

ITINERARY B4 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

MONDAY - THURSDAY



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DAY 1 – MONDAY

MORNING FLIGHT TO BALTRA – NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

PM: After arriving at Baltra airport, we will be greeted by our naturalist guide to then board the M/C Analí and have lunch. After lunch, we will navigate a short distance to North Seymour, a small uplifted island, where we will walk right up to bird nesting colonies of the two species of frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, and swallow tailed gulls, and experience, depending on the season, spectacular mating ritual displays.

- **Possible Activities:** Hiking – snorkeling – panga ride
- **Difficulty:** Moderate
- **Landing Type:** Dry
- **Wildlife:** Land and marine iguanas, frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, common noddies, sea lions, rays, reef sharks, and hammerhead sharks

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

PINNACLE ROCK, BUCCANEERS' COVE & ESPUMILLA BEACH (BARTOLOME ISLAND)



AM: Dry landing at Bartolome to climb up the wooden steps and reach the summit of this spatter cone for a most breath-taking panorama of the island's well photographed Pinnacle Rock and views of neighboring Santiago and many other central islands in the distance. Afterward, we will visit the white sand beach used as a nest site by sea turtles. Bartolome is also a good place to spot the Galapagos penguin.

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- **Difficulty:** Moderate
- **Landing Type:** Wet
- **Wildlife:** Galapagos penguins, sea lions, rays, sea turtles and white-tipped sharks

PM: At Buccaneer Cove, we will take a panga ride around the beautiful coastline. This place got its name because it used to be a refuge for British Buccaneers, which anchored here to collect supplies and clean their ships, among other activities. The cove is very scenic with views of the cliffs and a dark beach.

We head to central Santiago to disembark at Espumilla (wet landing), onto a golden-colored sand beach, used by green sea turtles as a nesting site. A forest trail will take us through some of the largest specimens of Palo Santo on the islands to observe yellow warblers, the amazing Galapagos flycatcher, and Darwin finches.

- **Possible Activities:** Hiking – snorkeling – panga ride - Kayaking
- **Difficulty:** Moderate
- **Landing Type:** Wet
- **Wildlife:** Yellow warblers, Galapagos flycatcher, Darwin finches



DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

PUERTO EGAS (SANTIAGO ISLAND) & RABIDA ISLAND

AM: At Puerto Egas (wet landing), we disembark on a dark sand volcanic beach with an interesting history of human settlement. Sleepy Galapagos fur seals lounge under arches of lava carved by the ocean and occasionally dip into the crystalline pools, also known as “grottos.” Walk along the shore and observe the abundant marine life.

- **Possible Activities:** Hiking – snorkeling
- **Difficulty:** Moderate

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- **Landing Type:** Wet
- **Wildlife:** Fur seals, Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos hawks, oystercatchers, marine iguanas, finches, reef sharks, turtles, rays, and fish

PM: Wet landing onto Rabida's deep-red beaches to explore the red island's fascinating interior and saltwater lagoon, where flamingos are usually present. Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds, and yellow warblers feed off the vegetation. Given the right time of the year, we may see brown pelicans nesting on salt bushes that fringe the beach.

- **Possible Activities:** Hiking – snorkeling – panga ride - kayaking
- **Difficulty:** Easy
- **Landing Type:** Wet
- **Wildlife:** Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds, pelicans, and yellow warblers

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

CHARLES DARWIN STATION & DEPARTURE

AM: We will spend this morning visiting Santa Cruz Island's most famous highlights. We will have a dry landing at the dock of Puerto Ayora to then board our transportation and head to the Charles Darwin Station. Here, we will see tortoises from different islands. The animals are found in large semi natural pens for their protection, but also to ensure an easy view for the visitors. The pens are divided according to four different stages: eggs, neonates, juveniles (held here until they are mature enough to be "repatriated"), and adults.

- **Possible Activities:** Hiking
- **Difficulty:** Easy
- **Landing Type:** Dry
- **Wildlife:** Giant tortoises and land iguanas

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