

# NORTH EXPEDITION

## GALAPAGOS LEGEND

### North Expedition (A)

4days - 3 nights

#### Monday - Thursday

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 Prince Philip's Steps  
(Genovesa Island)

pm. Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

#### Wednesday:

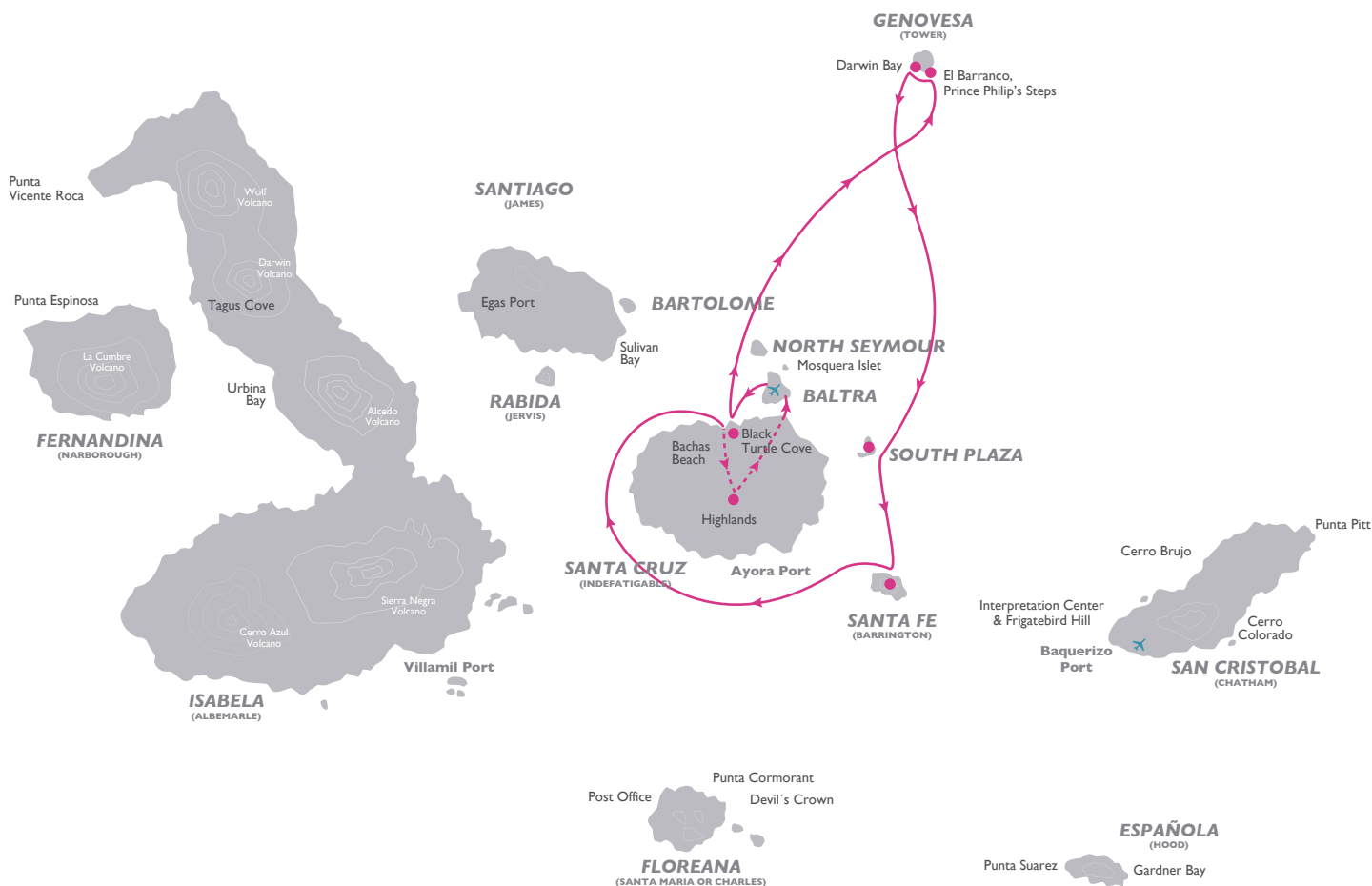
am. South Plaza Island

pm. Santa Fe Island

#### Thursday:

am. Highlands Tortoise Reserve  
(Santa Cruz Island)

✈ am. 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”.



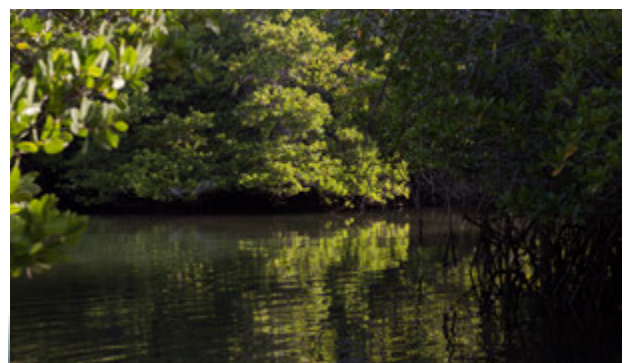
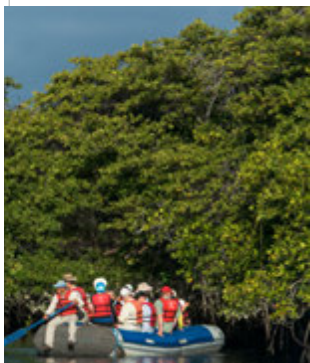
**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**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.  
Landing: dry



**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.  
Landing: wet



**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 (Santa Cruz Island)

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 highland species, especially several species of the famed finches.  
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.