

BALTRA (SOUTH SEYMOUR) ISLET

Saturday, December 17th, 2022

Sunrise: 0549

Low tide: 1503; 2.1 ft. /0.7 m

Sunrise will see us in the calm waters of Baltra Islet, the small uplifted islet that was controlled by the US air force during 10 years over WWII, where, sadly, our voyage comes to an end. Please keep in mind, as we reminisce about the wonderful week we have spent exploring the Enchanted Islands, that Galápagos is a unique and incomparable region of our planet. We need to protect it forever – this is not a choice for the world, but an imperative. In the end it will be the passion and insistence of the visitors that will ensure the preservation of the Galápagos Islands. Your enthusiasm for this place plays a key role in its protection.

All checked luggage should be placed outside your cabin door before you go to breakfast, complete with the airline tags attached. Once we have been notified that the plane is in route to Baltra Islet, we will board our fleet of floating black limousines for the short ride to the dock, where buses will take us to the airport. Once at the airport our staff will help you check in your luggage and pick up your boarding passes. Even here you may yet glimpse a few of the trusting Darwin's finches going about their unconcerned lives as we wait for our airplane to materialize.

Soon you will be winging your way back to civilization; with memories of friendly sea lions and snorting iguanas, of fearless mockingbirds and soaring frigates, and plenty of memories to prove that it all really happened. We trust that memories of the volcanic shores of the Galapagos and of your voyage aboard the good ship NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II will remain with you forever. On behalf of Lindblad Expeditions, the National Geographic Society, captain Pablo Garces, hotel manager Roberto, expedition leader Paula, the officers, crew and natural history staff, we wish you fair winds and happy sailing to come.

0630 Wake-up call. *Please have all checked luggage outside your cabins by 0700 at the latest.*

If you have any questions regarding your account, please see our Purser in her office (200/reception level) early Saturday morning between 0630 and 0700

0700-0800 Breakfast is served.

We kindly ask you to check out of your cabins by 0730 (personal items and your lifejackets may be left in the lounge or in the corridor at the entrance to the dining room at this time)

0800 Disembarkation to the dock, with bus transfer to the airport. You will find your luggage at the airport, locate this and check in directly with the airline.

1138 Scheduled time of Avianca's departure for the flight to Guayaquil.

1429 Arrival time at Guayaquil airport. You will be met here by a Lindblad Expeditions representative.

*"What place would you advise me to visit now?" he asked.
"The planet Earth," replied the geographer. "It has a good reputation."
Antoine de Saint Exupéry (1900-1944)*