



WALL OF TEARS

(ISABELA ISLAND)

TOUR DETAILS:

Highlights: historic place

Meeting Point: at Dock or hotels in Puerto Villamil

Transportation: by car

INCLUDES: Bilingual guide, visits, land transportation

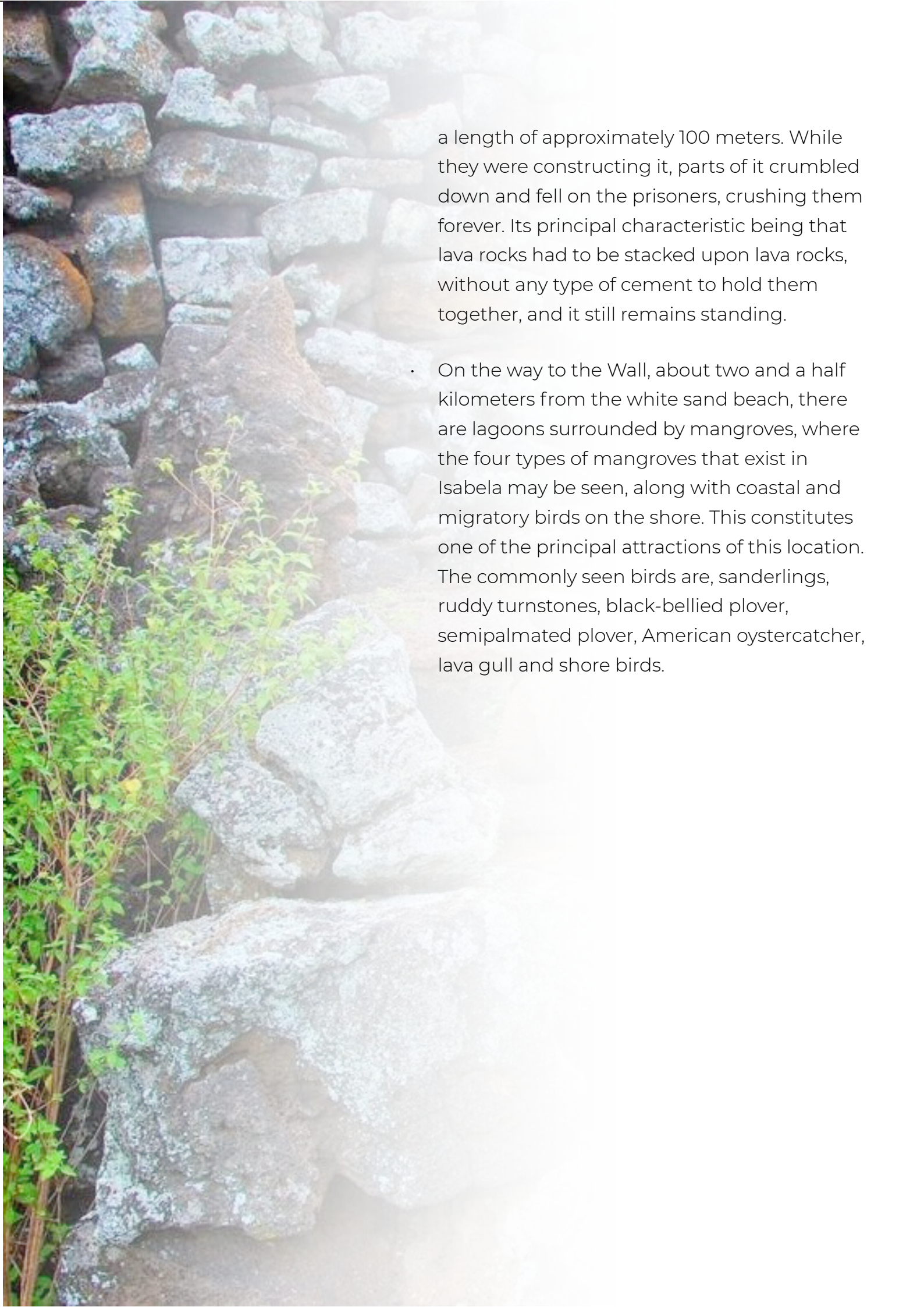
Duration of the tour: 3 hours

Activities: walking,

SITE OVERVIEW

This site is found near Puerto Villamil, it has historical interest.

- To arrive at the Weeping Wall it is necessary to set off from Puerto Villamil by car, it is 6 km one way.
- Isabela was also a penal colony, which existed from 1944 up to 1959 when the prisoners rebelled, abducted a foreign yacht and escaped to the northern coast of Ecuador. This colony was one of the most famous for the cruelty and torture practiced against its prisoners. The famous "Weeping Wall" was constructed during this period, it is 5 to 6 meters tall by 3 meters wide and has



a length of approximately 100 meters. While they were constructing it, parts of it crumbled down and fell on the prisoners, crushing them forever. Its principal characteristic being that lava rocks had to be stacked upon lava rocks, without any type of cement to hold them together, and it still remains standing.

- On the way to the Wall, about two and a half kilometers from the white sand beach, there are lagoons surrounded by mangroves, where the four types of mangroves that exist in Isabela may be seen, along with coastal and migratory birds on the shore. This constitutes one of the principal attractions of this location. The commonly seen birds are, sanderlings, ruddy turnstones, black-bellied plover, semipalmated plover, American oystercatcher, lava gull and shore birds.