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TUESDAY	Túneles walk & snorkel tour	Wetlands & Tortoise Breeding Station visit
WEDNESDAY	Chico & Sierra Negra Volcanoes trekking tour	Sucre's Cave, El Mango viewpoint & free time at the beach
THURSDAY	Tintoreras walk & snorkel tour	Wall of tears trekking or biking tour
FRIDAY	Túneles walk & snorkel tour	Wetlands & Tortoise Breeding Station visit
SATURDAY	Chico & Sierra Negra Volcanoes trekking tour	Concha de Perla – snorkel tour & free time at the beach
SUNDAY	Wall of tears trekking or biking tour	Sucre's Cave, El Mango viewpoint & free time at the beach

Please note that the sequence of visits might be altered depending on arrival of flights to Baltra or Isabela, weather conditions, availability or other unexpected circumstances beyond our control.

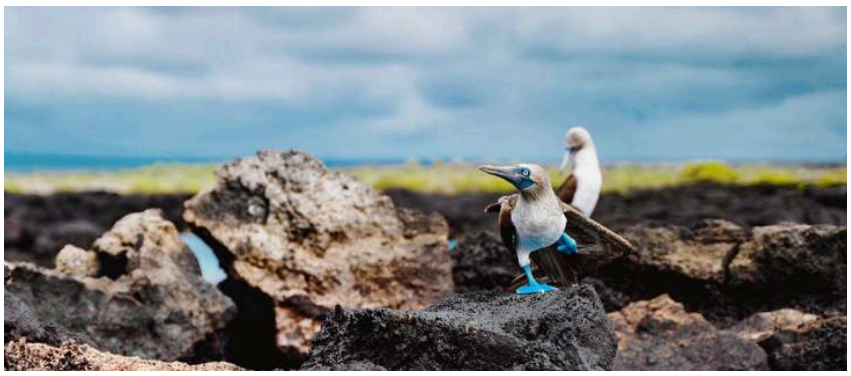
Tintoreras walk & snorkel tour

Departure Time 9:30 am

Activity Length 3 h

Difficulty:

Sailing



→ 15 min
← 15 min

Your tour begins with a short boat ride in which you will have the chance observe a variety of species. Have your binoculars ready to observe Blue-footed Boobies, Frigatebirds, and Sea Lions.

Walking

Walk 1 h

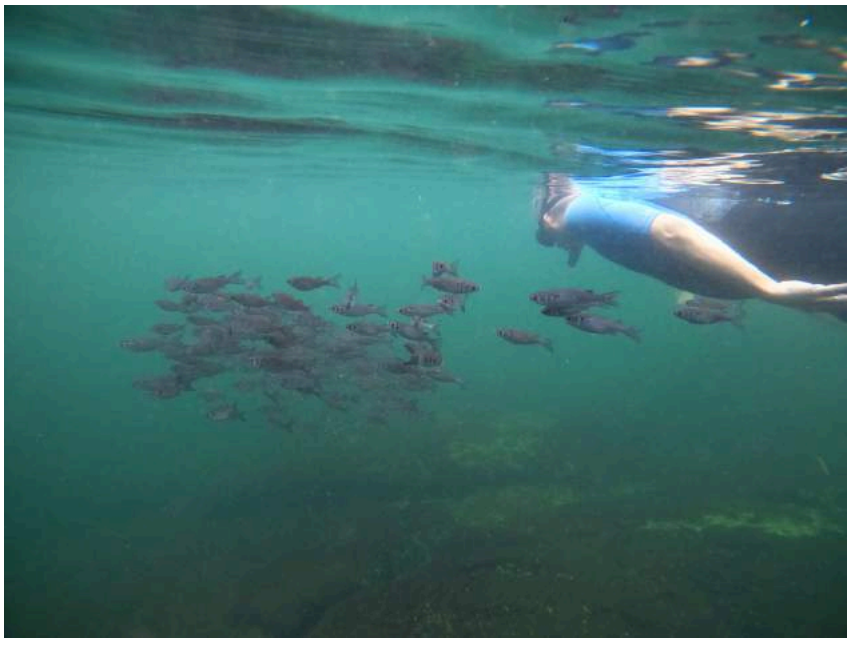
Difficulty:

Hike in Las Tintoreras, a small islet receives its name from the reef sharks also known as white-tip sharks that can be seen swimming along with fish and sea lions in the channels when the tide is low. The islet is mainly formed by lava rocks.

Snorkeling

Snorkel | h Difficulty:

As you glide through the crystal-clear waters, you'll encounter a vibrant marine ecosystem teeming with life. The highlight is the Tintoreras sharks, they are generally shy, making for a thrilling yet safe experience. Alongside the sharks, you'll see colorful fish, sea turtles, rays, and even playful sea lions.



This adventure offers a unique connection with nature in one of the world's most biodiverse marine reserves.

Tintoreras

Chico Volcano and Sierra Negra Volcano trekking tour

Departure Time 8:30 am

Activity Length 4 h

Difficulty:

Hiking

Hike 1 h

Difficulty:

The first stop on the trail is Chico Volcano, where sulfur fumaroles can be observed. Here you will encounter landscapes ranging from abundant vegetation with ferns to areas covered in volcanic rock and cacti.

Hike 3 h

Difficulty:

Next stop, Sierra Negra Volcano, which is one of the most active volcanoes in the archipelago, with its recent eruption occurring in 2018. It has the world's second largest volcanic crater, measuring 9.6 km (6 miles) in diameter and 300 meters (984 ft) deep.

Túneles walk & snorkel tour

Departure Time: 7:30 am - 11:30 am

Activity Length: 4 h

Difficulty:

Sailing

→ 45 min
← 45 min

This excursion begins aboard a yacht, from which you can observe Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, sea lions or even Galapagos penguins perched on the rocks, and with luck, we will see giant manta rays swimming near the yacht.

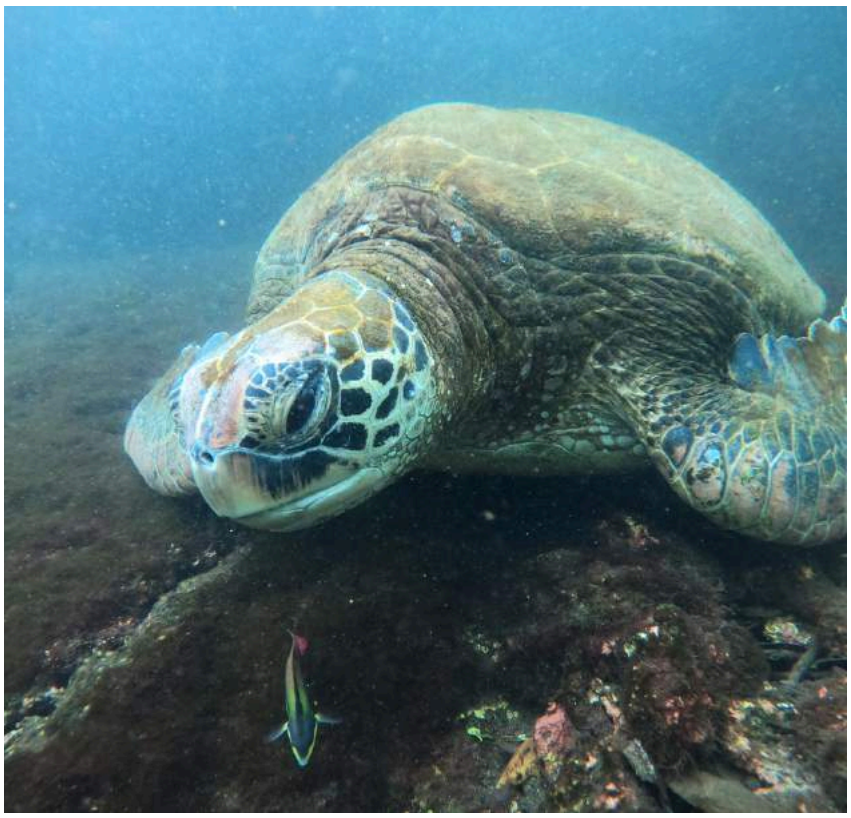
Walking

Walk 1 h

Difficulty:

The hike takes place on a trail of lava and sand, allowing you to observe unique rock formations carved by nature over the years. You might encounter boobies resting above the rocks.

Snorkeling



Snorkel I h 30 Difficulty:

You will swim with your snorkeling mask in the lava tunnels where you to witness incredible marine life such as big sea turtles, sharks, colorful fish, seahorses, and playful sea lions.

After your underwater adventure, you will enjoy a delicious lunch on the boat.

Wall of Tears trekking or biking tour

Departure Time 9:00 am

Activity Length 3 h

Difficulty:

The Wall of Tears is a historical site located 5 km west of Puerto Villamil. It was built between 1945 and 1959 by prisoners from the island's penal colony. You can explore this incredible place on a hike or by bike.

Biking

Biking 3 h Difficulty:

The bike ride to the Wall of Tears will be approximately 8 miles along a sandy and gravel path parallel to the beach.
You will find turtles in their natural habitat crossing the trails.

Hiking

Hike 1 h 30 Difficulty:

Another option is to take a hike to the Wall of Tears, allowing you to make stops at various attractions along the trail, such as Love Beach or El Estero (mangroves).

Wall of Tears

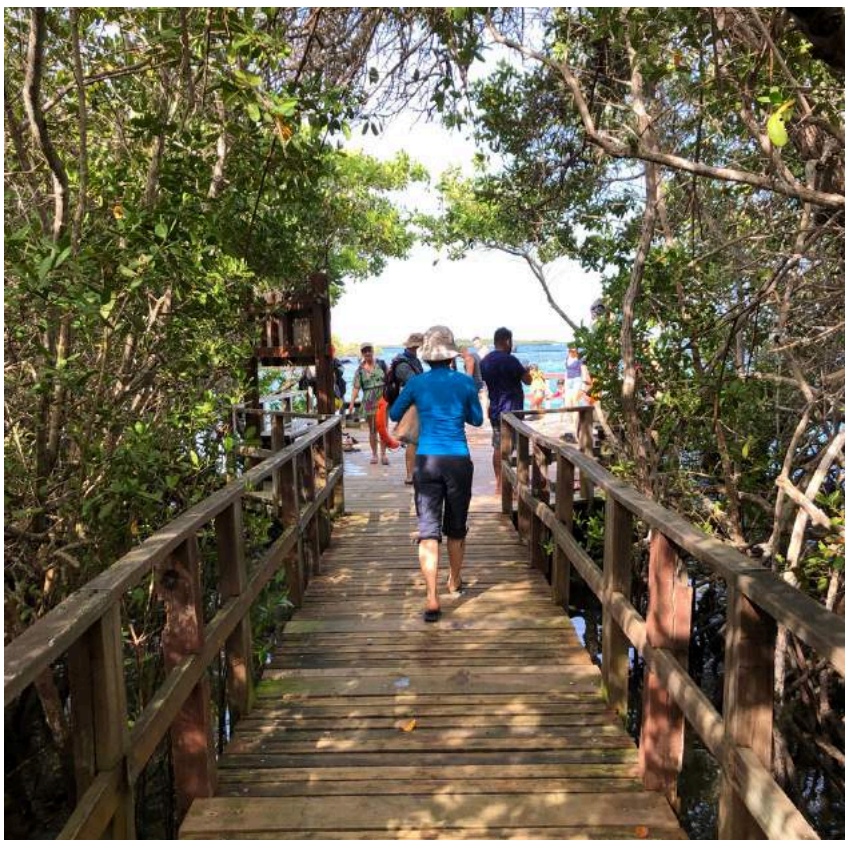
Concha de Perla snorkel tour

Departure Time 9:00 am

Activity Length 2 h

Difficulty:

Walking



Concha de Perla is a natural pool that you can access through a wooden pathway. The waters are calm, shallow, and clear, allowing you to swim and snorkel while observing a variety of marine life.

Walk 25 min Difficulty:

On the trail to Concha de Perla, you'll come across species like iguanas and sea lions resting on the path.

Snorkeling

Snorkel 1 h 30 Difficulty:

Snorkeling in Concha de Perla is a safe spot to try your mask for the first time and get accustomed to snorkeling while admiring sea lions, sea turtles, starfish, seahorses, and many more marine species.

Wetlands visit

Departure Time: 2:00 pm

Activity Length: 3 h

Difficulty:

Walking

Walk: 30 min

Difficulty:

The Wetlands of Isabela Island are located on the outskirts of Puerto Villamil. The wetlands consist of lagoons, swamps, and mangroves that host many species.

The walk is around lagoons and mangroves where you can observe iguanas, frigatebirds flying overhead, common storks, sandpipers, white-cheeked pintails, and gallinules.

You will also find the largest concentration of flamingos in the Galápagos.

Tortoise Breeding Center visit

Walking

Walk: 2 h

Difficulty:

The Breeding Center offers visitors the opportunity to see turtles of all ages and learn about the mating and reproduction processes in a proactive effort to preserve the populations of these endangered reptiles.

Sucre´s Cave

Departure Time: 1:30 pm

Activity Length: 2 h

Difficulty:

Hike 1 h

Difficulty:

Sucre´s Cave is located 14 km from Puerto Villamil, nestled in the agricultural zone of the island. Enjoy a short hike to appreciate the unique rock formations and how it seems as if glows in the dark.

El Mango Viewpoint

Hike 1 h

Difficulty:

El Mango viewpoint will give you a panoramic view of the southern part of Isabela and the agricultural area. This is also a hotspot for observing finches.

Free time at the beach

Visit to the beach Difficulty:

In your free time, you can also visit Puerto Villamil, a charming coastal village on Isabela Island. Known for its relaxed atmosphere, Puerto Villamil features white sandy beaches, turquoise waters, and abundant wildlife. The town itself, with its sandy streets and local eateries, offers a welcoming vibe.

Additionally, you can enjoy the friendly locals who are always eager to share the beauty and culture of their island, making your visit even more memorable.

Extra activities

We are happy to arrange extra activities for you to explore the island and it surroundings. Let us know in advance and we can set up activities such as kayaking, biking, surfing, scuba diving and more at an additional cost.

We can also help you book special private tours not included in our itinerary like the visit to Tortuga Island were you can do birdwatching and fishing; there is also the visit to a group of islets called Cuatro Hermanos for snorkeling and fishing as well or the Minas de Azufre Tour (Sulfur Mines tour) a hike to admire the change of landscapes, the volcanic activity up close, fumaroles and sulfur mines.

Important notes

- Departure times may vary depending on availability or weather conditions.
- Activities length may vary depending on weather or conditions at sea.
- Program according to our Day by Day.
- The sequence of visits might be altered depending on arrival of flights to Baltra or Isabela, weather conditions, availability or other unexpected circumstances beyond our control.
- Tours include a licensed English-speaking guide from the Galapagos National Park.
- Tours are shared with Scalesia guests only (private excursions may be arranged upon request for an additional cost)
- We will provide all guests with rubber boots, rain ponchos, walking sticks, snorkeling mask and shorty wetsuits (short sleeves and short pants) and when when necessary.