

Baltra Island, Galápagos, Ecuador

The gateway to the Galápagos, Baltra Island is where most cruises begin and end — a flat, arid outpost with a storied WWII history, a solar-powered 'green' airport, and land iguanas wandering the tarmac.

Tender / Zodiac transfer

Embark / Debark port

US Dollar (USD)

Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender / zodiac transfer — ships anchor in Aeolian Bay or Itabaca Channel

Also Known As: South Seymour Island

Best For: Galápagos cruise embarkation, land iguana spotting near the airport

Don't Miss: North Seymour Island excursion — blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds, sea lions

Getting around: **Taxi** \$25–\$30/taxi (up to 4 passengers) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- North Seymour Island Walk** — A short panga ride brings you to North Seymour, just north of Baltra and one of the Galápagos' best seabird colonies.
 - Mosquera Islet Sea Lion Colony** — This tiny sandy islet between Baltra and North Seymour hosts a large sea lion colony.
- Snorkeling the Itabaca Channel** — The nutrient-rich waters of the Itabaca Channel attract marine iguanas feeding on algae, green sea turtles, rays, and...
 - WWII Military History of Baltra** — During WWII, the US Army Air Force used Baltra as a strategic Pacific base to protect the Panama Canal.
 - Daphne Major Panga Ride** — The twin tuff cones of Daphne Major and Minor rise dramatically from the sea near Baltra.

BEST WALKS

- Dock to Airport Road** 1.5 km | Flat | 20 min — A simple walk from the Muelle de Baltra dock along the paved road toward Seymour Airport.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	77°	13d
Jun	82°	74°	2d
Aug	79°	70°	0d
Sep	79°	70°	0d
Oct	79°	70°	0d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:58AM–6:03PM · Jun 5:59AM–6:04PM · Aug 6:02AM–6:08PM · Sep 5:53AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:43AM–5:50PM

US Dollar (USD)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch for land iguanas near the tarmac. Baltra's native land iguanas died out by the mid-1950s and were reintroduced from North Seymour in the 1990s. They roam freely near the...
- Tender conditions can be choppy. The Itabaca Channel and open anchorages can have swells. Keep a bag for tender and zodiac transfers and stow cameras safely.
- Ecuador uses US dollars. Bring small bills — there are very limited services on Baltra. Stock up on cash in Quito or Guayaquil.