



## **Salinas, Machalilla N.P. & Isla de la Plata**

This program will permit you to observe birds from Salinas Beach along the southern part of Spoundylus Route all the way to Machalilla national park. Also included is a visit to Isla de la Plata.

**Day 1:** 07:00 am departure from Guayaquil to Salinas. We will visit the salt pools, La Chocolatera Cliffs and Farallon Dillon. Afterwards we will drive north through several fishing villages to Chongon Forest where you will enjoy dinner and lodge overnight.

**Day 2:** After breakfast you will depart to Puerto Lopez. Upon arrival you will board the yacht that will take you to Isla de la Plata (Silver Island) which is very well known as 'the little Galapagos' due it's fauna, flora and geological formation. From July to October you will have the opportunity to observe Humpback whales. After a two-hour navigation you will arrive at the island where fresh fruit will be served before it is time to start the hike along one of the trails where you can observe Blue-Footed Boobies, Red-Footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies, Frigates and Tropic birds.

After the three-hour hike you will have the opportunity to snorkel amongst the reefs.

Box lunch aboard the boat and return to Puerto Lopez.

Drive to your hotel and dinner.

**Day 3:** After an early breakfast you will depart to Ayampe River bank and Agua Blanca Dry forest. Here it is possible to refresh in the sulfur natural lagoon.

Box lunch and return to your hotel for dinner.

**Day 4:** After an early breakfast you will visit Chongon forest at Dos Mangas.

Return to your hotel, check out and lunch.

Return to Guayaquil.

### The program includes:

- Lodging: 3 nights in base to double room
- Private transportation
- Staff: birdwatching guide & driver (if the group is bigger than 7 participants the group will also have an assistant guide)

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- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 box lunches, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- Equipment: scope & bird checklist

The program does not include:

Personal expenses, tips or anything else not mentioned in the program description

Duration: 4 days

What to bring:

- Lightweight clothes
- Long sleeve t-shirt
- Loose fitting pants
- Bathing suit (optional)
- Hat
- Sun block
- Binoculars
- Walking shoes
- Sandals