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Six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador in the open ocean, a volcanic archipelago straddles the equator. The Galapagos Islands, forged of black lava and named for the giant tortoises that are among their most noted inhabitants, are like no other place on Earth. Home to a profuse array of unique wildlife, the islands offer an immersion in nature that feels primeval. Iguanas and blue-footed boobies share the beaches with us, unfazed by our presence. Giant tortoises amble through our private camp, their golden eyes looking out from wizened faces. Inquisitive sea lions play with us in the clear turquoise water, as Galapagos penguins dart by and sea turtles glide past. Author Herman Melville, who visited the islands in 1841, shortly after Darwin's momentous visit, called them the "Enchanted Isles"—an apt moniker for a realm that remains otherworldly, even today.

Trip Highlights

Explore a Diversity of Islands from Our Chartered Yachts

Our Galapagos adventure is an immersive exploration, with a full week in the islands aboard a privately chartered small ship carrying just 14–16 guests

Spend a Night with Giant Tortoises at Our Private Camp

Snorkel with sea lions, swim with turtles, sunbathe with iguanas, scout for whales and stay in wild tortoise terrain at our Tortoise Camp—a Nat Hab exclusive!

You Won't Find a Smaller Group or Better Guides

Each group is led by two Expedition Leaders—the Galapagos' most highly trained naturalist guides—for the best guide-to-guest ratio in the islands

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M/C Natural Habitat Petrel

This 115-foot motorized luxury catamaran for 16 guests is designed with contemporary flair and spares no comfort. Named after a seabird common to Galapagos, the *Petrel,* like its namesake, is elegant and swift at sea.



M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda

Airy, bright and exuding contemporary flair, the 113-foot *Rosalinda* was built expressly for cruising the Galapagos. She accommodates up to 16 guests in nine staterooms, all with private balconies.

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M/Y Tip Top IV

One of the finest yachts in the Galapagos, the bright and airy *Tip Top IV* accommodates up to 16 guests and features a spacious 775-square-foot outdoor sun deck lounge.



M/C Tip Top II

The 104-foot-long *Tip Top II* is a first-class motor catamaran built for cruising the Galapagos Islands. A spacious interior accommodates up to 16 guests in nine cabins, across two decks.



S/C Nemo III

Up to 14 guests will enjoy an intimate exploration of the Galapagos aboard this 75-foot deluxe motorsailing catamaran, with a classic, sporty style that perfectly complements your island adventure.

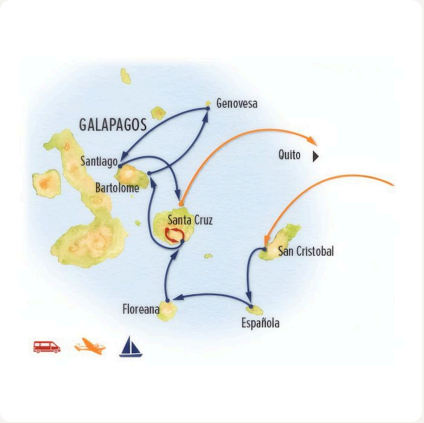


M/C Natural Habitat Petrel Eastern Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

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Day 1

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Day 3

San Cristobal

Fly to the Galapagos and board your private catamaran

- Land on San Cristobal and begin your island journey
- Settle aboard the privately chartered Natural Habitat Petrel
- Hike Frigatebird Hill for coastal views and soaring seabirds

Depart early this morning for the Quito airport and our flight, which has a short layover in Guayaquil due to scheduling and logistical constraints, to the Galapagos Islands, landing at San Cristobal. Here, we meet our second Expedition Leader who accompanies us to the pier for the start of our Galapagos cruise aboard the stylish luxury catamaran, the *Natural Habitat Petrel*. After settling into our cabins, join our guides for an orientation and safety briefing. After lunch aboard, we set off for a hike to the top of Frigatebird Hill where we're rewarded with spectacular views of the coast, Kicker Rock, and the town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Seabirds soar overhead, and we're likely to see frigatebirds with their distinctive red chests. Back on board the *Natural Habitat Petrel,* sit down to enjoy dinner as we cruise off into the sunset.

Day 4

Gardner Bay / Punta Suarez

Sea lions, waved albatross and endemic wildlife on Espanola

- Snorkel Gardner Islet's caves among colorful reef life
- Swim with sea lions off Gardner Bay's white-sand beach
- Look for waved albatross and blue-footed boobies at Punta Suarez

Our first port of call is the island of Española, one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. In the morning, we visit an excellent snorkeling site off Gardner Islet with a colorful diversity of sealife and caves to explore by electric panga. Later, we land at Gardner Bay, with its long stretch of white sandy beach usually half-covered by a large colony of sea lions. Swim with them right from the beach, or relax on the powdery sand where curious mockingbirds sometimes peck at our sandals. Cruising around to the other side of the island, we step ashore at Punta Suarez, where we find the greatest number of endemic species in Galapagos. From April to December, the huge waved albatross, found only on Española, performs its raucous mating ritual. Colonies of blue-footed boobies show off for potential mates while red-billed tropicbirds take shelter on the cliff walls. We also find Darwin's finches, Galapagos doves, Galapagos hawks, and a unique subspecies of red and green marine iguana endemic to this island.

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Day 5

Punta Cormorant / Devil's Crown / Post Office Bay

Flamingo lagoons, coral reefs and Floreana's whaling history

- Walk to a brackish lagoon where flamingos and stilts feed
- Drift-snorkel Devil's Crown among corals, rays and sea turtles
- Leave a postcard in the historic Post Office Barrel, established in 1793

This morning we land at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Following a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon, we find pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a rich variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes, and rays swim in the shallow water. Later, we snorkel at Devil's Crown, an eroded volcanic cone that is a roosting site for boobies, pelicans and frigatebirds. Here, we drift-snorkel with the current above the sunken craters colonized by a brilliant array of corals and colorful fish. Rays, sea turtles and reef sharks are also frequent visitors.

Floreana's rich human history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. At Post Office Bay, we learn about a relic of this colorful past, the "Post Office Barrel." Established by British whalers in 1793, it's still a means for travelers to leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. Here at the bay, we can snorkel right from the beach in search of sea turtles, paddle a kayak or take an electric panga ride to look for turtles and sea lions, and enjoy a walk through a prickly pear forest.

Day 6

Santa Cruz / Tortoise Camp

Stay among wild giant tortoises at Nat Hab's private highlands camp

- Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station's tortoise breeding center
- Ascend through the misty highlands to Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Watch for wild giant tortoises wandering through camp

Land at Santa Cruz this morning where our day begins in Puerto Ayora, the island's main town. Here, we visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center, the world-famous tortoise-rearing center managed in a partnership between Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Learn about efforts by international scientists, guides, rangers and park managers to research and conserve the unique habitats and species of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the Galapagos. At the tortoise-rearing facility, view the protection pens where tiny hatchlings are bred to increase the depleted tortoise population, a central focus of the station's conservation mission. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the center have been released into the wild.

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Day 7

Santa Cruz / Bartolome

Search for giant tortoises before snorkeling beneath Pinnacle Rock

- Explore the Santa Cruz highlands for wild giant tortoises
- Return to the Petrel and sail to Bartolome
- Snorkel with penguins, rays and reef sharks below Pinnacle Rock

We continue our exploration of Santa Cruz this morning, in search of more giant tortoises. During the season when they are rare in camp, we visit a tortoise reserve in the highlands to spend more time with these amiable reptiles. This afternoon, we return to the *Petrel* and sail on to tiny Bartolome, where we snorkel with penguins around the base of Pinnacle Rock. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings. A climb to the island's highest point offers 360-degree views as we pass intriguing geological formations such as spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes along the way. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander* . Those who prefer not to hike can take an electric panga ride along the shoreline, watching for rays and reef sharks just below the surface.

Day 8

Darwin Bay / Prince Philip's Steps

Enter Genovesa's flooded caldera, alive with seabirds

- Watch frigatebirds and red-footed boobies crowd Darwin Bay
- Kayak and snorkel in the caldera's sheltered waters
- Climb Prince Philip's Steps among Nazca boobies and storm petrels

Genovesa Island, also called Tower, is a collapsed shield volcano whose flooded caldera attracts vast numbers of pelagic seabirds that gather here to breed and nest. Inside the submerged crater thousands of great frigatebirds, red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, Galapagos storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons create a cacophony of squawks. We anchor at Darwin Bay, formed thousands of years ago after the collapse of the volcano's roof. Surrounded by vertical cliffs, the bay is an ideal breeding site for the more than 1 million birds that congregate on Genovesa. This morning, we have opportunities to kayak and snorkel in Darwin Bay before moving on to our second landing at El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip's Steps. This steep path with stairs carved into the rock leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. Walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.

Day 9

Puerto Egas / Buccaneer Cove

Fur seals, sea lions and pirate coves on Santiago

- Look for Galapagos fur seals among Puerto Egas' lava grottos
- Swim or snorkel with resident sea lions
- Explore the waters and volcanic cliffs of Buccaneer Cove

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, we make an early-morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. Following a trail across the dry interior, observe the remains of a salt mining enterprise before continuing along the coast. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons and seasonal shorebirds on display. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the Galapagos where we see these endemic animals from land. Afterward, there's time to swim or snorkel from the beach with the resident sea lions. Snorkeling at Buccaneer Cove, which was once a refuge for British pirates, offers a glimpse of underwater rock formations, sea turtles, rays and reef sharks.

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Day 10

Black Turtle Cove / Baltra

Search Black Turtle Cove before returning to Quito

- Glide by panga through mangrove waterways in search of reef sharks, rays and sea turtles
- Return to Baltra and bid farewell to the Petrel's captain and crew

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we visit Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. Take an electric panga ride to explore the shimmering turquoise water, hoping to see white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. And then, it's time to return to Baltra where we say goodbye to the captain and crew of the *Natural Habitat Petrel* and our Expedition Leaders. Transfer to the airport for our flight to the mainland, and on arrival at the Quito airport, a transfer is included to our hotel just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport in time for your departing flight.

Want more time in the Galapagos? Make it an Ultimate Experience!

Extend your adventure by booking back-to-back trips with Nat Hab. Combine our Eastern and Western Galapagos Discovery itineraries on the same ship over consecutive weeks and save $1,500. This option is available on most weeks throughout the year—giving you the chance to experience the full wonder of the Galapagos. Contact your Adventure Specialist for more information.

*Learn more about the seasonal variations of **Galapagos weather** and **wildlife viewing**.*

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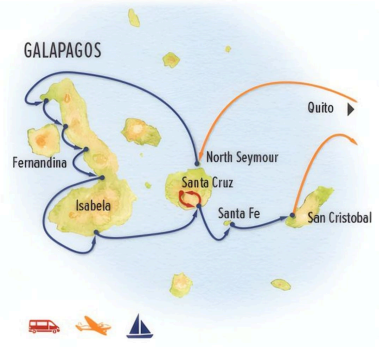


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Day 3

Baltra / North Seymour

Board the Petrel and encounter North Seymour’s seabirds

- Settle aboard the privately chartered Natural Habitat Petrel
- Walk among the Galapagos’ largest frigatebird colony
- Join your second Expedition Leader upon arrival in Baltra

Depart early this morning for the Quito airport and our flight, which has a short layover in Guayaquil due to scheduling and logistical constraints, to the Galapagos Islands. Landing on Baltra, we meet our second Expedition Leader, who accompanies us to the pier where our luxury motor catamaran, the *Natural Habitat Petrel,* awaits. Settle in, then join our guides for a safety briefing and orientation to the adventures that lie ahead. After lunch aboard, we make our first landing at North Seymour, a small geological uplift where we follow a trail among swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and endemic land iguanas. North Seymour is also home to the Galapagos’ largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds. As we stroll along the beach, we find marine iguanas and sea lions bodysurfing the northerly swells.

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Day 4

Isabela / Fernandina

Penguins, marine iguanas and young volcanic landscapes

- Ride an electric panga past penguins and flightless cormorants
- Watch for whales and dolphins while crossing the Bolivar Channel
- Walk recent lava flows among basking marine iguanas

Isabela is our destination today, the largest of the Galapagos Islands. Shaped like a seahorse, it was created when six volcanoes flowed together. Beginning at Punta Vicente Roca, take an electric panga ride along a shoreline brimming with wildlife, and time permitting, we'll snorkel at a spot where we frequently see sea turtles. Chances are good to spot Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, brown noddies and Galapagos fur seals. After lunch, *Natural Habitat Petrel* crosses the Bolivar Channel en route to Fernandina, the youngest of the Galapagos islands. From the deck, keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, often on view in the passage.

Fernandina has one of the most dynamic and pristine ecosystems on Earth, displaying vivid evidence of recent volcanic activity. Eruptions in 2018 sent lava flowing all the way to the sea, providing a stark backdrop for wildlife viewing. We land at Punta Espinoza, where a surprising variety of life flourishes on the rope-like pahoehoe lava: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun, while Galapagos hawks soar overhead. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black rocks at water's edge, contrasting with the turquoise sea. When conditions permit, a snorkeling excursion offers a chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae.

Day 5

Isabela

Pirate history and volcanic shores on western Isabela

- Snorkel beneath 19th-century pirate graffiti at Tagus Cove
- Hike volcanic tuff cones overlooking Darwin's Lagoon
- Look for land iguanas along Urbina Bay's uplifted shore

Back on Isabela, spend the morning in Tagus Cove where we find graffiti dating to the 1800s, when pirates and whalers carved their ship names into the rock above a historic anchorage. Look for flightless cormorants on the shoreline and Galapagos penguins below the surface as we snorkel. Then, choose between two activities: a hike among the volcanic tuff cones for a closer look at the island's geological history, with views of Darwin's Lagoon, or an electric panga ride to look for blue-footed boobies perched on the cliff ledges, as well as brown pelicans, brown noddies and flightless cormorants. We will also have a chance to paddle a kayak along this scenic cove to admire the wildlife perched on the rocks at eye level. At Urbina Bay this afternoon, witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the archipelago, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the shoreline was heaved upward nearly 15 feet, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms above the water on what is now the shore. Urbina is home to nesting sea turtles and a colony of some of the islands' largest land iguanas. We also look for Galapagos tortoises and a variety of Darwin's finches.

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Day 6

Isabela

Mangrove lagoons and wildlife among barren lava flows

- Ride a panga through mangrove islets where sea turtles rest
- Look for flamingos in lagoons surrounded by dark lava
- Walk hardened lava between Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul

On the southern side of Isabela, *Natural Habitat Petrel* enters Elizabeth Bay to explore a sprinkling of islets, a lagoon frequented by sea turtles, and surrounding red and black mangroves. On an electric panga ride, search for resting and feeding sea turtles along with lava herons, Galapagos penguins, rays and flightless cormorants. Sailing west to Punta Moreno, we observe several endemic species on the seemingly barren lava flows. The point is located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, and we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the hard black surface is dotted with numerous shallow lagoons that harbor a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed crakes and white-cheeked pintails. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant candelabra cactus, Palo Santo trees, carob trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves—ideal habitat for sea turtles, which we may spy as we snorkel.

Day 7

Isabela

Hike the rim of Sierra Negra's immense caldera

- Climb to the edge of the active shield volcano's 6-mile-wide crater
- Walk wetland trails in search of stilts, whimbrels and pintails
- Watch for Darwin's finches and Galapagos hawks

Isabela, the archipelago's largest island, is also one of the youngest, and a marvelous world within itself. The laid-back island town of Puerto Villamil is our base for a choice of engaging activity options today. Wander trails through the wetlands located just outside town, comprised of lagoons, swamps, and mangroves that are home to a variety of bird species such as common stilts, whimbrels, white-cheeked pintail ducks, gallinules and other shorebirds. For a more adventurous option, take a guided hike up Sierra Negra, a large shield volcano that is one of the most active in the Galapagos. From the rim, peer into the black expanse of the vast caldera, the second-largest in the world at 6 miles across, which lies a thousand feet below. Along the trail, keep an eye out for Darwin's finches, flycatchers and mockingbirds, and if we're lucky, we might spy a Galapagos hawk.

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Day 8

Santa Cruz

Stay among wild giant tortoises at Nat Hab's private highlands camp

- Visit the Fausto Llerena tortoise breeding center
- Spend the night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Look for wild tortoises wandering through the surrounding Scalesia forest

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Day 9

Santa Cruz Highlands / Santa Fe

Lava tubes and endemic wildlife on ancient Santa Fe

- Explore lava tubes large enough for the whole group
- Look for Santa Fe land iguanas beneath giant prickly pear cacti
- Snorkel or paddle near a reef-rich islet off Santa Fe

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp—one lava tunnel is large enough for our whole group to assemble inside. Returning to the *Natural Habitat Petrel,* we have lunch aboard as we sail for Santa Fe. Surrounded by a turquoise lagoon, this ancient island, dating back 4.5 million years, has one of the largest varieties of endemic Galapagos wildlife in the archipelago. On a short hike through a forest of giant prickly pear cacti, look for the land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Either snorkeling or paddling, we explore a small islet surrounded by great reef diversity, then set out for a cruise along Santa Fe's north coast. Along this expanse, large cliffs and sea caves are used by many seabird species for nesting and roosting, as well as by basking green sea turtles and sea lions.

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Day 10

San Cristobal / Isla Lobos

Sea lions and frigatebirds before returning to Quito

- Visit sea lion and frigatebird colonies on Isla Lobos
- Disembark on San Cristobal and fly to Quito

This morning we make a landing at Isla Lobos, where we take a short electric panga ride along the shore to observe a frigatebird colony and walk inland to greet the resident sea lion colony and hopefully some blue-footed boobies. Once we reach San Cristobal, where we disembark, it's time to say farewell to the Galapagos Islands and fly back to the mainland, landing at the airport in Quito. On arrival, we transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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Day 1

Quito

Arrive in Ecuador's beautifully preserved colonial capital

- Meet your local guide upon arrival in Quito
- Check in to a boutique hotel in Quito's colonial quarter

Upon arrival at the airport in Quito, you are met by our local representative and transferred to the city's historic Old Town, the heart of Ecuador's capital, about an hour away. Settle in to your boutique hotel in the colonial quarter, and enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

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Day 2

Quito

Explore the churches, plazas and flavors of colonial Quito

- Walk the cobblestone lanes of Quito’s UNESCO-listed Old Town
- Step inside La Compania Church to see its gold-leaf interior
- Taste chocolate made from Ecuador’s prized cacao

After breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador’s capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided city tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks from Panecillo Hill, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañia Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace.

We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest cacao beans, where we'll do a chocolate tasting. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and superior flavor. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the shops near our hotel, where you can purchase local handcrafts ranging from classic hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

Day 3

Baltra / North Seymour

Board the Rosalinda and encounter North Seymour’s seabirds

- Settle aboard the Natural Habitat Rosalinda
- Walk among the Galapagos’ largest magnificent frigatebird colony
- Look for blue-footed boobies and endemic land iguanas

Rise early for the return transfer to Quito airport to board our flight to the Galapagos Islands, which has a short layover in Guayaquil. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra and joins us on the transfer to the jetty to board the *Natural Habitat Rosalinda.* This deluxe motor-sailing catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we cruise the archipelago. Once we are settled in to our cabins and have taken part in a safety orientation, we cast off and cruise toward our first landing on North Seymour, a small geological uplift. Ashore, we follow a trail that leads to swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and endemic land iguanas. North Seymour is also home to the largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds in the Galapagos. Strolling along the beach, we're likely to see marine iguanas and sea lions in the northerly swells. Back aboard *Rosalinda,* our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by sunset cocktails and dinner.

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Day 4

Isla Lobos / Kicker Rock / San Cristobal—Cerro Brujo

Sea lions, white-sand shores and the spires of Kicker Rock

- Snorkel with resident sea lions off Isla Lobos
- Walk Cerro Brujo's white-sand beach among sea lions and boobies
- Circle the 300-foot tuff formations of Kicker Rock at sunset

On Isla Lobos this morning, our adventures begin with a walk over the rocks to look for blue-footed boobies, nesting frigatebirds and endemic lava lizards from San Cristobal. Returning to our catamaran, don snorkel gear for a shallow-water swim with the resident sea lion colony and marine iguanas, followed by a short ride by panga (motorized inflatable raft) along the shoreline to look at a frigatebird colony.

This afternoon we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient volcanic tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans, egrets and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, we have a chance to swim with them, too. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos. Back aboard the *Rosalinda* once more, sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Circumnavigating the rock, look for marine life as we watch the sun sink below the horizon.

Day 5

Española—Gardner Bay / Punta Suarez

Waved albatross, sea lions and endemic wildlife on Española

- Snorkel Gardner Bay among tropical fish, rays and sea turtles
- Walk a white-sand beach lined with sea lions
- Look for nesting waved albatross at Punta Suarez

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Along the island's north shore this morning, follow a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species. Next, we do some deepwater snorkeling at one of the offshore islets in Gardner Bay, looking for large schools of tropical fish, rays and marine turtles. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions laze by the dozens and Pacific green sea turtles frequent the rocky part of the shoreline. Return to our catamaran for lunch on board as we sail to Punta Suarez. Hiking on the headlands, we witness abundant birdlife, hoping to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7–8 feet.

Day 6

Floreana—Punta Cormorant / Post Office Bay

Flamingo lagoons, reef life and Floreana's maritime history

- Look for pink flamingos in Punta Cormorant's brackish lagoon
- Drift-snorkel Champion Islet alongside playful sea lions
- Leave a postcard in the historic Post Office Barrel, established in 1793

This morning we land at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Following a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon, look for pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. Winding our way past a wide variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes and rays swim in the shallow water. Back aboard ship, sail a short distance to Champion Islet just offshore, one of the best drift-snorkel spots in the Galapagos. As the current floats us past the steep walls of this submerged volcanic crater, we spy large schools of fish and bright corals as we're followed by playful young sea lions.

Floreana's rich cultural history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. One relic of this colorful past is the "Post Office Barrel," established by British whalers in 1793, where travelers still leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. After a short snorkel to look for sea turtles, we paddle around the mangrove-lined shores of Post Office Bay where large bull sea lions patrol the rocky terrain and reddish-colored marine iguanas bask near the tree cacti.

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Day 7

Santa Cruz—Darwin Station / Tortoise Camp

Stay among wild giant tortoises at Nat Hab's private highlands camp

- Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station's tortoise breeding center
- Spend the night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Look for wild giant tortoises among reforested Scalesia trees

The day begins in Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, with a visit the world-famous giant tortoise-rearing center run in tandem by Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct research dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility, visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to increase depleted tortoise populations, a central mission for both the research station and the national park. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the station have been released into the wild.

After some free time to explore town, followed by lunch back on board the *Rosalinda*, we head to shore again and drive into the misty highlands of Santa Cruz to reach Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp. This exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat, and these ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and charming treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities.

Our private camp offers rare proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including the reforested zone where native Scalesia trees have been planted. Since 2022, Nat Hab guests have helped plant more than a thousand of these important trees, endemic to the islands and habitat for a diverse array of plants and animals. However, invasive species and deforestation threaten the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as the reptiles migrate seasonally to a lower elevation.

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Day 8

Santa Cruz Highlands / Santa Fe

Lava tubes and endemic wildlife on ancient Santa Fe

- Explore subterranean lava tubes near Tortoise Camp
- Search for Santa Fe land iguanas beneath giant prickly pear cacti
- Cruise past sea caves where seabirds nest and turtles bask

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp. Returning to *Rosalinda*, we'll have lunch on board as we sail for Santa Fe. Once we land, take a short hike through a forest of prickly pear cacti to look for the endemic land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Returning to our catamaran, we explore a small islet surrounded by great reef diversity, then set out for a cruise along the north coast. Along this expanse, large cliffs and sea caves are used by many species of seabirds for nesting and roosting, and also by basking green sea turtles and sea lions.

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Day 9

Bartolome / Sombrero Chino

Climb above Pinnacle Rock before snorkeling with penguins

- Ascend Bartolome's summit for sweeping island views
- Snorkel with Galapagos penguins below Pinnacle Rock
- Paddle the turquoise channel beside Sombrero Chino

Rosalinda sails on to Bartolome, where we climb to the island's highest point for 360° views, passing intriguing geological formations along the path including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, survey a panorama of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander.* Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient submerged volcano. It's an underwater playground that's home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.

Continue on to Sombrero Chino, a small island off the coast of Santiago, which really does look like a Chinese hat! A paddling excursion here reveals more of the Galapagos' fascinating marine life and striking geology, as we witness the delicate lava and spatter cones on the island's surface. The small channel of turquoise water provides an idyllic snorkeling site, particularly along the Santiago coast where it is possible to see sharks, sea lions, penguins and rays.

Day 10

Daphne Major / Baltra / Quito

Circle Daphne Major before returning to Quito

- Cruise around the island famed for pioneering research on Darwin's finches
- Bid farewell to the Natural Habitat Rosalinda and crew

Just off Santa Cruz lies Daphne Major, which we circumnavigate. One of two small volcanic islands (along with Daphne Minor) that are a haven for various bird species, Daphne Major is formed of a tuff crater. It's a noted location for bird research, especially on Darwin's finches. Two Princeton University scientists have been conducting longitudinal studies over more than three decades, observing subtle evolutionary processes at work. Blue-footed boobies nest in the interior of the crater, while masked boobies nest on the sides of the cone and along the crater's edge.

All too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra and say goodbye to the *Natural Habitat Rosalinda,* her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, we're met and transferred to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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Day 1

Quito

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Day 2

Quito

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After breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided city tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks from Panecillo Hill, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañia Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace.

We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest cacao beans, where we'll do a chocolate tasting. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and superior flavor. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the shops near our hotel, where you can purchase local handcrafts ranging from classic hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

Day 3

Baltra / Santa Cruz—Las Bachas

Board the Rosalinda and step ashore on Las Bachas

- Settle aboard the Natural Habitat Rosalinda, your catamaran for the week
- Wade ashore on the white coral sands of Las Bachas
- Look for nesting green sea turtles and flamingos in coastal lagoons

Rise early for the return transfer to Quito airport to board our flight to the Galapagos Islands, which has a short layover in Guayaquil. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra and joins us on the transfer to the jetty to board the *Natural Habitat Rosalinda.* This deluxe motor-sailing catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we cruise the archipelago. Once we are settled in to our cabins and have taken part in a safety orientation, we cast off and head for Las Bachas, a beautiful white sand beach on the island of Santa Cruz. The azure water reveals a kaleidoscope of fish, while the powdered coral sand is a favorite nesting site for green sea turtles, and pink flamingos often dot the saltwater lagoons. Back aboard the *Rosalinda,* our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by cocktails and dinner. After dark, head up to the sundeck to view a sky filled with stars.

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Day 4

Genovesa

Explore a flooded volcanic caldera alive with seabirds

- Kayak Darwin Bay among nesting seabirds
- Climb Prince Philip's Steps past frigatebird and booby colonies
- Snorkel from the beach with sea lions, rays and sea turtles

Genovesa, or Tower Island, is a collapsed shield volcano that attracts millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropicbirds and shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

Our first landing is at El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps—a steep path with stairs carved into the rock that leads to a plateau full of birdlife in a Palo Santo forest. Walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.

Return to *Rosalinda* for lunch on board as we continue to Darwin Bay Beach, following a trail into lush mangroves where red-footed boobies nest. We may also see nesting colonies of common frigatebirds, Nazca boobies, and huge numbers of breeding swallow-tailed seagulls. After the walk, snorkel from the beach, where plenty of local sea lions loll in the sun, and sightings of rays and sea turtles are common below the water's surface.

Day 5

Sullivan Bay / Santa Cruz

Walk young lava flows before staying among wild tortoises

- Cross the ropy pahoehoe lava fields of Sullivan Bay
- Spend the night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp in the highlands
- Look for wild giant tortoises among reforested Scalesia trees

Wake to the orange glow of sunrise on the volcanic craters of Santiago. This morning, we visit Sullivan Bay on the east coast of the island, known for its spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery. The lava here is the *pahoehoe* type, which resembles smooth ropes. Few plants are able to take root on the barren rock, and we admire the hardy pioneers that have, like the lava cactus.

This afternoon, *Rosalinda* sails for Santa Cruz. Here, we leave our ship behind to ascend into the misty highlands for a night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp. This exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and charming treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities. But the true draw of our stay is the proximity to wild tortoises. These ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp, attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including the reforested zone where native Scalesia trees have been planted. Since 2022, Nat Hab guests have helped plant more than a thousand of these important trees, endemic to the islands and habitat for a diverse array of plants and animals. However, invasive species and deforestation threaten the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as the reptiles migrate seasonally to a lower elevation. Nearby, we can also explore a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns.

Please note: At times, Tortoise Camp may be closed due to poor weather conditions, in which case we will remain aboard the Natural Habitat Rosalinda *for the night, though all sightseeing inclusions will remain the same.*

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Day 6

Santa Cruz Highlands / Charles Darwin Research Station

Wild giant tortoises and the science helping protect them

- Search the highlands for giant tortoises in the wild
- Visit the tortoise-rearing center at Charles Darwin Research Station
- Explore the shops and seaside cafes of Puerto Ayora

Spend the morning exploring the Santa Cruz highlands in search of more giant tortoises. During the season when tortoises are rare in camp, we visit either El Manzanillo or El Chato tortoise reserve to view more of them in the wild. Continue to Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, where we visit the world-famous giant tortoise rearing center at Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct studies dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility, we will observe the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to help increase the depleted tortoise population, a central part of the missions for both the research station and Galapagos National Park. We also have a bit of free time in town, where you'll find a nice selection of shops, cafes and seaside bars.

Day 7

Isabela—Punta Moreno / Urbina Bay

Flamingo lagoons and endemic wildlife on Isabela's young shores

- Walk hardened lava past lagoons where flamingos and herons feed
- Look for giant land iguanas on Urbina Bay's uplifted shore
- Snorkel Moreno Bay's mangrove-lined waters in search of sea turtles

This morning we land at Punta Moreno on Isabela, the largest island in the Galapagos. The point is located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, and we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the ropy black surface is dotted with numerous coastal lagoons harboring a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed crakes, white-cheeked pintails and herons. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees, carob trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves, creating ideal habitat for sea turtles, which we may spot from the pangas or as we snorkel. We may also see cormorants along the shoreline.

At Urbina Bay this afternoon, step onto a black sand beach to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the Galapagos, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the shoreline was uplifted, exposing 1.6 square miles of shoreline. The coastline was driven three-quarters of a mile farther out to sea, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms on what is now shore. Urbina is home to a colony of some of the largest land iguanas in the islands and the iconic Galapagos tortoise, and we may also see bright yellow Darwin's cotton flowers here, unique to the archipelago.

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Day 8

Fernandina—Punta Espinosa / Isabela—Tagus Cove

Marine iguanas, flightless cormorants and historic Tagus Cove

- Walk among marine iguana colonies and nesting flightless cormorants
- Cross the Bolivar Channel while watching for whales and dolphins
- Explore Tagus Cove, home to penguins and 19th-century maritime graffiti

Fernandina awaits today, the youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, erupting most recently in 2018. The rippling pahoehoe lava at Punta Espinosa is a stark backdrop for the surprising variety of life that flourishes here: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks, Galapagos hawks soar overhead, sea lions sprawl on the beach, and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black rocks at water's edge, a vivid counterpoint to the aquamarine sea. A snorkeling excursion offers a good chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae. Fernandina is home to a number of rare and unique Galapagos species such as the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk and Galapagos snake, among others. We'll also see fascinating lava cactus, which grows on young lava flows and needs virtually no water.

As we cross the Bolivar Channel to reach Isabela once more this afternoon, keep watch for whales and dolphins. Anchoring at Tagus Cove, we set out in search of penguins, pelicans and graffiti dating to the 1800s when the names of ships were carved into the rock above a historic anchorage for pirates and whalers. Another snorkeling opportunity awaits, perhaps with a chance to frolic again with young sea lions. Inside the submerged volcanic cone we find saltwater Darwin Lake.

Day 9

Santiago—Puerto Egas / Buccaneer Cove

Fur seals, tide pools and the volcanic cliffs of Santiago

- Look for endemic Galapagos fur seals in Puerto Egas' lava grottos
- Explore tide pools filled with octopuses, sea stars and urchins
- Snorkel or kayak beneath the tuff cliffs of Buccaneer Cove

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, one of the most volcanically active islands in the Galapagos, we make a morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. The trail crosses the dry interior where remains of a salt mining enterprise are still visible, and continues along the coast. Tide pools are home to a variety of marine life, including sea urchins, octopus, sponges and sea stars. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons, Galapagos doves, finches, mockingbirds and seasonal shorebirds. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the islands where these endemic animals are on view from land. After our walk, there may be time to swim or snorkel off the beach with the resident sea lions, and we may also see turtles, rays and reef sharks.

This afternoon, sea conditions permitting, we visit Buccaneer's Cove. Formerly a safe haven for pirates, whalers and sailors in the 18th and 19th centuries, it is a scenic site with impressive tuff cliffs and a dark reddish-purple sand beach. We may have a chance to do some deep-water snorkeling here or go kayaking.

Day 10

Black Turtle Cove / Baltra / Quito

Search Black Turtle Cove before returning to Quito

- Ride a panga through mangrove waterways in search of reef sharks and rays
- Bid farewell to the Natural Habitat Rosalinda and crew

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we explore Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. Take a panga ride to explore the turquoise water, hoping to see white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. All too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra and say farewell to the *Natural Habitat Rosalinda*, her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, we're met by our local representative and transferred to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the international airport for your homeward flight.

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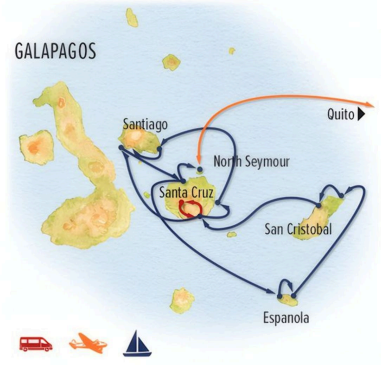


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Day 9	Rabida / Sombrero Chino
Day 10	Las Bachas / Baltra



Day 1

Quito

Arrive in Quito's Old Town before the islands

- Check in to a boutique hotel in Quito's historic Old Town
- Meet a local representative for the drive from the airport

Upon arrival at the Quito airport, you are met by our local representative and transferred to our boutique hotel in the heart of Quito's historic Old Town, about an hour away. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own.

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Day 2

Quito

A day in Latin America's best-preserved colonial city

- Walk the cobblestone lanes of Quito's UNESCO Old Town
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Day 3

Baltra / North Seymour

Board the Tip Top IV and step ashore on North Seymour

- Sleep aboard the Tip Top IV, your yacht for the week
- Walk among the largest frigatebird colony in the Galapagos
- Meet your second Expedition Leader on landing at Baltra

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After lunch aboard, we make our first landing at North Seymour, a small geological uplift known for its prolific seabird populations and numerous land iguanas. On a mellow walk, we follow a trail among swallow-tailed gulls, blue footed boobies and the Galapagos' largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds. As we stroll along the beach, we find marine iguanas and sea lions bodysurfing the northerly swells.

Day 4

Española

Española and the world's waved albatross colony

- Hike Punta Suarez for nesting waved albatross and boobies
- Snorkel offshore islets for tropical fish, rays and turtles
- Paddle below eroded cinder cones along the north shore

Española holds some of the most prolific wildlife in the Galapagos. Hiking on the headlands of Punta Suarez, we witness abundant birdlife, hoping to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7-8 feet. Return to our yacht for lunch aboard as we sail to Gardner Bay. Next, we do some deep-water snorkeling at one of the offshore islets in Gardner Bay, looking for abundant tropical fish, rays and marine turtles. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions and Pacific green sea turtles often frequent the rocky shoreline. Our first paddling excursion will take place along the island's north shore, following a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species at sunset.

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Day 5

San Cristobal

Where all three Galapagos boobies share one headland

- Hike Punta Pitt for red-footed, blue-footed and Nazca boobies
- Paddle past wave-cut caves below Cerro Brujo's tuff cone
- Learn the islands' flora and fauna from naturalist Expedition Leaders

This morning we call at one of the archipelago's oldest islands, San Cristobal, for a visit to Punta Pitt. Located on the easternmost side of the Galapagos, Punta Pitt is one of the only places where red-footed, blue-footed and Nazca boobies are all found in the same place. Look for all three as we hike among volcanic rock formations and ascend to the top for expansive views. Then it's time to explore the world beneath the sea on a deepwater snorkel among many colorful fishes.

This afternoon we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions, as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans, egrets and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, with a chance to swim, too, we paddle kayaks along the shoreline of Cerro Brujo, observing tunnels and caves eroded by the relentless action of the waves. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos. Back aboard the *Tip Top IV*, we sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Circumnavigating the rock, look for marine life as we watch the setting sun sink behind the horizon.

Day 6

Santa Cruz

A night in wild giant-tortoise habitat

- Visit the giant tortoise-rearing center in Puerto Ayora
- Spend a night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Look for wild tortoises wandering the camp's Scalesia forest

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Day 7

Santa Cruz Highlands / South Plaza

Iguanas and sea lion colonies on tiny South Plaza

- Explore lava tubes large enough for the whole group
- Look for land iguanas among prickly pear on South Plaza
- Walk cliffs above a colony of about 1,000 sea lions

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp—one of which is large enough to accommodate our entire group! Return to the *Tip Top IV* for lunch as we sail to South Plaza, one of the smallest islands in the archipelago that formed by the geologic uplift of the ocean floor. By contrast, volcanic activity gave rise to most of the Galapagos Islands. Home to a diverse array of flora and fauna, South Plaza island is carpeted with the endemic, low-growing succulent Sesuvium, commonly know as sea purslane, which transforms into vibrant shades of orange and purple during the dry season. Prickly pear cactus dot the terrain, providing sustenance for the island's large population of land iguanas. These reptiles, the smallest iguanas in the archipelago, coexist and interbreed with marine iguanas, resulting in a rare hybrid species found nowhere else. Seabird colonies thrive on the island's cliffs, including the nesting red-billed tropicbirds, swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies and blue footed boobies. A colony of about 1,000 sea lions also make their home on South Plaza's sandy beaches.

Day 8

Bartolome / Sullivan Bay

Volcanic summits and penguin snorkeling at Bartolome

- Climb to Bartolome's summit above Pinnacle Rock
- Snorkel with Galapagos penguins and white-tipped reef sharks
- Walk the rope-like pahoehoe lava field at Sullivan Bay

Landing at Bartolome, we go ashore to climb to the island's highest point for 360° views, passing intriguing geological formations along the path including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film Master and Commander. Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient, submerged volcano. This underwater playground is home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle, white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.

At nearby Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, we continue our underwater exploration with another snorkeling outing, then take a dramatic walk along a new lava field to observe the hardy new plants that have managed to take root on the barren rock, like the lava cactus. The lava here is the pahoehoe type, which resembles smooth ropes. Those who wish may choose a panga ride on the bay instead, exploring the spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery.

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Day 9

Rabida / Sombrero Chino

Red sands and a flamingo lagoon on Rabida

- Land on Rabida's maroon-sand beach for boobies and pelicans
- Watch for flamingos feeding in the lagoon behind the beach
- Snorkel the turquoise channel off Sombrero Chino for rays

In Rabida, we make a wet landing on the beach of maroon-colored sand. Marine iguanas and sea lions are often seen resting in the shade of the caves nearby. Rabida is one of the best places to see pelicans, blue-footed and Nazca boobies on the cliffs above. Behind the beach is a shallow saltwater lagoon that is a seasonal feeding and breeding area for flamingos. These large pink birds feed for hours each day, primarily on pink shrimp larvae that give them their color. While we don't always see flamingos, we reliably spot pintail ducks and common stilts that also feed in the lagoon. Following a short trail inland through opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees and scrubby bushes, we find terrestrial birds such as finches, Galapagos doves, yellow warblers and mockingbirds. Our visit to Rabida often ends with swimming and snorkeling, which are very good here. Late this afternoon we'll explore the shoreline of Rabida in our kayaks to admire the red cliffs as we scout for fur seals, boobies and marine turtles.

We continue to Sombrero Chino, a small island off the coast of Santiago, which really does look like a Chinese hat! A paddling excursion here reveals more of the Galapagos' fascinating marine life and striking geology, as we witness the delicate lava and spatter cones on the island's surface. The small channel of turquoise water provides a beautiful snorkeling site, particularly along the Santiago coast where it is possible to see sharks, sea lions, penguins and rays.

Day 10

Las Bachas / Baltra

A final sunrise beach before farewell to the islands

- Walk Las Bachas at sunrise, a main turtle-nesting beach
- Disembark at Baltra and fly to Quito for homeward flights

One final outing remains early this morning, an optional sunrise stroll to Las Bachas, a pristine white sand beach with shimmering turquoise waters and black volcanic rocks. Known for its diverse wildlife, the beach is one of the main nesting sites for turtles. Look for flamingos feeding in the brackish water ponds behind the beach, and scout for crabs, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, marine iguanas and more. Then, all too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra where we say goodbye to the *Tip Top IV*, her captain and crew, and our Expedition Leaders. Transfer to the airport to board our flight to the mainland, then upon arrival at the Quito airport, a transfer is inluded to our hotel just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport in time for your departing flight.

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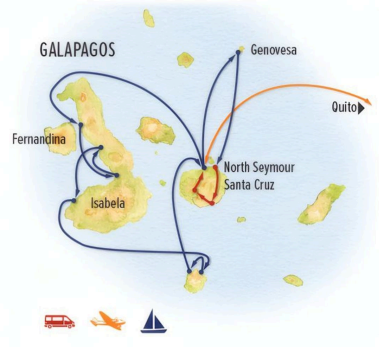


M/Y Tip Top IV Western Itinerary

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Day 1

Quito

Arrive in the heart of colonial Quito

- Check in to a boutique hotel in Quito's historic Old Town
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Day 2

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A full day in Latin America's best-preserved colonial city

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Baltra / Black Turtle Cove

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Day 4

Genovesa

A collapsed volcano alive with nesting seabirds

- Kayak the flooded crater ringed by nesting seabirds
- Snorkel from the beach where sea lions loll in the sun
- Climb Prince Phillip's Steps to frigatebird and Nazca booby colonies

This morning our Expedition Leaders provide an orientation to our kayaks, helping us get fitted to our boats and reviewing paddling techniques. Our first chance to paddle awaits as we visit Genovesa, or Tower Island, a collapsed shield volcano that attracts literally millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling our kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropic birds and Galapagos shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

Our first landing is at Darwin Bay Beach, following a trail into lush mangroves where red-footed boobies nest. We may also see nesting colonies of great frigatebird, Nazca booby and huge numbers of breeding swallow-tailed gull pairs. After our walk, snorkel from the beach, where plenty of sea lions loll in the sun, and look for rays and sea turtles commonly on view beneath the surface. This afternoon, we visit El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, a steep path with stairs carved into the rock that leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. Walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.

Day 5

Santa Cruz—Darwin Station / Tortoise Camp

A night ashore in wild tortoise habitat

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Day 6

Santa Cruz Highlands / El Eden

Panga waters of a restricted volcanic islet

- Search the highlands for more giant tortoises at dawn
- Take a panga around the eroded tuff cone of El Eden islet
- Look for Nazca boobies, sea lions and basking marine iguanas

Search for more giant tortoises this morning before we return to the *Tip Top IV* for lunch and sail on to El Eden, a restricted islet located just off Santa Cruz Island. An ancient, eroded volcano, the islet is comprised of layers upon layers of volcanic ash cemented over eons of time, with a small volcanic sand beach. The steep slopes of the old tuff cone are completely covered in Palo Santo trees and opuntia cacti that make up the bulk of the dry forest in the Galapagos archipelago. Exploring by panga, we get a close view of the islet, with the picturesque backdrop of Santa Cruz behind it. Along the shore we may encounter flocks of seabirds resting alongside marine iguanas. Since the islet's northern side faces the open ocean, it also attracts pelagic birds such as the elegant Nazca booby and red-billed tropicbird. The opposite side of the island is sheltered by Santa Cruz, creating calm sea conditions for birdwatching from the panga. We may see blue-footed boobies, brown pelicans, various herons, and occasionally we spot a small colony of Galapagos sea lions alongside marine iguanas as we soak up the peace of this serene environment surrounded by mangroves.

Day 7

Isabela—Tagus Cove / Elizabeth Bay

Pirate coves and turtle lagoons of wild Isabela

- Keep watch for whales and dolphins across the Bolivar Channel
- Kayak Tagus Cove past 19th-century ship graffiti and penguins
- Search the Elizabeth Bay lagoon for sea turtles and cormorants

As we navigate the Bolivar Channel to reach Isabela, the largest island in the Galapagos, our day begins at sunrise, keeping watch on deck for whales and dolphins. Anchoring at Tagus Cove, we set out to explore by kayak, finding penguins, pelicans and graffiti dating to the 1800s when the names of ships were carved into the rock above a historic anchorage for pirates and whalers. Another snorkeling opportunity awaits, perhaps with a chance to frolic again with young sea lions. Inside the submerged volcanic cone, we find saltwater Darwin Lake. On the southern side of Isabela, *Tip Top IV* enters Elizabeth Bay to explore a sprinkling of islets, a lagoon frequented by sea turtles, and surrounding red and black mangroves. On a panga ride, search for resting and feeding sea turtles along with lava herons, Galapagos penguins, rays and flightless cormorants.

Day 8

Isabela—Urbina Bay / Punta Moreno

An island lifted from the sea between two volcanoes

- See where a 1954 uplift drove the shoreline out to sea
- Look for the islands' largest land iguanas at Urbina Bay
- Walk hardened lava between Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes

At Urbina Bay this morning, step onto a black sand beach to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the Galapagos, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the coastline was driven three-quarters of a mile out to sea, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms on what is now the shore. Urbina Bay is home to a colony of some of the largest land iguanas in the islands, plus the iconic Galapagos tortoise. We may also see bright yellow Darwin's cotton flowers here, unique to the archipelago.

This afternoon we land at Punta Moreno, a point located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, where we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the ropy black surface is dotted with numerous coastal lagoons harboring a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed crakes, white-cheeked pintails and herons. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves, creating perfect habitat for sea turtles, which we may spot from the pangas or as we snorkel. Cormorants may also be on view along the shoreline as well.

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Day 9

Floreana—Punta Cormorant / Post Office Bay

Wildlife and pirate history on Floreana

- Look for flamingos at a brackish lagoon on Punta Cormorant
- Drift-snorkel Champion Islet past schooling fish and sea lions
- Leave a card in the 1793 whalers' Post Office Barrel

This morning we land at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Following a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon, look for pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a wide variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes and rays swim in the shallow water. Back aboard ship, we sail a short distance to Champion Islet just offshore, one of the best drift-snorkel spots in the Galapagos. As the current floats us past the steep walls of this submerged volcanic crater, we spy large schools of fish and bright corals as we're followed by playful young sea lions.

Floreana's rich cultural history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. One relic of this colorful past is the "Post Office Barrel," established by British whalers in 1793, where travelers still leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. After a short snorkel to look for sea turtles, we paddle around the mangrove-lined shores of Post Office Bay where large bull sea lions patrol the rocky terrain and reddish-colored marine iguanas bask near the tree cacti.

Day 10

Mosquera Islet / Baltra

A last islet of sea lions before farewells

- Walk Mosquera Islet among one of the archipelago's largest sea lion colonies
- Watch for the rare lava gull and Sally Lightfoot crabs on the sand

A small, flat, sandy islet nearly devoid of vegetation, Mosquera sits in the channel between Baltra and North Seymour and has one of the largest sea lion populations in the Galapagos. Depending on the tide, we will either walk or explore by panga. The islet hosts a variety of bird species, including the rare Lava Gull and a range of coastal birds. Watch for colorful Sally Lightfoot Crabs on the beach.

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Day 1

Quito

Arrive in the heart of colonial Quito

- Meet your local representative upon arrival in Quito
- Check in to a boutique hotel in Quito's colonial quarter

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Day 2

Quito

Explore the churches, plazas and flavors of colonial Quito

- Tour the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco
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Day 3

Baltra / Bachas Beach

Board the Tip Top II and step ashore on Bachas Beach

- Settle aboard the Tip Top II, your catamaran for the week
- Snorkel off Bachas Beach, an important green sea turtle nesting site
- Look for pink flamingos in the coastal lagoons

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Day 4

Genovesa

Explore a flooded volcanic caldera alive with seabirds

- Kayak Darwin Bay among nesting seabirds
- Climb Prince Philip's Steps past frigatebird and Nazca booby colonies
- Snorkel from the beach with sea lions, rays and sea turtles

Today we visit Genovesa, also called Tower Island, a collapsed shield volcano that attracts millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling our kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by the vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropic birds and Galapagos shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

Our first landing is at El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, a steep path with stairs carved into the rock that leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. Walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl. After lunch, continue to Darwin Bay Beach, following a trail into lush mangroves where red-footed boobies nest. We may also see nesting colonies of great frigatebirds, Nazca boobies and huge numbers of breeding swallow-tailed gull pairs. After our walk, snorkel from the beach, where plenty of sea lions loll in the sun, and look for rays and sea turtles commonly on view beneath the surface.

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Day 5

Santa Cruz—Breeding Center / Tortoise Camp

Stay among wild giant tortoises at Nat Hab's private highlands camp

- Visit the tortoise-rearing center at Charles Darwin Research Station
- Spend the night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Look for wild giant tortoises wandering through camp

Santa Cruz is our destination this morning. Begin with a visit to Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, to tour the world-famous giant tortoise-rearing center run in tandem by Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct research dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility, visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to increase depleted tortoise populations, a central mission for both the research station and the national park. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the station have been released into the wild.

After some free time to explore town, followed by lunch back on board the *Tip Top II,* we leave the ship behind to drive into the misty highlands of Santa Cruz where Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp awaits. This exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat, and these ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and charming treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities. But the true treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation. They are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as the animals migrate seasonally to a lower elevation.

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Day 6

Tortoise Camp / Santa Fe

Explore lava caves before searching for Santa Fe land iguanas

- Walk through lava tubes and caverns near Tortoise Camp
- Look for endemic land iguanas beneath Santa Fe's giant prickly pear cacti
- Snorkel near a reef-ringed islet rich with marine life

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp. Return to *Tip Top II* and have lunch aboard as we sail for Santa Fe. On a short hike through a forest of prickly pear cacti, look for the endemic land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Returning to our luxury catamaran, we explore a small islet surrounded by reef filled with tremendous biodiversity.

Day 7

Floreana—Post Office Bay / Punta Cormorant

Flamingo lagoons, reef life and Floreana's maritime history

- Leave a postcard in the historic Post Office Barrel, established in 1793
- Drift-snorkel Champion Islet among schooling fish and sea lions
- Look for flamingos in Punta Cormorant's brackish lagoon

This morning we land at Post Office Bay on Floreana. The island's rich cultural history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. One relic of this colorful past is the "Post Office Barrel," established by British whalers in 1793, where travelers still leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. After a short snorkel to look for sea turtles, we paddle around the mangrove-lined shores of Post Office Bay where large bull sea lions patrol the rocky terrain and reddish-colored marine iguanas bask near the tree cacti.

In the aftrernoon, we head to Champion Islet just offshore, one of the best drift-snorkel spots in the Galapagos. As the current floats us past the steep walls of this submerged volcanic crater, we spy large schools of fish and bright corals as we're followed by playful young sea lions. Later at Punta Cormorant, follow a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon to look for pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a wide variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes and rays swim in the shallow water.

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Day 8

Española—Punta Suarez / Gardner Bay

Waved albatross, blue-footed boobies and Gardner Bay's marine life

- Hike the headlands among blue-footed boobies and Galapagos hawks
- Look for nesting waved albatross, found almost nowhere else on Earth
- Snorkel Gardner Bay in search of rays, sea turtles and hammerhead sharks

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Along the island's north shore this morning, follow a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species. Early this morning, hiking on the headlands of Española, we witness abundant birdlife with good chances to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7–8 feet.

Tip Top II then navigates to Gardner Bay where we can do some deep-water snorkeling at one of the offshore islets, looking for abundant tropical fish, rays, marine turtles and possibly gentle hammerhead sharks. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions laze by the dozens and Pacific green sea turtles frequent the rocky part of the shoreline.

Day 9

San Cristobal—Cerro Brujo / Isla Lobos

Sea lions, seabirds and the towering spires of Kicker Rock

- Walk a white-sand beach among a large Galapagos sea lion colony
- Cruise around Kicker Rock, rising 300 feet from the sea
- Look for blue-footed boobies and nesting frigatebirds on Isla Lobos

This morning we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient volcanic tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, we have another chance to swim. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos.

Back aboard *Tip Top II*, sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Look for marine life as we circumnavigate the rock. Continuing to Isla Lobos this afternoon, our adventures begin with a walk over the rocks to look for blue-footed boobies, nesting frigatebirds and endemic lava lizards from San Cristobal. Returning to our catamaran, we take a panga ride along the shoreline to enjoy views of the resident sea lion colony and marine iguanas. Back on board, it's time for cocktails and our farewell dinner.

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Day 10

Black Turtle Cove / Baltra

Search Black Turtle Cove before leaving the Galapagos

- Travel by panga through the mangrove-lined waters of Black Turtle Cove
- Watch for reef sharks, rays and sea turtles in the sheltered lagoon

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we visit Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. On a panga ride through the shimmering turquoise water, look for white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. Then it's time to cruise on to Baltra where we disembark the *Tip Top II,* saying farewell to the captain and crew and our Expedition Leaders before transferring to the airport for our flight to the mainland. On arrival at the Quito airport, a transfer is included to our hotel just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport in time for your departing flight.

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In addition, weather conditions in the Galapagos can change without notice and will dictate where and when we can travel. Please be aware that we may adapt our schedule to take advantage of these changes, and local conditions, inclement weather or Galapagos regulations may prevent us from participating in any part of this itinerary, including the optional camping excursion.

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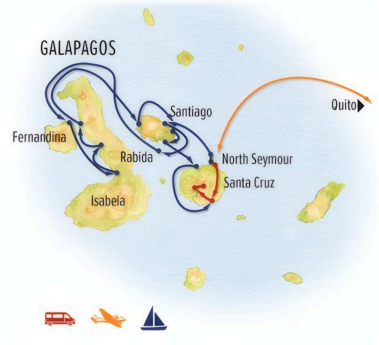


M/C Tip Top II Western Itinerary

Galapagos Discovery: The Nat Hab Experience

Itinerary at a Glance

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Day 9	Santa Cruz / Tortoise Camp
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Day 1

Quito

Arrive in Quito's colonial heart

- Meet your local representative upon arrival in Quito
- Check in to a boutique hotel in the colonial quarter

Upon arrival at the airport in Quito, you are met by our local representative and transferred to the historic Old Town city center about an hour away. Settle into your boutique hotel in the heart of the colonial quarter and enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

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Day 2

Quito

Explore the churches, plazas and flavors of colonial Quito

- Tour San Francisco Square and La Compania Church's gold-leaf interior
- Taste single-origin chocolate made from Ecuador's prized aromatic cacao
- Visit La Ronda workshops where artisans craft hats and wooden toys

With your Expedition Leader at the helm, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañia Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace. We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest aromatic cacao. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and unique flavor. We'll do a chocolate tasting, pairing different varieties with craft beer also made of cacao. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the traditional workshops along La Ronda, one of Quito's oldest streets, where artisans craft everything from hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

Day 3

Baltra / Mosquera Islet

Board the Tip Top II and meet Mosquera's sea lions

- Fly to the Galapagos and land on Baltra
- Settle aboard the Tip Top II, your motor catamaran for the week
- Watch sea lions and blue-footed boobies on Mosquera Islet

Rise early for our return transfer to Quito airport, where we board our flight to the Galapagos this morning, via Guayaquil. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then we transfer to the jetty to board our small ship,*Tip Top II*. This first-class motor catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we explore a diverse sampler of the islands. We're soon off for Mosquera Islet, with a wet landing on the shore following lunch. The islet is a reef of rocks and coral, created by a geological uprising, with an inviting white sand beach and tide pools. Observe colonies of sea lions, brown pelicans, blue-footed boobies and Sally light-foot crabs—the contrast between these bright orange crabs atop the black lava is striking. Back aboard *Tip Top II*, our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by cocktails and dinner.

Day 4

Sullivan Bay / Rabida

Walk young lava flows and snorkel Rabida's shores

- Cross Sullivan Bay's smooth, ropy pahoehoe lava flows
- Watch marine iguanas, sea lions and pelicans along Rabida's coast
- Snorkel among reef fish and sea lions

Our first landing is at Sullivan Bay on the east coast of nearby Santiago, known for its spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery. The lava here is the pahoehoe type, which resembles smooth ropes. Few plants have been able to take root on the barren rock, and we admire the hardy pioneers that have, like the lava cactus. We will also have the opportunity to snorkel along this dramatic shoreline looking for reef fish.

Continue to Rabida Island where we have a wet landing on Rabida, going ashore to walk and observe marine iguanas, sea lions and brown pelicans. Just a short distance away on foot, we reach a small saltwater lagoon where we are likely to see some shorebirds. There's another chance to snorkel, too, and we follow the shoreline looking fro sea lions, crustaceans and reef fish.

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Day 5

Punta Espinosa / Elizabeth Bay

Marine iguanas, flightless cormorants and mangrove waterways

- Watch marine iguana colonies and flightless cormorants on Fernandina's young lava
- Snorkel with sea turtles and feeding marine iguanas
- Glide by panga through Elizabeth Bay's red and black mangroves

This morning we awake at Fernandina, the youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, erupting most recently in 2018. The rippling pahoehoe lava at Punta Espinosa is a stark backdrop for the surprising variety of life that flourishes here: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks, Galapagos hawks soar overhead, sea lions sprawl on the beach, and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black lava rocks at water's edge, a vivid counterpoint to the aquamarine sea. A snorkeling excursion offers a good chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae. Fernandina is home to a number of rare and unique Galapagos species such as the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk and Galapagos snake, among others. We'll also see fascinating lava cactus, which grows on young lava flows with virtually no water.

Following our visit to Fernandina, we will navigate for a couple of hours to reach the southern side of Isabela where *Tip Top II* enters Elizabeth Bay to explore a sprinkling of islets, a lagoon frequented by sea turtles, and surrounding red and black mangroves. On a panga ride, search for resting and feeding sea turtles along with lava herons, Galapagos penguins, rays and flightless cormorants.

Day 6

Urbina Bay / Tagus Cove

Uplifted shores and maritime history on western Isabela

- Walk Urbina Bay's uplifted shore in search of giant land iguanas
- See 19th-century pirate and whaler graffiti above Tagus Cove
- Kayak beneath blue-footed boobies and pelicans

Spend the morning at Urbina Bay to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the archipelago, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954, the shoreline was heaved upward nearly 15 feet, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms above the water on what is now the shore. Urbina is home to nesting sea turtles and a colony of some of the islands' largest land iguanas. We also look for Galapagos tortoises and a variety of Darwin's finches.

Continue north to Tagus Cove for lunch where we find graffiti from the 1800s, when pirates and whalers carved their ship names into the rock above a historic anchorage. Look for flightless cormorants on the shoreline and Galapagos penguins below the surface as we snorkel. Then, choose between two activities: a hike among the volcanic tuff cones for a closer look at the island's geological history, with views of Darwin's Lagoon, or a panga ride to look for blue-footed boobies perched on the cliff ledges, as well as brown pelicans, brown noddies and flightless cormorants. We also have a chance to paddle a kayak along this scenic cove to admire the wildlife perched on the rocks at eye level.

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Day 7

Puerto Egas / Bartolome

Fur seal grottos and panoramic views from Bartolome

- Look for Galapagos fur seals in Puerto Egas' lava grottos
- Climb Bartolome's summit overlooking Pinnacle Rock
- Snorkel with penguins, sea turtles and white-tipped reef sharks

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, one of the most volcanically active islands in the Galapagos, we make a morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. The trail crosses the dry interior where remnants of a salt mining enterprise are still visible, then continues along the coast. Tide pools are home to a variety of marine life, including sea urchins, octopus, sponges and sea stars. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons, Galapagos doves, finches, mockingbirds and seasonal shorebirds. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the islands where these endemic animals are on view from land. After our walk, there may be time to swim or snorkel off the beach with the resident sea lions, and we may also see turtles, rays and reef sharks.

Tip Top II continues navigating to Bartolome where we climb to the island's highest point for 360° views. Along the path, we pass intriguing geological formations including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander.* Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient submerged volcano. It's an underwater playground that's home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.

Day 8

Sombrero Chino / Dragon Hill

Penguins, rays and land iguanas around Santa Cruz

- Snorkel Sombrero Chino with penguins, eagle rays and sea lions
- Walk Dragon Hill in search of resident land iguanas
- Look for flamingos in a hypersaline lagoon

Make a wet landing this morning on Sombrero Chino, which really does look like a Chinese hat! On this small island off the coast of Santiago, we see many creatures on the rocky shoreline and in the water, including Galapagos penguins, eagle rays, sea lions and marine iguanas. This is an excellent snorkeling site, and there's time to explore the undersea as well as to swim or kayak. After lunch back aboard our ship, make a dry landing on Dragon Hill to observe land iguanas. We'll walk to a hypersalinic lagoon (saltier than the ocean), where we may observe flamingos, common stilts, pintail ducks and other bird species.

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Day 9

Santa Cruz / Tortoise Camp

Stay among wild giant tortoises at Nat Hab's private highlands camp

- Visit the giant tortoise breeding center at Charles Darwin Research Station
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Day 10

Tortoise Camp / Baltra

Wake among wild tortoises before leaving the Galapagos

- Enjoy a final morning at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Return aboard the Tip Top II for the cruise to Baltra

Waking up in the peaceful highland environs of Tortoise Camp, we realize our time in the Enchanted Isles is coming to a close all too soon. Descend the mountainside by van to reach our vessel, then cruise aboard *Tip Top II* one last time as we return to Baltra and say goodbye to the ship, her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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S/C Nemo III Eastern Itinerary

Galapagos Discovery: The Nat Hab Experience

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Day 9	Bartolome / Sombrero Chino
Day 10	Daphne Major / Baltra



Day 1

Quito

Arrive in Quito's colonial heart before the islands

- Check in to a boutique hotel in Quito's colonial quarter
- Meet a local representative for the drive into the Old Town

Upon arrival at the airport in Quito, you are met by our local representative and transferred to the historic Old Town about an hour away. Settle in to your boutique hotel in the heart of the colonial quarter, and enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

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Day 2

Quito

A day in Latin America's best-preserved colonial city

- Walk the cobblestone lanes of Quito's UNESCO Old Town
- Step inside La Compañia Church and its gold-leaf interior
- Taste chocolate made from rare cacao by a women's cooperative

After breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided city tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks from Panecillo Hill, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañia Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace.

We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest cacao and we'll do a chocolate tasting. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and unique flavor. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the shops near our hotel, where you can purchase locally crafted goods ranging from hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

Day 3

Baltra / North Seymour

Board the Nemo III and step ashore on North Seymour

- Sleep aboard the Nemo III, your catamaran for the week
- Walk among the largest frigatebird colony in the Galapagos
- Meet your second Expedition Leader on landing at Baltra

Rise early for the return transfer to Quito airport, where we board our flight, which has a short layover in Guayaquil due to scheduling and logistical constraints, to the Galapagos Islands. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then transfer to the jetty to board the *Nemo III.* This deluxe motor-sailing catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we cruise among the islands. Our first landing awaits on North Seymour, a small geological uplift where we follow a trail that leads us to swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and endemic land iguanas. North Seymour is also home to the largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds in the Galapagos. Strolling along the beach, we're likely to see marine iguanas and sea lions in the northerly swells. Back aboard the *Nemo III,* our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by sunset cocktails and dinner.

Day 4

Isla Lobos / Kicker Rock / Cerro Brujo

Swim with sea lions off San Cristobal's white sands

- Snorkel with a resident sea lion colony at Isla Lobos
- Walk Cerro Brujo's white sands for sea lions and boobies
- Circle Kicker Rock's 300-foot tuff cone at sunset

On Isla Lobos this morning, our adventures begin with a walk over the rocks to look for blue-footed boobies, nesting frigatebirds and endemic lava lizards from San Cristobal. Returning to our catamaran, don snorkel gear for a shallow-water swim with the resident sea lion colony and marine iguanas, followed by a short ride by panga (motorized inflatable raft) along the shoreline to look at a frigatebird colony. This afternoon we land at Cerro Brujo, or "Wizard Hill." This ancient volcanic tuff cone on San Cristobal sits next to an expanse of powdery white sand that's home to a large colony of Galapagos sea lions as well as blue-footed boobies, pelicans, egrets and marine iguanas. After a walk on the beach to scout for sea lions, we have a chance to swim with them, too. At every turn, our discoveries are enhanced by the in-depth knowledge of our Expedition Leaders, who are expert naturalists on the flora and fauna of the Galapagos. Back aboard the *Nemo III* once more, sail on to Kicker Rock, a dramatic volcanic tuff cone that rises 300 feet above the ocean's surface. Circumnavigating the rock, look for marine life as we watch the sun sink below the horizon.

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Day 5

Española

Española and the world's waved albatross colony

- Snorkel Gardner Bay's islets for tropical fish and rays
- Walk a white-sand beach where sea lions and turtles gather
- Hike Punta Suarez for nesting waved albatross and boobies

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Along the island's north shore this morning, follow a cliff formed by eroded cinder cones and layers of old basalt where we observe giant cacti and many different bird species. Next, we do some deep-water snorkeling at one of the offshore islets in Gardner Bay, looking for abundant tropical fish, rays and marine turtles. Ashore, an idyllic white sand beach awaits, where sea lions laze by the dozens and Pacific green sea turtles frequent the rocky part of the shoreline. Return to our catamaran for lunch aboard as we sail to Punta Suarez. Hiking on the headlands, we witness abundant birdlife, hoping to see Hood mockingbirds, blue-footed boobies, nesting swallow-tailed gulls and Galapagos hawks. Española is also the world's main nesting site for the huge waved albatross, with a wingspan of 7–8 feet.

Day 6

Floreana

Flamingo lagoons and a whalers' mail barrel on Floreana

- Walk to a brackish lagoon for flamingos and pintail ducks
- Drift-snorkel Champion Islet past schooling fish and corals
- Visit the Post Office Barrel left by whalers in 1793

This morning we land at Punta Cormorant on Floreana, one of the few populated islands in the Galapagos. Following a trail through a Palo Santo forest to a brackish lagoon, look for pintail ducks, common stilts and bright pink flamingos. As we wind our way past a wide variety of plants, we reach a beach of fine sand where sea turtles lay eggs in the dunes and rays swim in the shallow water. Back aboard ship, we sail a short distance to Champion Islet just offshore, one of the best drift-snorkel spots in the Galapagos. As the current floats us past the steep walls of this submerged volcanic crater, we spy large schools of fish and bright corals as we're followed by playful young sea lions. Floreana's rich cultural history is filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. One relic of this colorful past is the "Post Office Barrel," established by British whalers in 1793, where travelers still leave mail for personal delivery via visitors passing through. After a short snorkel to look for sea turtles, we paddle around the mangrove-lined shores of Post Office Bay where large bull sea lions patrol the rocky terrain and reddish-colored marine iguanas bask near the tree cacti.

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Day 7

Santa Cruz

A night in wild giant-tortoise habitat

- Visit the giant tortoise-rearing center in Puerto Ayora
- Spend a night at Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp
- Look for wild tortoises wandering the camp's Scalesia forest

Santa Cruz is our destination this morning. Begin with a visit to Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, to visit the world-famous giant tortoise-rearing center run in tandem by Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct research dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility, visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to help increase depleted tortoise populations, a central mission for both the research station and the national park. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises bred at the station have been released into the wild.

After some time to explore town, followed by lunch back on board the boat, we ascend into the misty highlands of Santa Cruz to reach Nat Hab's private Tortoise Camp. This exclusive setting offers a rare opportunity to spend a night in wild tortoise habitat, and these ancient, gentle reptiles that are the archipelago's namesake often wander right through camp. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities.

But the real treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including our Scalesia forest restoration zone. Since 2022, Nat Hab and our guests have planted more than 1,000 of this important tree, endemic to the islands and habitat for myriad diverse plants and animals. However, invasive species and historical deforestation threatens the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as they migrate seasonally to a lower elevation. *Please note: At times, Tortoise Camp may be closed due to poor weather conditions.*

Day 8

Santa Cruz Highlands / Santa Fe

Lava tubes and endemic iguanas on ancient Santa Fe

- Explore lava tubes and caverns beside Tortoise Camp
- Look for land iguanas beneath Santa Fe's prickly pear cacti
- Snorkel a reef-rich islet below cliffs and sea caves

Spend the morning exploring a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns adjacent to Tortoise Camp. Returning to *Nemo III*, we'll have lunch aboard and sail for Santa Fe. On a short hike through a forest of prickly pear cacti, look for the endemic land iguanas that wait patiently underneath for fruit to drop. Returning to our catamaran, we explore a small islet surrounded by great reef diversity, then set out for a cruise along the north coast. Along this expanse, large cliffs and sea caves are used by many species of marine birds for nesting and roosting—as well as by basking green sea turtles and sea lions.

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Day 9

Bartolome / Sombrero Chino

Volcanic summits and penguin snorkeling at Bartolome

- Climb to Bartolome's summit above Pinnacle Rock
- Snorkel with Galapagos penguins and white-tipped reef sharks
- Paddle the turquoise channel off Sombrero Chino

Sail on to Bartolome and climb to the island's highest point for 360-degree views, passing intriguing geological formations along the path including spatter cones, tuff cones and lava tubes. From the summit, a panorama unfolds of the surrounding islands and Pinnacle Rock, famously shown in the 2003 film *Master and Commander.* Some of the best snorkeling in the Galapagos awaits around the base of this ancient submerged volcano. It's an underwater playground that's home to huge schools of fish permanently under attack by Galapagos penguins. Gentle white-tipped reef sharks, sea turtles and stingrays are also common sightings.

Then continue to Sombrero Chino, a small island off the coast of Santiago, which really does look like a Chinese hat! A paddling excursion here reveals more of the Galapagos' fascinating marine life and striking geology, as we witness the delicate lava and spatter cones on the island's surface. The small channel of turquoise water provides a beautiful snorkeling site, particularly along the Santiago coast where it is possible to see sharks, sea lions, penguins and rays.

Day 10

Daphne Major / Baltra

A final circle of Daphne Major's finch-research crater

- Circle Daphne Major, a famed finch-research tuff crater
- Disembark at Baltra and fly to Quito for homeward flights

Just off Santa Cruz lies Daphne Major, which we circumnavigate. One of two small volcanic islands (along with Daphne Minor) that are a haven for multiple bird species, Daphne Major is formed of a tuff crater. It's a noted location for bird research, especially on finches. Two Princeton University scientists have been conducting longitudinal studies over more than three decades, observing subtle evolutionary processes at work. Blue-footed boobies nest in the interior of the crater, while masked boobies nest on the sides of the cone and along the crater's edge. All too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra where we say goodbye to the *Nemo III,* her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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S/C Nemo III Western Itinerary

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Day 1

Quito

Arrive in Quito's preserved colonial heart

- Check in to a boutique hotel in Quito's colonial quarter
- Arrive in the heart of the UNESCO-listed historic Old Town

Upon arrival at the airport in Quito, you are met by our local representative and transferred to the historic Old Town about an hour away. Settle into your boutique hotel in the heart of the colonial quarter and enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

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Day 2

Quito

A full day in Latin America's best-preserved colonial city

- Tour the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco
- Step inside La Compania, its interior gleaming with gold leaf
- Taste chocolate made from rare cacao by a women's cooperative

After breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery in Ecuador's capital. Heralded as Latin America's best-preserved colonial city, Quito's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with cobblestone lanes, elegant plazas and monuments, and ornate gilded churches. On a guided city tour, take in a panorama of the city and surrounding volcanic peaks from Panecillo Hill, visit the 16th-century Church and Convent of San Francisco, and wander through San Francisco Square. Marvel at the baroque splendor of La Compañia Church with its gleaming gold-leaf interior, and survey Independence Plaza, the original center of Quito from which we view the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Presidential Palace.

We also visit an artisanal chocolate shop featuring products handmade from Ecuador's finest cacao and we'll do a chocolate tasting. Ethically cultivated by a women's cooperative using traditional organic techniques, this rare cacao is prized by the great chocolatiers of the world for its heady aroma and unique flavor. Following lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or visit the shops near our hotel, where you can purchase locally crafted goods ranging from hats to wooden toys. This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner with one of our Expedition Leaders.

Day 3

Baltra / Santa Cruz

Reach the Galapagos and set out among the islands

- Sleep aboard the Nemo III, your sailing catamaran for the week
- Walk Las Bachas, a green sea turtle nesting beach on Santa Cruz
- Look for pink flamingos dotting the saltwater lagoons

We rise early to make the return transfer to the Quito airport, where we board our flight, which has a short layover in Guayaquil due to scheduling and logistical constraints, to the Galapagos this morning. Our second Expedition Leader meets us as we land on the island of Baltra, then we transfer to the jetty to board to the *Nemo III* . This first-class sailing catamaran will be our home base for the next week as we explore among the islands. We soon set off for Las Bachas, a beautiful white sand beach on Santa Cruz. The azure water reveals a kaleidoscope of fish, while the powdered coral sand is a favorite nesting site for green sea turtles, and pink flamingos often dot the saltwater lagoons. Back aboard the *Nemo III*, our Expedition Leaders offer a briefing about tomorrow's activities, followed by cocktails and dinner.

Day 4

Genovesa

A collapsed volcano alive with nesting seabirds

- Kayak the flooded crater among red-footed boobies and tropicbirds
- Climb Prince Phillip's Steps to frigatebird and Nazca booby colonies
- Snorkel from the beach where sea lions loll in the sun

Genovesa, or Tower Island, is a collapsed shield volcano that attracts literally millions of seabirds that come here to breed and nest. Paddling our kayaks inside the flooded crater, we are surrounded by red-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and yellow-crowned night herons that rend the air with a cacophony of squawks. Surrounded by vertical cliffs of the collapsed caldera, Darwin Bay is an ideal breeding site for the birds that congregate on Genovesa, including red-billed tropicbirds and shearwaters that nest in holes in the lava walls.

Our first landing is at El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, a steep path with stairs carved into the rock that leads to a plateau full of birdlife within a Palo Santo forest. We walk among colonies of great frigatebirds and Nazca boobies to a lava field where storm petrels nest in underground lava tubes. We may also see Galapagos doves, mockingbirds and perhaps an endemic short-eared owl.

After lunch aboard we continue to Darwin Bay Beach following a trail into lush mangroves where red-footed boobies nest. We may also see nesting colonies of common frigatebird, Nazca booby and huge numbers of breeding swallow-tailed seagulls. After the walk, we snorkel from the beach, where plenty of local sea lions loll in the sun, and sightings of rays and sea turtles are common below the water's surface.

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Day 5

Sullivan Bay / Santa Cruz

A night ashore among the highlands' wild tortoises

- Walk the smooth, ropy pahoehoe lava flows of Sullivan Bay
- Spend the night at Nat Hab's exclusive Tortoise Camp
- Look for wild giant tortoises in the Scalesia restoration forest

Awake this morning to the orange light of sunrise glowing on the volcanic craters of Santiago Island. This morning we visit Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, known for its spectacular volcanic formations, relatively recent lava flows and unique geological scenery. The lava here is the pahoehoe type, which resembles smooth ropes. Few plants have been able to take root on the barren rock, and we admire the hardy pioneers that have, like the lava cactus.

This afternoon we set sail for Santa Cruz. Here, we leave our boat behind temporarily to ascend into the misty highlands. Soon, we arrive at Nat Hab's exclusive Tortoise Camp to spend the night. Accommodations are in safari-style raised platform tents and treehouses with views of the ocean. While rustic, they offer comfortable amenities, including real beds and private en suite facilities. But the real treat of a stay here is our proximity to wild tortoises, which are attracted to the area's lush vegetation, including our Scalesia forest restoration zone. Since 2022, Nat Hab and our guests have planted more than 1,000 of this important tree, endemic to the islands and habitat for myriad diverse plants and animals. However, invasive species and historical deforestation threatens the Scalesia forests, making their conservation a high priority. Tortoises are most commonly seen in camp from July through February. From March to June, we make an excursion to a nearby tortoise reserve for closer views, as they migrate seasonally to a lower elevation. Nearby, we can also explore a network of subterranean lava tubes and caverns.

Please note: At times, the Tortoise Camp may be closed due to poor weather conditions, in which case we will remain aboard the Nemo III *for the night, though all sightseeing inclusions will remain the same.*

Day 6

Santa Cruz Highlands / Darwin Station

The science of bringing the giant tortoise back

- Search the misty highlands for more giant tortoises in the wild
- Visit the tortoise-rearing pens at Charles Darwin Research Station
- Explore the shops and seaside cafes of Puerto Ayora

Spend the morning exploring the highlands, in search of more giant tortoises. During the season when tortoises are rare in camp, we visit either El Manzanillo or El Chato tortoise reserve to view more tortoises in the wild. Continue to Puerto Ayora, the main town on Santa Cruz, where we visit the world-famous giant tortoise rearing center at Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, international scientists conduct studies dedicated to conserving the unique habitats and species of the Galapagos. At the facility we visit the protection pens where hatchlings are bred to help increase the depleted tortoise population, a central part of the missions for both the research station and Galapagos National Park. You'll also have a bit of free time on your own in town, where you'll find a nice selection of shops, cafes and seaside bars.

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Day 7

Isabela—Punta Moreno / Urbina Bay

Raw lava and an island lifted from the sea

- Walk hardened lava between Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcanoes
- Look for flamingos and herons in the coastal lagoons
- See where a 1954 uplift drove the shoreline out to sea

This morning we land at Punta Moreno on Isabela, the largest island in the Galapagos. The point is located between two volcanoes, Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul, and we step ashore to walk atop the hardened lava. At first glance, the corrugated rock landscape appears lifeless. However, the ropy black surface is dotted with numerous coastal lagoons harboring a wide variety of birdlife. Commonly seen species include flamingos, paint-billed crakes, white-cheeked pintails and herons. We also see endemic Galapagos flora taking root on this young, barren lava flow, including giant opuntia cactus, Palo Santo trees, carob trees and lichens. The protected waters of Moreno Bay are surrounded by mangroves, creating perfect habitat for sea turtles, which we may spot from the pangas or as we snorkel. We may also see cormorants along the shoreline while we're exploring by panga.

At Urbina Bay this afternoon, step onto a black sand beach to witness one of the best examples of geological uplift in the Galapagos, a phenomenon that occurs when molten rock beneath the surface suddenly shifts. In 1954 the shoreline was uplifted, exposing 1.6 square miles of shoreline. The coastline was driven three-quarters of a mile farther out to sea, exposing coral and stranding marine organisms on what is now shore. Urbina is home to a colony of some of the largest land iguanas in the islands and the iconic Galapagos tortoise, and we may also see bright yellow Darwin's cotton flowers here, unique to the archipelago.

Day 8

Fernandina—Punta Espinoza / Isabela—Tagus Cove

The youngest volcano and its endemic wildlife

- Walk among marine iguana colonies and nesting flightless cormorants
- Snorkel for sea turtles and feeding marine iguanas
- Search Tagus Cove for penguins below 19th-century ship graffiti

This morning we awake at Fernandina, the youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, erupting most recently in 2018. The rippling pahoehoe lava at Punta Espinoza is a stark backdrop for the surprising variety of life that flourishes here: flightless cormorants nest on the rocks, Galapagos hawks soar overhead, sea lions sprawl on the beach, and huge colonies of marine iguanas bask in the sun. Bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs pepper the black rocks at water's edge, a vivid counterpoint to the aquamarine sea. A snorkeling excursion offers a good chance to see sea turtles and submerged marine iguanas feeding on algae. Fernandina is home to a number of rare and unique Galapagos species such as the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk and Galapagos snake, among others. We'll also see fascinating lava cactus, which grows on young lava flows with virtually no water.

As we cross the Bolivar Channel to reach Isabela this afternoon, keep watch for whales and dolphins. Anchoring at Tagus Cove, we set out in search of penguins, pelicans and graffiti dating to the 1800s when the names of ships were carved into the rock above a historic anchorage for pirates and whalers. Another snorkeling opportunity awaits, perhaps with a chance to frolic again with young sea lions. Inside the submerged volcanic cone we find saltwater Darwin Lake.

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Day 9

Santiago—Puerto Egas / Buccaneer Cove

Fur seals and tide pools on volcanic Santiago

- Explore tide pools full of octopus, sea stars and urchins
- Look for endemic Galapagos fur seals in the lava grottos
- Kayak the tuff cliffs and red sand of Buccaneer's Cove

At Puerto Egas on Santiago, one of the most volcanically active islands in the Galapagos, we make a morning landing on a black sand beach with eroded rock formations. The trail crosses the dry interior where remains of a salt mining enterprise are still visible, and continues along the coast. Tide pools are home to a variety of marine life, including sea urchins, octopus, sponges and sea stars. Birdlife abounds, with great blue herons, lava herons, oystercatchers, yellow-crowned night herons, Galapagos doves, finches, mockingbirds and seasonal shorebirds. In the lava grottos we find a colony of Galapagos fur seals, one of the only places in the islands where these endemic animals are on view from land. After our walk, there may be time to swim or snorkel off the beach with the resident sea lions, and we may also see turtles, rays and reef sharks.

This afternoon, sea conditions permitting, we visit Buccaneer's Cove. Formerly a safe haven for pirates, whalers and sailors in the 18th and 19th centuries, it is a scenic site with impressive tuff cliffs and a dark reddish-purple sand beach. We have a chance to possibly do some deep-water snorkeling here or kayak.

Day 10

Black Turtle Cove / Baltra

A last morning on the water before farewells

- Cruise by panga through the turquoise water of Black Turtle Cove
- Watch for reef sharks, rays and sea turtles in the sheltered lagoon

Returning to Santa Cruz this morning, we visit Black Turtle Cove, a sheltered lagoon on the north coast of the island. Take a panga ride to explore the shimmering turquoise water, hoping to see white-tipped reef sharks, rays and sea turtles. Too soon, our time in the Enchanted Isles comes to a close as we return to Baltra and say goodbye to the *Nemo III*, her crew and our Expedition Leaders. From Baltra, we board our flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival at the Quito airport, transfer to our nearby hotel, just minutes away, where an overnight stay is included. A complimentary shuttle will return you to the airport for your homeward flight.

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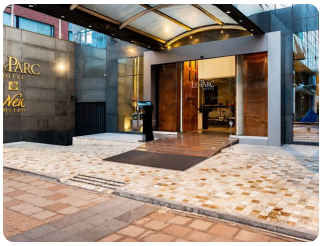
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For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/galapagos/galapagos-islands-adventure/accommodations.

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Galapagos Discovery: The Nat Hab Experience

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2 **The Best Guide-to-Guest Ratio in the Galapagos**

The typical ratio is 16 or 20 guests to one naturalist guide—that's what most boat tours in the Galapagos provide. Our ratio is 7 to 8 guests per guide. *This makes a big difference!* It allows us to explore in a more intimate context, and we can offer different activities at the same time: for instance, one group can snorkel while the other opts for a panga ride. And with two Expedition Leaders, you get a full interpretive experience: a naturalist guide accompanies each panga when we go out with two smaller boats for close-up exploring.

3 **Private Chartered Yachts Keep Operations Within Our Control**

Rather than sending you through a local ship-owner who takes bookings from many sources, we run every element of our Galapagos trips—from meeting you on arrival in Quito through the chartering of our small ships to escorting you to the Quito airport for your homeward flight. Only by managing each step of our operations can we ensure that your trip is superlative—and we don't settle for less!

4 **An Exclusive Stay at Our Private Tortoise Camp on Santa Cruz**

For Nat Hab guests alone, we offer the chance to spend a night at our private **Tortoise Camp** in the highlands of Santa Cruz, where wild tortoises roam freely over this remote parcel of private land overlooking the distant Pacific Ocean. Unique accommodations, rustic but comfortable, are in raised safari-style canvas tents and elevated treehouses (all en suite), surrounded by nature, with a communal dining room and lounge space warmed by a log fireplace.

5 **The World's Finest Naturalist Guides**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the highest-quality guides in the industry. Our group of elite Galapagos Expedition Leaders averages more than 15 years' guiding experience each. Additionally, they receive training and resources from WWF's world-renowned scientists. Our philosophy on this is pretty simple: A nature adventure is only as good as the guide, so we simply must provide the best! **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

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6 **Secluded Snorkeling Experiences**

Snorkeling is the highlight for many Galapagos visitors. Inquisitive sea lions, sea turtles, penguins and schools of vividly colored fish provide endless excitement in the islands' clear waters. But it can be disappointing if you're traveling aboard a big ship to find dozens of fellow snorkelers surrounding you, interfering with your experience. In our small groups accompanied by two Expedition Leaders, marine life is front and center, and you're the sole audience.

7 **Kayaking & Paddleboarding for Close-Up Wildlife Encounters**

Come eye to eye with a sea turtle as you paddle a kayak, and look down at a marine iguana gliding past from your perch on a stand-up paddleboard: our chartered yachts are equipped with all the special modes of exploration to get you as close as possible to the captivating creatures of the Galapagos. And of course, our ships carry Zodiacs, too, so we can get close to wildlife on shore from our inflatable motorized rafts.

8 **The Itinerary Makes a Difference**

As WWF's conservation travel partner, we're privileged to have some of the world's top wildlife biologists helping us develop our nature adventures. WWF is especially active in the Galapagos, and our itineraries are specifically designed to provide our small groups with the best close-up wildlife viewing experiences in the most personalized manner possible.

9 **Experience More of Ecuador with a Stay in Quito**

Ecuador, though small in size, is one of the world's most geographically and culturally diverse countries. As a complement to your Galapagos immersion, we include a guided visit to Quito—a richer cultural experience than just flying in and out of Guayaquil, as many trips do. Experience a slice of Ecuador that is distinctly different from what you'll encounter in the Galapagos as you explore Quito's complex colonial history, including its well-preserved 16th-century Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Nov 25 - Dec 4, 2026	**From $11995** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 2 - Dec 11, 2026	**From $11995** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 9 - Dec 18, 2026	**From $11995** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 16 - Dec 25, 2026	**From $11995** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Dec 16 - Dec 25, 2026	**From $9995** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/Y Tip Top IV · Western Itinerary · Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Dec 23, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027	**From $13495** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 23, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027	**From $11195** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/Y Tip Top IV · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 30, 2026 - Jan 8, 2027	**From $11995** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary

2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 1 - Jan 10, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary · Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Jan 6 - Jan 15, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jan 6 - Jan 15, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Jan 8 - Jan 17, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jan 13 - Jan 22, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 15 - Jan 24, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 20 - Jan 29, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jan 20 - Jan 29, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Jan 22 - Jan 31, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jan 27 - Feb 5, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 27 - Feb 5, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 29 - Feb 7, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 3 - Feb 12, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Feb 5 - Feb 14, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Feb 10 - Feb 19, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary

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Feb 12 - Feb 21, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 17 - Feb 26, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Feb 19 - Feb 28, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Feb 24 - Mar 5, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 26 - Mar 7, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 3 - Mar 12, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Mar 3 - Mar 12, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Mar 5 - Mar 14, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Mar 10 - Mar 19, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 12 - Mar 21, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 17 - Mar 26, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Mar 19 - Mar 28, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Mar 24 - Apr 2, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 26 - Apr 4, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 31 - Apr 9, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 2 - Apr 11, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Apr 7 - Apr 16, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 9 - Apr 18, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 14 - Apr 23, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 14 - Apr 23, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Apr 16 - Apr 25, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary

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Apr 21 - Apr 30, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 23 - May 2, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 28 - May 7, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 28 - May 7, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary · Women's Journey
Apr 30 - May 9, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
May 5 - May 14, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
May 7 - May 16, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
May 12 - May 21, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
May 12 - May 21, 2027	**From $10295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
May 14 - May 23, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
May 19 - May 28, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
May 21 - May 30, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
May 28 - Jun 6, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jun 2 - Jun 11, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 4 - Jun 13, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 9 - Jun 18, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jun 11 - Jun 20, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jun 16 - Jun 25, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 18 - Jun 27, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 25 - Jul 4, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jul 2 - Jul 11, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jul 7 - Jul 16, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jul 9 - Jul 18, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jul 16 - Jul 25, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jul 23 - Aug 1, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jul 28 - Aug 6, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jul 30 - Aug 8, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 6 - Aug 15, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Aug 13 - Aug 22, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 20 - Aug 29, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Aug 25 - Sep 3, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 27 - Sep 5, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Sep 10 - Sep 19, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 1 - Oct 10, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 15 - Oct 24, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Nov 5 - Nov 14, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Nov 12 - Nov 21, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary

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Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2027	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Nov 26 - Dec 5, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Dec 3 - Dec 12, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 8 - Dec 17, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 10 - Dec 19, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Dec 15 - Dec 24, 2027	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 17 - Dec 26, 2027	**From $14295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 22 - Dec 31, 2027	**From $11495** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Dec 22 - Dec 31, 2027	**From $13895** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 24, 2027 - Jan 2, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Dec 29, 2027 - Jan 7, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 31, 2027 - Jan 9, 2028	**From $12395** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 5 - Jan 14, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jan 5 - Jan 14, 2028	**From $10595** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Jan 7 - Jan 16, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jan 12 - Jan 21, 2028	**From $13195** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 14 - Jan 23, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 19 - Jan 28, 2028	**From $13695** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary · Eclipse Departure
Jan 19 - Jan 28, 2028	**From $11095** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary · Eclipse Departure

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 21 - Jan 30, 2028	**From $13695** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary · Eclipse Departure
Jan 26 - Feb 4, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 28 - Feb 6, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 2 - Feb 11, 2028	**From $10595** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Feb 2 - Feb 11, 2028	**From $13195** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Feb 4 - Feb 13, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Feb 9 - Feb 18, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 11 - Feb 20, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 16 - Feb 25, 2028	**From $10595** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Feb 16 - Feb 25, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Feb 18 - Feb 27, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Feb 23 - Mar 3, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 25 - Mar 5, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 3 - Mar 12, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Mar 8 - Mar 17, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 10 - Mar 19, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 15 - Mar 24, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Mar 17 - Mar 26, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Mar 22 - Mar 31, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Mar 29 - Apr 7, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Mar 31 - Apr 9, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary

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Apr 5 - Apr 14, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 7 - Apr 16, 2028	**From $13195** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 12 - Apr 21, 2028	**From $10595** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Apr 12 - Apr 21, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 14 - Apr 23, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Apr 19 - Apr 28, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 21 - Apr 30, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 26 - May 5, 2028	**From $10595** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Apr 26 - May 5, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 28 - May 7, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
May 3 - May 12, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
May 5 - May 14, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
May 10 - May 19, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
May 12 - May 21, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
May 17 - May 26, 2028	**From $13195** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
May 19 - May 28, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
May 24 - Jun 2, 2028	**From $13195** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
May 26 - Jun 4, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
May 31 - Jun 9, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 2 - Jun 11, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 7 - Jun 16, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jun 9 - Jun 18, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jun 14 - Jun 23, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 16 - Jun 25, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 21 - Jun 30, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jun 23 - Jul 2, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jun 28 - Jul 7, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 30 - Jul 9, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jul 5 - Jul 14, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jul 7 - Jul 16, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jul 14 - Jul 23, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Jul 19 - Jul 28, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jul 21 - Jul 30, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jul 26 - Aug 4, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jul 28 - Aug 6, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 4 - Aug 13, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Aug 11 - Aug 20, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 16 - Aug 25, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Aug 18 - Aug 27, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Aug 23 - Sep 1, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 30 - Sep 8, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Sep 6 - Sep 15, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Sep 27 - Oct 6, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Oct 4 - Oct 13, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 11 - Oct 20, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Oct 18 - Oct 27, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 20 - Oct 29, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Oct 25 - Nov 3, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Nov 1 - Nov 10, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Nov 3 - Nov 12, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Nov 22 - Dec 1, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Nov 29 - Dec 8, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 6 - Dec 15, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 6 - Dec 15, 2028	**From $10595** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Dec 8 - Dec 17, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Dec 13 - Dec 22, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary

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Dec 15 - Dec 24, 2028	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 20 - Dec 29, 2028	**From $11795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Tip Top II · Western Itinerary
Dec 20 - Dec 29, 2028	**From $14295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 22 - Dec 31, 2028	**From $14295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Dec 27, 2028 - Jan 5, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 29, 2028 - Jan 7, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Eastern Itinerary

2029 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2029		
Jan 3 - Jan 12, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jan 10 - Jan 19, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 17 - Jan 26, 2029	**From $13295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jan 24 - Feb 2, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jan 31 - Feb 9, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Feb 7 - Feb 16, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 14 - Feb 23, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Feb 21 - Mar 2, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Feb 28 - Mar 9, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Mar 7 - Mar 16, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
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Mar 28 - Apr 6, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 4 - Apr 13, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 11 - Apr 20, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Apr 18 - Apr 27, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Apr 25 - May 4, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
May 2 - May 11, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
May 9 - May 18, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
May 16 - May 25, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
May 23 - Jun 1, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
May 30 - Jun 8, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 6 - Jun 15, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jun 13 - Jun 22, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jun 22 - Jul 1, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard M/C Natural Habitat Rosalinda · Western Itinerary
Jul 4 - Jul 13, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jul 11 - Jul 20, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Jul 18 - Jul 27, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Jul 25 - Aug 3, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 15 - Aug 24, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Aug 22 - Aug 31, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Aug 29 - Sep 7, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary

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Sep 5 - Sep 14, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Sep 26 - Oct 5, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Nov 21 - Nov 30, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Nov 28 - Dec 7, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 5 - Dec 14, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 12 - Dec 21, 2029	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary
Dec 19 - Dec 28, 2029	**From $14295** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Western Itinerary
Dec 26, 2029 - Jan 4, 2030	**From $12795** +internal air/park fee	Aboard Nat Hab's MC Petrel · Eastern Itinerary

See https://www.nathab.com/galapagos/galapagos-islands-adventure/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations including the *Rosalinda, Petrel, Tip Top II, Tip Top IV or Nemo III,* Nat Hab's deluxe private Tortoise Camp, and hotel on the mainland, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leaders, all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through breakfast on final day, local beer and house wine with dinner aboard the ship, soft drinks, snorkeling gear and wetsuit, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes and service fees, Starlink WiFi aboard the ships.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: Round-trip flights between Quito and the Galapagos (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

There may be no more appropriate destination on Earth for Natural Habitat's nature-loving guests than the Galapagos Islands. With rare and amiable wildlife found at every turn, the islands provide a wonderland for nature travelers, which our Expedition Leaders unveil in a warm and intimate manner. The key to the success of our Galapagos adventures is our small group size. The *Nemo III* accommodates a maximum of 14 guests and two Expedition Leaders. The *Petrel* accommodates a maximum of 16 guests and two Expedition Leaders. The *Tip Top IV* accommodates a maximum of 16 guests and two Expedition Leaders. The *Tip Top II* accommodates a maximum of 16 guests and two Expedition Leaders. Once we step ashore, we divide up into even smaller

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groups. Splitting the group also allows our guests to move at varied paces, although all guests must be able to walk over uneven terrain up to two miles, as well as disembark the panga in sometimes-rough conditions. In addition to land excursions, we have the opportunity to snorkel almost every day while in the islands. Another important and exciting element of this trip is a unique opportunity (optional, but included) to stay in the highlands of Santa Cruz at our private Tortoise Camp, with accommodations in walk-in safari-style tents and treehouses overlooking the distant Pacific Ocean. On this private land, Galapagos tortoises roam freely in their natural habitat most months of the year, and often wander right into camp.

Please note: *The itinerary provided is meant as a guideline and is subject to change without notice. On rare occasions, it may be necessary to deviate from our regular itinerary for reasons beyond our control. In these instances we will provide the best available alternative.*

Age Limit on Galapagos Trips

We welcome children ages 7 and older on scheduled departures. However, while some 7-year-olds are well suited for our Galapagos adventures, others may not be ready for the requirements of group travel. We believe it's best to consider this minimum age limit a guideline. You, as a parent or guardian, are best qualified to decide whether your child would enjoy the experience without compromising the comfort of others. We strongly encourage you to speak with one of our Adventure Specialists about the specific requirements of the trip so you can make an informed decision. We do not permit children younger than 7 on our scheduled departures due to safety regulations, physical limitations and concerns regarding group dynamics.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least $250,000 in medical evacuation coverage. To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Quito, and **you may arrive at any time on Day 1.**

You may depart from Quito any time after 9 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.

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