

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



 Punta Carrion (Santa Cruz Island)

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

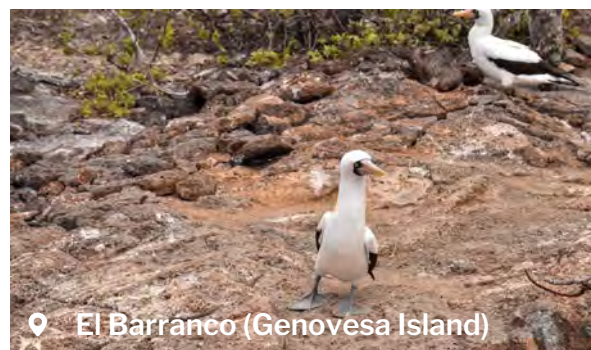


DAY 2

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.



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



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

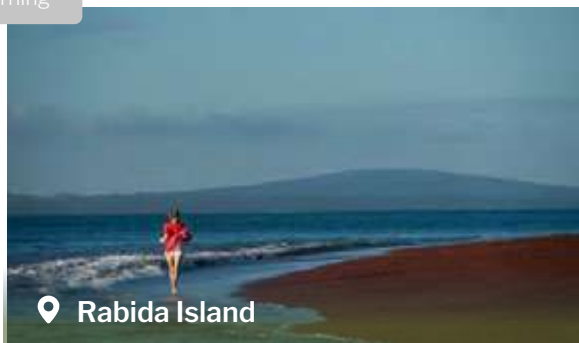
45 min Kayaking
1 hour 15 min hike
45 min Glass-bottom boat
1 hour deep or beach snorkeling




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 vermillion 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".



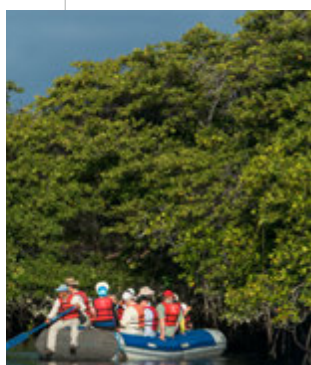
Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
none



Duration
1 hour dingy ride



DAYS

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.



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



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

 Afternoon



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

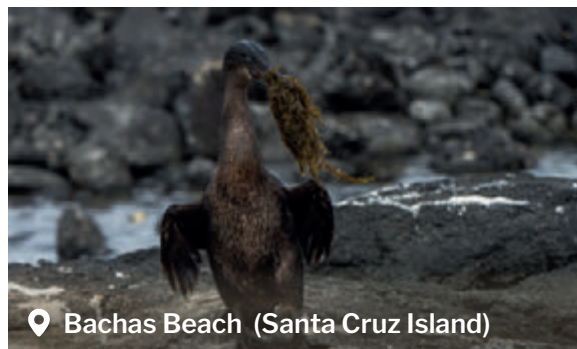



DAY 8

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.



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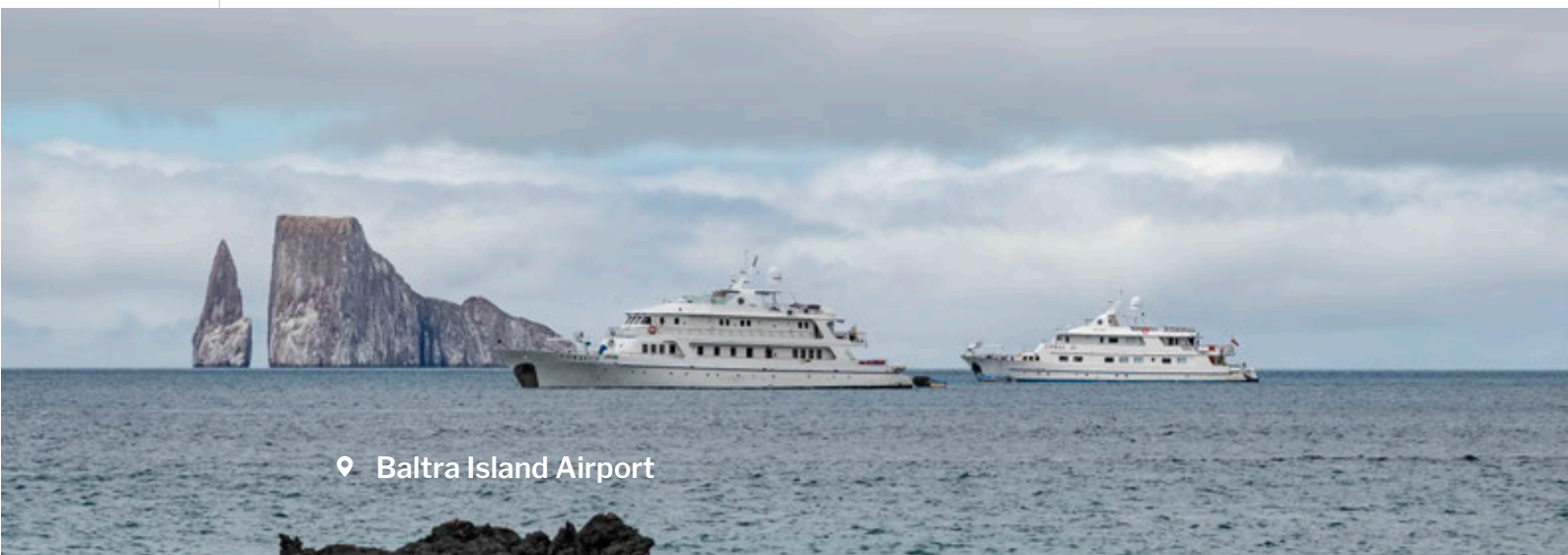
Difficulty level
Medium ●



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.