

PASSION WESTERN ITINERARY

8 DAYS | 7 NIGHTS



ITINERARY SUMMARY

LOCATIONS	Galapagos Islands (Western Islands): Santa Cruz, Floreana, Isabela, Fernandina, Santiago, Mosquera, Baltra
DURATION	8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS
ACTIVITIES	Wildlife viewing, walking, hiking, snorkelling, land visits to inhabited and uninhabited islands in the National Park, sightseeing, kayaking
HIGHLIGHTS	Tours to inhabited and uninhabited islands in National Park, snorkelling or kayaking in renowned marine reserve, tortoise reserve, Charles Darwin Station, beautiful beaches, and more!
SEASON	All year
INCLUDED	All amenities of the yacht, certified naturalist guide, excursions, meals, and activities mentioned in itinerary, snorkelling gear, access to kayaks
NOT INCLUDED	Flights, Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee, Migratory Card Fee, bottled and alcoholic beverages, personal expenses, tips





THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Nestled in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Galapagos Islands stand as a testament to the sheer wonder of nature. Renowned for unparalleled biodiversity and otherworldly landscapes, this UNESCO National site beckons both adventurers and nature enthusiasts. Each moment spent in this remote archipelago feels like stepping into an untouched realm where time stands still and endemic species thrive in splendid isolation.

Uncover the secrets below the water in one of the world's largest and most renowned marine reserves. This enchanting archipelago is not just a destination, but an experience unlike any other, a journey into the heart of our planet's natural heritage. Here, amidst the cradle of evolution, one can't help but marvel at the intricate tapestry of life that unfolds at every turn. In the Galapagos, the mystical and the magnificent converge, leaving an indelible mark on all who are fortunate enough to wander its shores.

THE CRUISE EXPERIENCE

Embarking on a boutique cruise through the Galápagos Islands is one of the most immersive ways to experience this extraordinary destination. With fewer passengers on board, these intimate journeys create a relaxed, personal atmosphere, inviting genuine connections with fellow travellers while enjoying the comforts of a live-aboard vessel. As your yacht travels overnight, each day begins in a new location, maximizing your time exploring these remarkable islands. Guided by expert naturalists, you'll encounter wildlife found nowhere else on Earth, set against dramatic volcanic landscapes, with opportunities to snorkel in one of the largest and most biodiverse marine reserves on the planet. More than just a voyage, our yachts offer a meaningful journey. A quiet, more refined way to explore, where there are no crowds, only a sense of peace, and a lasting connection to the magic of the Galapagos.



PASSION

- Luxury-Class
- Up to 14 passengers
- 7 Cabins w/ private bathrooms
- 2 Suites & 5 Staterooms
- Air-conditioning
- 2 Hot tubs
- Multiple common areas



THE WEST ITINERARY





DAY 1

ARRIVAL TO BALTRA, SANTA CRUZ, HIGHLANDS & CHARLES DARWIN STATION

Upon arrival at Baltra Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your naturalist guide and transferred to a tortoise reserve in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz, where you can observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat. You will then be escorted to your floating home for the next eight days, M/Y Passion. Once aboard, settle into your cabin and enjoy a delicious lunch before heading out for your afternoon visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, you'll encounter Galápagos giant tortoises at various stages of life and learn about the vital conservation efforts helping to protect the archipelago. Return to the yacht for a beautifully prepared dinner, followed by a recap of the day's highlights and a preview of the adventures ahead.



Place(s): Baltra Island, Santa Cruz Island



Sights: Highlands, Charles Darwin Research Station, Puerto Ayora



Activity level: Easy ●○○○○○
Activities: Walking



Wildlife you may see: Galapagos Giant Tortoises, endemic birds, sea lions, marine iguanas, tropical fish



Meals included: lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 2

FLOREANA, PTA. CORMORANT & POST OFFICE BAY

Start your day on Floreana Island, known for its colorful history of pirates, whalers, convicts, and early settlers, and home to a small community of fewer than 200 residents. This morning, take a dinghy ride to Punta Cormorant, where you'll follow a scenic trail connecting two contrasting beaches. Along the way, visit a lagoon often frequented by flamingos. Return to the yacht to prepare for your first snorkel at nearby Champion Island, known for its vibrant marine life. Afterward, enjoy a nourishing lunch as the yacht continues to its next destination, Post Office Bay, a site steeped in maritime history. Once ashore, take a short walk to the iconic wooden mail barrel, where visitors continue the centuries-old tradition of leaving letters and postcards to be hand-delivered by passing travelers. Then you will have the opportunity to snorkel or kayak. Return to the yacht for a beautifully prepared dinner and debrief.



Place(s): Floreana Island: Punta Cormorant, Post Office Bay



Sights: Lagoon with possible flamingo sightings, champion island snorkeling, Post Office Bay



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○

Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling, kayaking



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, endemic birds, flamingos, rays and tropical fish, sea turtles



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 3

ISABELA: PUNTA MORENO & ELIZABETH BAY

Awaken to the striking landscapes of Punta Moreno. After breakfast, take a dinghy ashore for a dry landing on lava rock, then set out on a 1.5-hour guided walk across dramatic black lava fields. Along the way, take in sweeping views of surrounding volcanoes and the island's remarkable geological formations. Return to M/Y Passion to prepare for your first snorkel of the day, where you may encounter sea turtles, seahorses, rays, reef sharks, and vibrant tropical fish. After lunch, continue to Elizabeth Bay and explore a serene estuary by dinghy, where life thrives, penguins dart through the water while rays, sea turtles, and reef sharks glide below the surface. Enjoy another snorkel before returning to the yacht for a beautifully prepared dinner and your evening briefing as your journey continues.



Place(s): Isabela Island: Punta Moreno, Elizabeth Bay



Sights: Ancient lava rocks, calm estuary of Elizabeth Bay



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○

Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, sea lions, land and marine iguanas, rays, seahorses, sea turtles, Glp. Hawk, sharks, tropical fish



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 4

FERNANDINA ISLAND: PTA. ESPINOZA, ISABELA: URBINA BAY

After breakfast, begin your day with a visit to Punta Espinoza on Fernandina Island, known for its vast colonies of marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, and dramatic volcanic landscapes. After your visit, return to the yacht to prepare for your first snorkel, where you may encounter sea turtles, rays, and a variety of tropical fish along the island's rugged coastline.

After lunch, continue to Urbina Bay, a remarkable site uplifted from the ocean floor in 1954, where remnants of the seabed remain visible today. Set out on a guided walk along the coastal trail, with opportunities to observe giant tortoises and colorful land iguanas in their natural habitat. Enjoy a snorkel directly from the beach before returning to the yacht for a beautifully prepared dinner and your evening debrief as the journey continues.



Place(s): Isabela Island: Urbina Bay,
Fernandina Islands: Punta Espinoza



Sights: Ancient lava rocks, amazing snorkeling, remnant of sea life on Urbina Bay, land iguanas



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, sea lions, Glp. Hawk, land and marine iguanas, rays, seahorses, sea turtles, sharks, tropical fish



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 5

ISABELA: TAGUS COVE & PTA. VICENTE ROCA

Arrive at Tagus Cove, a historic harbor once frequented by whalers and pirates, who left their mark by carving names into the surrounding cliffs. From here, set out on a scenic hike to Darwin's Crater, a striking saltwater lagoon, offering sweeping views of the island's dramatic volcanic landscapes (~1 hour).

Afterward, enjoy a dinghy ride, snorkel, or kayak in the calm waters of the cove. After lunch, continue to Punta Vicente Roca, located along the northwestern coast of Isabela Island. This spectacular site is known for its towering cliffs, secluded coves, and rich marine ecosystem nourished by the nutrient-filled Cromwell Current. Explore the coastline by dinghy, keeping an eye out for sea turtles, penguins, and flightless cormorants.

Return to the yacht to prepare for an exciting snorkel in the bay, where you may encounter an abundance of marine life. Conclude the day with a thoughtfully prepared dinner and an evening debrief on the day's discoveries.



Place(s): Isabela: Tagus Cove, Punta Vicente Roca



Sights: Carvings on cliffs from pirates and whalers, Darwin's crater, wildlife on Pta. Vicente Roca



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○

Activities: Walking, opt. snorkel or kayak



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, sea lions, sea turtles, marine iguanas, tropical fish



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 6

SANTIAGO: PTO. EGAS, BUCCANEER'S COVE, ESPUMILLA BEACH

Wake up to the stunning landscapes of Santiago Island. After breakfast, take a dinghy ashore to Puerto Egas for a scenic coastal walk along rugged lava formations and vibrant tide pools. Spot Galápagos fur seals lounging in grottos, marine iguanas basking on volcanic rock, and oystercatchers along the shoreline, with views of Sugarloaf Volcano and the remnants of an old salt mine. Enjoy a refreshing snorkel from the beach before returning to the yacht for lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Buccaneer's Cove, once a pirate hideout and later visited by Charles Darwin. This sheltered bay is rich in wildlife, and you may choose to snorkel, kayak, or explore by dinghy.

Later, visit Espumilla Beach, a pristine stretch of coastline where marine iguanas and rays are often seen, and sea turtles nest in season. Return to the yacht for dinner, followed by a recap of the day's adventures.



Place(s): Santiago Island: Pto. Egas, Buccaneer's Cove, Espumilla Beach



Sights: Beautiful landscape of Santiago, tide pools, fur seals, old salt mine, Buccaneer's Cove.



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling or kayaking



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, fur seals, sea turtles, rays, tropical fish



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 7

SANTIAGO: SULLIVAN BAY & NORTH SEYMOUR

This morning, after breakfast, board a dinghy for your first land visit at Sullivan Bay on Santiago Island. Here, set out on an awe-inspiring walk across rugged, 100-year-old pahoehoe lava flows, dotted with distinctive lava cacti.

Afterward, enjoy a refreshing snorkel in the bay, where marine life thrives. If you're lucky, you may spot a Galápagos penguin. Return to the yacht for lunch as you cruise toward North Seymour, a flat island uplifted thousands of years ago. Upon arrival, take a dinghy ashore for a dry landing and embark on a 1.5-hour guided walk among abundant wildlife, including colonies of blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, magnificent and great frigatebirds, and playful sea lions. Keep an eye out for Galápagos sharks cruising along the shoreline. Return to the yacht for a delicious dinner, followed by a recap of the day's highlights and a preview of tomorrow's adventures.



Place(s): Santiago Island, Sullivan Bay and North Seymour



Sights: Ancient pahoehoe lavaflows, unique flora, flourishing marine life, with the opportunity to possibly see penguins.



Activity level: Easy - moderate ●●○○○
Activities: Walking, hiking, snorkeling



Wildlife you may see: Sea lions, endemic birds, penguins, lava lizards, sharks, rays, sea turtles, tropical fish



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



DAY 8

MOSQUERA, BALTRA & DEPARTURE

Wake up to the small islet of Mosquera, known for its expansive sandy beach and large colony of sea lions. Before breakfast, take a dinghy ashore for a wet landing and enjoy a leisurely walk along the shoreline, observing sea lions resting and playing along the coast.

Return to the yacht for breakfast and time to pack as you cruise toward Baltra. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the airport for your departing flight or continue on to your next adventure.

Those wishing to extend their stay can enjoy discounted add-ons at [Enchanted Galapagos Lodge](#), nestled in the tranquil highlands of Santa Cruz Island, an ideal place to relax and unwind after your cruise.



Place(s): Mosquera and Baltra



Sights: Sea lion colony on Mosquera, pristine beaches



Activity level: Easy



Activities: Walking



Wildlife you may see: Endemic birds, sealions, tropical fish at the canal



Meals included: Breakfast & snacks