



## INTRODUCTION

Yacht La Pinta has a reputation as one of the most luxurious expedition boats in the Galapagos Islands. The 63-metre yacht accommodates up to 48 guests. After days of wildlife exploration, La Pinta provides a haven of relaxation and tranquility with tastefully appointed accommodations and all the facilities for a stylish yet informal ambiance. The boat comes equipped with two bars (one inside and one outside), library, gym and Jacuzzi.

Please note that the below itinerary is a guide and that itineraries vary depending on departure date. Your sales consultant will provide you with more details on the different itinerary options available and applicable departure dates.

### The La Pinta Experience

Equipt with one of the largest cabins offered, La Pinta Ship is an idyllic option for family travels or those who enjoy spacious accommodation. Floor to ceiling windows in cabins offer almost permanent visual contact with the island landscapes while comfortably inside the ship. Make use of on-board facilities like the jacuzzi or gym before relaxing in the lounge, library, sky bar or observation deck. Join evening meetings with a guide about the forthcoming days activities and excursions. Off board guided activities will enable you to explore the Galapagos' unique nature. Kayaks, snorkeling gear, wetsuits or glass bottom boat can be found on board for your convenience and full enjoyment whilst discovering Galapagos' wildlife. During your cruise, delightful traditional Ecuadorian dishes wait for you to be served either on the Main Deck or Outside Sky Bar while Observation Lounge & Bar will be available for evening drinks and relaxation.

La Pinta also offers a [8 day cruise](#)

## ITINERARY

### TRIP CODE

GCTSPL5

### DEPARTURE

Select Mondays

### DURATION

5 Days

### LOCATIONS

Galapagos Islands - Ecuador



## DAY 1: Monday, Embark at Isla Santa Cruz

Baltra Airport Following our morning arrival at Baltra Airport, we transfer to the Itabaca Channel, taking a small ferry across the Channel to the north shore of Santa Cruz Island. We board our bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, where we'll learn about the unique montane ecosystems and biodiversity. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Note: please dress with comfortable shoes and clothes, bring a small backpack with any medicine you might be taken, sunblock, insect repellent and anything you need during the excursion as you will go onboard Yacht La Pinta and the end of the day. Highlands (Santa Cruz Island) After lunch, we travel by bus to El Chato Reserve, one of the best places in the archipelago to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. The tortoises are easy to spot, lumbering around, eating grass and leaves and wallowing in the small pools. There are several lava tunnels in the reserve, too. A short bus ride takes us down to Puerto Ayora to board Yacht La Pinta.



## DAY 2: Tuesday, Eden Islet & Sombrero Chino

Eden Islet (Santa Cruz Island) After breakfast, a panga ride takes us to Eden Islet, located off the coast of Santa Cruz, where we can observe blue footed boobies diving into the water, reef sharks and frigates. There's a chance to snorkel and, if weather condition permits, ride in the glass-bottom boat. Chinese Hat Islet The tiny islet of Sombrero Chino gets its name from its appearance: a Chinese hat. This islet, only formed fairly recently, makes a beautiful visit as one explores the wildlife along its 400-metre long trail, which begins at a crescent-shaped white sandy beach. The cove offers excellent swimming and snorkeling opportunities with white-tipped reef sharks and Galápagos penguins.



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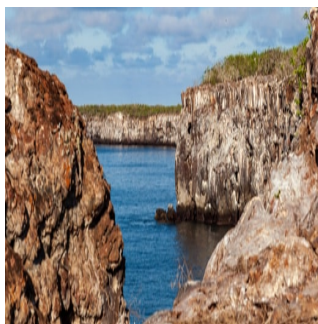
## DAY 3: Wednesday, Bartolomé Island & Sullivan Bay

**Bartolomé Island** This morning, a Galápagos icon awaits: Bartolomé Island. A great way to start the day, with a steep climb up a wooden staircase: the view from the top is worth the effort! Following the walk, we take to the dinghies for a ride around colossal Pinnacle Rock, followed by time to enjoy the beach and some snorkelling. We can also ride in the glass-bottom boat for great views of the underwater world. Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) After lunch, we board the pangas to land at Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, a white coral sand beach great for swimming and snorkelling, and with a trail over a lava field that flowed here less than 100 years ago. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galápagos while observing its wildlife.



## DAY 4: Thursday, Darwin Bay & Prince Philip's Steps

**Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)** In the morning, we begin our exploration of this island with an easy stroll to observe marine and land birds. There is an optional walk over sharp lava and uneven terrain for dramatic views, or else we can return to the beach to enjoy swimming and snorkelling at this beautiful natural harbour. The more adventurous can snorkel along the cliffs or paddle sea kayaks. **Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa Island)** The afternoon starts with a very interesting panga ride along the cliffs before we disembark for a steep climb up some stairs. Once at the top of the stairs, the land is flat, allowing for a captivating walk of about a mile to the other side of this small island, observing large colonies of Nazca boobies, frigate birds and storm petrels and the elusive short eared owl.



## DAY 5: Friday, Baltra Island

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 location to building an airport.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>Private airport transfers                      Accommodation with all meals on board                      Sightseeing with local English-speaking naturalist guide</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>                      Flights                      Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)                      Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person subject to change)                      Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee (USD\$100 per person subject to change)                      Travel insurance                      Beverages                      Gratuities for tour guides/crew                      Any items not mentioned as included</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

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## SOUTH AMERICA - LA PINTA

La Pinta follows a number of sustainability initiatives in line with Galapagos National Park policy. Fuel and energy consumption are reduced, water recycling and on board desalination as well as a permanent ban on single-use plastics all contribute to preserving the unique archipelago. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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