



## THURSDAY: SANTA FE & PLAZAS - IGUANA EXPERIENCE



**Santa Fe Island** is also called Barrington Island after British Admiral Samuel Barrington, is formed of uplifted, submarine basaltic lava, formed some 4 million years ago. Much of it is a faulted plateau covered with a forest of giant *Opuntia cactae*. As you walk through the dense bushes on the short trail, watch out for the Croton bushes, an endemic plant with an indelible stain. The most spectacular plants are the giant prickly pear cactae, unique to **Santa Fe** (*Opuntia echios barringtonensis*). The Galapagos dove is common on the trail, as are painted locusts, often pursued by a snake or two. The park monument is often a vantage point to spy a Galapagos hawk. The highlight is the land iguana, a lighter-colored iguana that is endemic to **Santa Fe**. It is also home to a large Sea Lion nursery.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Activity level:** Moderate  
**Tour style:** Hiking & Snorkeling  
**Pick up:** 8:00 am Meeting point  
Puerto Ayora Peer  
**Drop off:** 17:00 pm approx.  
**Duration:** 8:00 am - 17:00 pm aprox.

### WHAT TO BRING:

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



### + INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation **PORT** - Yacht - Hotel
- English Speaking Guide.
- Hot lunch on board.
- Snacks during the day .
- Water, coffee and tea.
- Towels.

### - EXCLUSIONS:

- Extra soft and alcoholic drinks
- Tips and extra services.



After a delicious lunch on board the **WindRose Yacht** we will head to **South Plaza Island** this beautiful island is full of both land life and birds: including Swallow-tailed Gulls, Lava Gulls, Frigate birds, Masked boobies, Blue-footed boobies, Pelicans and Red-billed Tropicbirds. It is not really difficult to go by a gull's nest and see some chicks flapping their wings trying to fly. Created by lava that tilted up the sea bed, **South Plaza Island** is countless years old, with its resident wildlife and diverse plant life having progressively taken over the island since it was formed. Visitors to the island will find that its steep, sloped cliff sides are home to an amazing variety of birds, and it is also home of large colonies of sea lions and marine animals.