

## 10 NIGHT GALAPAGOS ISLANDS OCTOBER 4-14, 2024 | CELEBRITY FLORA









## CHARTER FLIGHT FROM QUITO TO BALTRA ISLAND IS INCLUDED.













## Day 1 - Friday

#### **Quito Arrival**

On the first day of your journey, you'll be greeted at the airport by a Celebrity Cruises® representative and transferred to the JW Marriott hotel. Enjoy free time to relax and settle in.



## Day 2 - Saturday

#### Quito

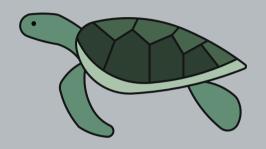


Breakfast is served at the hotel. During your guided tour of the capital of Ecuador, situated at an altitude of 9,350 feet, you'll stand on the equatorial line at the Middle of the World Park and Museum, and marvel at the monastery of San Francisco and la Compañia Church. Your Tour Director will escort you throughout your Quito stay, and serve as your personal concierge. Lunch with a spectacular view of the city, and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local gourmet restaurant.

## Day 3 Sunday - AM

#### Quito/Baltra Island

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Baltra, Galapagos, an island that served as a U.S. military base protecting the Panama Canal from enemy attack. The cactus-strewn landscapes of Baltra are home to the region's main airport and where you will meet the ship. From the airport, it is just a short bus ride to the ship for embarkation.



## Day 3 Sunday - AM

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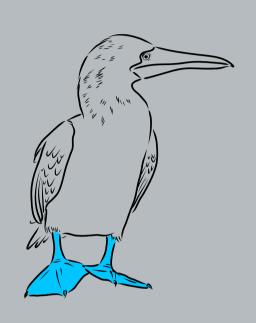
#### **Daphne Island**

Daphne is a satellite volcanic cone located north of Santa Cruz Island. The crater floor is an important breeding site for blue-footed boobies. The cliff shore of the island is home for sea lions, pelicans, blue-footed boobies, and tropic birds which can be observed during the circumnavigation of the island

## Day 4 Monday - AM

#### Gardner Bay, Española Island

A long white sand beach and clear blue waters make this an ideal spot for swimming, snorkeling, or just relaxing on the beach. In the water, sea turtles, rays, colorful tropical fish, sea lions and maybe even a white-tip reef shark may be seen. Excursion options: beach walking, swimming, or a deep-water snorkel for experienced snorkelers.



## Day 4 Monday - PM

#### Suarez Point, Española Island

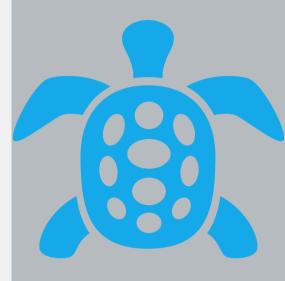


Española is the oldest island in the Galapagos and home to an abundance of wildlife. At this site, visitors can expect to see sea lions, Galapagos Hawks, marine iguanas, and both blue-footed and Nazca boobies. Excursion options include a long, rocky walk to look for Waved Albatrosses (March to January), and observing an impressive blowhole that spews water like a towering geyser.

## Day 5 Tuesday - AM

#### Cormorant Point, Floreana Island

Floreana was the first capital of the Galapagos, and where Charles Darwin met the islands' Governor. Its small brackish lagoon is often home to flamingos, stilts, and white-cheeked pintail ducks, and one of its beaches is a highly used nesting site for sea turtles. Check out the greenhued sand where you land! Excursion options include a relatively short walk to the lagoon and sea turtle nesting beach, and optional snorkeling and swimming at the landing beach.



## Day 5 Tuesday - PM

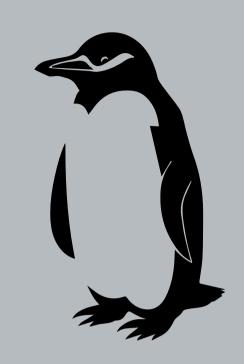
#### Post Office Bay, Floreana Island

Rich in history, this site is home to the post office barrel established in about 1793, where pirates, buccaneers, whalers and others could leave their mail to be picked up by outbound ships. The tradition continues today, as visitors leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home.

### Day 6 Wednesday - AM

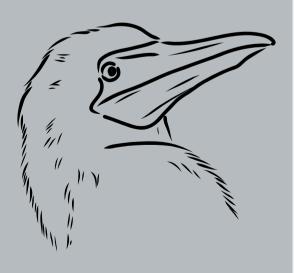
#### Moreno Point, Isabela Island

Along this beautiful rocky shore, a field of hardened black lava flows is pockmarked by shallow pools, which are home to shorebirds and flamingos. The mangrove-lined shore also provides a chance to see marine iguanas, sea turtles, stingrays, sharks, penguins, and the flightless cormorant. Excursion options: a long walk and zodiac ride, or an extended coastal exploration ride.



## Day 6 Wednesday - PM

#### Urvina Bay, Isabela Island



Composed of five merged volcanoes, this is the largest island in the Galapagos and the most recently active, the latest eruption having occurred at Wolf Volcano in 2015. Here you will see large land iguanas, finches, and if lucky, a giant tortoise or two. In 1954, magma from one of the island's volcanoes caused part of the bay to be uplifted some 6 meters, allowing you to walk through the remains of what was once a thriving underwater reef. Excursion options: Walk, hike, snorkel, swim.

## Day 7 Thursday - AM

#### Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island

Fernandina is the youngest island in the Galapagos and, as Darwin wrote, it is "covered with immense deluges of black naked lava." Along with its extraordinary black lava rocks, this point of land hosts the largest colony of marine iguanas in the Archipelago, along with sea lions and a nesting site for flightless cormorants. Excursion options: Walk, deep-water snorkel, hike.



## Day 7 Thursday - PM

#### Vicente Roca Point, Isabela Island



The half-collapsed remains of an ancient volcano make for a spectacular setting at this site. Awe-inspiring cliffs, blue waters, and wildlife create a coastal exploration ride to remember as you search for sea turtles, penguins, fur seals, the flightless cormorant, marine iguanas, marine mammals, and the oddly shaped form of the elusive sunfish. Excursion options: coastal exploration, deep water snorkel.

## Day 8 Friday - AM

#### South Plaza, Santa Cruz Island

One of two islands off Santa Cruz, South Plaza was born of upheaval, uplifted during a geologic event. The rocky island is strewn with prickly pear cactus and home to land iguanas, marine iguanas, and a colony of sea lions. Our excursion here is a short walk to view wildlife, flora, and geology.



## Day 8 Friday - PM

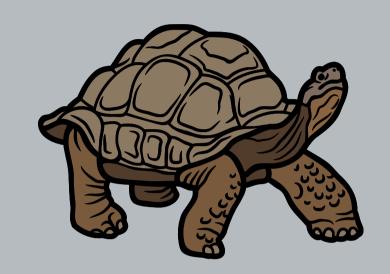
#### Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island

Dragon Hill, or "Cerro Dragon," is named after its population of land iguanas. The site offers a beautiful view of the landscape and two small brackish lagoons where flamingos and other shore birds occasionally feed. Along the trail, cross a beautiful "white forest" of Palo Santo (incense) trees and Galapagos cotton plants. Excursion options for this visit include a long walk and a short walk.

#### Day 9 Saturday - AM

#### Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island

The main population center of the islands, Puerto Ayora is home to the National Park Service tortoise-breeding center and the Charles Darwin Research Station. You will be able to visit the breeding center and walk through the Research Station. You will also have the opportunity to take a bus ride to the highlands to observe giant tortoises in the wild and walk through a lava tunnel. In addition, you will have an exclusive opportunity to participate in the Scalesia



## Day 10 Sunday - PM

#### Disembarkation- Baltra-Quito-Lima Arrival

Upon your arrival in Quito, a Celebrity Cruises® representative will escort you to the JW Marriott hotel. Enjoy an afternoon exploring the city at your leisure, time permitting. Dinner will be served at the hotel.



Day 11 Monday