



## Cormorant – 5 Days

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 itinerary, taking you through the central and southern parts of the Galapagos with a great selection of Galapagos wildlife.



## Day 1 Baltra - Arrival at the airport in Galapagos

**Santa Cruz - Bachas Beach** A beautiful white sandy beach punctuated by lava formations. The wonderfully soft sand here makes it a favourite site for nesting Sea Turtles. Here you will also see White Mangroves, one of the three species found in the Galapagos, as well as Marine Iguanas and Flamingos if you are lucky.



**Bachas Beach - Difficulty:** Easy

**Type of Landing:** Wet landing

**Highlights & Animals:** World War II remnants, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black necked stilts, whimbrels, sea turtles

**Day 2 Bartolome** Home to one of the most iconic scenery shots of Galapagos, this small island located off the eastern shore of James Island is home to beautiful panoramic views. The striking volcanic landscape looks almost lunar and provides a great introduction to the volcanic origins of the islands, with spatter cones and cinder cones. You will also see Pinnacle Rock, a striking example of a tuff cone, and good examples of pioneering plants, including some beautiful strands of lava cactus. At sea level, this is a great place for swimming and snorkelling, if you are lucky with Galapagos Penguins.



**Bartolome - Activities:** Panga ride, snorkelling & hike (1.2 mi / 2 km)  
**Difficulty:** Moderate/ difficult. Walk up to the top of volcano 114 meters, 375 wooden steps  
**Type of Landing:** Dry and wet landing  
**Highlights & Animals:** Pinnacle rock, panoramic view, moonlike landscape, penguins, pioneer plants, lava cactus. Snorkelling: penguins, reef sharks, rays great colourful fish.



**James (Santiago) – Sullivan Bay** This site is of great geological interest and is located southeast of Santiago Island. Sullivan Bay offers a rare look at a recently formed lava-field. Located on the eastern coast of James Island, just across from Bartolome, this lava field is thought to have been created in eruptions that took place around 1890.

**Sullivan Bay - Activities:** Hike (1.3 mi / 1 ½ km) swimming and snorkelling  
**Difficulty:** Moderate the lava is very hot so be sure to have thick-soled shoes.  
**Type of Landing:** Dry landing at the rocky shore and a wet landing at the white sand beach  
**Highlights & Animals:** Pahoehoe lava flows, which has hardened in accordion-style formation. Small glass-like bubbles of lava can be found, called “hornitos”. Swimming with sea lions and other wildlife from the shore is a lovely way to finish off the tour.



**Day 3 South Plaza** is the best island for observing Land Iguanas, along with Cactus Finches, Tropic Birds and Sea Lions. One of your first stops will be through a small “forest” of Prickly Pear (Opuntia) Cactus. The walk along the sea cliffs is a wonderful experience, with Audubon’s Shearwaters and Red-billed Tropicbirds gliding by. Towards the end of the walk is a Bachelor Sea Lion colony, with a battle-scarred collection of old bulls in various states of recuperation or total retirement!



**South Plaza - Activities:** Hike (1.5 mi / 2 ½ km)

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Type of Landing:** Dry landing

**Highlights & Animals:** Land iguanas, sea lion colony, Audubon's shearwaters, Swallow-tailed Gulls, Nazca Boobies, amazing landscape with cliffs

**Santa Fe** A volcanic uplift, this island offers a great chance to see the Land Iguanas (*Conolophus pallidus*) endemic to Santa Fe Island. Some of these can be 5 feet long and have a beautiful golden-yellow colour that shows off the scales to advantage. In the same area you'll also see a forest of giant prickly pear cactus. After your visit swimming and snorkelling will often follow.



**Santa Fe - Activities:** Hiking

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Type of Landing:** Dry landing

**Highlights:** Land Iguanas, giant endemic cacti (*Opuntia*)

**Day 4 San Cristobal – Cerro Brujo** The striking, eroded tuff cone was one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin, it is has a beautiful white coral sand beach where you can take a leisurely walk (depending on time of year) visited by Brown Pelicans, Blue-footed Boobies, and Swallow Tail Gulls as well as Marine Iguanas and Sea Lions. The beauty of this dramatic area can also be explored by 'panga' or small dingy where you can explore a tunnel that goes all the way through the eroded rock formation.



**Cerro Brujo - Activities:** Hike, panga ride, snorkelling & kayaking  
**Difficulty:** Easy walk along the beach  
**Type of Landing:** Wet landing  
**Highlights & Animals:** Beautiful rock formations, sea lions, shore birds, land birds: finches and mockingbirds, snorkeling: nice tropical fish, anemones, sponge coral

**San Cristobal – Punta Pitt** Located in the northwest of the island, this is a large eroded ash cone with dramatic volcanic scenery and is home to a large colony of Sea Lions, as well as Red-footed Boobies, Blue-footed Boobies and Nazca boobies.

**Punta Pitt - Activities:** Panga ride, snorkelling, kayaking & hike (1.5 mi / 2 ½ km)  
**Difficulty:** Moderate/difficult  
**Type of Landing:** Wet landing  
**Highlights & Animals:** Wonderful landscape, sea lion colony, three possible species of Boobies.



**Day 5 San Cristobal – Puerto Baquerizo and the Interpretation Centre** The easternmost island in the archipelago, this island has a small town, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and is home to a fantastic interpretation centre, which provides an excellent overview to the islands natural history and the conservation work being done to protect it.

After this final visit, you will be transferred to the airport 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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