

North & West Expedition

GALAPAGOS LEGEND

North & West Expedition 8 days - 7 nights

Monday - Monday

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.



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

Tuesday:
am. El Barranco Principe Philip's Steps (Genovesa Island)
pm. Bahía Darwin (Genovesa Island)

Wednesday:
am. South Plaza Island
pm. Santa Fe Island

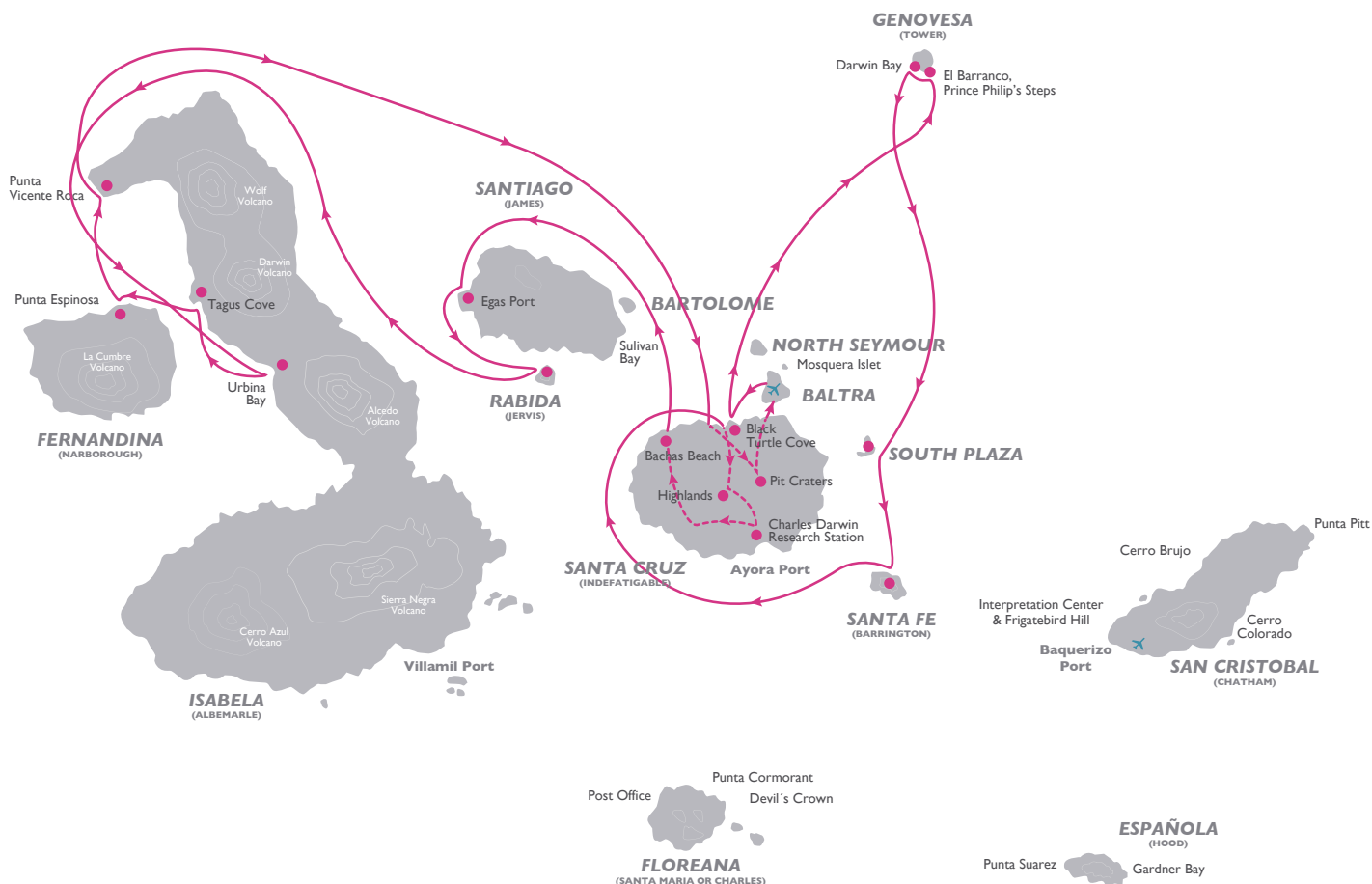
Thursday:
am. Highlands & Charles Darwin R. S. (Santa Cruz Island)
pm. Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)

Friday:
am. Egas Port (Santiago Island)
pm. Rabida Island

Saturday:
am. Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)
pm. Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

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

Monday:
am. Pit Craters (Santa Cruz Island)
✈ Baltra Airport



DAY 1

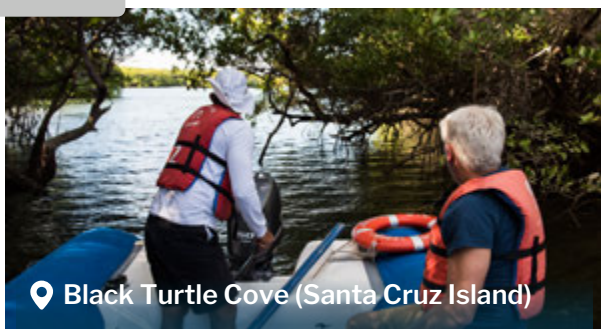
MONDAY



 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 Galapagos Legend.

 Afternoon



 Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)

On the north shore of Santa Cruz Island, accessible only by sea, four species of mangrove crowd and form an internal lagoon, turtles visit the calm waters, peaking their heads above the surface while fish, rays circle below. White-tipped reef sharks can be seen beneath the boat, plus sea birds, including pelicans, herons and egrets. This cove has been declared as a “turtle sanctuary”.



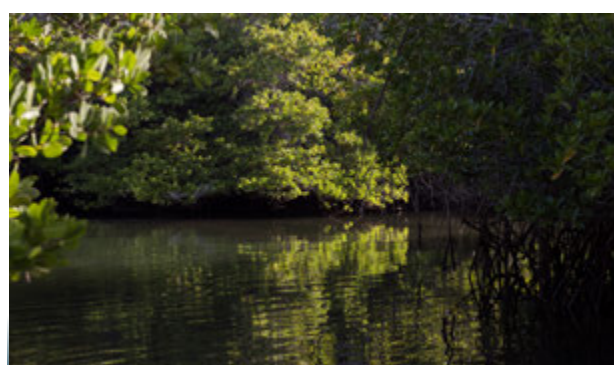
Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
none



Duration
1 hour dingy ride



DAY 2

TUESDAY

 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.



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky - lava



Duration
1 hour 45 min hike
30 min kayaking or,
glass bottom boat
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.



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



Duration
45 min Kayaking
1 hour 15 min hike
45 min Glass-bottom boat or,
1 hour deep or beach snorkeling




DAY 3

WEDNESDAY

 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: dry



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky




Duration
2 hours 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
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
30 min Kayaking
1 hour 45 min hike
1 hour deep snorkeling
45 min Glass-bottom boat



DAY 4

THURSDAY

 Morning



 **Highlands & Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)**

Highlands Tortoise Reserve

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 highlands species, especially several species of the famed finches

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.



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
flat & muddy
depending on the season




Duration
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour visit

 Afternoon

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. The two beaches are also favorite nesting sites for green turtles which often leave tractor-like tracks in the sand. Landin: wet



 **Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)**



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration
1 hour snorkel
1 hour walk



DAYS 5

FRIDAY

 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
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour snorkeling

 Afternoon



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
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour snorkeling
30 minutos kayaking or,
30 min glass bottom boat



DAY 6

SATURDAY

 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
1 ½ 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)



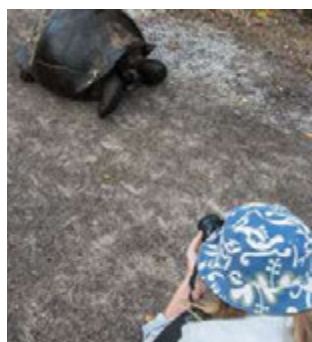
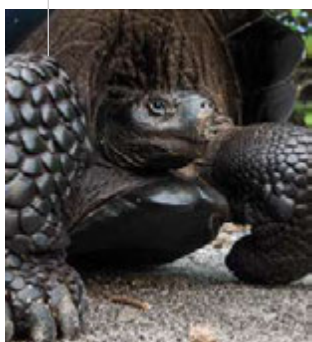
Difficulty level
Medium ●
High ●



Type of terrain
Steep



Duration
2 hours hike
1 hour snorkeling
30 min kayaking or,
30 min glass bottom boat



DAY 7

SUNDAY

 Morning

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
1 ½ hour hike
1 hour snorkeling
30 min glass- bottom boat

 Afternoon



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
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration
1 hour snorkeling
30 min dinghy ride



DAY 8

MONDAY

 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 vermilion 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



 Aeropuerto de Baltra

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