



HERMES GALAPAGOS MEGA CATAMARAN

Itinerary A
5 Day/4 Night (Sunday – Monday)

Day 1 - Sunday - Baltra Airport / Santa Cruz Island: Bachas Beach

AM Baltra Airport

Upon your arrival at the Baltra airport, a Hermes' guide will welcome you to the Galapagos Islands and will escort you to the superyacht where you will enjoy a delicious lunch and learn about Hermes.

PM Santa Cruz Island: Bachas Beach

In the afternoon you will have your first excursion at Bachas Beach, where the sand is made of decomposed coral, making it soft and white, and a favorite site for nesting sea turtles. You will spot abundant Sally Lightfoot crabs on the lava rocks along the water's edge—these crabs will eat anything they can get their claws on!

The site will also give you the opportunity to see frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, and sea lions.

Hike

Difficulty: Easy.

Lenght: 45 Min.

Type of Terrain: An easy trek along the beach.

Wildlife: Greater Flamingos, Blue-footed Boobies, Sea Lion, Lava Heron, Frigate Birds.

Highlights: Interesting native and endemic vegetation, red and black mangroves, salt bushes, and much more.

Type of Landing: Wet.

Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

Wildlife: Galapagos Marine Iguana, Galapagos Sting Rays, Galapagos Green Turtle, Sea Lion.

Highlights: White Coral Beach, Calm Bay, WWII Barge Remains, Sandy Bottom, Clear Waters.



Day 2 - Monday - Isabela Island: Tagus Cove / Urbina Bay

AM Isabela Island: Tagus Cove

In the morning, you visit Tagus Cove on Isabela Island, a historic anchorage once favored by whalers and pirates dating back to the 1800s. After a dry landing, you'll follow a fascinating trail up the slopes of the Darwin Volcano. The hike will reward you with stunning panoramic views and will lead you to the surprising Darwin's Lake—a saltwater crater lake located above sea level!

You'll embark on a thrilling dinghy ride along the cliffs where you will admire various seabirds, including Blue-footed Boobies, Brown Noddies, and the endemic Flightless Cormorant. Another highlight will be the snorkeling session in the cove: the cold, rich currents attract incredible life. You will swim alongside playful Galapagos Penguins, large schools of fish, and possibly even sea turtles, making this spot an underwater paradise you won't soon forget.

Hike

Difficulty: Medium

Length: 1 Hour

Type of Terrain: Steep & Petrified Lava.

Wildlife: Greater Flamingos, Boobies (Blue-footed, Nazca), Sea Lion, Galapagos Hawk, Frigate Birds.

Highlights: Red Sand Beach and Mangrove Lagoon.

Type of Landing: Dry.

Snorkeling & Kayak

Difficulty: Easy

Wildlife: Blue-footed Boobies, Brown Noddy, Flightless Cormorant, Galapagos Penguins, Marine Iguanas depend on the season.

Highlights: Volcanic Cliffs, Rocky Seabed, Deep-Water Cove, Submerged Formations, Excellent Visibility.



PM Isabela Island: Urbina Bay

You will visit the extraordinary Urbina Bay, a place formed by a dramatic geological event in 1954 when a large section of the shallow sea bottom uplifted, exposing a sprawling coral reef above sea level. This site, located west of Isabela, will provide you with spectacular views of the towering Alcedo Volcano.

After a wet landing, you will walk through this unusual landscape, where you will witness the impressive coral fossils scattered across the plain, far from the water's edge. This area is also prime territory for observing large Galapagos Land Iguanas, often seen munching on vegetation. This area will be a fantastic spot for snorkeling: you can swim close to a small, resident Galapagos Penguin colony and you will have the rare chance to see the peculiar Galapagos Marine Iguanas feeding underwater on the algae, offering a truly intimate wildlife encounter.

Hike

Difficulty: Medium

Length: 1 Hour

Type of Terrain: Flat.

Wildlife: Flightless Cormorants, Pelicans, and Marine Iguanas.

Highlights: Uplifted Seabed, Lava Formations, Coral Fragments Above Sea Level, Volcanic Backdrop, Coastal Trail.

Type of Landing: Dry.

Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy.

Wildlife: Green Turtles, Rays, Reef fish, Galapagos Penguin.

Highlights: Red Sand Beach, Volcanic Coastline, Reef Fish.



Day 3 - Tuesday - Fernandina Island: Espinoza Point / Isabela Island: Vicente Roca Point

AM Fernandina Island: Espinoza Point

Your morning will deliver an unparalleled wildlife experience at Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, the youngest and most volcanically active island in Galapagos. After a dry landing, you will embark on a fascinating hike across the black, basaltic lava flows. The morning timing is ideal, as you will witness one of the largest and most concentrated colonies of marine iguanas on Earth, often basking en masse to warm up after their cold nightly dives.

Another highlight of the morning will be observing the endemic Flightless Cormorant. You will have the chance to see these unique birds with their rudimentary wings drying in the sun, or executing clumsy but effective dives in search of food. You must pay attention to the natural tide pools carved into the lava rock, teeming with marine life, where vibrant Sally Lightfoot crabs add a splash of scarlet color to the monochrome landscape. From this privileged location, you will enjoy spectacular views across the Bolivar Channel toward Isabela Island and Fernandina's La Cumbre Volcano.

Hike

Difficulty: Medium

Length: 1 Hour 45 Min

Type of Terrain: Uneven volcanic

Wildlife: Brown Pelican, Flightless Cormorant, Galapagos Hawk, Frigate Birds.

Highlights: The flat jet-black lava of Espinosa Point is a defining feature of its stark and barren landscape.

Type of Landing: Dry.

Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

Wildlife: Galapagos Marine Iguana, Galapagos Penguins, Galapagos Green Turtle, Sea Lion.

Highlights: Volcanic Shelf, Rocky Seabed, Marine Upwelling Zone, Clear Waters, Submerged Lava Formations.



PM Isabela Island: Vicente Roca Point

Your exploration will take you to the truly unique Vicente Roca Point, located on Isabela's dramatic northwestern coast. This site, the remnant of a collapsed volcanic cone, will offer an adventure entirely in the water, as there is no landing here. Instead, you will embark on a thrilling panga ride alongside the towering cliffs, where you will seek out seabirds like Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies, and the endemic, Flightless Cormorants nesting on the rocky ledges.

This site also offer event will be the world-class snorkeling experience. Due to the deep, nutrient-rich upwelling currents, the waters here are vibrant. You will jump into the ocean for an unforgettable swim, where you will very likely glide alongside dozens of graceful Green Sea Turtles. Moreover, you will have the chance to swim with playful Galapagos Penguins and look for exotic creatures like the peculiar Red-lipped Batfish and the immense Mola Mola (Ocean Sunfish) that sometimes frequent these rich feeding grounds. This marine spectacle will solidify your Galapagos experience!

Snorkeling & Panga Ride

Difficulty: Easy

Lenght: 1 Hour

Wildlife: Sea Turtles, Rays, Puffer Fish.

Highlights: Nesting area for sea turtles, rays & sea birds. One of the richest marine havens, seabirds, marine turtles, sunfish, rays, etc.



Day 4 - Wednesday - Santiago Island: Egas Port / Buccaneer Cove

AM Santiago Island: Egas Port

Your exploration will take you to Egas Port on Santiago Island, a site characterized by its dramatic, black lava sand and volcanic rock formations. This location will immediately immerse you in history, as you will see the rusty remnants of a former salt mine that operated here in the 1960s.

You will embark on a captivating coastal hike that winds past intriguing grottos and natural lava pools. You will witness the charismatic Galapagos Fur Seals—shyer than their sea lion cousins—basking and cooling off in the shade of the grottos. You will also observe large colonies of marine iguanas that blend seamlessly with the dark rock, alongside the vibrant, scuttling Sally Lightfoot crabs. Later, you will grab your snorkel gear for an incredible session right off the beach, where you will swim alongside playful sea lions, sea turtles, and schools of tropical fish in the crystal-clear waters, guaranteeing stunning photos both above and below the surface.

Hike

Difficulty: Medium

Length: 2 Hour 30 Min

Type of Terrain: Flat & Semi-rocky.

Wildlife: Fur Sea Lions, Galapagos Sea Lion, Galapagos Hawk, Marine Iguanas.

Highlights: Red Sand Beach and Mangrove Lagoon, Cone Trail, Lava Shoreline, Salt Mine History, Coastal Grottos, Panoramic Views.

Type of Landing: Wet.

Snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

Wildlife: Reef sharks, Green Turtles, Rays, White-tipped Sharks.

Highlights: Black Sand Beach, Volcanic Shelf, Coastal Pools, Clear Waters, Submerged Lava Formations.



PM Santiago Island: Buccaneer Cove

The adventure will lead you to the historic Buccaneer Cove, a favorite hideout for pirates, whalers, and buccaneers in centuries past, who used the area to stock up on food and water. This visit is entirely on the water, offering fantastic coastal exploration!

You will jump into the panga (dinghy) and cruise alongside magnificent high cliffs and unique rock formations, witnessing the erosion carved by time and sea. You will spot sea lions and fur seals relaxing on the small beaches below the high cliffs, and you'll see various sea birds like the Brown Pelican nesting in the crevices of the cove. This stunning, sheltered bay will give you fantastic opportunities for photography, capturing the dramatic geology and the abundant wildlife that now reigns supreme where outlaws once moored.

Snorkeling, Kayak & Panga Ride

Difficulty: Easy

Wildlife: Galapagos Marine Iguana, Galapagos Sting Rays, Galapagos Green Turtle, Sea Lion.

Highlights: Eroded Cliffs, Submerged Rock Formations, Sandy Bottom, Coastal Coves, Clear Waters.

Day 5: Thursday - North Seymour Island / Baltra Airport



AM North Seymour and Baltra Airport

Your grand finale will be an unforgettable morning excursion to North Seymour Island, an uplifted ocean floor that is now teeming with life. Following a dry landing, you will enter one of the Galapagos' most active nesting colonies. You'll walk along the circular trail, where you'll literally share the path with the wildlife—you will step aside for passing sea lions and prehistoric-looking marine iguanas!

The main draw will be observing the famous Blue-footed Boobies performing their high-stepping courtship dance, often nesting just inches from the trail. Further along, you'll find the large nesting site of the Magnificent Frigatebirds. You will marvel at the males, who will sit perched with their huge, scarlet throat sacks spectacularly inflated to attract a mate. This site provides an unmatched, close-up encounter with Galapagos' most iconic bird species, making it a truly fitting climax to your adventure.

Hike

Difficulty: Medium

Lenght: 1 Hour

Type of Terrain: Mostly flat along an easy path.

Wildlife: Land & marine iguanas, Frigatebirds, Blue-footed Boobies, Sea Lions.

Highlights: Uplifted Seabed, Lava Plateaus, Coastal Views, Arid Vegetation, Scenic Loop Trail.

Type of Landing: Dry.