

## EASTERN GAL PAGOS (LA PINTA)

We're delighted to have you on board for this journey of discovery to some of the most beautiful islands in the Galápagos. Our itinerary together begins on Baltra Island, a former military base during World War II, and now an Ecuadorian naval and air force station. Once all formalities are completed, we venture east along the volcanic shores of North Seymour and Santa Cruz Islands, until we reach the Plazas Islands. Our adventures start with a dry landing at a manmade jetty on South Plaza Island. During the next day, we will explore Santa Fe Island and San Cristóbal Island, home to the provincial capital of the Galápagos province. Then, we sail south to Española Island, with its remarkable visitor site (a favourite of many visitors): Punta Suárez. Here, we'll wander along the rugged coastline, home to hundreds of marine iguanas, sea lions, marine birds, and even albatross (during much of the year). In the afternoon, Gardner Bay provides a wonderful setting for a combination of beach-time, swimming, snorkelling or exploring aboard the glass-bottom boat. We end on Monday with a visit to the world-famous Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island, the most populous in the archipelago. Wherever we sail, whatever we do, the entire crew aboard La Pinta will do our utmost to ensure your Galápagos experience is truly deeply moving and memorable. Please Note: During Peak Season (Dec 21 - 29 & Dec 29 - Jan 04) a surcharge applies.



#### **ITINERARY**

## Day 1 - BALTRA & SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

Our adventure begins with a morning flight to Baltra Island and immediate transfer to the dock to board Yacht La Pinta. There's a welcome introductory briefing, boat drill, cabin assignment and then lunch. We weigh anchor and start sailing for our first afternoon outing. The turquoise waters of the channel here contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava of the shoreline, while a carpet of scarlet sesuvium succulents serves as groundcover for a grove of luminescent green prickly-pear cactus beyond, populated by yellow-grey land iguanas. Along the coastline one finds sea lion colonies, while sea birds play



with the thermals that form along the cliffs of this small but spectacular island.

### Day 2 - SANTA FE ISLAND & SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

We take the dinghy over to this idyllic sandy-white beach populated by colonies of sea lions. Galápagos hawks are often easily observed, perched atop salt bushes. The Santa Fe land iguana, unique to just this island, may be spotted during the walk. Following the walk, we can snorkel and swim along a natural wave barrier or ride the glass-bottom boat. After lunch, we disembark at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the island's capital, and drive 40 minutes to the island's southern shore. At Cerro Colorado, we visit the breeding centre for highly endangered giant tortoises in the midst of a fantastic deciduous forest, home to dozens of bird species, including the San Cristóbal mockingbird, and the San Cristóbal lava lizard, both island endemics.

#### Day 3 - SAN CRISTOBAL

We land at the eastern tip of San Cristóbal Island this morning. The trail that ascends from the beach provides spectacular views of the shoreline; we can observe frigates, plus a colony of bachelor sea lions. After the walk, if conditions are favourable, there is a chance to swim from the beach and snorkel. In the afternoon following lunch on board, a dinghy ride along the shores of tuff-stone layers takes us to Cerro Brujo's expansive, white coral beach, great for walking, with rewarding bird-watching featuring seabirds and shore birds. Also, look out for Galápagos sea lions. These are the same shores that Charles Darwin walked upon, back in September 1835.

Our morning outing at Punta Suárez provides an exciting walk on lava/boulder terrain to visit its unique sea bird colonies, including the waved albatrosses (April - January), boobies, swallow-tail gulls, and the famous "blowhole" lava formation. Also, look for red-green-black marine iguanas. Many regard this site as the best in the Galápagos. Back on board for lunch. In the afternoon, we set down at this beautiful, white coral beach for a short walk to observe the sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, or enjoy the beach. There is great snorkelling in this area, or else there's time to kayak or ride the glass-bottom boat.

#### Day 5 - SANTA CRUZ / BALTRA

Disembarking in the morning, we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and the captive rearing programme for the giant tortoises. Here we witness the efforts and results of Galápagos fieldwork and study done in the name of science. We transfer via bus across Santa Cruz Island and a short ferry ride to Baltra. Our journey ends at Baltra Island, where we transfer to the airport to take the flight back to the mainland. Baltra's flat substrate (due to its uplifted origin) is the reason why the island was chosen back in the 1940s as the construction site for an airport.

#### Please Note:

Please remember that the exact route and programme may vary according to weather and ocean conditions and the wildlife we encounter. It's also subject to change without previous notice due mainly to readjustment of National Park policies and regulations.

Day 4 - ESPAÑOLA





# YOUR SHIP: LA PINTA

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VESSEL TYPE: Small Ship

LENGTH: 63 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 48 (in 24 cabins)

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1983 / refurbished 2007

After intense days of wildlife exploration, yacht La Pinta provides a haven of relaxation and tranquility with tastefully appointed accommodations and all the facilities for a stylish yet informal ambiance A full week discovery trip to the Galapagos Islands aboard La Pinta allows encounters with unique fauna, like the famous giant Galapagos tortoises in the wild, land and marine iguanas, flamingos, penguins, blue-footed boobies and the famous Darwin's finches. La Pinta guests will cover all aspects of the Galapagos: discovery, adventure, environmental interpretation, aquatic activities, relaxation, superb service and great dining. Naturalist Guides enhance their interpretative skills with the use of state-of-the-art-expedition equipment. Our staff embraces a spirit of adventure, while at the same time ensures that you always travel in comfort and safety.



# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin



## **PRICING**

07-Aug-2025 to 11-Aug-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

21-Aug-2025 to 25-Aug-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

04-Sep-2025 to 08-Sep-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

18-Sep-2025 to 22-Sep-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

02-0ct-2025 to 06-0ct-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

16-Oct-2025 to 20-Oct-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

30-0ct-2025 to 03-Nov-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

13-Nov-2025 to 17-Nov-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

27-Nov-2025 to 01-Dec-2025

Luxury Cabin/Captain Cabin £4696 GBP pp

11-Dec-2025 to 15-Dec-2025

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25-Dec-2025 to 29-Dec-2025

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Galapagos National Park
admission fee and transit Control
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Card for Galapagos 120 USD pp

