

TUESDAY

# Bartolomé & Chinese Hat



**B**artolome is a small Galapagos Island located 18 miles northwest from the Itabaca Channel. It's among the most famous of all the islands, due to its fascinating volcanic landscapes and the wildlife encounters it promises.

Arriving in Bartolome is to enter an other-worldly landscape, witness to the islands' volcanic origins. The summit trail begins with a dry landing, though accompanying sea-lions can make the purpose-built dock more exciting. The trail winds its way uphill over volcanic ash and past craters. The only vegetation is the pioneer Tiquilia plant and the greenish Chamaesyce.

Bartolome is considered one of the best snorkeling sites in the central islands of the archipelago. Here, we swim at the foot of the famous Pinnacle Rock and around its base, observing many species of parrot fish, marine turtles, sea lions and, if we're lucky, Galapagos penguins.

After a lunch on board, we motor to Chinese Hat Island. This is a very small volcano close to Santiago Island, surrounded by small spatter cones: a captivating landscape. Because of its distinctive shape, Sombrero Chino has fascinated all visitors to the islands. It's one of the smallest Galapagos Islands but don't be fooled: it has a unique visitor site with an unforgettable view! Galapagos Penguins and Galapagos hawks are active here. A wet landing on the main beach of the island gives us time to enjoy the sandy beach, where sea lions rest and a variety of wading birds feed on the shore line.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Activity level: Moderate
- Tour style: Hiking & Snorkeling
- Pick up: 7:00 am
- Departure & Return location: Hotel
- Return time: 17:00

**WHAT TO BRING:**

We recommend to bring a small (waterproof) backpack, comfortable walking shoes, sneakers or rubber soles, shorts or light-weight trousers, t-shirts, long and short sleeved shirts, windbreaker, bathing suit, hat or cap, sun block, sunglasses, binoculars & camera.

**INCLUDED:**

- Transportation Hotel-Yacht-Hotel.
- English speaking guide.

- Hot lunch on board.
- Snacks during the day
- Water, tea and coffee
- Snorkel gear: mask, tube and fins.
- Towels.

