

SOUTH & NORTH EXPEDITION

Coral I & Coral II

South & North Expedition 8 days - 7 nights

Wednesday - Wednesday

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:

✈ San Cristobal Airport
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 Cristobal Island)

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

am. Highlands T & P Reserve & Charles Darwin (Santa Cruz Island)
pm. Punta Carrion (Santa Cruz Island)

Monday:

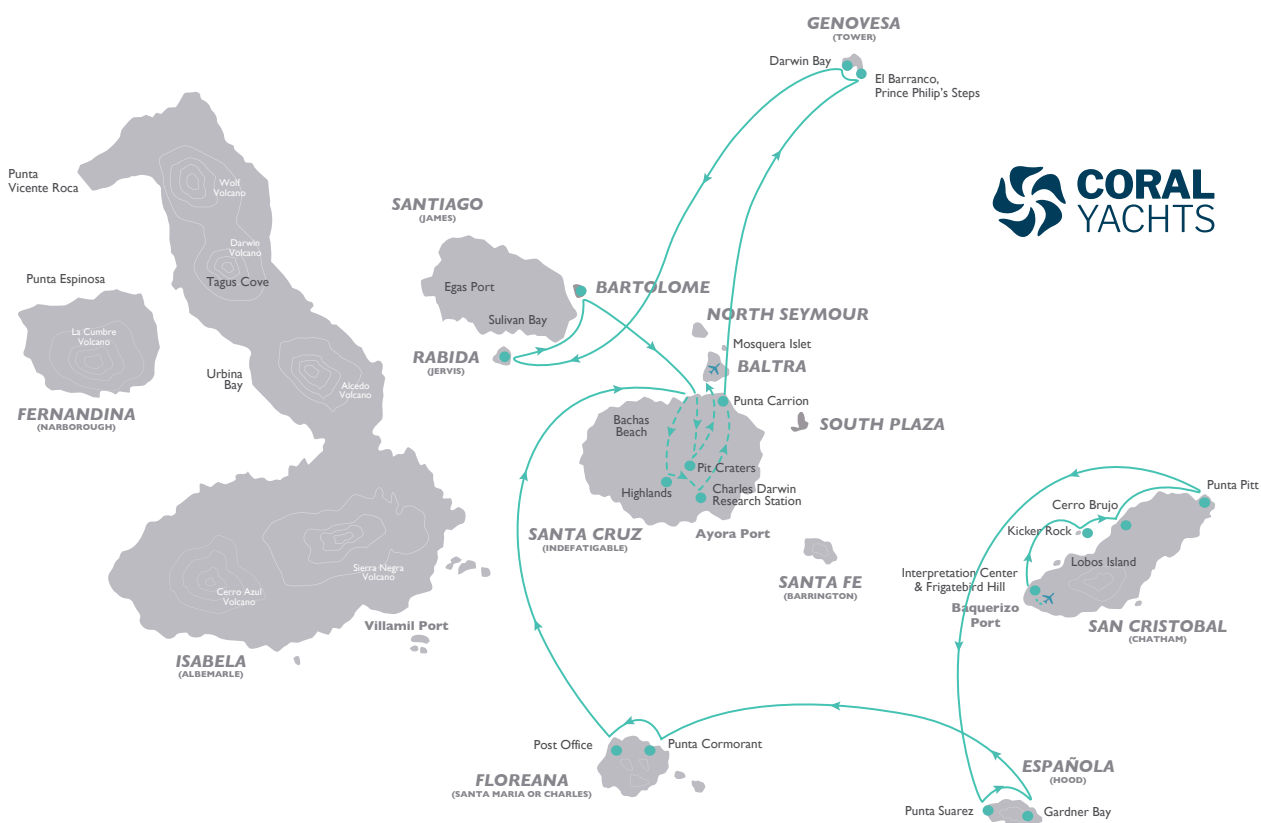
am. El Barranco Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa Island)
pm. Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

Tuesday:

am. Rabida Island
pm. Bartolome Island

Wednesday:

am. Pitt Craters (Santa Cruz Island)
am. Baltra Airport



DAY 1

WEDNESDAY



 Morning

Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to San Cristobal 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



 Interpretation Center & Frigatebird Hill (San Cristobal Island)

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



DAY 2

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



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

 Afternoon



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 3

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 4

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



 **Punta 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



 Morning



 Highlands & Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)

Highlands Tortoise Reserve
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

Charles Darwin Research Station
We visit the Station where the Galapagos giant tortoise breeding program takes place as part of our efforts to preserve the fragile Galapagos environment..
Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Low ●




Type of terrain
flat & muddy
depending on the season



Duration
2½ hour walk
45 minute drive

 Afternoon



 Punta Carrion (Santa Cruz Island)

Dinghy ride at the entry of the Itabaca Channel in a lagoon with turquoise water, where we can observe sharks, blue-footed boobies, and different kinds of fish.



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
None



Duration
1 hour dingy ride
1 hour snorkeling

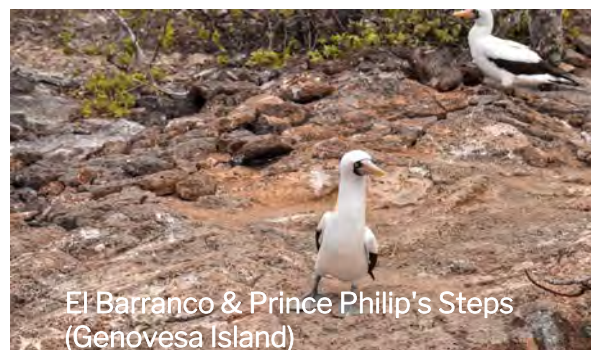


DAY 6

MONDAY

 Morning

Be marveled at the variety of sea life that uses the crevices of the lava cliffs for shelter. Red-billed Tropicbirds fly overhead, and a small colony of fur seals may be found near the landing site. You will be dropped off at a steep stairway that begins on rocks at the foot of a path that leads through a seabird colony full of Nazca and Red-footed Boobies. Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky - lava



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

 Afternoon



From within the flooded caldera of Tower Island, we set foot onto a sandy beach to be greeted by swallow-tailed gulls often said to be the most beautiful gull in the world. In the trail we can see at nesting red-footed boobies and great frigatebirds. Landing: wet



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



Duration
45 min Kayaking
1 hour 15 min hike
30 min Dinghy ride or,
1 hour deep or beach snorkeling




DAY 7

TUESDAY

 Morning



 Rabida Island

Lying at the archipelago's heart, this dramatic island with a distinctive red-sand beach is home to sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, endemic Galapagos doves, and vermilion flycatchers. A walk takes us through a forest of palo santo and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay.
Landing: wet



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi-rocky




Duration
1½-hour walk
30 min kayaking, or
1 hour Dinghy ride or
1 hour snorkeling

 Afternoon

Considered the most iconic landscape of the entire archipelago the view from the top of Bartolome Island, overlooking the famous Pinnacle Rock and the austere Santiago Island, Our subsequent snorkel here might put us face to face with Galapagos penguins, white-tipped reef sharks, and playful sea lions.
Landing: dry



 Bartolome Island



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Trail made of 372 steps.



Duration
1 hour snorkeling
1 hour 45 min hike
30 min Dingy ride



DAY 8

WEDNESDAY

 Morning



 Pit Craters (Santa Cruz Island)

The Pit Craters, geologically speaking, were not directly formed by volcanic action. They were created as a result of the collapse or sinking of surface materials into cracks or manholes. It's a great place to spot vermillion fly catchers as we walk inside an endemic Scalesia forest. Great opportunity to observe giant tortoises.

Landing: dry



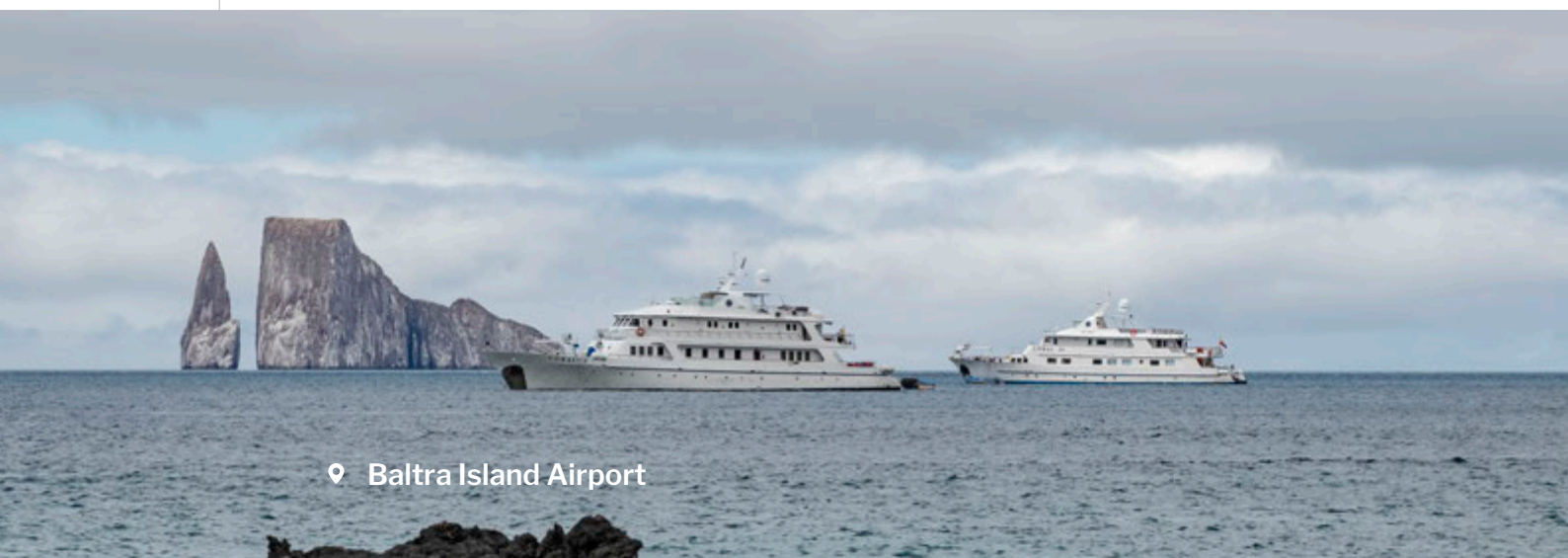
Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Flat & Muddy



Duration
1 hour walk
45 minutes drive



 Baltra Island Airport

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