



**BOAT TOUR TO PITT POINT**

**TOUR DETAILS:**

**Highlights:** Sea lion colony, 3 species of boobies – storm petrels

**Navigation time:** 45 minutes to harbor

**Departure Island:** San Cristobal

**Starting:** 7:30 am

**Meeting Point:** at Dock of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

**Type of landing:** Wet

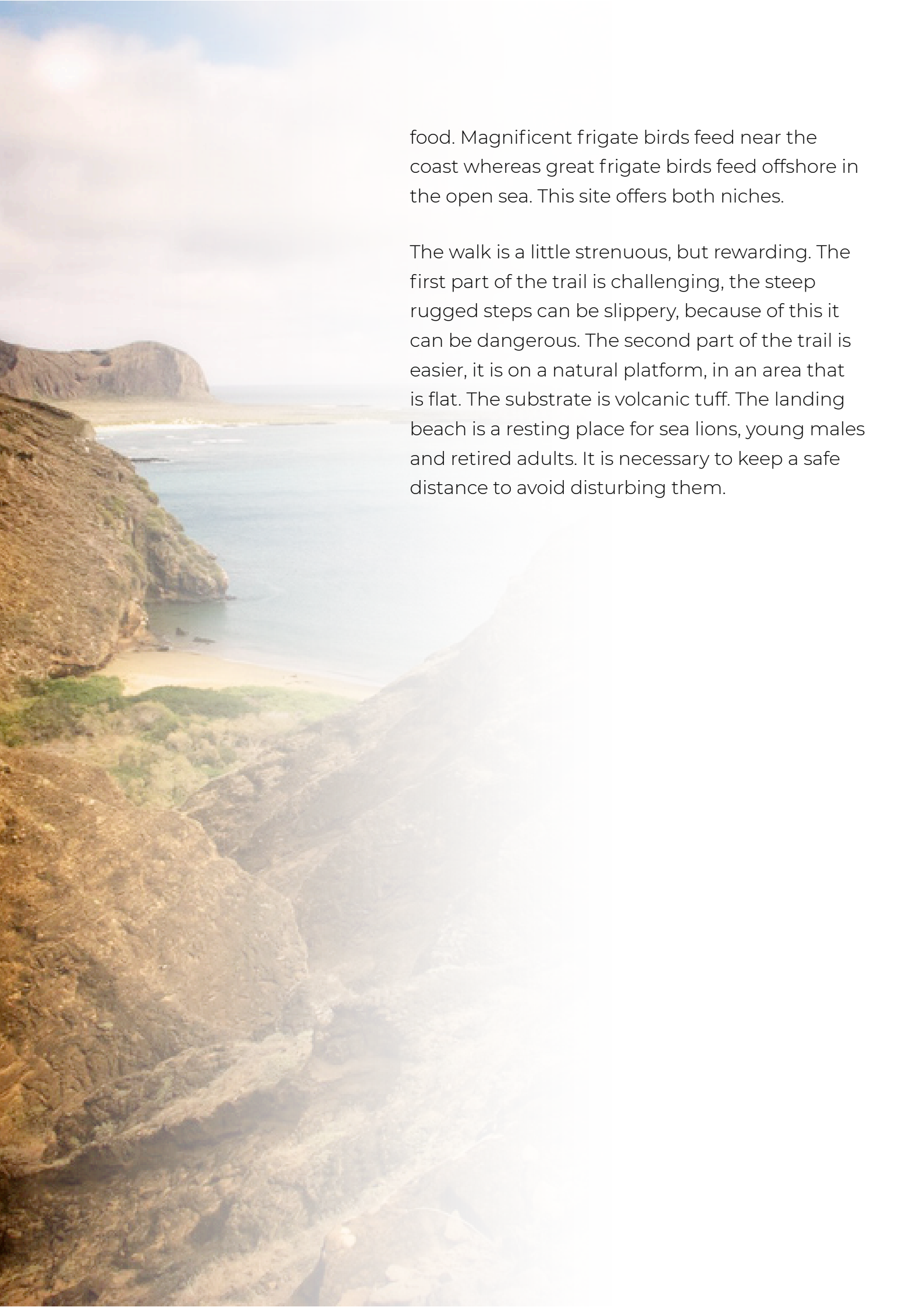
**Includes:** Naturalist guides, lunch aboard, visits according to itinerary, snorkel equipment, snacks, towels

**Duration of the tour:** 7 hours

**Activities:** Moderate hike, snorkeling, swimming

**TOUR OVERVIEW**

The northeastern most point of the island is Punta Pitt, where volcanic tuff formations are of interest to geologists (and attractive in their own right). Punta Pitt is special because the three species of boobies and the two species of frigate birds nest here. It is a site of unique characteristics. Each one of the boobies has found their perfect environment: the blue footed boobies nest inland, the masked boobies nest on the cliffs and ravines and the red footed boobies nest in shrubs and bushes. The frigate birds are pirates of the air, often stealing the food of other marine birds. However, sometimes they catch their own



food. Magnificent frigate birds feed near the coast whereas great frigate birds feed offshore in the open sea. This site offers both niches.

The walk is a little strenuous, but rewarding. The first part of the trail is challenging, the steep rugged steps can be slippery, because of this it can be dangerous. The second part of the trail is easier, it is on a natural platform, in an area that is flat. The substrate is volcanic tuff. The landing beach is a resting place for sea lions, young males and retired adults. It is necessary to keep a safe distance to avoid disturbing them.