

Golondrina I

SAFARI
TOURS



ACCOMMODATION

8 DOUBLE CABINS WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM, AIR CONDITIONING, FULL CARPETED, LIVING ROOM, TV, VHS, DINING ROOM, BAR, SOLARIUM, TECHNICAL FACILITIES TO DIVE, DIVING FULL CHARTERS, COMPLETE SNORKELING GEAR, (MASK, TUBE, FINS) FOR RENTING : \$10 por 5 days - \$15 por 8 days.

Type:	Motor Yacht
Category:	Tourist Class (Budget-Priced Cruise)
Capacity:	14 passengers
On board:	salon/dining area, bar, after deck
Beam:	5.09m.
Generators:	2 Kohler 13 kw, 21 kw
Speed:	8 knots cruising
Social Areas:	saloon/dining room, bar and galley, covered after deck with seating for passengers and a cold shower, covered main bridge with ample seating for passengers



8 Days - 7 Nights Monday to Monday

- Day 1 Baltra - Charles Darwin Station
- Day 2 Santa Cruz: Twin Craters - Santa Fe
- Day 3 Española
- Day 4 Floreana
- Day 5 North Seymour - Bachas
- Day 6 Genovesa
- Day 7 Bartolome - Black Turtle Cove
- Day 8 Islas Plazas - Baltra

5 Days - 4 Nights Monday to Monday

- Day 1 Baltra - Charles Darwin Station
- Day 2 Santa Cruz: Twin Craters - Santa Fe
- Day 3 Española
- Day 4 Floreana
- Day 5 North Seymour - Baltra Airport

DETAILED ITINERARY OF THE GOLONDRINA I YACHT 8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS (FRIDAY TO FRIDAY)



FRIDAY

MORNING: Depart from Quito (via Guayaquil) to the Galapagos (Baltra Island). Arrive at Baltra Airport where our Guide is waiting to take you to the Yacht. The Captain and Crew welcome you with a special lunch.

Baltra is the chief gateway into the Islands with daily flights to and from Guayaquil and Quito. Baltra Island is connected to Santa Cruz Island by a bridge across the Itabaca Canal. This island was a strategic point during the Second World War.

AFTERNOON: A visit to Bachas Beach, a 45 minute sail away from Baltra Port. The beautiful white sands make this a very attractive bathing spot. Marine turtles can be seen very near the beach during the breeding season and you can clearly see their nesting sites beyond the high tide mark. At certain seasons beautiful rose-pink flamingos and Lava Herons can be found in shallow lagoons behind the beach.

Dinner and a 'Cocktail to Welcome You' awaits your return to the Yacht.

SATURDAY

MORNING: Breakfast is served before your visit to Genovesa (Tower) Island, north of the Equator. It abounds with Blue-footed Boobies, Red-footed Boobies and Nasca / Masked Boobies (Boobies are known as Piqueros for their habit of plunge-diving for fish), Tropic Birds and Frigate Birds. Two types of Storm-Petrels nest in cracks on the cliffs. (They seem to walk on the water.) Lunch.

AFTERNOON: You climb the Prince's Steps for a spectacular walk amongst a variety of birds nesting all along the clearly marked trail around the rim of the Island's large caldera.



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Return to the boat where supper awaits you.
An eight hour (approx.) sail, during the night, takes you south to Bartolomé Island, near Santiago Island

SUNDAY

MORNING: Lunch will be served on arrival at Bartolomé Island with its famous Pinnacle Rock. This island has a spectacular view with great photo opportunities. If you enjoy adventure activities you will want to climb up a special walkway, past great lava blocks to the lookout point on the summit of a volcanic cone, from where you will have a view of unequalled beauty. The crystal clear waters of this island invite you to swim, snorkel and practice diving along with its penguins and sea lions.

AFTERNOON: After lunch a dinghy (panga) visit to Black Turtle Bay (Caleta Tortuga Negra). This is very close to Baltra. It is very special due to its lovely beach with sea lions and its clear, calm water. Black (Pacific Green) Turtles and many different types of birds can be seen feeding here as you are paddled around the beautiful lagoons hidden in the mangroves.

MONDAY

MORNING: Breakfast. Visit to South Plazas Island. This is a raised marine platform. The abundant sesuvium plant with its vivid, variegated colours: reds, oranges, yellows and greens together with the tall Opuntia Cactus Trees make it an impressive tourist attraction. Large colonies of Sea Lions as well as Land and Marine Iguanas and Tropic Birds, are found here.

After a two and a half hour crossing, we arrive at Port Ayora on Santa Cruz Island where you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station.

AFTERNOON: A visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, internationally renowned for its scientific advances in saving and conserving the Giant Galapagos Tortoise and other endangered species. Here you can see the Galapagos National Park's Installations; hatcheries and greenhouses, where they propagate the diverse species of flora and fauna from each island.

The visit will be followed by a tour of Santa Cruz Island and time to buy souvenirs from the well stocked shops in Port Ayora. At night, after dinner, you can enjoy the attractions of the night-life offered by the Island.

TUESDAY

MORNING: After breakfast a visit to the 'Gemelos' (Twins) in the upland area of Santa Cruz. These are two large depressions surrounded by native Salecia Trees. Two spectacular, circular lava tubes can be explored here. This is a good place to see Darwin's Finches and other birds such as the Vermilion Flycatcher. White Egrets (herons) accompany the cattle in the pastures on Island's the lower slopes. Nearby is the Galapagos Tortoise Reserve with magnificent specimens in their natural surroundings.

AFTERNOON: Visit to Santa Fe in thick forest of Opuntia cactus covers the island the walk is easy and short, there are a special Land Iguanas with its yellow color munching on the fallen cactus pad. Dinner.

WEDNESDAY

MORNING: A visit to Punta Suarez on Española after breakfast. This is an extraordinarily moving experience. You are greeted by Hood Mocking Birds, walk through colonies of Blue footed Boobies and Masked Boobies and then reach the unique colony of Waved Albatrosses nesting on the ground. (Breeding season from March to January.) Watch how they launch themselves from the high cliffs to



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glide over the ocean.

A spectacular natural blow hole, the 'Soplador,' sprays water high above your vantage point on the cliffs, as the waves enter a cave below.

Afterwards, lunch is aboard the Yacht.

AFTERNOON: A 30 minute sea journey around Española to Gardner Bay. This has fine, white, coral sands and is a good place to swim or dive.

Dinner is served at night, followed by a five hour journey by sea to Floreana Island.

THURSDAY

MORNING: A wet landing after breakfast. Your walk takes you through Mangroves and Palo Santo Trees on dunes, to a lovely white coral beach where sting rays lie along the line of gently breaking waves and turtles nest above the high tide level.

The Devil's crown is the Island's most visited place. It consists of a group of volcanic formations where snorkelling is practiced accompanied by docile sharks.

Lunch.

AFTERNOON: The 'Post Office' (where whalers sent and picked up their mail), Cormorant Point and Flamingo Lake will be visited after lunch.



The tragic history of Baroness Wagner and her three lovers gives a melancholy touch to Floreana Island.

The visit is followed by dinner and a night time sea journey to Black Turtle Bay (Santa Cruz Island).

FRIDAY

MORNING: The visit to Seymour Island is after breakfast. This island is a raised marine platform which explains the presence of white coral fossils. Sometimes as you disembark you can see Swallow-tail Gulls nesting on the cliffs. There is a large nesting colony of Frigate Birds, whose mating and territorial display you will find very interesting. There are also Blue-footed Boobies, with fluffy white chicks in circular, dirt nests along the trail.

After the visit you will be taken to Baltra Airport for your return flight to Guayaquil /Quito.

(The Captain reserves the right to change the Itinerary if circumstances beyond his control should arise.)

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