

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”.



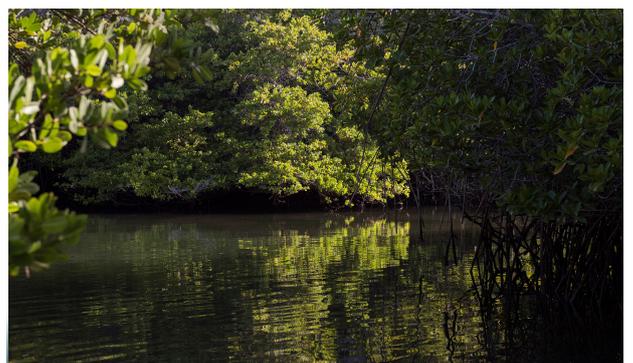
Difficulty level
Low ●



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.



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

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.



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



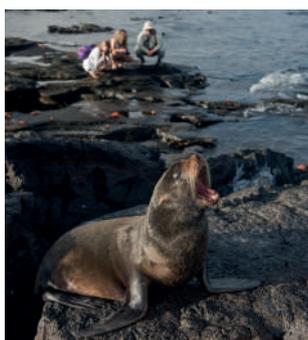
Difficulty level
Medium ●



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

Bachas Beach

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.

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.



Bachas Beach & Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)



Difficulty level
Intermediate ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration
1 ½ hour walk

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.



Difficulty level
low ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



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



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.



Egas Port (Santiago Island)



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi-rocky



Duration
1 ½ hour walk
1 hour snorkeling

Afternoon



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



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



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)



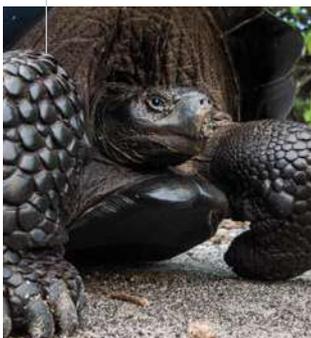
Difficulty level
Medium ●
Difficult ●



Type of terrain
Steep



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



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.



📍 Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island)



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration
1½ hour hike
1 hour snorkeling
30 min Panga Ride

Afternoon



📍 Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island)

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



DAY 8

MONDAY

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.



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
flat & muddy
depending on the season



Duration
1 ½ hour walk
45 min Panga ride
45 minute snorkeling



Baltra Island Airport

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