upon the algae beds and there is a colony of fur-sea lions. Opportunity for snorkeling and swimming from the beach after the walk, or a ride on the glass-bottom boat. Lunch on board.

Bartolome Island

Disembark at Bartolome Island (dry landing) for a hike to the summit. This is a steep climb aided by a wooden staircase; the view from the top is worth the effort. There will be time for a panga ride around Pinnacle Rock to observe penguins before or after the walk. Farewell cocktail and departure briefing.

TUESDAY

After breakfast, departure to the port and airport to take the flight back to the continent.

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