



## Cormorant – 4 Days Itinerary

A beautiful brand new catamaran owned by a Galapagos family and run and administrated by a local company with a reputation for excellent service. Very spacious cabins, all with a private balcony with a Jacuzzi, huge sun deck – it offers all the amenities of a larger boat whilst still preserving the relaxed exclusivity of a smaller vessel. This is a great short itinerary with a great selection of Galapagos wildlife and including the beautiful island of Espanola.



## Day 1 San Cristobal - Arrival at the airport in Galapagos



**San Cristobal - Leon Dormido** Sometimes called Kicker Rock, Leon Dormido is a huge rock formation that is the remains of an ash cone eroded by the sea, with two vertical rocks rising over 150 meters from the ocean and a favourite spot for Tropicbirds along with Great and Magnificent Frigatebirds. You will visit this site by boat and it is a great spot for snorkelling.

**Leon Dormido - Activities:** Snorkelling & panga Ride

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** No landing

**Highlights:** Deep water snorkelling: Sharks, tropical fish, turtles, manta rays (occ.), hammerhead shark, spectacular rock formations, sea birds: Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies & frigatebirds. Second best place to snorkel.



## Day 2

**Espanola (Hood)** This island is one of the highlights of any visit to Galapagos. Espanola is the southernmost island in the Galapagos, and is also the oldest. Numerous Sea Lions are seen here, plus hundreds of Marine Iguanas basking on the rocks. Espanola's Marine Iguanas are unlike other Galapagos Marine Iguanas thanks to their bright colouring, and the Lava Lizards are distinctive too. Espanola is home to thousands of nesting seabirds all year, including Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies and Frigatebirds. Between late March and early December the Waved Albatross, perhaps the most spectacular of Galapagos birds, returns to Espanola by the thousands to perform their amazing mating dance and produce the next generation. Almost the entire population breeds on this island during this time, and they spend the rest of the year at sea.



**Punta Suarez - Activities:** Hike (1.9 mi / 3 km)

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Type of Landing:** Dry Landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Hood Mockingbird, Nazca Boobies, Waved Albatross, Red-billed tropicbirds, lava lizards, Galapagos Hawk, Blue-footed Boobies, blow hole, amazing landscape

During your visit to **Gardner Bay** there's time to hang out with Sea Lions and snorkel, as well as walk the beautiful white sand beach here, arguably one of the most beautiful beaches in Galapagos.



**Gardner Bay - Activities:** Snorkelling, panga ride, kayaking, short hike (0.6 mi /1km)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights & Animals:** White sandy beach, sea lions, mockingbirds. Snorkelling: colourful fish, sea lion nursery



### Day 3 Floreana – Baroness Viewpoint

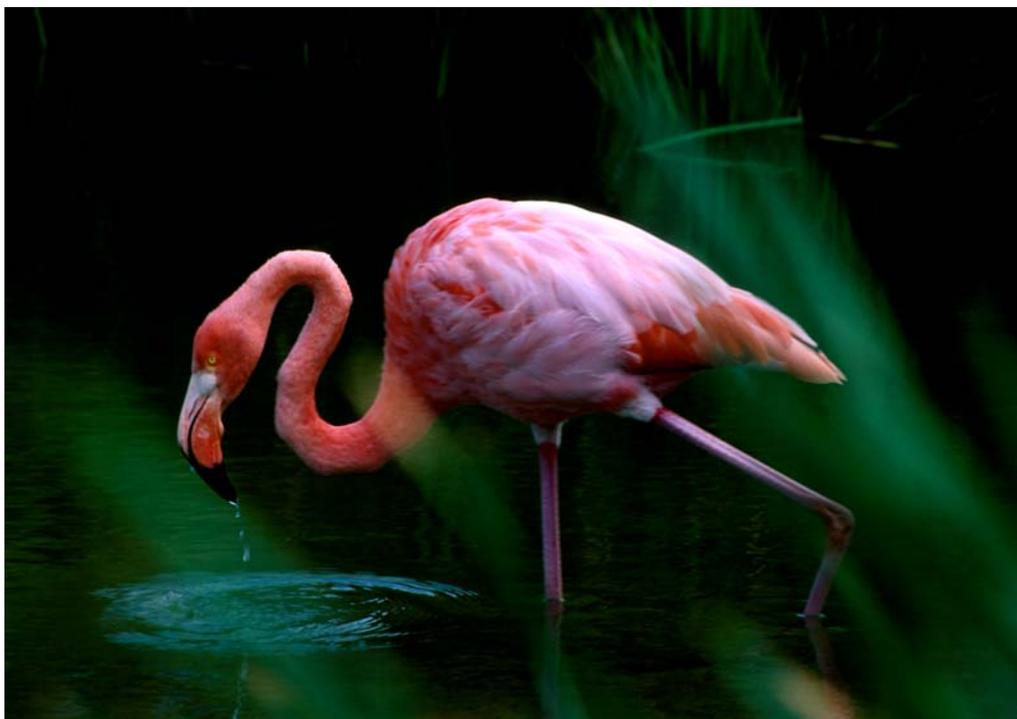
Baroness Viewpoint is a fantastic place to absorb the environment of the Galapagos. Once inhabited by an indulgent Baroness and her three lovers, the history of this island is intriguing. The legends about this baroness are associated with a fascinating murder mystery. There are easy trails in this area for exploring the flora and fauna of Floreana.

**Baroness Viewpoint - Possible Activities:** Short hike (0.6 mi / 1 km)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights:** great view, Sea turtles, mysterious story about the first inhabitants of the islands.



Then we will visit the famous **Post Office Bay**. You will land on a beach and head to a spot where 18th century whalers placed a wooden barrel for use as an unofficial mail box. The custom continues to this day with Galapagos visitors. So, don't forget your postcards, and don't be surprised if the post card arrives to its destination before you even get home!

**Post Office Bay - Possible Activities:** Short hike (less than 0.6 mi / 1km) & snorkelling  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Type of Landing:** Wet landing **Highlights:** Barrel Post Office, nice sandy beach



In the afternoon, we will head to **Cormorant Point**. Here you will enjoy a hike to a salt-water lagoon which is home to Flamingos. You will also get to swim in **Champion** the one of the best snorkelling site in the Galapagos Islands.

**Cormorant Point** – Activities: Snorkelling & panga ride & hike (1.2 mi/2km)  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Type of landing:** Wet landing  
**Highlights and Animals:** Flamingos, Devil's Crown: The best snorkelling site in Galapagos Islands with sharks, rays, rock formations, lots of tropical fish.



**Day 4 Santa Cruz - Charles Darwin Research Station** The Charles Darwin Research Station offers a great chance to learn about the work being done to conserve and protect the islands wildlife. For some visitors (depending on the time of year) this is the only time to see Giant Tortoises and certainly the closest range opportunity. It is also a great chance to see the Tortoise Rearing Centre.

**Charles Darwin Research Station - Activities:** Walking  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Type of Landing:** Dry landing  
**Highlights & Animals:** Giant Tortoises, land and marine iguanas, variety of birds

After this final visit, you will be transferred to Baltra for your flight back to the mainland, or continue your adventure in Galapagos with an extension staying on one of the inhabited islands.

**Please note:** *Itineraries are unlikely to change significantly but are subject to change. Weather, wildlife breeding, instructions from the Galapagos National Park, specific abilities and interests of passengers as well as operational matters may cause your guide or captain to change the times or nature of your visits. Your guide will always endeavour to have the best itinerary for you within these constraints.*



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