

## Western Galapagos Wildlife and Volcanic Wonders

6 Days – 5 Nights

			Hiking	Snorkel	Panga Ride	Paddle Board	Kayak
WEDNESDAY	AM	<b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Baltra - airport (arrival)					
	PM	<b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Highlands	*				
THURSDAY	AM	<b>Isabela Island</b> : Tintoreras	*	*	*		
	PM	<b>Isabela Island</b> : Isabela's Wetlands and Interpretation Center	*				
FRIDAY	AM	<b>Isabela Island</b> : Moreno Point	*	*	*		
	PM	<b>Fernandina Island</b> : Mangle Point	*	*	*		
SATURDAY	AM	<b>Fernandina Island</b> : Espinoza Point	*	*	*		
	PM	<b>Isabela Island</b> : Tagus Cove	*	*	*	*	*
SUNDAY	AM	<b>Santiago Island</b> : Egas Port	*	*			
	PM	<b>Chinese Hat Island</b> : Chinese Hat	*	*	*	*	*
MONDAY	AM	<b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Black Turtle Cove	*				
	PM	<b>Santa Cruz Island</b> : Baltra - airport (return)					

### DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

#### AM: TAKEOFF TO BALTRA AIRPORT

Embark on an unforgettable adventure to the Galapagos Islands, starting with your arrival at Baltra airport. Our expert naturalist guide from the National Park will eagerly await your arrival to introduce you to the wonders ahead.

<b>Trail:</b>	
<b>Level:</b>	1
<b>Activities:</b>	-

## PM: HIGHLANDS

Your day begins with a journey to the highlands of San Cristobal Island, offering a different perspective of the Galapagos' unique ecosystem. This lush and verdant area contrasts sharply with the coastal zones. The highlands are home to a variety of bird species, giant tortoises in their natural habitat, and a rich array of plant life, including endemic trees and ferns. You'll have the opportunity to walk along paths that meander through this lush landscape, offering a chance to observe the giant tortoises up close and personal. The highlands also provide panoramic views of the island, showcasing its diverse topography.

Lava tunnels, Darwin finches, Galapagos flycatchers, Giant tortoises, Barn owls, White-cheeked pintails

<b>Food:</b>	-/L/D
<b>Trail:</b>	1-1,5 km / 0,6-0,9 mi
<b>Lodging:</b>	M/Y Galaxy
<b>Level:</b>	1
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING

## DAY 2 - THURSDAY

### AM: TINTORERAS

Start your morning on Isabela Island, embarking on a unique adventure at Tintoreras, a cluster of small isles teeming with wildlife. Sail through crystal-clear waters and discover a vibrant underwater world inhabited by white-tipped sharks, colorful tropical fish, and starfish.

**Highlights:** White-tipped and black-tipped reef sharks, Sea turtles, Manta rays

<b>Trail:</b>	1,1 km / 0,7 mi
<b>Level:</b>	2
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE

### PM: ISABELA ISLAND WETLANDS AND INTERPRETATION CENTER

In the afternoon, immerse yourself in Isabela's wetlands, a crucial ecosystem for Galapagos' biodiversity. Walk along trails through mangroves and saline lagoons, where pink flamingos, blue-billed ducks, and other aquatic birds thrive. This natural sanctuary showcases the island's remarkable wildlife. Conclude your day at the Interpretation Center, where you'll gain insight into Galapagos' natural and human history, its conservation challenges, and the ongoing efforts to protect this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Highlights:** Mangroves, Flamingoes, Ducks

<b>Food:</b>	B/L/D
<b>Trail:</b>	3 km / 1.86 mi
<b>Lodging:</b>	M/Y Galaxy
<b>Level:</b>	1
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING

### DAY 3 - FRIDAY

#### AM: MORENO POINT

Start your day exploring Moreno Point, a stunning volcanic landscape that appears barren but is brimming with life. Venture inland to discover brackish lagoons, home to flamingos, gallinules, ducks, and herons. Along the rugged coast, spot Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies. Sea lions and oystercatchers are also frequent visitors, making this site a remarkable showcase of how life thrives even in Galapagos' harshest environments.

**Highlights:** Stunning Views, Galapagos mockingbirds, Darwin finches, American flamingoes, Flightless cormorants, Marine iguanas, Ducks, Gallinules

<b>Trail:</b>	1,6 km / 1 mi
<b>Level:</b>	3
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE

#### PM: MANGLE POINT

Start your day at Mangle Point, an ecological paradise on the untouched Fernandina Island. This site is a biodiversity haven where mangrove forests provide a crucial habitat for many marine species. As your boat glides through crystal-clear waters, observe sea turtles weaving through the mangrove

roots and rays resting on the sandy bottom. This location offers a rare opportunity to connect with nature, experiencing firsthand the intricate symbiosis between the mangrove ecosystem and marine life.

**Highlights:** Mangroves, Rays, Sea turtles

<b>Food:</b>	B/L/D
<b>Trail:</b>	N/A (mainly a water-based activity)
<b>Lodging:</b>	M/Y Galaxy
<b>Level:</b>	3
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING, SNORKEL, PANGA RIDE

## DAY 4 - SATURDAY

### AM: ESPINOZA POINT

Espinoza Point is a true natural wonder, set at the base of the most active volcano in Galapagos. As you step ashore, you'll be greeted by the largest colony of marine iguanas basking on black volcanic rocks. Sea lions lounge on the beach while their pups explore tide pools. Flightless cormorants patrol the shoreline, and in the mangroves, Galapagos hawks scan for prey. Blessed with cold, plankton-rich waters, this area teems with life—herons, oystercatchers, pelicans, and sea turtles all thrive in this untouched habitat.

**Highlights:** Stunning Views, Herons, Galapagos penguins, Oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks, Marine iguanas, Sea turtles, Shorebirds

<b>Trail:</b>	1,6 km / 1 mi
<b>Level:</b>	2
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING, SNORKEL, PANGA RIDE

### PM: TAGUS COVE

In the afternoon, we visit the historical Tagus Cove, a site Charles Darwin once explored during his travels around the Galapagos islands. Traverse the arid Palo Santo forests, where Darwin finches and mockingbirds make their home, and take in the panoramic views of Darwin's Lake and the towering

volcanoes of northern Isabela. A boat tour along the shore offers chances to observe penguins, cormorants, marine iguanas, and the rare Galapagos martin - an endemic, petite bird considered one of the most endangered species on the island.

**Highlights:** Stunning Views, Herons, Galapagos penguins, Galapagos hawks, Flightless cormorants, Marine iguanas, Sea turtles, Sea stars

<b>Food:</b>	B/L/D
<b>Trail:</b>	2,6 km / 1,6 mi
<b>Lodging:</b>	M/Y Galaxy
<b>Level:</b>	3
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE,PADDLE BOARD,KAYAK

## DAY 5 - SUNDAY

### AM: EGAS PORT

Puerto Egas is a fascinating destination where history and wildlife intertwine. While there is no actual port, remnants of 1960s colonization attempts still stand. The coastal trail is teeming with marine iguanas basking in the sun and sea lions resting on the rocks. Herons, oystercatchers, and shorebirds complete this thriving ecosystem. Towards the end of the trail, the grottos are home to a small colony of the elusive Galapagos fur seal. Additionally, land iguanas were reintroduced to the island in 2019 after over a century of absence.

**Highlights:** Stunning Views, Herons, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos fur seals, Oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks, Darwin finches, Marine and land iguanas, Galapagos doves, Shorebirds

<b>Trail:</b>	2,3 km / 1,4 mi
<b>Level:</b>	1
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING,SNORKEL

### PM: CHINESE HAT

Named for its distinctive cone shape, Chinese Hat is a small islet separated from Santiago by a narrow channel, forming one of Galapagos' most picturesque bays. Its turquoise waters, coral-sand beaches, and volcanic rocks create a stunning landscape. A coastal trail leads you through a sea lion

colony, while on the lava rocks, you may spot penguins resting. This site perfectly blends breathtaking scenery with Galapagos' remarkable wildlife, making for an unforgettable experience.

**Highlights:** Lava tubes, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos penguins, Oystercatchers, Galapagos hawks

<b>Food:</b>	B/L/D
<b>Trail:</b>	1,3 km / 0,8 mi
<b>Lodging:</b>	M/Y Galaxy
<b>Level:</b>	3
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING,SNORKEL,PANGA RIDE,PADDLE BOARD,KAYAK

## DAY 6 - MONDAY

### AM: BLACK TURTLE COVE

Set off on a dinghy tour through Black Turtle Cove, a shallow-water haven surrounded by lush mangroves. This sanctuary is home to sea turtles, reef sharks, and various species of rays. It also serves as a crucial breeding ground for turtles and sharks. Watch herons, boobies, and pelicans hunt among schools of anchovies. Though there's no landing, the incredible wildlife seen from the boat offers an up-close and unforgettable experience.

Mangroves, White-tipped and black-tipped reef sharks, Green sea turtles, Rays, Herons, Blue footed boobies, Reef sharks

<b>Trail:</b>	
<b>Level:</b>	1
<b>Activities:</b>	HIKING

### PM: BALTRA (AIRPORT)

Your Galapagos adventure comes to an end. Today, you will be transferred to Baltra Airport, where your National Park naturalist guide will assist you with final details before your flight back to mainland Ecuador. As you bid farewell to this paradise, take with you the unforgettable memories of one of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

<b>Food:</b>	B/-/-
<b>Trail:</b>	
<b>Lodging:</b>	M/Y Galaxy
<b>Level:</b>	1
<b>Activities:</b>	-

## GLOSSARY

<b>Feeding</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	B
	<b>Lunch</b>	L
	<b>Dinner</b>	D
<b>Difficulty of the hike</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	Easy
	<b>Level 2</b>	Moderate
	<b>Level 3</b>	Difficult