

# NORTH & WEST EXPEDITION

## CORAL I & CORAL II

**NORTH & WEST EXPEDITION** 8 days - 7 nights  
**Sunday-Sunday**

**Experience unforgettable Galapagos adventures without 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.



**Sunday:**

- am. ✈ Baltra Airport
- pm. Punta Carrion (Santa Cruz Island)

**Monday:**

- am. El Barranco Prince Philip's Steps (Genovesa Island)
- pm. Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

**Tuesday:**

- am. Rabida Island
- pm. Bartolome Island

**Wednesday:**

- am. Highlands Tortoise Reserve & Charles Darwin R. S. (Santa Cruz Island)
- 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 (Santa Cruz Island)
- ✈ Baltra Airport





# DAY 1

SUNDAY

 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



Dinghy ride at the entry of the Itabaca Channel in a lagoon with turquoise water, where we can observe sharks, blue-footed boobies, and different kinds of fish.



**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**Type of terrain**  
None



**Duration**  
1 hour dingy ride

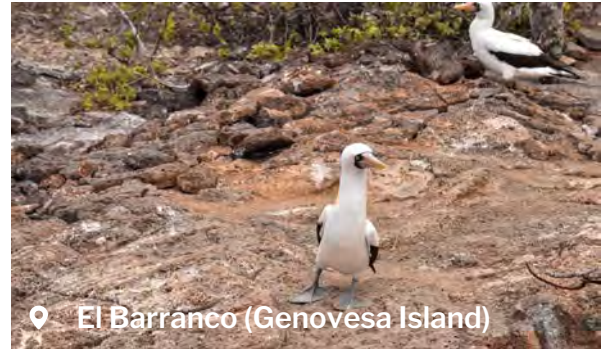


# DAY 2

MONDAY

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.



El Barranco (Genovesa Island)



**Difficulty level**

Medium ●



**Type of terrain**

Rocky - lava



**Duration**

30 min kayaking  
1 hour 45 min hike  
1 hour deep snorkeling  
30 min glass bottom boat

Afternoon



Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

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  
1 hour deep or beach snorkeling




# DAY 3

TUESDAY

 Morning



 Rabida Island

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.



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



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




**Duration**  
1 ½-hour walk  
1-hour snorkeling  
1-hour dinghy ride

 Afternoon

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.



 Bartolome Island



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



**Type of terrain**  
Trail made of 372 steps.



**Duration**  
1 hour snorkeling  
1 hour 45 min hike  
30 min Panga ride



# DAY 4

WEDNESDAY

Morning



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

### 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.

### 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



**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".



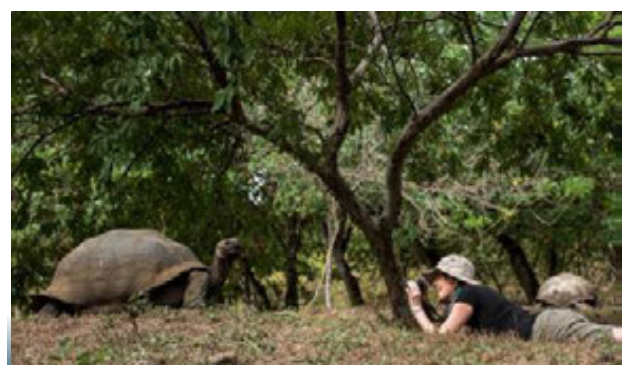
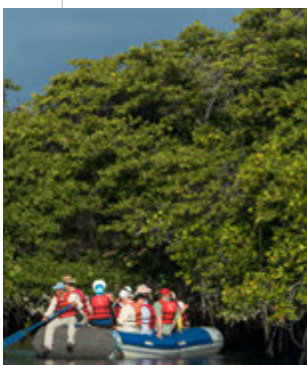
**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**Type of terrain**  
none



**Duration**  
1 hour dingy ride



# DAYS 5 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.



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



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



**Duration**  
1 hour snorkeling  
30 min Panga 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.



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



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



**Duration**  
1 ½ hour walk  
1 hour snorkeling  
1 hour dinghy ride



# DAY 6

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



**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!



Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●  
High ●



**Type of terrain**  
Steep



**Duration**  
2 hour hike  
30 min kayaking  
1 hour snorkeling  
40 minutes dinghy ride



# DAY 7

## 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.



Egas Port (Santiago Island)



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



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



**Duration**  
1 ½ hour hike  
1 hour snorkeling  
30 min Panga Ride

Afternoon



Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

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.



**Difficulty level**  
High ●



**Type of terrain**  
Flat -volcanic lava



**Duration**  
1 ½ hour walk  
1 hour snorkeling



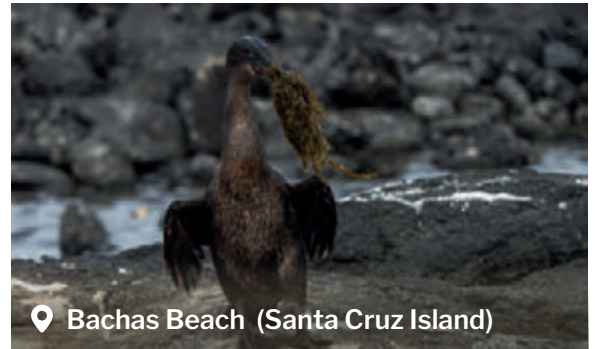



# DAY 8

SUNDAY

 Morning

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.



 **Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)**



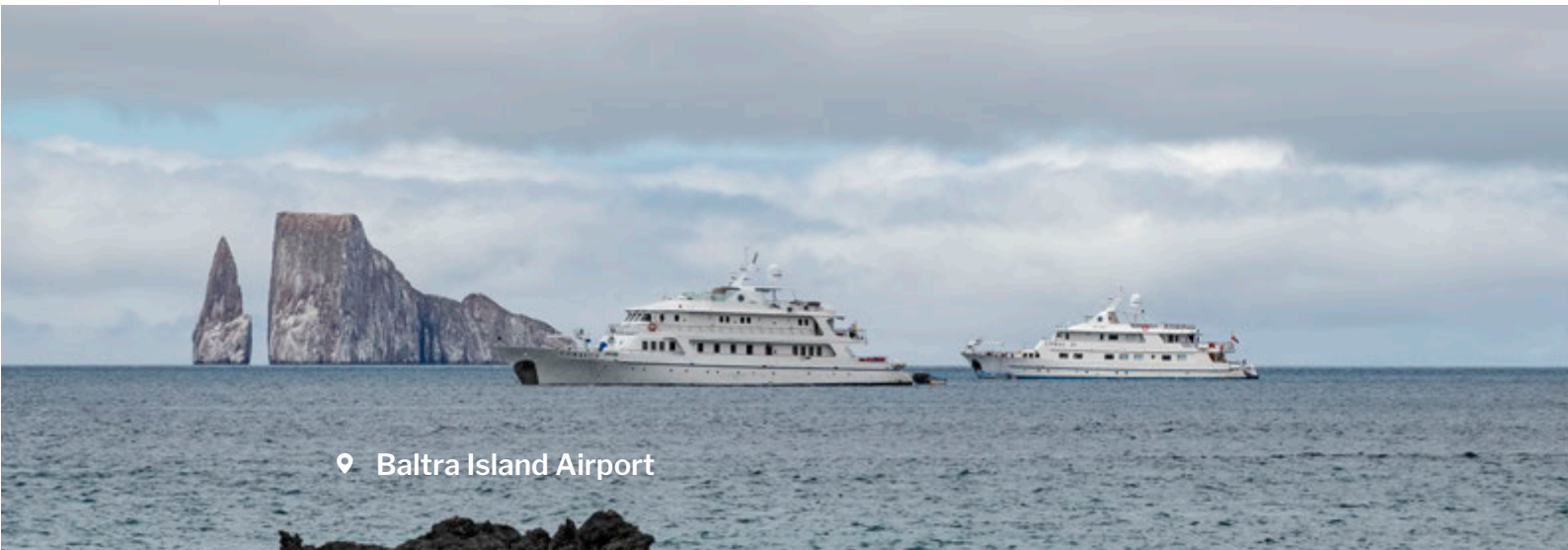
**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



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



**Duration**  
1 ½ hour walk



 **Baltra Island Airport**

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