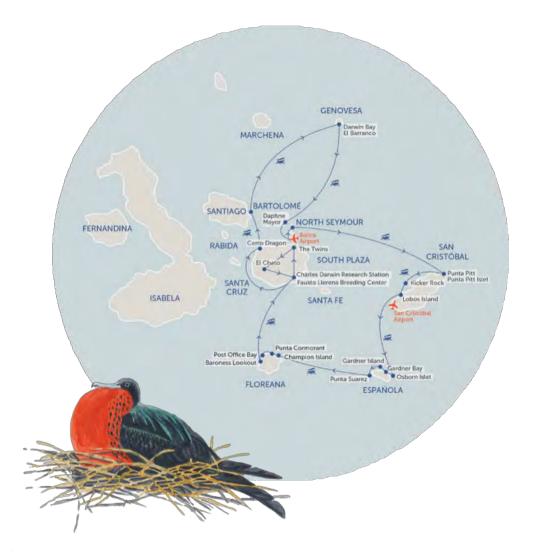
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BEST OF THE GALAPAGOS

East itinerary



01

Arrival

BALTRA | NORTH SEYMOUR

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to the Galapagos Explorer.

AFTERNOON: Begin your journey traversing North Seymour Island on foot in search of blue-footed boobies, colonies of frigatebirds, fork-tailed gulls, sea lion and land iguana. Palo santo trees can also be found on the island.

02

Swim and snorkel

SAN CRISTÓBAL

MORNING: Sail to Punta Pitt to explore a cluster of eroded volcanoes sparsely populated by endemic vegetation.

AFTERNOON: Discover Kicker Rock where you will find the remains of eroded lava flows as well as two vertical rocks rising 152 m (500 ft) from the ocean. This natural monument is great for spotting various tropicbirds, frigatebirds and boobies. You'll also visit Lobos Island, a small flat islet located 10 km (6.2 mi) northeast of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. This is a fantastic spot to observe nesting frigatebirds and blue-footed boobies as well as snorkel with friendly sea lion.



Iconic birdlife

ESPAÑOLA

MORNING: Today you will travel to Osborn Islet, Gardner Bay and Gardner Island. Bask in the sunshine on the pristine sandy white beaches and discover the vibrant underwater world by snorkelling along its rocky shores. Gardner Bay is also the only known breeding site for the critically endangered waved albatross.

AFTERNOON: Explore the rocky landscape of Punta Suarez, home to one of the most impressive and varied colonies of sea birds in the Galapagos as well as a large blowhole where ocean water has been seen to spray up to 15 – 23 m (50 - 75 ft) into the air.

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04

Beautiful beaches

FLOREANA

MORNING: This morning you will explore Champion Island and Punta Cormorant on Floreana Island. Floreana Island also boasts one of the largest lagoons in the Galapagos. Situated between two volcanoes, the lagoon is home to flamingo, common stilt and white-checked pintail duck. In addition, the island hosts a high percentage of endemic plant species as well as two distinct beaches, the olivine crystal Green Beach and coral Flour Sand Beach.

AFTERNOON: In the 18th century, sailors passing through the islands placed a wooden barrel on Floreana Island to use as an unofficial mailbox. Known as Post Office Bay today, the tradition continues as travellers leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home.



05

Tortoises and twins

SANTA CRUZ

MORNING: Begin your day with a visit 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.

AFTERNOON: After lunch, discover the highlands of Santa Cruz. Explore a pair of volcanic sinkholes called 'The Twins' (or Los Gemelos) formed by land collapsing beneath the surface before spending time at the Tortoise Reserve El Chato where several subspecies of giant tortoises roam free.



Rocky summits

SANTA CRUZ | BARTOLOMÉ

MORNING: The rocky, low-lying hill, Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) on Santa Cruz Island is home to an impressive population of Galapagos land iguana. These miniature dragons roam around the sun-scorched, boulder-strewn island, enjoying the fruits and flowers of their favourite food, the prickly pear.

AFTERNOON: Next, head to the famous Pinnacle Rock on Bartolomé Island. A walking trail leads to the summit of an extinct volcano, boasting some of the best views in the Galapagos. Pinnacle Rock beach is also ideal for snorkelling with Galapagos penguin.

07

Birdwatchers' paradise

GENOVESA

MORNING: The 14 km² (8.6 mi²) island of Genovesa is the tip of a submerged shield volcano that rises 76 m (249 ft) above sea level. Its central crater is filled with salt water while ocean erosion over time created the Darwin Bay on its southern slope. The island is known for its great swimming, snorkelling and panga excursions.

AFTERNOON: Genovesa is a paradise for sea birds, including large colonies of red-footed boobies and frigatebirds. Discover Prince Phillip's Steps (El Barranco), the breeding ground for the tree-loving red-footed booby and ground-nesting masked booby. The island is also home to four species of Darwin finches: the large ground finch, the sharp-beaked ground finch, the large cactus finch, and the warbler finch.

08

Departure

THE DAPHNES | BALTRA

MORNING: The Daphnes include two islands, Daphne Major and Daphne Minor, situated just north of Santa Cruz. Spend your last few hours in the Galapagos exploring Daphne Major. Nazca boobies, red-billed tropicbirds and blue-footed boobies can be found nesting here.

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 east

The Galapagos is a year-round wildlife destination, with highlights in the east including the waved albatross and Española mockingbird.

	BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY	RED-FOOTED BOOBY	NAZCA BOOBY	FRIGATEBIRD	WAVED ALBATROSS	GALAPAGOS PENGUIN	DARWIN' S FINCH	LAND	MARINE	GIANT	SEA LION	GALAPAGOS HAWK	ESPAÑOLA MOCKINGBIRD	SEA TURTLE	GALAPAGOS FLAMINGO
Baltra				✓											
North Seymour	~			~				~	~		~				
San Cristóbal	~	~		✓			~			✓	✓	~			
Kicker Rock	~			~							✓				
Española	~		~		Apr to Dec only (breeding season)				~			~	~	~	~
Floreana	~			✓			~					~		~	~
Santa Cruz							~			~	✓				
Bartolomé						~			~		~				
Genovesa		✓	~	~			~		~						
Daphne Major	~		✓								~			~	

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East itinerary 2024 departure dates

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

EMBARK	DISEMBARK					
17 June	24 June					
01 July	08 July					
15 July	22 July					
29 July	05 August					
12 August	19 August					
26 August	02 September					
09 September	16 September					
23 September	30 September					
07 October	14 October					
21 October	28 October					
04 November	11 November					
18 November	25 November					
02 December	09 December					
16 December	23 December					
30 December	06 January 2025					



