

Bartolome Island, Galapagos, Ecuador

A stark volcanic islet famous for Pinnacle Rock, penguin-filled snorkeling waters, and panoramic views of ten Galapagos islands from a single summit.

Tender only (panga landing)

Typical call: 4-6 hrs

USD

Spanish

Galapagos National Park

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — panga to dry or wet landing

Best For: Snorkeling with penguins, volcanic scenery, summit panoramas

Walk to center: No town; visitor sites within 15 min of landing

Don't Miss: Pinnacle Rock snorkel & the 372-step summit boardwalk

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Summit Boardwalk Hike** — A 372-step wooden boardwalk climbs to Bartolome's 114m summit for one of the Galapagos's most-photographed panoramas — Pinnacle Rock, Sullivan Bay's...
- Pinnacle Rock Snorkeling** — The waters around the iconic volcanic spire are one of the Galapagos's top snorkel sites.
- North Beach Wildlife Walk** — The golden sand beach at Pinnacle Rock is a nesting site for green sea turtles (January–March).
- Volcanic Geology Exploration** — Bartolome is one of the Galapagos's younger islands, and the boardwalk trail passes tuff cones, spatter cones, and hardened lava flows up close.

BEST WALKS

- Summit Boardwalk Trail** 1.2 km round-trip · Moderate · 30-45 min up — From the dry-landing jetty, follow the wooden boardwalk south and up 372 steps to the summit viewpoint.
- Pinnacle Rock Beach & Mangrove Trail** ~500 m loop · Easy · 20-30 min — From the north beach wet landing near Pinnacle Rock, a short sandy path through mangroves leads to the southern beach viewpoint.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	78°	11d
Jun		83°	78°	28d
Aug		83°	78°	29d
Sep		82°	78°	29d
Oct		82°	78°	29d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:06AM–6:25PM · Jun 5:58AM–6:35PM · Aug 6:08AM–6:32PM · Sep 6:06AM–6:15PM · Oct 6:03AM–5:59PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring your own snorkel gear if possible — rental quality varies by ship and Pinnacle Rock is too good to miss.
- Sun protection is non-negotiable. Bartolome's volcanic rock offers zero shade. Hat, reef-safe sunscreen, and UV shirt are essential.
- Water on the beach is prohibited — there are no refreshment facilities on the island. Eat and drink well before going ashore.
- Keep 2m distance from all wildlife — Galapagos National Park rules are strictly enforced. Your guide will remind you, but the rule applies to penguins too.
- Summit light is best mid-morning. The panorama faces west over Pinnacle Rock — ideal before noon when haze builds.

Bartolome Island, Galapagos, Ecuador — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Viewpoint

A 372-step wooden boardwalk climbs to a 114m summit for one of the Galapagos's most photographed panoramas, overlooking Pinnacle Rock and up to ten islands.

3 Beach

A golden-sand wet-landing beach beside Pinnacle Rock, a nesting site for green sea turtles and the launch point for penguin snorkeling.

2 Natural Landmark

An iconic eroded volcanic spire rising from the shallows off Bartolome's north beach, one of the most recognized landmarks in the Galapagos.

P Cruise port / terminal