



Cormorant 4 Day Itinerary "A"

(San Cristobal - Española - Floreana - Santa Cruz)



Day 1 (Wednesday) SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

Morning flight from Quito or Guayaquil to San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands

You will arrive at San Cristobal Island in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Cormorant staff member and transferred to the yacht. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing.

In the afternoon, you will visit **Kicker Rock**. This striking rock formation is located a couple hours off the western shore of San Cristobal. Jutting out of the water, the rocks stand vertically at hundreds of feet above the ocean divided by a small channel. Although there are no landing areas, kayaking and snorkeling allow visitors to spot a variety of marine life.


Kicker Rock	
Possible Activities:	Snorkeling and dinghy ride
Difficulty:	Difficult (Deep water snorkeling)
Type of Landing:	No landing
Highlights & Animals:	Great snorkeling: sharks, tropical fish, turtles, manta rays (occ.), hammerhead sharks, spectacular rock formations; sea birds: blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies & frigate birds.


Day 2 (Thursday) ESPAÑOLA ISLAND

In the morning, you will visit **Suarez Point**. On the trail you will have the chance to spot blue-footed boobies, albatrosses, and Nazca boobies. This island is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12,000 pairs of waved albatrosses. You will also visit a beautiful site on the ocean front where there is a cliff that the large albatrosses use as a launching pad! You will have the chance to see the famous blowhole that spurts sea water into the air. The landscape is great for photography.


Suarez Point	
Possible Activities:	Hike (1,9 miles / 3 km)
Difficulty:	Difficult
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Highlights & Animals:	Hood mockingbirds, Nazca boobies, waved albatrosses (approximately from the last week of April until the last week of January), red-billed tropicbirds, lava lizards, Galapagos hawks, blowhole, amazing landscape and maybe blue-footed boobies.


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The afternoon excursion takes you to the spectacular **Gardner Bay**. After landing, you can walk across a lovely white-sand beach amongst a busy sea lion colony or dive into the water to swim with sea lion pups. You may also see curious mockingbirds on the beach.

Gardner Islet / Osborn Islet / Gardner Bay	
Possible Activities:	Snorkeling, panga ride, short hike (0,6 miles / 1km) and Kayaking
Difficulty:	Easy
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Highlights & Animals:	White sandy beach, sea lions, mockingbirds; snorkeling: colorful fish, sea lion nursery

Day 3 (Friday) FLOREANA ISLAND

Cormorant Point hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts and white-cheeked pintails can also be seen. The beaches on this island are distinct: The Green Beach is named so due to its green color, which comes from a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the Four Sand Beach is composed of white coral.

Cormorant Point	
Possible Activities:	Dinghy ride & hike (1.25 mi / 2 km)
Difficulty:	Easy
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Highlights & Animals:	Flamingoes, green-colored beach

Afterwards, you will visit **Champion Islet**, named after the whaler Andrew Champion, which is a small island located just offshore Floreana Island in the southern part of the Archipelago, considered as one of the most beautiful places on Galapagos for all snorkeling and diving fans and an excellent opportunity for dolphin watching.

Champion Islet	
Possible Activities:	Snorkeling and dinghy ride
Difficulty:	Moderate / Difficult
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Highlights & Animals:	Sea lions, reef fish and Nazca boobies

In the afternoon, you will visit the famous **Post Office Bay**. You will land on a beach and head to a spot where 18th century whalers placed a wooden barrel used as an unofficial mail box. The custom continues to this day with Galapagos visitors. So, don't forget your postcards, and don't be surprised if the post card arrives to its destination before you even get home!



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Post Office Bay	
Possible Activities:	Short hike (less than 0.6 miles / 1km) & snorkeling
Difficulty:	Easy
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Highlights & Animals:	Post office barrel, nice sandy beach

Baroness Viewing Point is a fantastic place to absorb the environment of the Galapagos. Once inhabited by an indulgent baroness and her three lovers, the history of this island is intriguing. The legends about this baroness are associated with a fascinating murder mystery. There are easy trails in this area for exploring the flora and fauna of Floreana.

Baroness Viewing Point	
Possible Activities:	Short hike (0.6 miles/1 km)
Difficulty:	Easy
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Highlights & Animals:	Great view, sea turtles, mysterious story about the first inhabitants of the islands

Day 4 (Saturday)

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

In the morning, you will visit **Fausto Llerena Breeding Center** in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, where giant tortoises are bred in captivity; this is home to tortoises ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long when adults. Subspecies of the giant tortoises interact with one another, and many of the older tortoises are accustomed to humans stretching out their heads for a photo opportunity.

The babies are kept until they are about four years-old and are strong enough to survive on their own.

Fausto Llerena Breeding Center	
Possible Activities:	Walking
Difficulty:	Easy
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Highlights & Animals:	Giant Land Tortoises

After this final visit, you will be transferred to the Baltra airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.