



Cormorant II – 4 Days Central, Southern and Eastern



A beautiful new luxury catamaran purpose built for Galapagos and launched in 2023 with a sleek design, lots of deck space and exceptional levels of personalised service with 12 crew members plus cruise director to look after up to 16 guests on board. A particularly spacious and comfortable yacht with 9 beautifully styled suites each with expansive ocean view windows and private balconies with twin or king-sized beds.

One of the best 4-day itineraries possible— as it includes Española. An excellent mix of islands allowing you to see a wide selection of Galapagos wildlife, fascinating scenery, with superb snorkelling opportunities especially with sea lions .





Day 1 Arrive to San Cristobal

Upon arrival to San Cristobal, once you have cleared the Galapagos migration controls and paid your US\$200 Galapagos National Park entrance fee and collected your luggage, you will be met by the team from the Cormorant II and taken to the yacht where you will check into your cabin and have some time to settle in before you set off navigating to your first visitor site.

Over the next 4 days you will visit the following islands and visitor sites:

San Cristobal - Isla Lobos A perfect place to swim with playful sea lions and snorkel. This basalt island outcropping lives up to its name of "Sea Lion Island". As well as the sea lion colony on the beach it is also a nesting place for Blue-footed Boobies.

Activities: Hike (0.5 mi / 0.8 km), dinghy ride, snorkelling

Difficulty: Short but difficult walk.

Type of Landing: Dry landing

Highlights & Animals: Sea lion colony, shore birds, seasonal nesting frigatebirds, Darwin finches. Snorkelling: sea lions, fish.



Or San Cristobal Leon Dormido

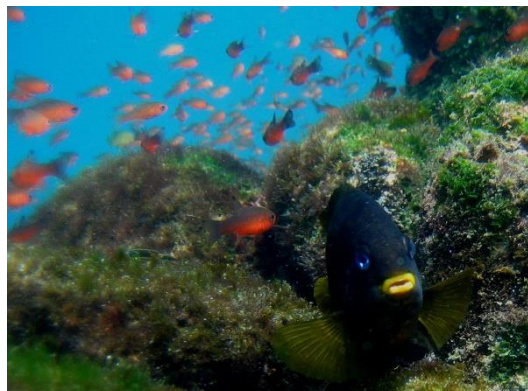
Sometimes called Kicker Rock, Leon Dormido is a huge rock formation near the coast of San Cristobal, an eroded cinder cone with two vertical rocks rising over 150 meters from the ocean, and a favourite spot for Tropicbirds along with Great and Magnificent Frigatebirds. You will visit this site by boat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

Activities: Snorkelling & dinghy Ride

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: No landing

Highlights: Deep water snorkelling: Sharks, tropical fish, Turtles, Manta rays, Hammerhead shark, spectacular rock formations, sea birds: Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies & Frigatebirds.



Day 6 Española (Hood)

This island is one of the highlights of any visit to Galapagos. Española is the southernmost island in the Galapagos, and is also one of the oldest. Numerous sea lions are seen here, plus hundreds of Marine Iguanas basking on the rocks.

Española's Marine Iguanas are unlike other Galapagos Marine Iguanas thanks to their bright colouring.

Española is home to thousands of nesting seabirds all year, including Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies and frigatebirds. Between late March and December, the Waved Albatross, perhaps the most spectacular of Galapagos birds, returns to Española 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 Suárez

Regarding the amount of wildlife, this is one of the best trails in the whole islands. Despite the difficult terrain, the walk is an absolute marvel, as from the beginning to the end you will see large quantities of sea lions, Marine Iguanas, Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies, gulls, Galapagos Hawks and during most of the year, Waved Albatross. There are spectacular views of flying birds from the cliffs.

Activities: Hike (1.2 mi / 2 km)

Difficulty: Difficult, rocky terrain.

Type of Landing: Dry Landing

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



Gardner Bay

This beautiful bay is nestled between Gardner islet and the beautiful coral sand beach in Española. You will visit a spectacular white sand beach, home to one of the largest sea lion colonies in the islands, where you can also see endemic Española Mockingbirds and with some luck, Galapagos Hawks.

Activities: Snorkelling and kayaking. Short hike along the beach (0.6 mi / 1km)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Highlights & Animals: White sandy beach, sea lion colony, mockingbirds Galapagos Hawks. Snorkelling: colourful fish, Sea lion nursery.



Day 7 Floreana - Post Office Bay

The famous Post Office Bay is where people leave their mail to be picked up and delivered by others in the “post office” barrel—a time-honoured tradition begun by whalers more than two hundred years ago.

Activities: Short hike (less than 0.2 mi / 0.3km), lava tunnel & snorkelling
Difficulty: Easy
Type of Landing: Wet landing
Highlights: Barrel Post Office, lava tunnel inland (difficult access), nice sandy beach

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 to an outlook to see wonderful vistas of Punta Cormorant, Post Office Bay and the Loberia.

Activities: Short hike (0.2 mi / 0.3 km)
Difficulty: Easy
Type of Landing: Wet landing
Highlights: Great view, sea turtles, mysterious story about the first inhabitants of the islands.



Floreana - Punta Cormorant

At Punta Cormorant you will walk on an olivine beach (a mineral known for its olive-green quality, that is found in meteorites, the moon and mars as well as on earth), visit a large lagoon where Greater Flamingos sometimes nest, and walk over to Flour Beach, a beautiful white sandy beach to look for Green Sea Turtle nests.

Activities: Hike (0.7 mi / 1.2km)
Difficulty: Easy
Type of Landing: Wet landing
Highlights and Animals: An easy walk along a coastal lagoon where Flamingos are often found, along with Stilts and Ducks. White sand beach.

Champion Islet A dinghy ride around this small pristine islet gives you the opportunity to see the elusive Floreana Mockingbird. Excellent snorkel.

Activities: Snorkelling & dinghy ride & hike (1.2 mi/2km)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: No landing

Highlights and Animals: One of the best snorkelling sites in Galapagos, with sea lions, reef sharks, rays, rock formations and lots of tropical fish.



Day 8 Santa Cruz – Puerto Ayora – Twin Craters

This morning the yacht will be docked in Puerto Ayora the main town in Santa Cruz island, and your visit today will be earlier and shorter than on other days as most of the guests on the trip will be heading to the airport afterwards to take their connecting flight back to the mainland.

The highlands of Santa Cruz are home to fascinating geological features, like lava tubes and the twin sinkhole craters of Los Gemelos, which are home to some 300 different fern species as well as a forest of Scalesias, a relative of sunflowers. This is where you will visit today and is an excellent area to look for some elusive endemics like the Woodpecker Finch (one of only a few bird species in the world to use tools), Small Tree Finch, Vegetarian Finch and Galapagos Rail.

Activities: Hike (0.9 mi / 1 ½ km)

Difficulty: Easy /moderate

Type of Landing:

Highlights & Animals: Pit craters, Scalesia Forest, Darwin finches, Warblers, Flycatchers.

After this visit you will head to the airport at Baltra where you will be helped by your guide to check in for your flight back to mainland Ecuador.

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 endeavor to have the best itinerary for you within these constraints.*

