

## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS MY CORAL CRUISES



M/Y Coral I & Coral II Cruises to the Galapagos Islands

### 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Itinerary A is one of our three Coral Cruises itineraries offered. This itinerary is perfect for those who are interested in exploring the Galapagos to see the marine and wildlife of the different islands in the Galapagos. On this cruise, spend 4 days / 3 nights (Sunday to Wednesday) exploring the south and east islands of the Galapagos, which are Santa Cruz Island and Rabida Island.

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| <p>FROM<br/><b>\$ 1662</b><br/>per person</p> | <p><b>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES:</b><br/>All nights accommodation on the Coral I or II cruise ship<br/>All-inclusive program<br/>All on-board meals<br/>Daily excursion and activities<br/>Professional naturalist guides<br/>Lectures and conferences<br/>Land and luggage transportation in the islands, airports, and cruise ship</p> | <p><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b><br/>Daily guided excursions<br/>Hiking<br/>Volcano explorations<br/>Dinghy Ride<br/>Snorkeling<br/>Dragon Hill, Black Turtle Cove, and the Charles Darwin Station on Santa Cruz</p> |
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## ITINERARY ITINERARY A



Day 1

### WELCOME TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

**Visit the Charles Darwin Station & its Tortoise Breeding Program**

Depart for Quito or Guayaquil to head on a 2 hour and 30-minute flight to Baltra Island. You will be picked up at the airport by a nature guide and head to board the Motor Yacht Coral I or Coral II.

In the afternoon, visit the Charles Darwin Station & its tortoise breeding program. Here, you can see the famous giant Galapagos Tortoises, which when fully grown can weigh up to 500 pounds. Learn about the nature of the tortoises and view each stage of their growth cycle, from unhatched eggs to full-grown adults. Guests are often fascinated by how small the tortoises are as babies compared to when they are adults.



Day 2 - Monday

## **DRAGON HILL & BARTOLOME ISLAND**

### **Snorkeling with Turtles & Sea Lions**

Hike to Dragon Hill to see the nests of iguanas. You will start your walk to a brackish lagoon that is a popular destination to spot flamingos. Keep an eye out for mockingbirds, yellow warblers, Galapagos doves, and Darwin's finches. When you reach Dragon Hill, you will see the land of the iguanas and a beautiful view of the neighboring islands.

Later, head to Bartolome Island where you will feel like you are on the moon with all of its fascinating landscapes. Head to Pinnacle Rock, a popular destination in the Galapagos. This is among one of the best places to snorkel because of its clear water, flat waves, and its variety of sea animals. You can spot turtles, penguins, sharks, and a variety of fish.



Day 3

## **RABIDA ISLAND & ESPUMILLA BEACH**

In the center of the Galapagos, Rabida is known for its diverse volcanic geology. With its unique dark red sand and sea lion colonies, this island is a unique destination in the Galapagos. From July through September, see the nesting of brown pelicans and the famous Darwin finches. Take a dinghy ride along the marine cliffs to see the nesting of seabirds. Then, snorkel to see the marine life of the island.

In the afternoon, visit Espumilla Beach. This amazing white-sand beach offers a shoreline for seabirds, fur seals, and sea lions to rest. Guests often enjoy exploring the mangroves, small palo santo forest, and the nearby lagoons. If you're looking for sea turtles, visit the upper dunes which are popular nesting sites.



Day 4

## BLACK TURTLE COVE

End your trip with a visit to the Black Turtle Cove on the north shore of Santa Cruz Island. Take an hour boat ride to see turtles at this cove declared as a turtle sanctuary. Spot sting rays, fish, and reef sharks swim below you and see pelicans, herons, and egrets above you.

After your amazing Galapagos adventure, you will be transferred to the airport to head back to Guayaquil or Quito. Once in mainland Ecuador, you can catch your international flight home, or you can continue your tour of Ecuador with one of our other fantastic [Ecuador Tours](#).