

NORTH EXPEDITION

GALAPAGOS LEGEND

North Expedition (A)

4 days - 3 nights

Monday - Thursday

Experience unforgettable Galapagos adventures with our weekly departures. Our itineraries include full board, two daily guided excursions, and optional activities like snorkeling, kayaking, and dinghy rides. You can also extend your trip with diving programs and extra nights in Galapagos upon request.



Monday:

am. ✈ Baltra Airport

pm. Highlands Tortoise Reserve
(Santa Cruz Island)

Tuesday:

am. El Barranco Prince Philip's Steps
(Genovesa Island)

pm. Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

Wednesday:

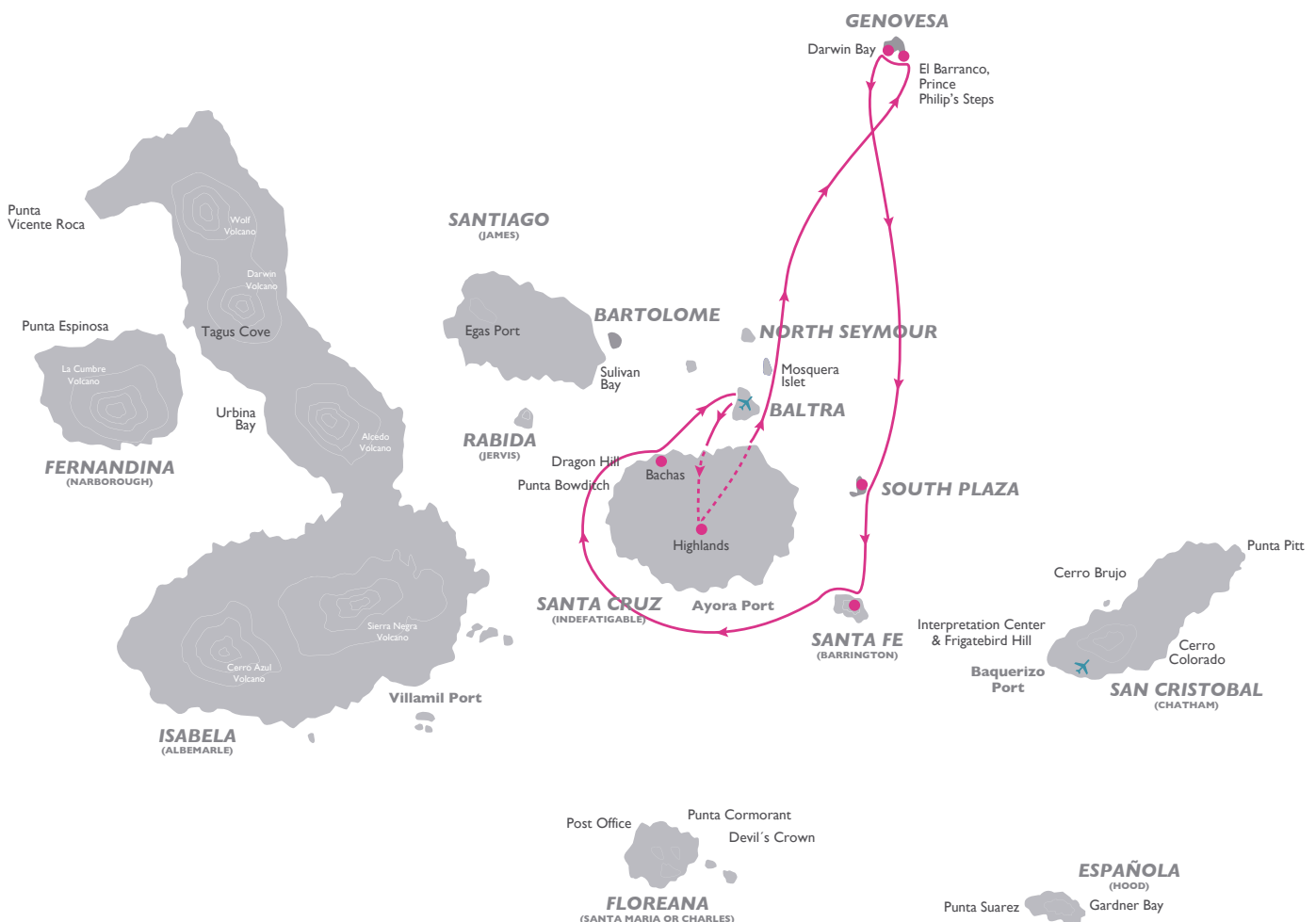
am. South Plaza Island

pm. Santa Fe Island

Thursday:

am. Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)

am. ✈ Baltra Airport



DAY 1

MONDAY



 Morning

Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island is a 2 ½ hour flight. Upon arrival in the Galapagos, passengers are greeted at the airport by our knowledgeable guides who will accompany them on a short ten-minute bus ride to the pier where they will board the Galapagos Legend.

 Afternoon



 Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

In the central highlands of Santa Cruz Island, we have our best opportunity to interact at close quarters with totally wild, Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these huge, 600lb, reptiles will also offer the chance for more highland species, especially several species of the famed finches.



Difficulty level
Low ●



Type of terrain
Flat & Muddy



Duration
1 hour walk
45 minutes drive



DAY 2

TUESDAY

Morning

Be marveled at the variety of sea life that uses the crevices of the lava cliffs for shelter. Red-billed Tropicbirds fly overhead, and a small colony of fur seals may be found near the landing site. You will be dropped off at a steep stairway that begins on rocks at the foot of a path that leads through a seabird colony full of Nazca and Red-footed Boobies.



El Barranco (Genovesa Island)



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky - lava



Duration
1 hour 45 min hike
30 min kayaking or,
glass bottom boat
1 hour deep snorkeling

Afternoon



Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

From within the flooded caldera of Tower Island, we set foot onto a sandy beach to be greeted by swallow-tailed gulls often said to be the most beautiful gull in the world. In the trail we can see at nesting red-footed boobies and great frigatebirds.



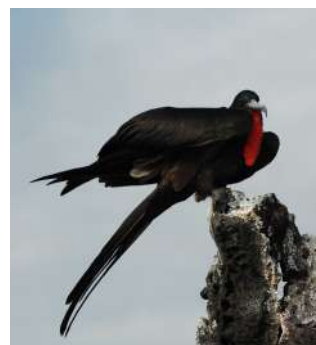
Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Sandy



Duration
45 min Kayaking
1 hour 15 min hike
45 min glass bottom boat or,
1 hour deep or beach snorkeling



DAY 3

WEDNESDAY

Morning



Sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, and land iguanas are all present at the landing site. The small island is covered with a carpet of a red succulent studded with Opuntia cacti. At the cliff edge, we spend time watching birds like frigatebirds, flocks of Galapagos shearwaters, and of particular note, flights of displaying red-billed tropicbirds.



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
2 hours hike

Afternoon

After a fabulous snorkel in the turquoise waters of the protected bay, we may have enjoyed time with sea lions, turtles, reef sharks and spotted eagle rays. Landing on a sandy beach, we spend time watching the abundant sea lions there with us and . We begin a walk past a forest of island-endemic giant Opuntia cacti and we can watch the Santa Fe land Iguana



Difficulty level
Medium ●



Type of terrain
Rocky



Duration
30 min Kayaking
1 hour 45 min hike
1 hour deep snorkeling
45 min Glass-bottom boat




DAY 4

THURSDAY

 Morning

Named for some wrecked World War II barges whose ribs are still visible in the sand this visitor site offers great swimming, a lovely walk along the shore, and a visit to a lagoon behind the high tide line with wading birds, marine iguanas and sometimes even flamingoes. The two beaches are also favorite nesting sites for green turtles which often leave tractor-like tracks in the sand.



 **Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)**



Difficulty level
Intermediate ●



Type of terrain
Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration
1 ½ hour walk



 **Baltra Island Airport**

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