

# WEST & EAST EXPEDITION

## Coral I & Coral II

**West & East Expedition (B+C) 8 days - 7 nights**

**Wednesday - Wednesday**

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. Bachas Beach & Highlands  
Tortoise Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)  
pm. North Seymour Island

### Monday:

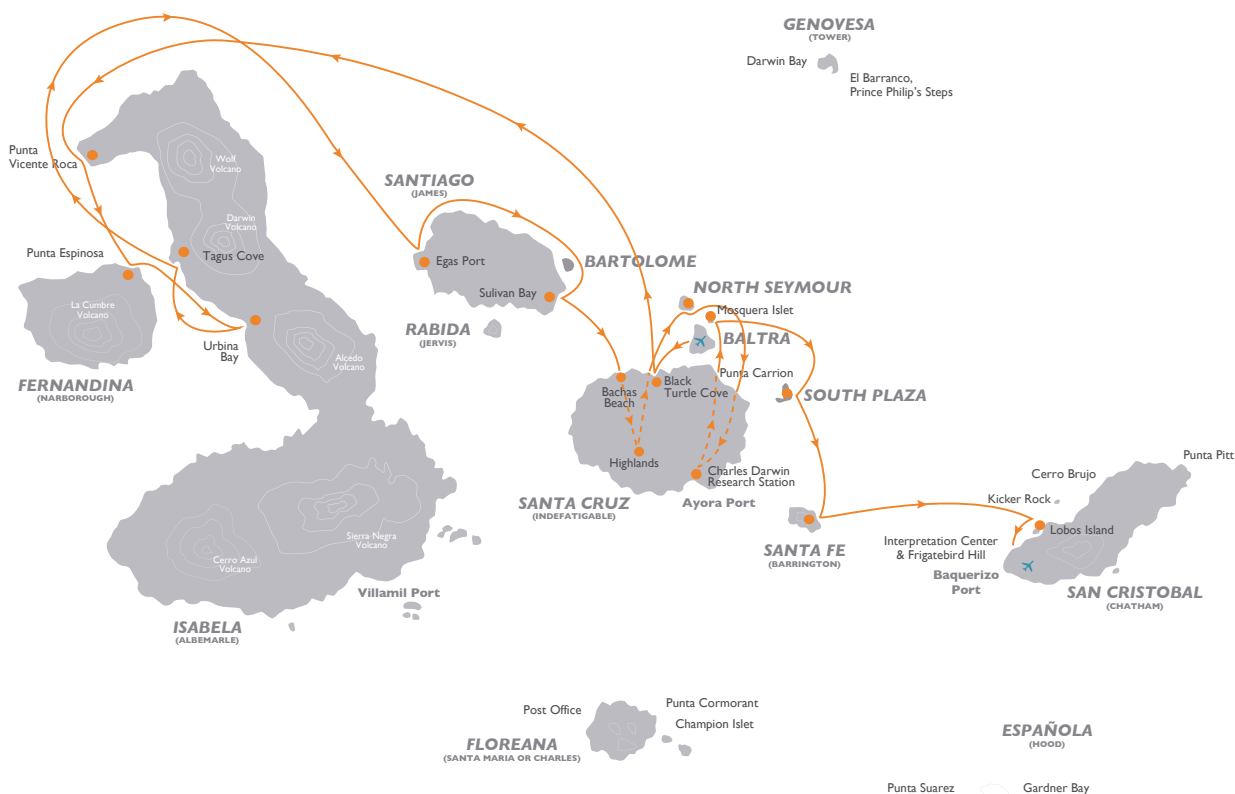
am. Charles Darwin R. S. (Santa Cruz Island)  
pm. Mosquera Islet

### Tuesday:

am. South Plaza Island  
pm. Santa Fe Island

### Wednesday:

am. Lobos Island  
✈️ San Cristobal 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, 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



📍 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: none



**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**Tipo de Terreno**  
None



**Duration**  
1 hour dingy 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**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
none



**Duration**  
1 hour snorkeling  
30 min Dingy 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**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
Flat / Semi-rocky



**Duration**  
1½ hour walk  
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**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
Flat / Rocky



**Duration**  
1½ hour walk  
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**  
Medium ●  
High ●



**Type of terrain**  
Steep



**Duration**  
2 hour hike  
30 min kayaking  
1 hour snorkeling or,  
40 minutes 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



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
Flat / Semi - rocky



**Duration**  
1½ hour hike  
1 hour snorkeling

 Afternoon



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**  
High ●



**Type of terrain**  
Flat -volcanic lava



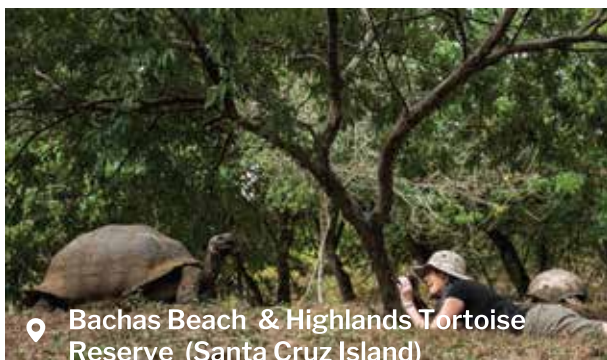
**Duration**  
1½ hour walk or,  
1 hour snorkeling



# DAY 5

## SUNDAY



 Morning



 **Bachas Beach & Highlands Tortoise Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)**



### Difficulty level

Medium   
Low 



### Type of terrain

Sandy / Semi - rocky  
Flat /muddy



### Duration

1 ½ hour walk , 45 min in bus,  
1 hour snorkeling, or beach time

### Bachas Beach

Named for some wrecked World War II barges whose ribs are still visible in the sand this visitor site offers great swimming, a lovely walk along the shore, and a visit to a lagoon behind the high tide line with wading birds, marine iguanas and sometimes even flamingoes. **Landing: wet**


### Highlands

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 species, especially several species of the famed finches.

**Landing: dry**


 Afternoon



 **North Seymour Island**



### Difficulty level

Medium 



### Type of terrain

Rocky & Sandy



### Duration

1 hour 45 min hike  
1 hour deep snorkeling

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**





# DAY 6

## 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 7

## TUESDAY

 Morning



 **South Plaza Island**

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: wet



**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



 **Santa Fe Island**



**Difficulty level**  
Low 



**Type of terrain**  
Rocky



**Duration**  
30 min Kayaking  
1hour45min hike  
1hour deep snorkeling or,  
45min Dinghyride





# DAY 8

## 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



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