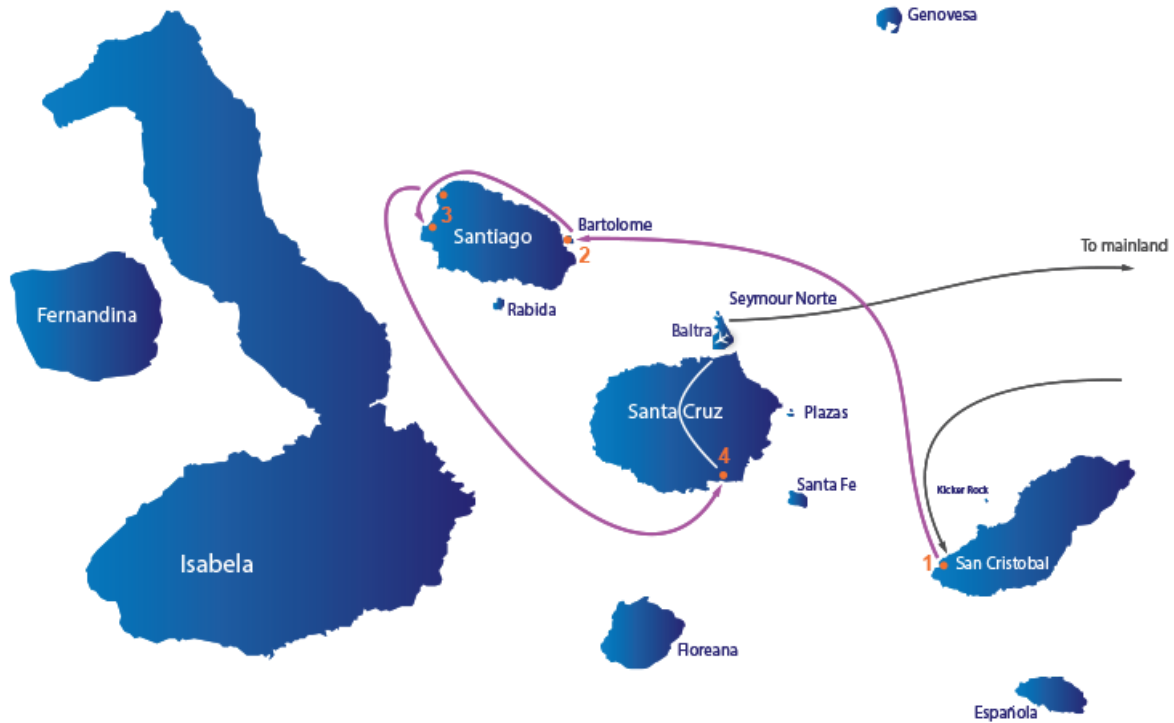


# Itinerary 4 Days B



## Sunday - Day 1: Isla San Cristobal

Welcome to the Galapagos!

Today you will be meeting other travellers arriving from Quito or Guayaquil at San Cristobal Airport.

You will be met in the arrival hall of the airport by the National Park Guide, and transferred to your catamaran 'Queen Beatriz'.

This afternoon you will travel into the interior of the island to visit the highlands site of 'Galapaguera of Cerro Colorado' (Red Hill) where the national park has established a breeding program and information center for tortoises. Here, we will

be able to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat and learn all about their origin, evolution and their threatened future.

## **Included Activities**

- San Cristobal Highlands

## **Meals Included**

- Lunch
- Dinner

## **Monday - Day 2: Isla Bartolome and Sullivan**

Bartolomé is a relatively new island in the archipelago and traces of its volcanic past can be seen everywhere, as evidenced by the amazing lunar-like landscape. The Pinnacle Rock is one of the most photographed sites in the Galapagos – an abrupt jag of rock protruding from the earth like a tooth, while nearby two golden bays back onto each other.

You can hike to the top of a once-active volcano here, and enjoy superb views across to Sullivan Bay, on nearby Santiago Island.

## **Included Activities**

- Isla Bartolome
- Sullivan Bay

## **Meals Included**

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## **Tuesday - Day 3: Isla Santiago**

Today you will visit some wonderful places. Espumilla Beach, on the northern coast of Santiago Island in James Bay, is one of the most idyllic locations in the

Galapagos Islands and is an important nesting site for marine turtles. Espumilla beach is also well known for its Palo Santo Forest and some extraordinary lava formations.

This morning you will also visit Caleta Bucanero (Buccaneer Cove), a natural monument of rocks caused by sea erosion. This cove was used by pirates to careen their ships. It is a place of local legends and stories! Port Egas is a black sand beach located on the west side of James Bay and northwest of Santiago Island.

South of the beach is Sugarloaf Volcano, which has deposits of volcanic tuff. This site is named Puerto Egas, after Hector Egas who last attempted to mine salt here. The walk along the beach offers hundreds of marine iguanas, California sea lions and Galapagos fur sea lions.

## **Included Activities**

- Espumilla Beach and Buccaneer's Cove
- Puerto Egas

## **Meals Included**

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## **Wednesday - Day 8: Isla Santa Cruz**

As flights to the mainland from Galapagos depart mid-morning, it is an early start for our last morning on the islands. Depending on the time of our flight, our time spent on this final excursion could be limited.

The small town of Puerto Ayora is the economic hub of the archipelago and is also home to the Charles Darwin Research Station. The station's visitor center and museum offer a great insight for anyone interested in the archipelago's natural and human history, and keen to learn more about conservation efforts to preserve the unique ecosystems of the Galapagos. It also offers our best chance for close-up encounters with giant tortoises, and we can see many newborn and young giant turtles - part of the breeding program to reintroduce them to their natural habitat. This will be your final excursion before you return to the airport in Baltra for your flight back to Quito. As you will be leaving the boat this morning, please remember

that if you have enjoyed the services provided by your guide and crew, a tip would be very much appreciated by them. As a guideline we recommend each passenger consider US\$15 per day for the crew and US\$10 per day for your guide. You can leave tips in envelopes that are placed in your cabin on this last day of your journey.

## **Meals Included**

- Breakfast