

# NORTH & WEST EXPEDITION

## GALAPAGOS LEGEND

**North & West Expedition** 8 days - 7 nights

## Monday -Monday

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 request.



**Monday:**

am. ✈ Baltra Airport

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

pm. Mosquera Islet

**Friday:**

**am.** Egas Port (Santiago Island)

pm. Rabida Island

**Saturday:**

am. Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)

**pm.** Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

**Sunday:**

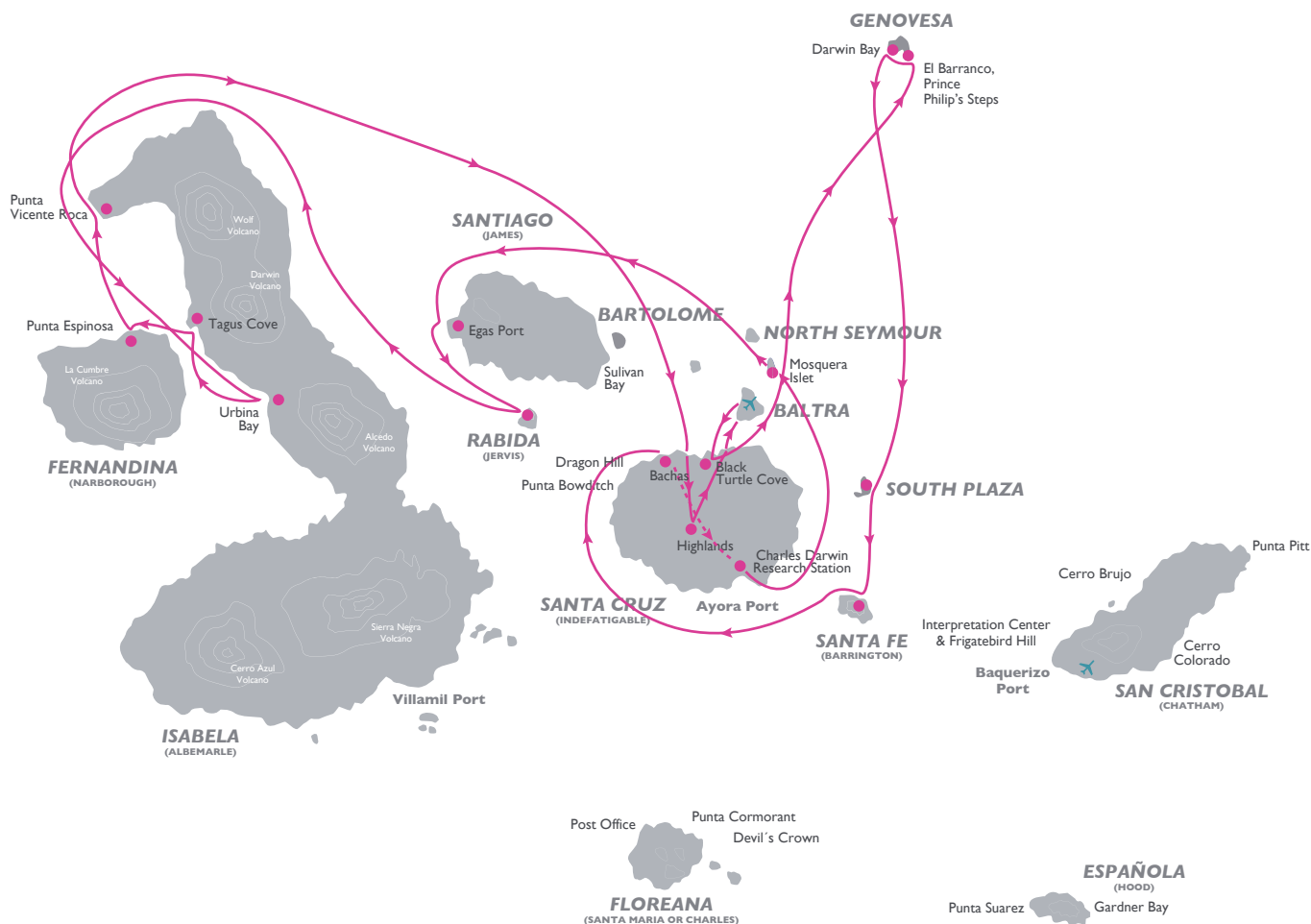
am. Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island)

**pm.** Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island)

**Monday:**

am. Highlands Tortoise Reserve  
(Santa Cruz Island)

✈ Baltra Airport



# 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”.



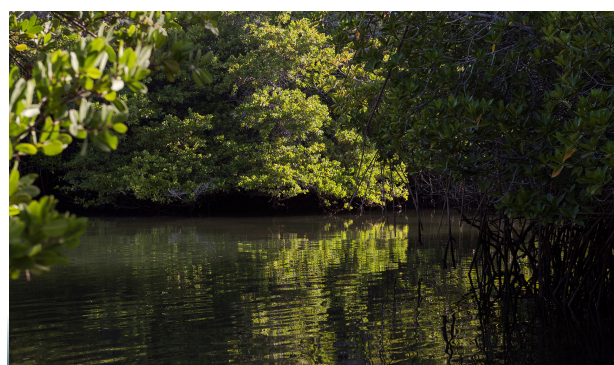
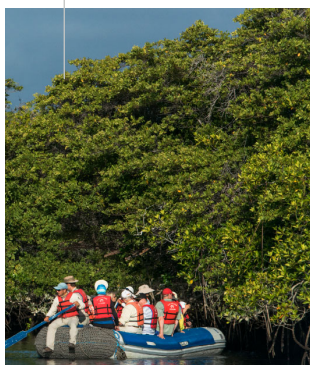
**Difficulty level**  
Low ●



**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.



**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

## 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

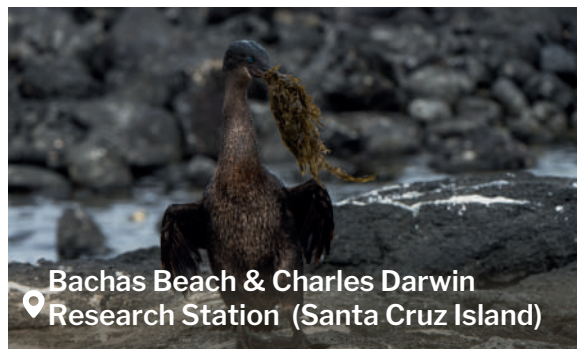
 Morning

### 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.



**Difficulty level**  
Intermediate ●



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



**Duration**  
1 ½ hour walk

 Afternoon



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.



**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 vermilion flycatchers. A walk takes us through a forest of palo santo and cacti to a beautiful overview of the bay.



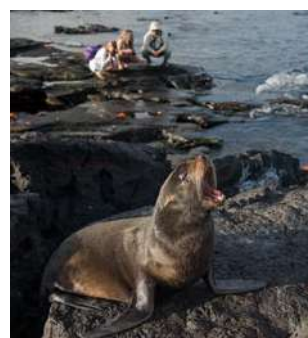
**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



**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)



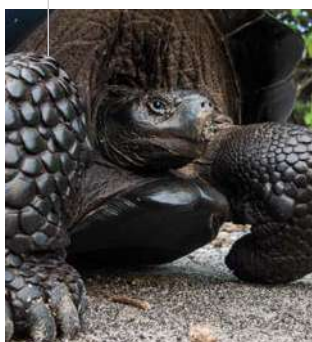
**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●  
Difficult ●



**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.



**Difficulty level**  
Medium ●



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



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

 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.



**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.