

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

The world's great wildlife encounter — fearless tortoises, penguins, and sea lions in a living laboratory that Darwin never forgot. Every landing here is unlike anywhere else on earth.

Tender only (zodiac pangas)

Expedition cruise — full days ashore

US Dollar (USD)

Spanish

Expedition ships only (max 100 pax)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: All islands tender via zodiac pangas — wet or dry landings depending on site

Park Fee: \$200 USD per international adult (paid on arrival; verify if pre-paid by cruise line)

Best For: Wildlife encounters, snorkeling, volcano hikes, photography

Don't Miss: Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz Highlands, snorkeling at Bartolomé's Pinnacle Rock

Getting around: **Taxi** \$2–\$4 (San Cristobal town); \$25/vehicle (Itabaca Channel to Puerto Ayora) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Santa Cruz Highlands — Giant Tortoises in the Wild** — A 25-minute taxi ride from Puerto Ayora pier brings you to ranches like El Chato and Rancho Primicias, where Galapagos...
- Bartolomé — Pinnacle Rock Summit & Penguin Snorkel** — The most photographed view in the Galapagos.
- Sierra Negra Volcano Hike (Isabela)** — One of the world's largest active volcanic calderas, Sierra Negra is a strenuous 16 km round-trip hike from the Isabela...
- Las Tintoreras — Penguins & Sleeping Sharks (Isabela)** — A short panga ride from Puerto Villamil to rocky lava islets where white-tip reef sharks rest motionless in a narrow...
- Post Office Bay & Floreana Highlands** — Visit the barrel established by British whalers in 1793 — still an active hand-delivery post office where passengers...

BEST WALKS

- Puerto Ayora Waterfront to Charles Darwin Research Station** 1.5 km | Flat | Free | ~20 min one way — From the main passenger pier, walk east along the harbour waterfront past the fish market (watch pelicans and sea lions compete for...
- San Cristobal Malecon to Frigatebird Hill (Cerro Tijeretas)** 2.5 km | Easy–Moderate | Free | ~40 min one way — From the passenger pier, walk north along the paved coastal malecon past sea-lion-occupied benches and the Interpretation Center to...
- Isabela Pier to Concha de Perla & Town** 1.5 km | Flat | Free | ~20 min — Step off the panga at El Embarcadero and walk immediately to the Concha de Perla boardwalk — a short path through mangroves (with sea...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	76°	19d
Jun		78°	72°	18d
Aug		75°	69°	13d
Sep		75°	69°	12d
Oct		75°	69°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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

US Dollar (USD)

Galapagos Islands, 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 Charles Darwin Research Station** Scientific hub for Galapagos conservation.
- 3 La Ratona** Secluded beach near Puerto Ayora, great for swimming.
- 5 Tortuga Bay Beach** Tortuga Bay: Pristine white sand beach, home to marine iguanas.

- 2 Fausto Llerena breeding center** Fausto Llerena: Giant tortoise breeding center on Santa Cruz.
- 4 El Mirador de Los Tuneles** Viewpoint over lava tunnels and marine life.
- P Cruise port / terminal**