

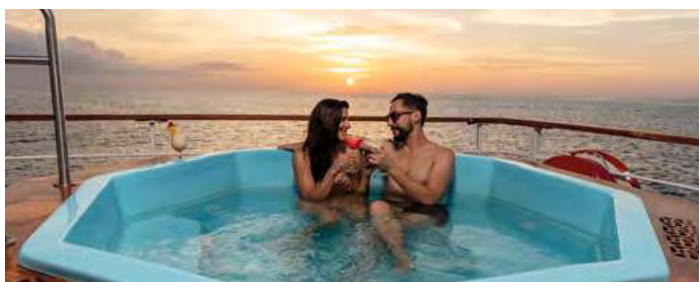
WEST & EAST EXPEDITION

GALAPAGOS LEGEND

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

Thursday - Thursday

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.



Thursday:

am. ✈ Baltra Airport

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. Highlands Tortoise Reserve & Pit Craters (Santa Cruz Island)

pm. North Seymour Island

Tuesday:

am. Bartolome Island

pm. Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

Wednesday:

am. Punta Pitt (San Cristobal Island)

pm. Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)

Thursday:

am. Cerro Colorado (San Cristobal Island)

✈ San Cristobal Airport



DAY 1

THURSDAY




 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

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)**



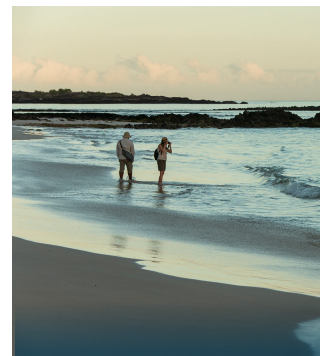
Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration
1 hour snorkel
1 hour walk



DAY 2

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 vermillion flycatchers. A walk takes us through a forest of palo santo and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay. Landing: wet



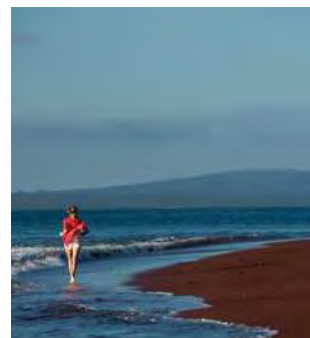
Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi-rocky



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



DAY 3

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 ●
Difficult ●



Type of terrain
Steep



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



DAY 4

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 galss 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 5

MONDAY

 Morning



 **Highlands & Pit Craters**
(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

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.

Landing: dry



Difficulty level
Low ●

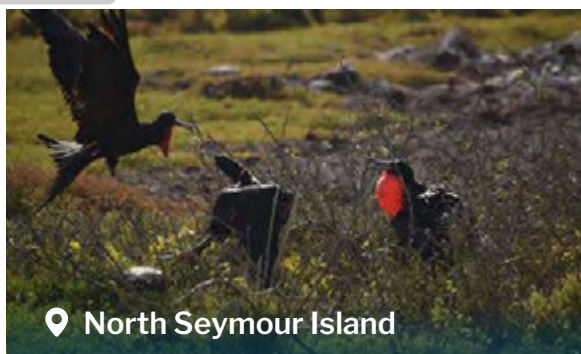



Type of terrain
flat & muddy
depending on the season



Duration
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour visit

 Afternoon



 **North Seymour Island**

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



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky & Sandy



Duration
1 hour 45 min hike
1 hour deep snorkelin
or glass-bottom boat



DAY 6

TUESDAY

 Morning

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



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Wooden path of 372 stairs



Duration
45 min hike
45 min beach snorkeling or
45 min glass-bottom boat

 Afternoon



Visitors are always totally enthralled by the amazing beds of pahoehoe lava from the recent flow on the island. It is a landscape and macro photographer's dream. The importance of pioneering plants such as the tiny Mollugo will be discussed as we hike over the lava. Landing: dry



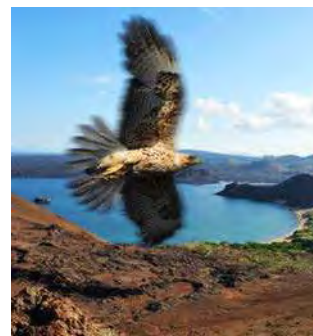
Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat volcanic lava



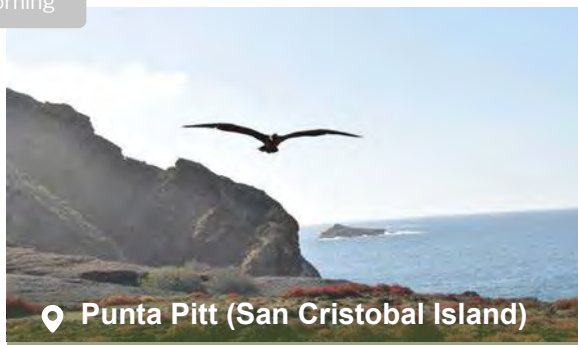
Duration
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour snorkeling or,
1 hour beach time or,
glass bottom boat



DAY 7

WEDNESDAY

 Morning



📍 Punta Pitt (San Cristobal Island)

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
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
2 hour hike
45 min kayaking or,
45 min glass bottom boat or,
1 hour beach snorkeling

 Afternoon

In the moist highlands of San Cristobal, we will visit the giant tortoise breeding center "La Galapaguera" to witness the most iconic creature of the archipelago in its various life stages. The aim of the reserve is to help restore populations of the threatened San Cristobal tortoise back into the wild. In town, there are shops to purchase local handicrafts and souvenirs..
Landing: Dry



📍 Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)



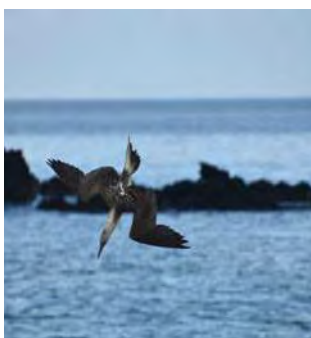
Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



Duration
1 hour walk
45 min glass bottom boat or,
45 min kayaking
1 ½ hour beach snorkeling



DAY 8

THURSDAY

 Morning

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Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



Duration
1 hour 15 min visit
1 hour bus drive round -trip



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