

AQUA DIVING GALAPAGOS SMALL SHIP CRUISE

The 8 days/7 nights itinerary onboard M/Y Aqua has been carefully designed for travellers who want to travel "deeper" into the enchanted islands. It enables close encounters with marine life in the most spectacular diving sites of the Galapagos Islands.



ITINERARY

Day 1 AM: Arrival at Baltra airport PM: Baltra Northeast (Checkout dive)

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Upon arrival, you will have to pay your Galapagos National Park entrance fee and your luggage will be inspected to make sure no foreign substances are introduced.

PM: Baltra Northeast (Checkout dive)

Your first stop will be in Baltra North East, where you will disembark close to the yacht in order to try on your diving suit.





Make sure you get comfortable; you'll be using this equipment during your entire diving journey!

Day 2 AM: Cape Marshall PM: City of the Mantas

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This area on the northeast side of Isabela island offers a few great dive spots.. One of them is Ciudad de las Mantas, named for how common it is to see giant mantas. The plankton-rich waters of this area are an attraction for many species of rays, sharks, sea lions, turtles, etc.

PM: City of the Mantas

The main attraction of Cape Marshall is a spot where it is so frequent to see giant mantas that it was named "City of the Mantas". They come to feed on the plankton-rich waters, which is why visibility can be low.

Days 3 - 5 Darwin and Wolf, The Darwin's Arch (Darwin), El Arenal (Darwin), Shark Bay (Wolf)

Darwin and Wolf

Due to the large number of dive sites available in Darwin and Wolf as well as the marked influence that marine conditions can have on the area, the dive sites will be chosen with these factors in mind. On Friday, conditions may be suitable for night diving in one of the two available locations. The regular options include the following:

The Darwin's Arch (Darwin)

The monumental portal is not even the real highlight, of which treasure is hidden beneath the breakers that splash against the shallow reef platform. It is an outstanding hotspot for schools of scalloped hammerhead and, particularly, whale sharks. This largest fish in the world has almost the size of a bus and let divers get up close and personal.

El Arenal (Darwin)

Sharks, turtles and jacks visit cleaning stations all around Darwin's Arch, to be freed from parasites. They maintain an incredible symbiotic relationship with the resident barber fishes and king angelfishes. The busiest area is usually the sandy slope right in front of the portal, known as "El Arenal".

Shark Bay (Wolf)

Shark Bay, located on the exposed east coast of Wolf, is shallower than most sites around, yet for many the most memorable. Besides being another spot where sharks galore, local cleaning stations reveal fascinating symbiotic relationships. Critically endangered hawksbill and Pacific green turtles visit busy king angelfishes.

Day 6 AM: Vicente Roca Point PM: Cape Douglas

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The calmer waters of the coves are well-protected against the ocean swell and are great place for snorkelling amongst various species of shark, penguins, puffer fish and even seahorses!

PM: Cape Douglas

Cape Douglas is sure to provide you amazing opportunities to observe a large amount of wildlife, above and under the water! Keep an eye out for Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, red-lipped batfish, baleen whales, and more!

Day 7 AM: Cousin's Rock PM: Highlands (Santa Cruz)

AM: Cousin's Rock

This triangular volcanic rock formation with blue-footed boobies, brown pelicans, and Galapagos fur seals is the summit of a great underwater cone. Beautiful shelved reef terraces offer colorful algae, mollusks, sponges, sea fans, and endemic black coral surrounded by a variety of colourful fish as well as a cleaning station of white-spotted eagle rays.

PM: Highlands (Santa Cruz)

The road to the highlands leaves from Bellavista, a small village located a 15-minute drive from Puerto Ayora, and passes through the agricultural zone, near the National Park boundary, the Miconia Zone, and then goes to the Fern and Sedge zone.

Transfer to Baltra Airport

Assisted by the naturalist guide and some crew members, the dinghy will bring you and your luggage to Baltra, where we will take the airport shuttle. Your guide will accompany you to the check-in counters in the departure hall.

We expect you to return home with stunning pictures and unforgettable lifelong memories!

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

Day 8 Transfer to Baltra Airport





YOUR SHIP:

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:



PRICING

Galapagos National Park entrance

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: fee & TCC 220 USD pp

