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Mainland Ecuador &
Galápagos Islands

GALAPAGOS ITINERARY



**GALAVEN - 4 DAYS
ITINERARY**

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

MORNING FLIGHT FROM QUITO OR GUAYAQUIL TO BALTRA NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND -BLACK TURTLE COVE

Assistance at the airport by our representative for your Galapagos flight.

You will arrive at Baltra Island in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim you will be met by Galaven staff and transferred to the yacht. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing.

In the afternoon we will visit Black Turtle Cove is situated in the northern part of Santa Cruz. This inlet is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy. The shallow cove is a safe haven for young marine life. Black-tip and white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, and a variety of rays are often spotted here.

DAY 2

EL BARRANCO & DARWIN BAY

Genovesa Island is located at the inner part of Darwin Bay. This area contains an abundance of frigatebirds and other interesting seabirds. Behind the small beach filled with nesting areas for frigates, Red-footed Boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls are a number of tide pools. At high tide it is likely that the trail will be covered with water. Our morning visit is to the El Barranco, also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, El Barranco's steep, rocky paths leads up to a high cliff-face. A marvelous view can be appreciated from here. This site is also home to Palo Santo vegetation as well as Redfooted Boobies, Short-eared Lava Owls, Galapagos Swallows, and Galapagos Doves.

In the afternoon, you will head to Darwin Bay, this white-sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (0.5 miles / 0.75km) that winds through mangroves filled with land birds. Nazca Boobies, Red-footed Boobies, and Swallow-tailed Gulls can be spotted here. Further down the path are tidal pools where sea lions swim playfully. At the end is a spectacular view off a cliff.

ISLANDS

- Santa Cruz
- Genovesa Island
- Santiago Island
- Rabida Island

SUMMARY

Visit the islands of Santa Cruz, Genovesa, Santiago and Rabida on this 4-day Galapagos itinerary onboard the Galaven yacht. Explore the marine species nursing grounds of Black Turtle Cove by panga, then hike up El Barranco (Prince Phillip's Steps) to see red-footed boobies perched in the Palo Santo trees. Witness the unique pahoehoe lava flows of Sullivan Bay and see giant tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station

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RABIDA ISLAND

RED SAND BEACH

DAY 3 SANTIAGO ISLAND – SULLIVAN BAY & RABIDA ISLAND

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DAY 4 CHARLES DARWIN SATATION & DEPARTURE

This day you can know The Charles Darwin Research Station; this is home to turtles ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Sub-species of turtles interact with one another and many of the older turtles are accustomed to humans, stretching out their heads for a pet. The babies are kept until they are about four years old and strong enough to survive on their own.

After this final visit, you will be transferred to the airport in time to catch your flight back to the mainland.