

WEST EXPEDITION

Coral I & Coral II

West Expedition (B)

5 days - 4 nights

Wednesday - Sunday

Experience unforgettable Galapagos adventures with our weekly departures. Our itineraries include a full board, two daily guided excursions, and optional activities like snorkeling, kayaking, and dinghy rides. You can also extend your trip with diving programs and extra nights in Galapagos upon request.



Wednesday:

- am. ✈ Baltra Airport
- pm. Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)

Thursday:

- am. Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island)
- pm. Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island)

Friday:

- am. Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)
- pm. Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

Saturday:

- am. Egas Port (Santiago Island)
- pm. Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

Sunday:

- am. Highlands Tortoise Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)
- am. ✈ Baltra Airport





DAY 1 WEDNESDAY

Morning

Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island is a 2 ½-hour flight. Upon arrival in the Galapagos Islands, passengers are greeted at the airport by our knowledgeable guides who will accompany them on a short ten-minute bus ride to the pier where they will board the Coral I & Coral II.

Afternoon



Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)

Here we can find four species of mangrove in the extensive tidal lagoon system that stretches for almost a mile inland. During our panga ride through the labyrinth we will spot many turtles, herons of several species, sharks and rays. The experience is otherworldly and seems to transport us back to the beginning of time.
Landing: N/A



Difficulty level
Easy ●



Type of Terrain
None



Duration
1-hour dinghy ride



DAY 2

THURSDAY

 Morning

Spectacular site, surrounded by immense cliffs of an eroded volcano. Studded with resting seabirds like brown noddies and Nazca boobies. Superb snorkeling with unique fish species. Swim with penguins and green turtles.
Landing: none



Difficulty level

Easy ●



Type of terrain

none



Duration

1-hour snorkeling
30-minute dinghy ride

 Afternoon



Pristine Fernandina, the marine iguana capital. Its desolate volcanic backdrop hosts a massive concentration of these enigmatic reptiles. Surprisingly, Galapagos penguins share the same shoreline. Snorkeling offers an exciting opportunity to witness marine iguanas feeding underwater, alongside penguins, turtles, and unique flightless cormorants.
Landing: dry



Difficulty level

Moderate ●



Type of terrain

Rocky volcanic



Duration

1-hour 30-minute hike
1-hour snorkeling or,
1-hour dinghy ride



DAY 3

FRIDAY

Morning



Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)

At the far end of a long level hike, we arrive at a strange phenomenon where large blocks of coral lie completely exposed after a dramatic geological uplift in 1954. Located at the western base of Alcedo Volcano, we hope to run into a few impressive land iguanas and some volcanoes endemic to Galapagos giant tortoises during the wet season.
Landing: wet



Difficulty level
Easy ●



Type of terrain
Sandy / Rocky



Duration
1½ hour hike
1-hour snorkeling

Afternoon

Tagus Cove, a historic pirate hideout and anchorage. Visited by Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle in 1835. Hike past Darwin Lake and stunning volcanic landscape, revealing Isabela island's dramatic northern volcanoes. Snorkel along a submerged wall with turtles, fish, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Enjoy a panga ride or kayak for added excitement!
Landing: dry



Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)



Difficulty level
Moderate ●



Type of terrain
Rocky volcanic



Duration
2-hour hike
30-minute kayaking
1-hour snorkeling or,
30-minute dinghy ride



DAY 4

SATURDAY

Morning

The black volcanic sand sets this landing apart from most, it's best known for the dramatic shoreline where we meet a host of species that chose to live between land and sea. Among these are the endemic Galapagos fur seals, which maintain a small colony at the end of our walk. Landing: wet



Egas Port (Santiago Island)



Difficulty level
Moderate ●



Type of terrain
Sandy / rocky



Duration
1½ hour hike
1-hour snorkeling

Afternoon



Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

It has an extensive features relative to young pa-hoe-hoe lava flows formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. In the middle of the lava flow, older reddish-yellow-colored tuff cones appear. Mollugo plants with their yellow-to-orange whorled leaves usually grow out of the fissures. Walking on solidified lava gives the impression of being on another planet. Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Moderate ●



Type of terrain
Volcanic lava



Duration
1½ hour hike or,
1-hour snorkeling




DAY 5

SUNDAY

 Morning



 Highland (Santa Cruz Island)

In the central highlands of Santa Cruz Island, we have our best opportunity to interact at close quarters with totally wild, Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these huge, 600lb, reptiles will also offer the chance for more highland species, especially several species of the famed finches.
Landing: dry



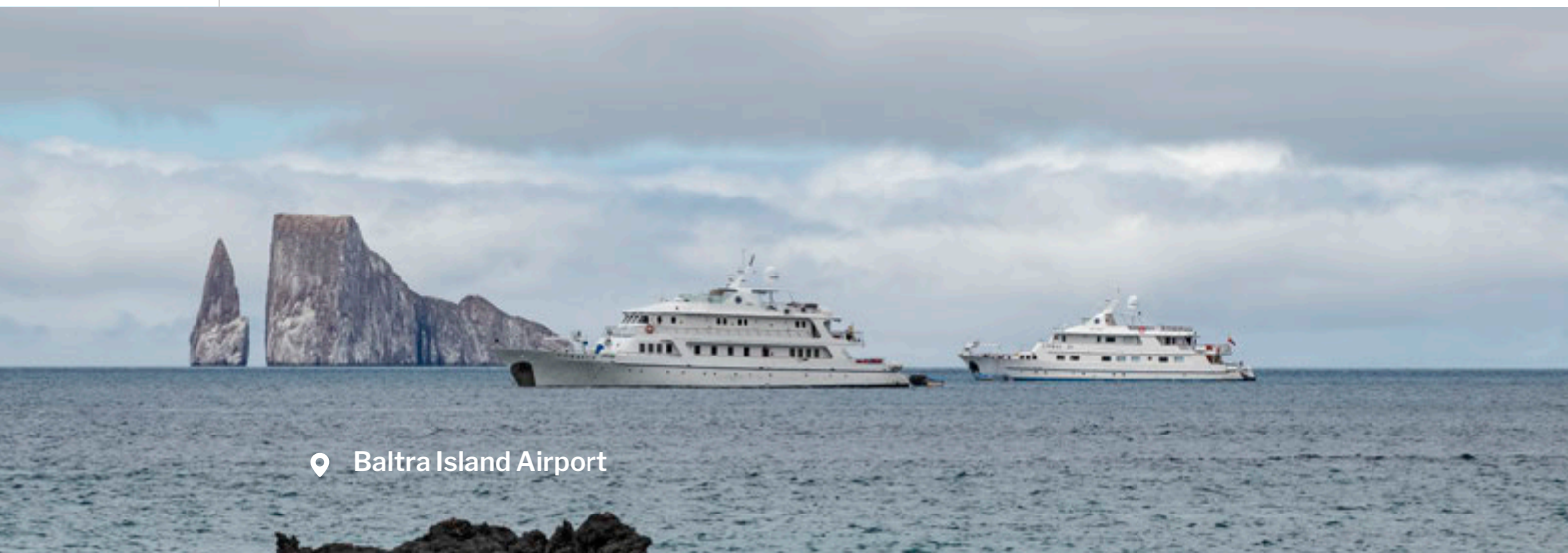
Difficulty level
Easy ●



Type of terrain
Flat & muddy
depending on the season



Duration
1 ½-hour hike
45-minute round-trip bus ride



 Baltra Island Airport

After the visit, passengers will be transferred to the airport for their return flight to Guayaquil or Quito.