



# **SOUTH EXPEDITION**

## Coral I & Coral II

**South Expedition (D)** 

5 days - 4 nights

#### Wednesday - 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 requests.



**Wednesday** am. → San Cristobal Airport pm. Interpretation Center &

Frigatebird Hill (San Cristobal Island)

#### Thursday:

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

#### Friday:

am. Punta Suarez (Española Island) pm. Gardner Bay (San Cristobal Island)

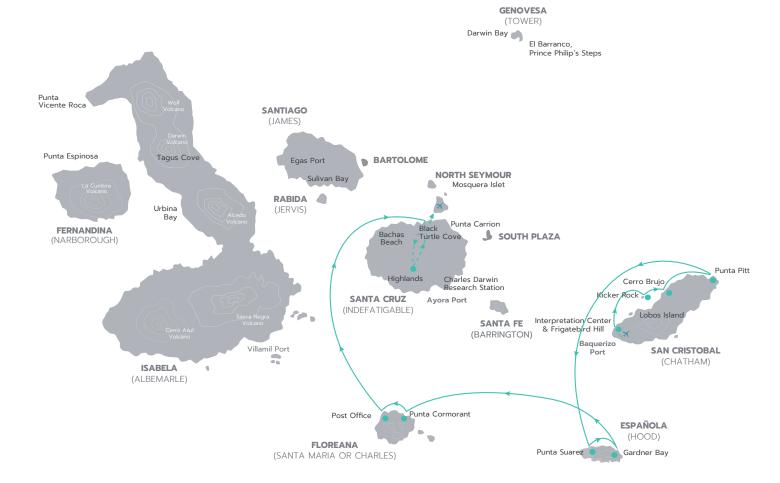
#### Saturday:

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

### Sunday:

am. Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

→ Baltra Airport







Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to San Cristobal Island is a  $2\,\frac{1}{2}$  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



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







**Duration** 1 hour hike 1 hour walk











#### 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.

#### 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





Difficulty level

Low



Type of terrain

Sandy



### Duration

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



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 redfoots 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











Morning



Punta Suarez is a naturalist's paradise. The oldes 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



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





Difficulty level Low



**Type of terrain** Sandy & flat



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







💥 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





Difficulty level Medium



Type of terrain Rocky



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





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



**Type of terrain**Sandy



**Duration** 30 min walk 1 hour snorkeling 30 min Kayaking









兴 Morning





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





Type of terrain flat & muddy depending on the season





After the visit, passengers will be transferred to the airport for their return "that to Guayaguil or Quito.