

JUAN FERNÁNDEZ ARCHIPELAGO - ROBINSON CRUSOE ISLAND

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights



Interest: Wildlife & Birding Adventure & Culture

One of the last corners of South America to be discovered 500 years ago. This remote island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean is a Unesco Biosphere Reserve where almost the 60% of the flora is endemic. The archipelago is a truly unique natural treasure that is still mostly untouched and off the beaten path of tourism. If this makes this destination appealing just wait until we hike through the forest and along the volcanic cliffs facing the Pacific.

Jump into the famous waters of Juan Fernandez, considered among the best in the world for diving & fishing. Follow the path of Robinson Crusoe while you taste the delicious cuisine where lobster and fish are the main ingredients at the same time that you explore one of the most pristine and fragile ecosystems on earth and enjoy the endemic birds, flora and aquatic life that make this destination a must for any naturalist and adventurous spirit.

Activities: Birdwatching, Wildlife, National Parks, Hiking, Local communities

Difficulty: Easy

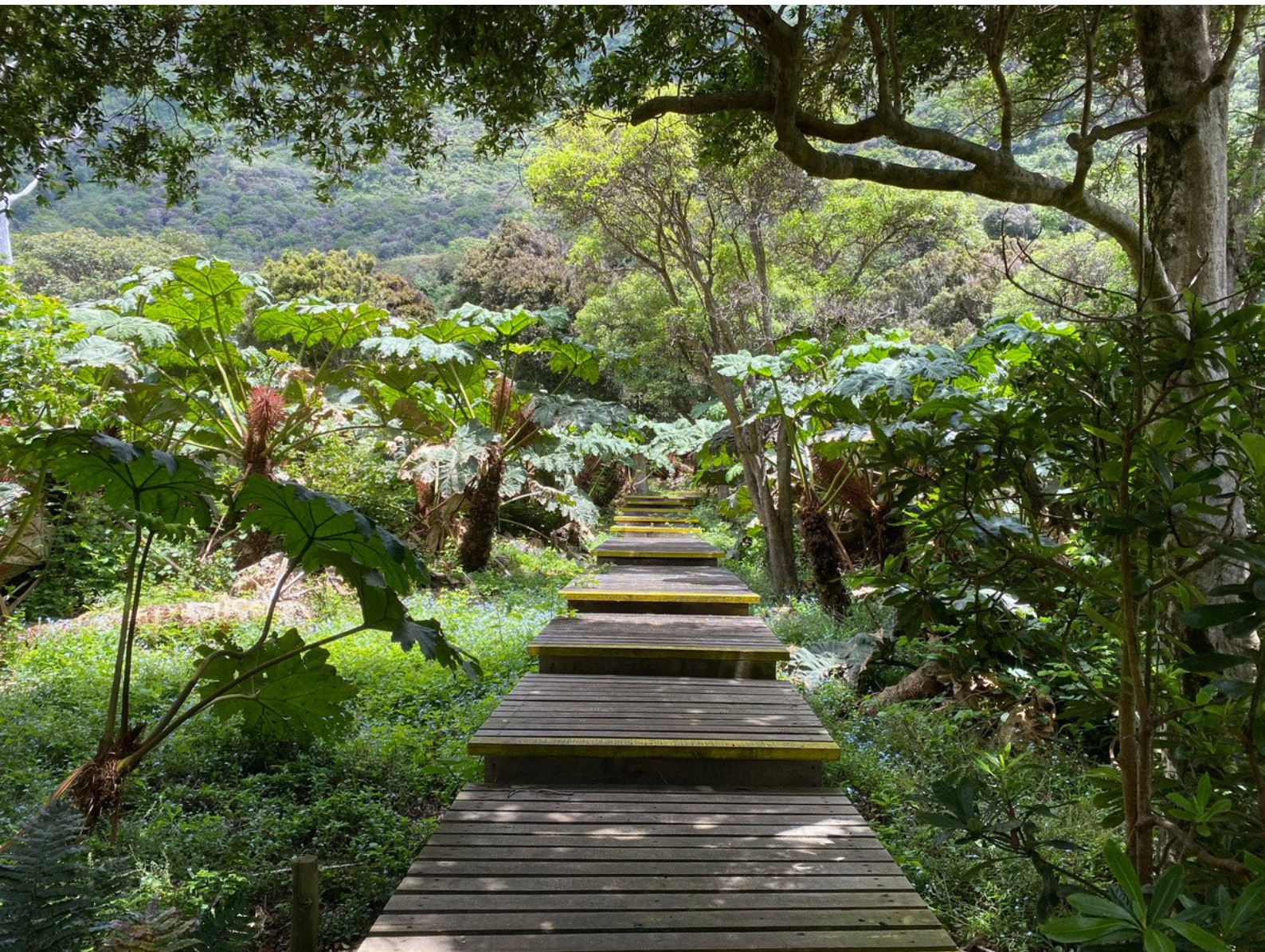
Itinerary:

Day 1: Welcome to Juan Fernández Archipelago

Pick up at your hotel in Santiago and transfer to the airport where we will board a flight for a 2 hours journey to the archipelago. At the arrival a boat will be waiting for us to navigate in direction to Cumberland where the little town of San Juan Bautista is located, the boat ride is 40 minutes aprox. (Optional hike of 8 hours, 17 KM, to the town instead of the boat ride). Depending on the time of arrival we will enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner. The main food of the island comes from the ocean, so prepare yourself to eat a lots of delicious fresh food.

Overnight at Isla Pacífico Eco-lodge, San Juan Bautista

Lunch and/or Dinner included



Day 2: Plazoleta del Yunque and pelagic trip

Today is nature and birds quest. After breakfast we will enjoy a 4 hours hike through the forest looking for two endemic species of birds: the critically endangered Juan Fernandez Firecrown and the Juan Fernanández tit – tyrant. Both unique and special birds of the island. The trees, ferns and bushes with a impressive view of the highest part of the island will take us to a prehistoric time. In the afternoon the pristine and clear waters plus the rich currents makes this experience ocean a must. We will be looking for pelagic birds and sea mammals as the Juan Fernandez fur seal endemic of this archipelago. If the day is warm and sunny you can jump from the boat and embrace the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight at Isla Pacífico Eco-lodge, San Juan Bautista

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



Day 3: Following the steps of Alexander Selkirk

The Island Robinson Crusoe is famous in history for the book “Robinson Crusoe” written by Daniel Defoe. It was inspired by a pirate who was left in the island as a punishment. After breakfast we will follow the steps of Alexander to a viewpoint where he waited years for a ship to return for him. In this hike we will observe endemic vegetation and beautiful scenarios. Lunch box is in the menu today while we enjoy the view of the two sides of the island. In the afternoon we can enjoy a walk in the town for more historical sites.

Overnight at Isla Pacífico Eco-lodge, San Juan Bautista

Breakfast, Lunch box and Dinner included



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Day 4: Lobster Adventure, an oceanic day

One of the most sustainable fisheries of the world is the fishery of lobster in Juan Fernández Archipelago. Learn how this brave fishermen do their daily work in this remote paradise. After breakfast we will be at sea around 2-3 hours learning everything of this job and we will learn why this fisheries as become so sustainable. Back in mainland we will enjoy a delicious lunch and we will back to the ocean for a second pelagic trip. Looking for more birds and marine mammals with more incredible views from the island. At night we will have our goodbye dinner and enjoy the stars one last time in this marvelous island of the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight at Isla Pacífico Eco-lodge, San Juan Bautista

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Day 5: Departure from Juan Fernandez and flight to Santiago

Breakfast included