



## DISCOVER THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Set Departure Journeys

### DAY 04

#### Pristine ecosystems

FERNANDINA

**MORNING:** Explore Espinosa Point on Fernandina Island, the perfect spot to see marine iguana, the Galapagos hawk and multiple flightless cormorant nesting sites. No foreign species have ever invaded Fernandina and the untouched landscape was created by lava fields of the volcano La Cumbre.

**AFTERNOON:** An afternoon panga excursion along Tagus Cove provides you with the opportunity to also see the Galapagos penguin and other iconic sea birds up close.

### DAY 05

#### Myriad marine life

ISABELA

**MORNING:** Located on the west shore of Isabela Island at Perry Isthmus is Elizabeth Bay. Enjoy a panga excursion in search of penguin and blue-footed boobies.

**AFTERNOON:** Punta Moreno is ideal for snorkelling boasting an array of colourful fish, sea lion and even sharks. The coastal lagoons found in the middle of black lava flows are a fascinating sight.



### DAY 06

#### Tortoises and twins

SANTA CRUZ

**MORNING:** Begin your day with a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about the important conservation work taking place in the Galapagos. Next, visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center which was established to protect and preserve the Galapagos' tortoise population. Strolling through the park not only showcases the various tortoises but also the land iguana that are bred and nurtured at the centre.

After lunch, explore the highlands of Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz is the only island in the Galapagos that boasts every habitat type that exists in the archipelago. The journey from the coast into the highlands presents a wonderful opportunity to experience the lush tapestry of plant life that exists on these islands. You will also spend some time at the Tortoise Reserve El Chato where several subspecies of giant tortoises roam free.

### DAY 07

#### Island hopping

SOUTH PLAZA | SANTA FE

**MORNING:** Today you will explore Santa Fe Island, a charming little bay with two walking trails leading to a scenic viewpoint upon a craggy cliff and the other to a fascinating prickly pear cactus forest.

**AFTERNOON:** Later, visit South Plaza Island, a landscape of steep cliffs and Opuntia cacti, and home to playful sea lion and bright yellow and red land iguana.



### DAY 08

#### Departure

MOSQUERA | BALTRA

**MORNING:** The small island of Mosquera with its white sandy beaches, black lava rocks and turquoise waters is the last stop of your Galapagos adventure. Keep an eye out for the island's lively colony of Galapagos sea lion as well as the nesting grounds of the lava gull.

Thereafter, it is time to wave a fond farewell to the Galapagos as you head to Baltra Airport on Baltra Island for your flight onward.



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# Wildlife highlights in the west

The Galapagos is year-round wildlife destination, with highlights in the west including the lava gull and flightless cormorant.

	BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY	RED-FOOTED BOOBY	NAZCA BOOBY	FRIGATEBIRD	GALAPAGOS HAWK	LAVA GULL	GALAPAGOS PENGUIN	DARWIN'S FINCH	FLIGHTLESS CORMORANT	SANTA FE LAND IGUANA	LAND IGUANA	MARINE IGUANA	GIANT TORTOISE	SEA LION	SEA TURTLE	GALAPAGOS FLAMINGO
Balra				✓												
Santa Cruz		✓						✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sombrero Chino					✓							✓	✓	✓		
Rabida	✓		✓		✓							✓			✓	✓
Santiago	✓		✓		✓			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Fernandina					✓				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Isabela	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Santa Fe								✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
South Plaza											✓			✓		
Mosquera	✓					✓								✓	✓	

# West itinerary 2024 departure dates

Our west-bound 7-night itinerary sets course every two weeks, departing from Baltra Island.

## EMBARK

24 June

08 July

22 July

05 August

19 August

02 September

16 September

30 September

14 October

28 October

11 November

25 November

09 December

23 December

## DISEMBARK

01 July

15 July

29 July

12 August

26 August

09 September

23 September

07 October

21 October

04 November

18 November

02 December

16 December

30 December

