

EAST & SOUTH EXPEDITION

CORAL I & CORAL II

East & South Expedition (C+D) 8days - 7 nights

Sunday - Sunday

Experience unforgettable Galapagos adventures with our weekly departures. Our itineraries include 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.



Sunday:

✈ Baltra Airport
pm. North Seymour Land

Monday:

am. Charles Darwin R. S. (Santa Cruz Island)

pm. Mosquera Islet

Tuesday:

am. South Plaza Island

pm. Santa Fe Island

Wednesday:

am. Lobos Island

pm. Interpretation Center &
Frigatebird Hill (San Cristobal Island)

Thursday:

am. Kicker Rock (Circumnavigation)
Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)
pm. Punta Pitt (San Cristobal Island)

Friday:

am. Punta Suarez (Española Island)

pm. Gardner Bay (San Cristobla Island)

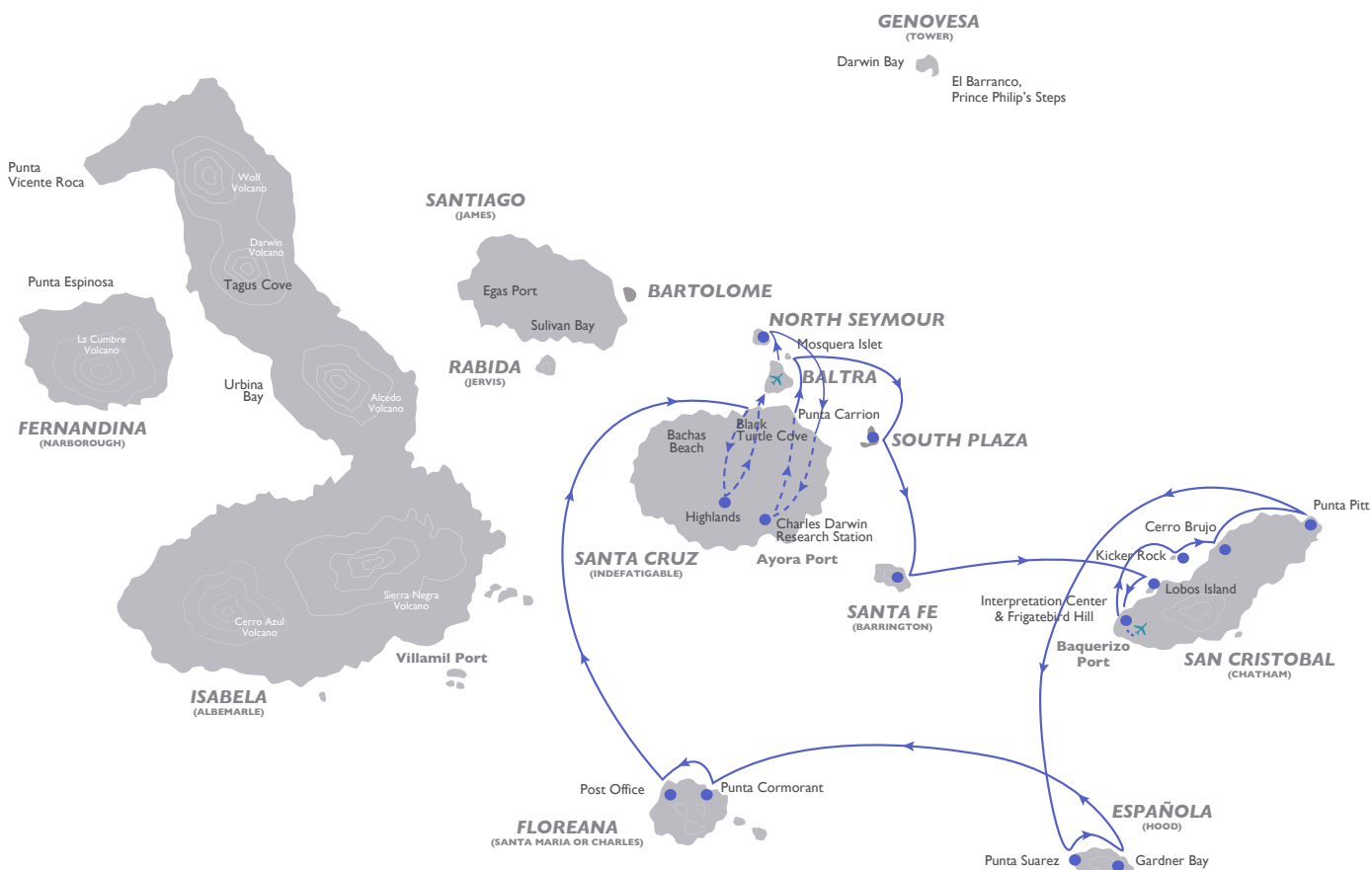
Saturday:

am. Punta Cormorant (Floreana Island)
pm. Post Office (Floreana Island)

Sunday:

am. Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

✈ Baltra Airport



DAY 1

SUNDAY




 Morning

Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island is a 2 ½ hour flight. Upon arrival in the Galapagos, 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 or Coral II.

 Afternoon



 North Seymour Island

This flat, uplifting, island is an important spot to see both magnificent and great frigatebird males courting the females and, we will also likely see courting blue-footed boobies too. Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, crashing surf and distant views of the Daphne Islands top off a great visit. Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky & Sandy



Duration
1 hour 45 min hike
1 hour deep snorkeling



DAY 2

MONDAY

 Morning

Once home to the famous Lonesome George, the last tortoise of the Pinta race. The center is set in the Galapagos National Park Service where various interpretative buildings are available to visit. The grounds, with large stands of native vegetation are one of the better places to spot some of the seldom seen Darwin's finches.
Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Flat



Duration
1 ½ hour visit

 Afternoon



This tiny, low-lying islet, converted into coral sand, is set between the north and south Seymour Islands. It's home to a group of sea lions that come to laze on the soft white sand, it's an excellent spot to observe shorebirds, herons, lava gulls, and boobies. Snorkeling or diving here, one can often see sharks, rays, and barracudas.
Landing: wet



Difficulty level
High ●



Type of terrain
Flat volcanic lava



Duration
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour snorkeling or,
1 hour beach time



DAY 3

TUESDAY

 Morning



Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, and land iguanas are all present at the landing site. The small island is covered with a carpet of a red succulent studded with Opuntia cacti. At the cliff edge, we spend time watching birds like frigatebirds, flocks of Galapagos shearwaters, and of particular note, flights of displaying red-billed tropicbirds. Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
2 hour hike

 Afternoon

After a fabulous snorkel in the turquoise waters of the protected bay, we may have enjoyed time with sea lions, turtles, reef sharks and spotted eagle rays. Landing on a sandy beach, we spend time watching the abundant sea lions there with us and . We begin a walk past a forest of island-endemic giant Opuntia cacti and we can watch the Santa Fe land Iguana. Landing: wet



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
30 min Kayaking
1 hour 45 min hike
1 hour deep snorkeling or,
45 min Dinghy Ride



DAY 4

WEDNESDAY

 Morning

Isla Lobos is approximately 20 minutes by boat from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Once on the island, the trail is about 850 meters and there will be rocky trails and a nice & easy sand trail too. There is a small population of blue-footed boobies and great frigatebirds nests at this site. Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky - Sandy



Duration
1 ½ hour walk

 Afternoon



The interpretation center is full of interesting information and offers the perfect overview of the formation of the Galapagos. Following a hike to Frigatebird Hill (Cerro Tijeretas) we will have a great look at both species of frigatebirds, with the bonus of a beautiful view of the bay below. Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Low / High ●●



Type of terrain
Flat path / Rocky



Duration
1 hour hike
1 hour walk



DAYS 5

THURSDAY

 Morning

Kicker Rock:

This ancient and eroded volcanic tuff lava named Leon Dormido or Kicker Rock, is formed from two rocks approximately 148 m, named for its resemblance to a sleeping lion.


Landing: none

Cerro Brujo:

From our dinghy ride, as we head to shore, we are first humbled by the immensity of the stunning cliffs of the Sorcerer's Hill. You can enjoy simply sharing the beach with sea lions, snorkelling from shore, or taking a walk to a hidden lagoon.

Landing: dry



 **Kicker Rock & Cerro Brujo**
(San Cristobal Island)



Difficulty level

Low ●



Type of terrain

Sandy




Duration

1 hour hike
30 min kayaking or
30 min Dinghy ride
1 hour 45 min beach or, deep snorkeling

 Afternoon



 **Punta Pitt (San Cristobal Island)**

This is the only place on the islands where we will enjoy the chance to see all three of the booby species in the same place. The red-foots will be perched on the Cordia lutea and small trees, the Nazca's on the ground near the cliff edge while the blue-foots will be a little further inland. Frigatebirds will be all around and the views are breathtaking.

Landing: wet



Difficulty level

High ●



Type of terrain

Rocky



Duration

1 hour 15 min hike
1 hour beach snorkeling, or
30 min kayaking or,
30 min dinghy ride




DAY 6

FRIDAY

 Morning



 **Punta Suarez (Española Island)**

Punta Suarez is a naturalist's paradise. The oldest extant island in the archipelago is our only opportunity to commune with the endemic wave albatross during their breeding season between April and December. With luck, we can watch their complex courtship display.
Landing: dry



Difficulty level
High ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
2 hours 15min hike

 Afternoon

One of the most stunning beaches in all of the Galapagos. The long, white, sandy beach, lapped by turquoise waters, home to a colony of Galapagos sea lions. Hood mockingbirds, endemic to this particular island. We can also snorkel here from the beach, in the shallows of the bay.
landing: wet



 **Gardner Bay (Española Island)**



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Sandy & flat



Duration
1 hour 45 min hike
45 min deep or,
beach snorkeling
or, Kayaking



DAY 7

SATURDAY

 Morning

Our walk takes us to a large, shallow lagoon, often inhabited by a variable number of shockingly pink greater flamingos. We arrive at a powdery white beach, a nesting area for green turtles.
Landing: dry



Cormoran (Floreana Island)



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
45 min Dinghy ride or,
45 min walk,
30 min kayaking ,
1 hour 15 min snorkeling

 Afternoon



Post Office (Floreana Island)

The famous Post Office Barrel. Claimed to have been first set up in 1793 by Captain James Colnett. The system involved whalers and fur sealers would leave addressed letters in the barrel to be picked up by homeward-bound colleagues. Actually visitors often take letters and hand-deliver them to their home countries.
Landing: wet



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



Duration
30 min walk
1 hour snorkeling
30 min Kayaking




DAY 8

SUNDAY

 Morning



 Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

In the Galapagos mountains, admire diverse bird species like finches, flycatchers, crakes, warblers, and egrets (often perched on tortoises' shells). The journey to the reserve showcases the island's contrasting ecosystems, from coastal areas to dense humid forests. Look out for Galapagos Giant tortoises wandering through pastures. This spot is a haven for birdwatchers, as it hosts a wide range of land birds that reside or migrate here.

Landing: dry



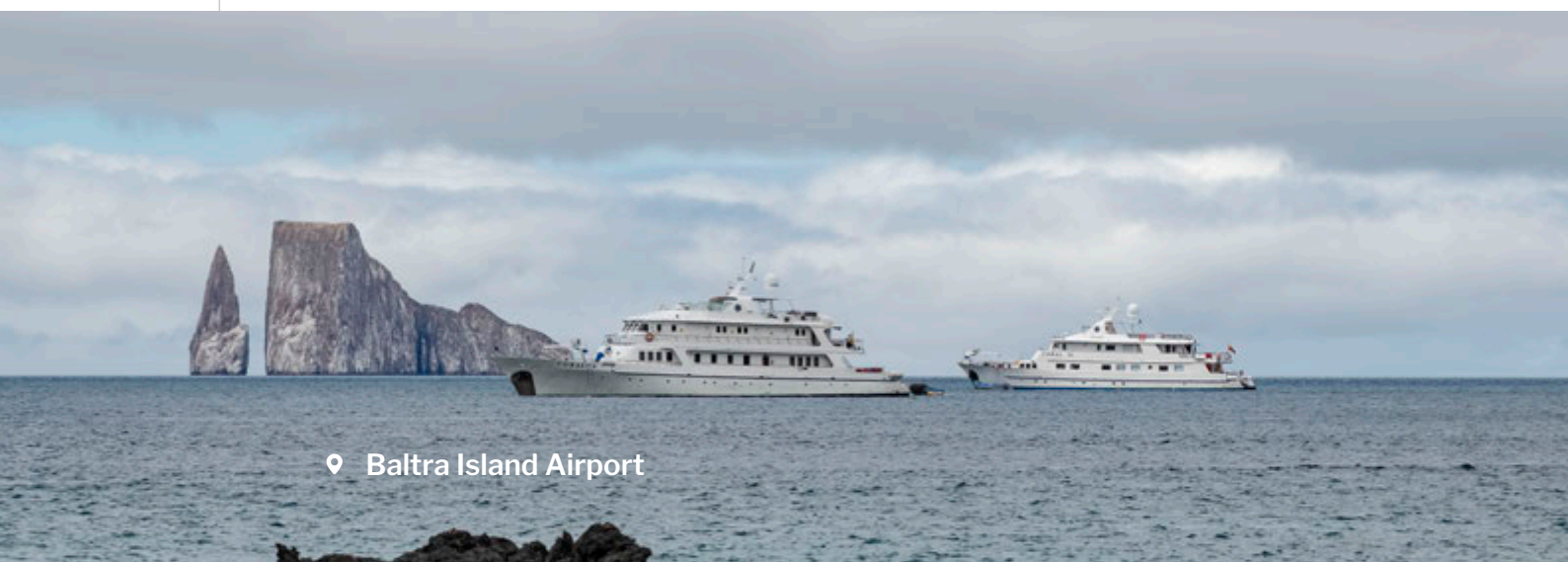
Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
flat & muddy
depending on the season



Duration
1½ hour walk
45 minute drive



 Baltra Island Airport

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