



Darwin's Odyssey

TRIBUTE



Galapagos
Penguin

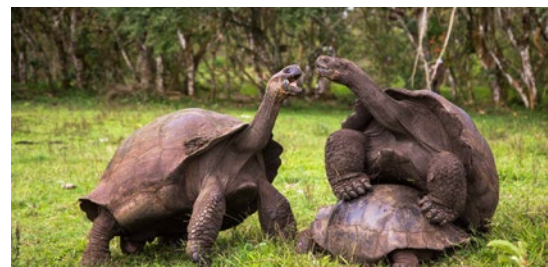
DAY 1 – Thursday

AM: Arrival at Baltra Airport

Your adventure begins as you land at Baltra Airport, where you'll be welcomed by our Oniric Cruises team and guided through entry formalities, including the Galapagos National Park entrance fee and Transit Control Card registration. A short transfer leads you to the harbor where the Galapagos Tribute awaits. After a warm welcome from the captain and crew, you'll settle into your suite and enjoy a gourmet lunch as we set sail.

PM: Highlands (Santa Cruz Island)

Your first island encounter begins in the lush, misty highlands of Santa Cruz, a verdant sanctuary where giant tortoises roam freely in the wild. Walk amid this living legacy in the El Chato Reserve, surrounded by endemic vegetation and diverse birdlife, for an unforgettable introduction to the archipelago



DAY 2 – Friday

AM: Tintoreras & Sierra Negra Volcano (Isabela Island)

Awake off the coast of Isabela, the largest and geologically youngest of the islands. Begin with a visit to Tintoreras Islet, a volcanic outcrop teeming with marine iguanas, white-tip reef sharks, and if you're lucky the elusive Galapagos penguin.

Later, a scenic inland transfer takes you to Sierra Negra Volcano, home to one of the world's largest volcanic calderas. Hike through five distinct vegetation zones and marvel at the sweeping lunar-like landscape from the crater rim. Along the trail, observe lava lizards, songbirds, and cacti that have adapted to thrive in this stark environment.

PM: Wetlands & Tortoise Breeding Center (Isabela)

This afternoon, explore the coastal wetlands near Puerto Villamil, where mangroves, brackish lagoons, and serene trails reveal flamingos, common stilts, and warblers in abundance. Conclude your visit at the Tortoise Breeding Center, an essential conservation initiative preserving endangered tortoise species in various stages of development a deeply moving example of ongoing ecological stewardship.



DAY 3 – Saturday

AM: Moreno Point (Isabela)

On the island's wild northwest coast, Punta Moreno offers a surreal tableau of hardened lava flows interrupted by tranquil brackish lagoons. Navigate this stark yet striking landscape to spot flamingos, marine turtles, and pintail ducks. Afterward, enjoy snorkeling in waters frequented by Pacific green turtles, rays, and an array of vibrant reef fish.

PM: Espinoza Point (Fernandina Island)

Considered one of the most pristine islands in the archipelago, Fernandina is a geological marvel untouched by invasive species. At Espinoza Point, witness the flightless Galapagos cormorant, a living testament to evolution, and walk among dense colonies of marine iguanas basking on lava rocks. Enjoy a snorkeling session rich with marine life, with potential sightings of sea lions, penguins, and sea turtles, all beneath the shadow of the towering La Cumbre Volcano.



DAY 4 – Sunday

AM: Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

Cruise along dramatic cliffs into Tagus Cove, a historic anchorage for pirates and whalers. A short hike leads to a panoramic lookout over Darwin Lake, surrounded by graffiti carved into stone by sailors from centuries past. Back at sea level, opt for a kayaking expedition along the rugged shoreline or dive into a snorkeling adventure where penguins, flightless cormorants, and marine turtles may join you.

PM: Vicente Roca Point (Isabela Island)

Sail across the Bolívar Channel to reach this breathtaking site at the foot of Ecuador Volcano. Here, the eroded volcanic amphitheater reveals sea caves and deep waters rich with marine life. Snorkeling is superb, offering encounters with sunfish (Mola mola), seahorses, pufferfish, and perhaps sharks gliding silently below.



DAY 5 – Monday

AM: Pinnacle Rock (Bartholomew Island)

The day begins at one of the archipelago's most iconic vistas. Ascend to the summit of Bartholomew Island for a sweeping panorama over Pinnacle Rock, a jagged lava spire rising from the sea. Along the trail, observe lava cactus and other hardy pioneer plants slowly colonizing the young volcanic soil.

PM: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

Step into a moonlike landscape of pahoehoe lava flows, frozen in time since the late 19th century. This otherworldly terrain offers a compelling look at recent volcanic activity and provides excellent photographic opportunities. Then, enjoy snorkeling in the surrounding shallow waters, where penguins, reef sharks, rays, and Pacific green turtles roam freely.





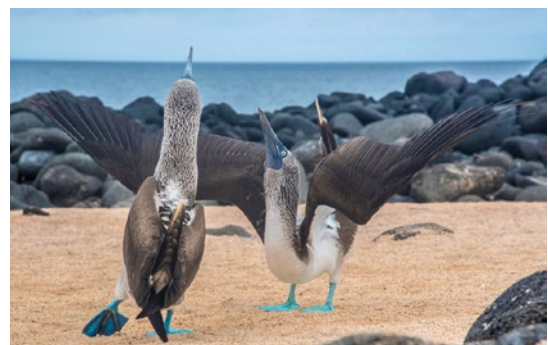
DAY 6 – Tuesday

AM: Dragon Hill (Santa Cruz Island)

Known for its colony of Galapagos land iguanas, Dragon Hill also boasts scenic trails through arid coastal scrub and cactus forests. Visit saline lagoons where flamingos, black-necked stilts, and herons feed in the shallows. From the hilltop, take in views of the bay and surrounding volcanic ridges.

PM: North Seymour Island

An uplifted seabed turned wildlife sanctuary, North Seymour is bustling with life. Walk among blue-footed boobies performing their signature mating dances, frigatebirds inflating their scarlet throat pouches, and sea lions sprawled in the shade. In the surrounding waters, enjoy a snorkeling session with a vibrant mix of reef fish, sharks, and rays.



DAY 7 – Wednesday

AM – Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz / Baltra)

Your final morning takes you to the soft white sands of Bachas Beach, a key nesting site for sea turtles. Walk along the serene shorelines, past remnants of WWII barges, and explore nearby brackish lagoons that occasionally host flamingos, whimbrels, and stilts.



After this peaceful farewell, you'll be transferred to Baltra Airport for your flight back to the mainland bringing to a close a truly transformational voyage through the living laboratory of evolution.

