

# SOUTH & NORTH EXPEDITION

## GALAPAGOS LEGEND

**South&North Expedition (D+A)** 8 days - 7 nights

## Thursday - 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 requests.



**Thursday:**

am. ✈ San Cristobal Airport  
pm. Interpretation Center &  
Frigatebird Hill (San Cristobal Island)

**Friday:**

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

**Saturday:**

**am.** Post Office (Floreana Island)  
**pm.** Punta Cormoran / Devil's Crown  
(Floreana Island)

**Sunday:**

am. Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz Island)  
pm. Mosquera Islet

**Monday:**

am. Pit Craters (Santa Cruz Island)  
pm. Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)

**Tuesday:**

**am.** El Barranco Prince Philip's Steps  
(Genovesa Island)

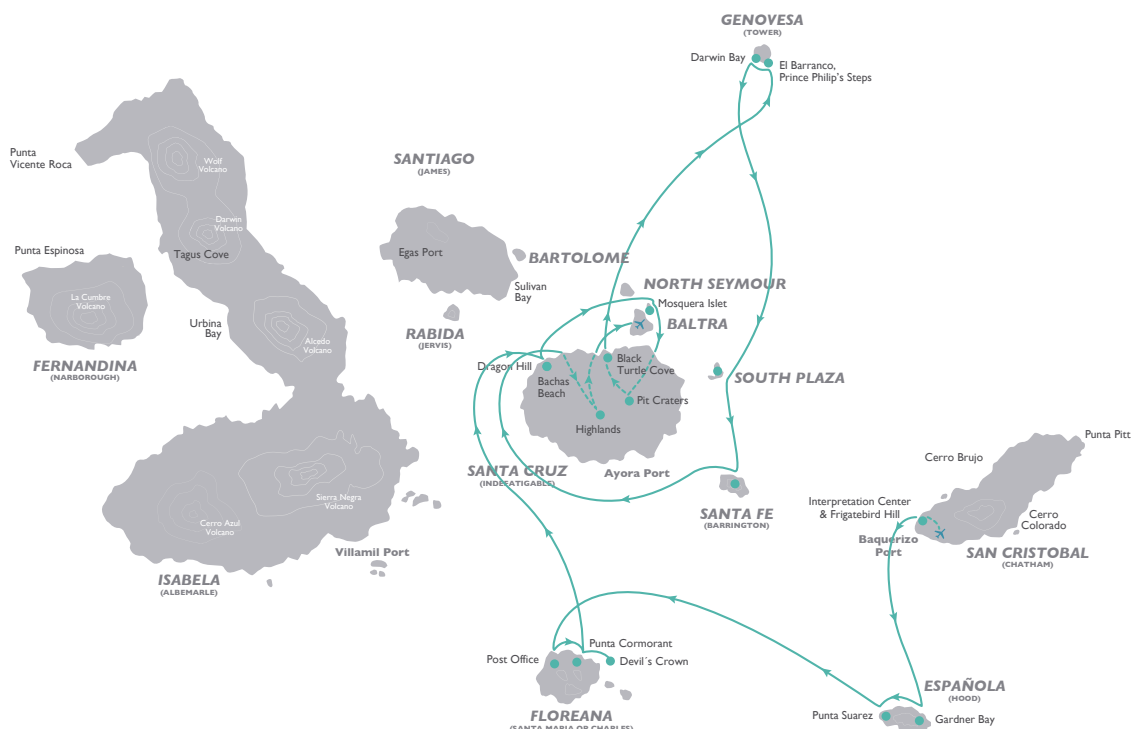
**pm.** Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

**Wednesday:**

am. South Plaza Island  
pm. Santa Fe Island

**Thursday:**

am. Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)  
✈ (Santa Cruz Island)



# DAY 1

## THURSDAY



 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 Galapagos Legend.



 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

## FRIDAY

 Morning

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



**Duration**

1 hour hike  
30 min kayaking  
30 min Glass-bottom boat  
1 hour 45 min beach or deep snorkeling

 Afternoon



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






# DAY 3

## SATURDAY

 Morning



 Post Office (Floreana Island)

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 handdeliver them to their home countries.  
landing: wet



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
Rocky




**Duration**  
1 hour 15 min hike  
1 hour beach snorkeling

 Afternoon

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. Devil's Crown is one of the favorite snorkeling sites on the islands.  
Landing: dry



 Punta Cormoran & Devil's Crown (Floreana Island)



**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**Type of terrain**  
Sandy & flat



**Duration**  
1 hour 45 min hike  
45 min glass-bottom or ,  
45 min deep or beach snorkeling



# DAY 4

## SUNDAY

 Morning

Arriving at a small lava dock, our first encounter is with marine iguanas that blend-in perfectly with the dark rock. As we walk past a large prickly pear cacti, we arrive at one end of a long, sickle-shaped beach with Dragon Hill standing in the distance. Our walk takes us on a circular path, past a shallow lake where flamingoes frequently come to feed.  
Landing: dry



📍 Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz Island)



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
Rocky



**Duration**  
45 min walk  
1 hour 15 min snorkeling

 Afternoon



📍 Mosquera Islet

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**  
low ●



**Type of terrain**  
Sandy



**Duration**  
1 ½ hour walk  
1 hour snorkeling or  
1 hour beach time





 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

 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".  
Landing: none



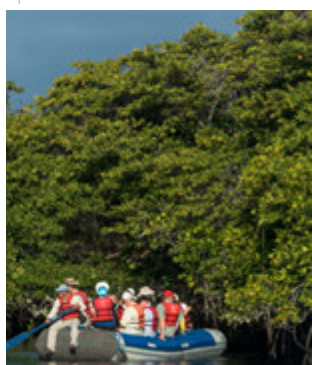
**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**Type of terrain**  
none



**Duration**  
1 hour dingy ride



# DAY 6

## 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 7

## WEDNESDAY

 Morning



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



**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 8

## THURSDAY

 Morning



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



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