

## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS MY CORAL CRUISES



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

### 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

As one of our three Galapagos Coral Cruise itineraries, this 5 days / 4 nights itinerary is perfect for those looking for a nature exploration in the north and central islands of the Galapagos: San Cristobal Island, Espanola Island, Florena Island, and Santa Cruz Island.

<p>FROM <b>\$ 2215</b> per person</p>	<p><b>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES:</b> All nights accommodation on the Coral I or II cruise ship All-inclusive program All on-board meals Daily excursion and activities Professional naturalist guides Lectures and conferences Land and luggage transportation in the islands, airports, and cruise ship</p>	<p><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b> Daily guided excursions Volcano explorations Snorkeling Exotic plants and wildlife</p>
---	---	---

## ITINERARY ITINERARY D



Day 1

### ARRIVE & VISIT THE INTERPRETATION CENTER & TIJERETAS HILL

Take a 2 hour and 30-minute flight from Guayaquil or Quito to San Cristobal. Meet your guide at the San Cristobal Airport and head to board the Motor Yacht Coral I or Coral II.

In the afternoon, land in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galapagos Islands. Visit the Interpretation Center, where you will learn about the islands' history. The Museum of Natural History displays a plethora of information about the volcanic background of the islands, their remote location, the abundant life species that thrive here, and more.

After, take a high-intensity walk exploring the one of a kind landscapes. And make sure to stop by the foot of the frigatebird nesting colony at the end of the day.



Day 2

## **SNORKEL IN THE WATERS OF SAN CRISTOBAL ISLANDS**

See the lava formations and white sandy beaches of Cerro Brujo. We will visit a lagoon where you can spot many birds such as the ruddy turnstones, sandpiper, White-cheeked Pintails, whimbrels, and black-necked stilts. Snorkel for an hour or relax on the beach. Then, walk along the trail to see the olive sandy beach, volcanic rocks, three booby species, and a sea lion colony. Snorkel and kayak in the blue waters of Pitt Point.



Day 3

## **SEE THE UNIQUE WILDLIFE AND MARINE LIFE OF ESPANOLA ISLAND**

Suarez Point

As one of the oldest islands in the Galapagos, Espanola Island is known for its collection of unique species. It is an attractive part of the Galapagos because of its variety of wildlife. You will be able to see many seabirds, sea lions, iguanas, lizards, crabs, and more. Take a beautiful hike to explore the wildlife and vegetation of the island. You will be able to see the nesting grounds of the Galapagos doves, hawks, gulls, and albatrosses during the mating season from April to December. Then, see the famous blowhole called the 'Soplador'. It can shoot up water up to 75 feet into the air.

Gardner Bay & Osborn or Gardner Islets

Gardner Bay is known for its sea lions lying on the white sandy beaches. There are no trails here, so visitors sit along the shore to spot the variety of birds around the island such as the hooded mockingbird, yellow warbler, Darwin finches, small ground finch, and cacti finch. You can also swim and snorkel to see the parrot fish, creole fish, damsel fish, and king angelfish.



## Day 4

# SWIM WITH SEALIONS AND PENGUINS AROUND FLOREANA ISLAND

### Champion & Cormorant Point

Start your day by visiting an islet just offshore Floreana Island called Champion. It is known for its variety of wildlife like blue lobsters, long nose hawkfish, coral hawkfish, seahorses, and red-lipped batfish. Take a dinghy ride or snorkel to discover these amazing animals for a unique experience.

Cormorant Point is known for its green sand beach. Hike to a brackish lagoon to see the largest flamingo population in the Galapagos. Hike along the black mangroves, white mangroves, and palo santo trees. Reach a white-sand beach that is one of the main nesting sites for the green Pacific sea turtles. Stay along the beach to see stingrays, small reef sharks, and sea turtles. Then, head back to the green sand beach to snorkel or swim for an hour with the sea turtles, sea lions, penguins, and white-tipped reef sharks.

### Post Office Bay

On the northern part of the island is Post Office Bay, named after Captain James Colnett placed a wooden barrel to serve as a post office. Sailors would take those letters with them to where the letter need to go. Today, visitors leave unstamped postcards in the barrel hoping that tourists will send that letter. You will also be able to spot lava lizards! It is also a great place to snorkel with playful sea lions and sea turtles.

---



## Day 5

### **HIGHLANDS TORTOISE RESERVE, PIT CRATERS, & BALTRA ISLAND AIRPORT**

Start your day by visiting the Santa Cruz highlands to go to the private tortoise reserves where turtles wander throughout the National Park. In the mountains, spot ground finches, flycatchers, cattle egrets, yellow warblers, and other different types of birds. We will drive along the road from the coast to an agricultural zone. On the way, you can see pastures and land birds.

Then, stop by the Pit Craters that were formed by the collapse of some surface materials. Here, you will have a great chance of seeing giant tortoises as well.

Finally, head to the Baltra Airport, and board your flight to return to Quito or Guayaquil. 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](#).