

WEST EXPEDITION

GALAPAGOS LEGEND

West Expedition (B)

5 days - 4 nights

Thursday - Monday

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 (Santa Cruz Island)

pm. → Baltra Airport

GENOVESA (TOWER) El Barranco, Prince Philip's Steps SANTIAGO BARTOLOME NORTH SEYMOUR BALTRA RARIDA Dragon Hill Punta FERNANDINA SOUTH PLAZA (NARBOROUGH) Punta Pitt Cerro Bruio Ayora Port SANTA CRUZ SANTA FE Frigatebird Hill Baquerizo Port **SAN CRISTOBAL** Villamil Port ISABELA (ALBEMARLE)





Morning

Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

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. Landin: wet







Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration 1½ hour walk or, 1 hour snorklelig











-Ö: 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 1½ hour walk 1 hour snorkeling





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. Landing: wet



Difficulty level Medium



Type of terrain Flat / Semi-rocky



Duration1½ hour walk
1 hour snorkeling
30 min kayaking or,
30 min glass bottom boat











-Ö: Morning



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 1½ hour walk 1 hour snorkeling



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





Difficulty level

Medium
High



Type of terrain Steep



Duration2 hours hike
1 hour snorkeling
30 min kayaking or,
30 min glass bottom boat











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



Duration1½ hour hike
1 hour snorkeling
30 min galss bottom boat





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



Duration1 hour snorkeling
30 min dinghy ride











Morning



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. Landing: dry









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