Our Galapagos itineraries offer unforgettable experiences, with full board, two daily guided excursions with optional activities such as snorkeling, kayaking, dinghy rides and our new feature daily diving tours for license-holding divers.

DAY BY DAY

First day on board and you already wonder how the week is going to be in your adventure through the islands.

DAY 1

Thursday

AM – Baltra Airport

Departure from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island (2 1/2 hours flight). Arriving in Galapagos, passengers are picked up at the airport by our natural guides and taken (ten-minute bus drive) to the pier to board the M/V Galapagos Legend.

PM – Mosquera Islet

Wet Landing, Mosquera Islet is located between North Seymour and Baltra Island. This flat, sandy island has a large colony of sea lions. It is also an excellent site to observe shorebirds such as herons and lava gulls. There is no trail on the islet, the visitor
can enjoy the open area. Most of the islet is covered with sand and barren lava rock. Very little sesuvium portulacastrum plants grow on the sand.

**Difficulty level:** easy

**Type of terrain:** sandy

**Duration:** 1½-hour walk & snorkeling

**DAY 2**

**Friday**

**AM – Egas Port (Santiago Island)**

Wet landing. Egas Port is a black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. The first section of the trail is formed of volcanic ash (eroded tuff) and the other half is an uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago shore is home to a variety of animals including the bizarre yellow-crowned night heron and marine wildlife including lobster, starfish and marine iguanas grazing on algae beds alongside Sally light-foot crabs. It is easy to see colonies of endemic fur seals swimming in cool water volcanic rock pools.

**Difficulty level:** intermediate

**Type of terrain:** flat & semi-rocky

**Duration:** 1½-hour walk / 1-hour snorkeling

**PM – Rabida Island**

Wet landing. Dark-red sand covers the unique beaches of this island, home of sea lions colonies; Rabida is considered the epicenter of the Galapagos Islands due to the diversity of its volcanic geology. Nesting brown pelicans are found from July through September plus nine species of the famous Darwin’s finches. Here a dinghy ride along marine cliffs is done, to observe nesting seabirds. Snorkel off the coast, where marine life is particularly active.

**Difficulty level:** easy

**Type of terrain:** sandy

**Duration:** 1½-hour walk / 1-hour snorkeling / 1-hour dinghy ride

**DAY 3**

**Saturday**

**AM – Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)**

Wet landing (might be difficult due to the tide). Volcanic black beach, depending on the season, it is possible to find giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. After a short walk inland it’s snorkeling time, a chance to swim with sea turtles, sea lions, and countless tropical fish. Urbina Bay features a wide variety of plants with the different range of colors in flowers, attracting different insects, birds, and reptiles. One of the highlights of the island is the uplifted coral reef that resulted from the 1954 seismic activity; here the views of Alcedo Volcano are remarkable. When navigating from Urbina to Tagus Cove whale watching is usual in May – December.

**Difficulty level:** intermediate

**Type of terrain:** flat & rocky
Duration: 1 ½-hour walk / 1-hour snorkeling

PM – Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

Dry landing on Galapagos’ largest island where we will learn about the eruption of the five volcanoes that form it. The trail leads to Darwin’s salt-water crater lake and excellent views of lava fields and volcanic formations. We will return by the same path for a dinghy ride along a shoreline full of marine wildlife, where we will admire a variety of seabirds, such as Blue-footed Booby, Brown Noddy, terns, Flightless Cormorant and depending on the season, a large number of Galapagos Penguins which are only 35 cm tall; the only penguin species in the world to live in the tropics.

The population of penguins on the islands is about 2,000 individuals, most of which live on this western portion of Isabela; others are scattered further south. We will have an opportunity to snorkel in deep water. Graffiti believed to have been left by 19th-century pirates is a curious reminder of an intriguing past.

Difficulty level: intermediate/difficult

Type of terrain: steep/steep

Duration: 2-hour walk / 40-minutes dinghy ride / 1-hour deep water snorkeling

DAY 4

Sunday

AM – Espinosa Point (Fernandina Island)

Dry landing. From Espinosa Point, it is possible to admire a wide view of Isabela Island across the Bolivar Channel, an area that boasts some of the highest diversity of endemic sea fauna in the Galapagos. Here the largest, most primitive-looking marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. Fernandina displays a wonderful opportunity to encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galapagos penguins and the “King” of predators on the islands, the Galapagos hawk. Pa-hoe-hoe and AA lava formations cover the majority of Fernandina terrain. Vegetation is scarce inland, with few brachyacereus cacti. In the shore mangrove can be found.

Difficulty level: intermediate

Type of terrain: flat/semi rocky

Duration: 1 ½-hour walk / 1-hour snorkeling

PM – Vicente Roca Point (Isabela Island)

Great deep-water snorkeling at one of the richest marine havens on Earth, the Bolivar Channel. Accessible by water, we take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds; Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, brown pelicans, penguins, flightless cormorants. The upwelling of cold water currents in this part of the Galapagos gives rise to an abundance of marine life, a perfect place for deep snorkeling.

Difficulty Level: moderate / high

Type of terrain: water

Duration: 1-hour snorkeling / 1-hour dinghy ride

DAY 5

Monday

AM – Highlands Tortoise Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)
Dry landing. In the mountains of Galapagos is possible to admire different kind of birds, such as: tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets (usually standing on the tortoises’ shell). The journey to the reserve offers great opportunities to see the contrasts that the island offers in reference to the variety of ecosystems. The road goes from the coast through the agricultural zone and straight up to the dense humid forests. Often, Galapagos Giant Tortoises are also seen on the way, wandering through pastures in the paddocks. This spot is a birdwatchers’ haven, since almost every land bird present on the island lives or migrates here.

**Difficulty level:** easy

**Type of terrain:** flat & muddy (depending on season)

**Duration:** 45-minutes drive / 1 ½-hour walk

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**OR (for Extended Cruises only)**

**Pit Craters (Santa Cruz Island)**

The Pit Craters, geologically speaking, were not directly formed by volcanic action. They were created as a result of the collapse or sinking of surface materials into cracks or manholes. It’s a great place to spot vermilion fly catchers as we walk inside an endemic *Scalesia* forest. Great opportunity to observe giant tortoises

**Type of Terrain:** Flat, sometimes the trails can be muddy.

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Duration:** 45-minutes drive / 1 ½-hour hike

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**Baltra Island Airport**

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

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• snorkeling |
| FRI | AM   | Egas Port | Santiago | Landscape comprised of tuff cone (volcanic ash) and lava flows, see the Galapagos fur seal. | flat & semi-rocky | moderate | • trekking  
• snorkeling |
|     | PM   | Rabida | Rabida | Incredible landscape, brown pelicans, nesting spot of seabirds, red sand beach. | sandy | easy | • trekking  
• snorkeling |
| SAT | AM   | Urbina Bay | Isabela | Land iguanas, giant tortoises, sea birds, cormorants, 2 trails for trekking. | flat | easy | • trekking  
• snorkeling |
|     | PM   | Tagus Cove | Isabela | Calm water, pirates history, lots of seabirds: blue-footed boobies, brown noddy terns, flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins depending on season; marine iguanas. | steep & lava | moderate | • trekking  
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