

### **Arrival/Departure**

When arriving to the Galapagos airport, you must first pass through the Galapagos National Park entrance and then onto baggage claim. Continuing through the airport with your baggage you will scan your belongings once more and then finally pass through.

Just outside the doors will be your Haugan Cruises Guide waiting with a sign to greet you. Once all those who will be boarding are together, the guide will escort everyone to the vessel and be welcomed by the crew and Cruise Manager.

At the end of your cruise, your guide will transfer you and the rest of the group to the airport specified in the itinerary with assistance at the check-in area.

**Special Note**: The following itinerary includes all necessary details on each day's activities. If you have further questions please contact your Account Manager or Travel Agent. \*At the end of this day by day itinerary you can find useful terms and their definitions.

## Saturday

AM: Arrival to Baltra Airport with transfer to M/T Camila PM: Santiago Island - Sullivan Bay

## Sunday

AM: Isabela - Vicente Roca Point PM: Fernandina - Espinosa Point

## Monday

AM: Isabela - Tagus Cove PM: Isabela - Urbina Bay

# Tuesday

AM: Isabela - Elizabeth Bay PM: Isabela - Moreno Point

### Wednesday

AM: Santa Cruz - Charles Darwin Station PM: Santa Cruz - Highlands

## **Thursday**

AM: Santa Fe Island PM: South Plazas Island

## **Friday**

AM: Floreana - Post Office Bay
PM: Floreana - Devil's Crown / Cormorant Point

### Saturday

AM: San Cristobal - Interpretation Center / Galapaguera PM: Transfer to San Cristobal Airport



### Saturday - Day 1

AM: Arrival to Baltra Airport with transfer to M/T Camila

Welcome to the Galapagos Islands aboard the M/T Camila. The guide and crew will greet you and show you to your accommodations upon your arrival. Afterwards, the guide and cruise manager will hold a short briefing on all safety and emergency protocols, different areas of the vessel and the normal routine of the itinerary.



Sullivan Bay

PM: Santiago Island - Sullivan Bay

Southeast of Santiago Island, Sullivan Bay shows off an interesting lava field with a geologically young flow from 1897. Because the rocks are black and formed of lava, it can get quite hot. Appropriate footwear is required for this visit in order to protect your feet.

Activities: Hiking, swimming and snorkeling.

**Difficulty:** Moderate **Landing:** Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, various shorebirds, sally lightfoot crabs.

What to Bring: Sturdy hiking shoes and walking sticks to aid on the uneven terrain.



Along the channel in Espinoza Point - Galapagos Oystercatcher

Sunday - Day 2

AM: Isabela Island - Vicente Roca Point

Isabela Island is the largest of all the Galapagos islands. It is most famously known as the island shaped as a seahorse. While in the panga, keep an eye out for the magnificent mola-mola sunfish!

Activities: Snorkeling and panga ride

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate **Landing:** No Landing

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, blue-footed boobies, various shorebirds, mola-mola sunfish,

sea turtles, Galapagos penguins, nazca boobies, sally lightfoot crabs.

What to Bring: Dry bag for camera or any electronics brought onto the panga.

#### PM: Fernandina Island - Espinosa Point

Between the Bolivar Channel dividing Isabela and Fernandina Islands lies Espinosa Point. The highlight of this visit is the nesting colony of the Flightless Cormorant, which over time lost its ability to fly due to evolutions distinct changes, helping it swim better and faster. Also seen at this site is the incredible remnants of solid magma, but watch your step for the many marine iguanas known to crowd the area.

Activities: Hike

Difficulty: Moderate

**Landing:** Dry but may be slippery at low tide

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, various shorebirds, sally lightfoot crabs, flightless cormorant,

Galapagos penguins, fur seals and marine iguanas. **What to Bring:** Walking sticks and sturdy footwear.



Galapagos Penguins

Monday - Day 3

AM: Isabela - Tagus Cove

If you like historic remnants, then you will enjoy finding what was left behind from pirates and sailors in the 1800s. This site was one of their preferred pit stops while traveling the seas. The hike here will provide incredible views of the cove and on the other side the mangrove forest where the last 35 pairs of Mangrove finches thrive.

Activities: Hike, snorkeling and panga ride

**Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

**Landing:** Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, various shorebirds, flightless cormorant, Galapagos

penguins, marine iguanas, sally lightfoot crabs, mangrove finches.

What to Bring: Walking sticks and sturdy footwear for the hike, camera is a must!

### PM: Isabela Island - Urbina Bay

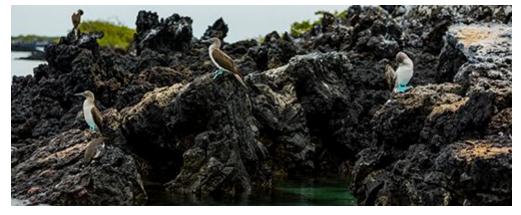
Millions of years ago, Urbina Bay was once laying on the ocean floor. Volcanic uplifts caused it to rise and now it is occupied by sea lions, land iguanas and flightless cormorants. It is a great place to enjoy some free time on the beach or the guide may suggest a hike.

Activities: Hike, snorkeling and panga ride

**Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

Landing: Wet landing

**Possible Wildlife:** Sea lions, various shorebirds, flightless cormorant, marine iguanas, sea turtles, land iguanas, Galapagos Hawk, sally lightfoot crabs, Galapagos tortoise.



Blue-footed boobies in Elizabeth Bay

Tuesday - Day 4

AM: Isabela Island - Elizabeth Bay

On the eastern coast of Isabela Island is Elizabeth Bay with many islets. These parts are visited by panga and on the rocky shores Galapagos penguins can be seen. There is a large abundance of marine life that can be seen in the clear waters.

Activities: Panga ride Difficulty: Easy Landing: No Landing

**Possible Wildlife:** Sea lions, frigate birds, sea turtles, various shorebirds, flightless cormorant, marine iguanas, pelicans, sally lightfoot crabs, tropical fish and marine life such as galapagos sharks.

#### PM: Isabela Island - Moreno Point

The beautiful rocky shores of Moreno Point offers a plethora of birds to be seen. It is truly a birders delight. The main attraction are the coast lagoons where white tipped sharks can be seen and the panoramic views of Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes cannot be missed.

Activities: Hike, snorkeling and panga ride

**Difficulty:** Moderate **Landing:** Wet landing

**Possible Wildlife:** Sea lions, great blue herons, various shorebirds, flightless cormorant, marine iguanas, sally lightfoot crabs, sea turtles, land iguanas, Galapagos Hawk,

Galapagos tortoise.



Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island

#### Wednesday - Day 5

AM: Santa Cruz Island - Charles Darwin Station

The Charles Darwin Research Station is one of the Galapagos Island's most important sites for visitors. It is a research facility that has an extensive collection of Galapagos plant life specimens carefully preserved and also acts as a biological research station and active breeding center operated by the Charles Darwin Foundation.

Activities: Visit to the research station

**Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

Landing: Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: Galapagos tortoises in captivation and various stages of tortoises.

#### PM: Santa Cruz Island - Highlands

The highlands are located in the northern part of Santa Cruz and can reach elevations up to 1500 meters. This area is rich with hills, ferns, volcanoes and wildlife. A great contrast to the molten lava hardened beaches and rocky areas of other islands already seen. It is home to giant tortoises, mockingbirds, finches and many other species.

Activities: Hike
Difficulty: Moderate
Landing: Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: Galapagos tortoises, finches, mockingbirds, lava lizards, pintail ducks,

other shorebirds.



Santa Fe Land Iguana - Endemic to Santa Fe Island

Thursday - Day 6
AM: Santa Fe Island

Santa Fe is home to the endemic Santa Fe iguana. The island was created by a volcanic uplift that now hosts a forest of Opuntia and Palo Santo trees. It is a picturesque island with two different trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint and the other leading to a small beach.

Activities: Hike
Difficulty: Moderate
Landing: Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: Santa Fe land iguanas, frigatebirds, sally lightfoot crabs, sea lions,

finches, various shorebirds.

What to Bring: Sturdy footwear for hiking and walking sticks.

PM: South Plazas Island

This small island with steep cliffs was formed by rising lava. It is home to one of the largest sea lion colonies, as well as colorful land iguanas. The most characteristic plant on the island is the Sesuvium that turns bright red during the dry season, creating a contrast on the island. The amazing colors of the turquoise waters against the black lava create a setting for amazing photography opportunities.

Activities: Hike
Difficulty: Moderate
Landing: Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: frigatebirds, sally lightfoot crabs, sea lions, land iguanas,

swallow-tailed gulls, various shorebirds and seabirds.

What to Bring: Sturdy footwear for hiking and walking sticks.



Checking the mail at Post Office Bay

### Friday - Day 7

AM: Floreana - Post Office Bay

Ask the Cruise Manager for one of our complimentary postcards to write a message and address it home. Leave it in the barrel used before by pirates and sailors. While your there, see if there are any other postcards you can take home with you to send for fellow travelers who have already left their messages!

Activities: Post office barrel and leave a postcard, relaxing on the beach, swimming or

snorkeling

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate **Landing:** Wet landing

Possible Wildlife: frigatebirds, sea lions, sea turtles, various shorebirds and seabirds,

marine life.

What to Bring: Bring your swimsuit and don't forget your postcards.

#### PM: Floreana - Devil's Crown / Cormorant Point

Just off of Floreana Island is a fantastic snorkeling site known as Devil's Crown. Various tropical fish species can be seen, even galapagos sharks or white-tipped sharks. Sea lions can be seen hunting for fish or playing through schools of hundreds of fish in circles, it is really quite the site to see. Cormorant point on Floreana Island is a great place to see one of the places where flamingos live in salt water lagoons. Walking along the trail after the lagoon leads to a hidden beach great for walking in the soft sand. Watch your feet if wading in the water, stingrays love to hang out here as well.

Activities: Snorkeling and hiking

Difficulty: Snorkeling - Moderate to difficult / Hike - easy

**Landing:** Wet landing

**Possible Wildlife:** frigatebirds, sea lions, sea turtles, galapagos sharks, white-tipped sharks, tropical fish, various shorebirds and seabirds, marine life.

What to Bring: If you have an underwater camera, Devil's Crown is one of the best places to bring it while snorkeling.



### Saturday - Day 8

AM: San Cristobal Island - Interpretation Center / Galapaguera

At the interpretation center you'll find many different exhibits on information about the natural and geological history of the Galapagos Islands. It first opened in 1998 to help enforce the efforts of wildlife protection and the natural environment through means of population and tourist control.

**Activities:** Interactive Exhibits

**Difficulty:** Easy landing

**Landing:** Dry

## Transfer to Airport

The only visit you will have on this day is to the Interpretation Center. Afterwards, you will have time to gather your belongings and then the guide and cruise manager will thank you for your time with Haugan Cruises. Then, you will be transferred to the airport and your cruise will come to an end.

**Important Info:** Itineraries are subject to change due to many different elements such as weather, park authorities and regulations, airline operations out of Haugan Cruises control, guide experience and safety concerns.



## **Interpretations and Definitions**

**Landing** - this is how you will arrive to each visitor site after leaving the vessel.

**Wet** - These types of landings mean that you will have to step out of the panga by the shore onto a beach or another type of wet surface. Guides will give instructions on how to disembark safely and whether your footwear should be removed or not. Once ashore, guides will provide special towels in order to dry off before putting on your footwear.

**Dry -** On dry landings guests will disembark the pangas onto a dry surface. This could be a man made dock or boat landing. On these types of landings it is not necessary to remove your footwear.

**No Landing** - If there is no landing, you will either do the excursion via panga ride or enter the water for a snorkeling activity straight from the panga.

**Panga** - This is the small boat or zodiac used by Haugan's crew in order to transport guests to and from the boat to visitor sites and ports.

**What to Bring** - These are merely suggestions by Haugan Cruises experts on items that can help you enhance your visit to create a more enjoyable experience.

### **Difficulty of Activities**

**Easy** - Activities rated easy means no great efforts are required and the excursion will be very easy going.

**Moderate** - These activities may require some effort on your behalf, depending on your physical conditions but nothing extreme or intense.

**Difficult** - Activities categorized as difficult will include more intense hikes or uneven terrain. Examples may be climbing over small/medium sized boulders, walking uneven or slippery surfaces. Breaks may be needed, make sure to tell your guide if you need assistance. One should be in good overall health and physical conditions. Nevertheless,

guides will always keep the pace of the slowest person and will be aware of the entire groups physical abilities in order for everyone to enjoy the activity.

**Possible Wildlife -** We cannot guarantee a 100% chance of observing the wildlife listed in these sections. It is based on guide knowledge and what has been seen before. The animals in the Galapagos Islands are wild and come and go as they please. You may even see wildlife that is not listed.

**Activities -** Please take into consideration that each visitor site is allowed specific activities authorized by the Galapagos National Park Authorities. Your guide will explain the different activities available at each site and may even give provide two different options.

**Use of Jacuzzi -** The use of Jacuzzi is subject to weather conditions, itinerary and the sea conditions. Please talk to the Cruise Manager if you are interested in using the Jacuzzi during your stay on any Haugan Cruises vessel.