



# CACHALOTE EXPLORER'S ISABELA ITINERARY

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6 DAYS | 5 NIGHTS

# ITINERARY SUMMARY

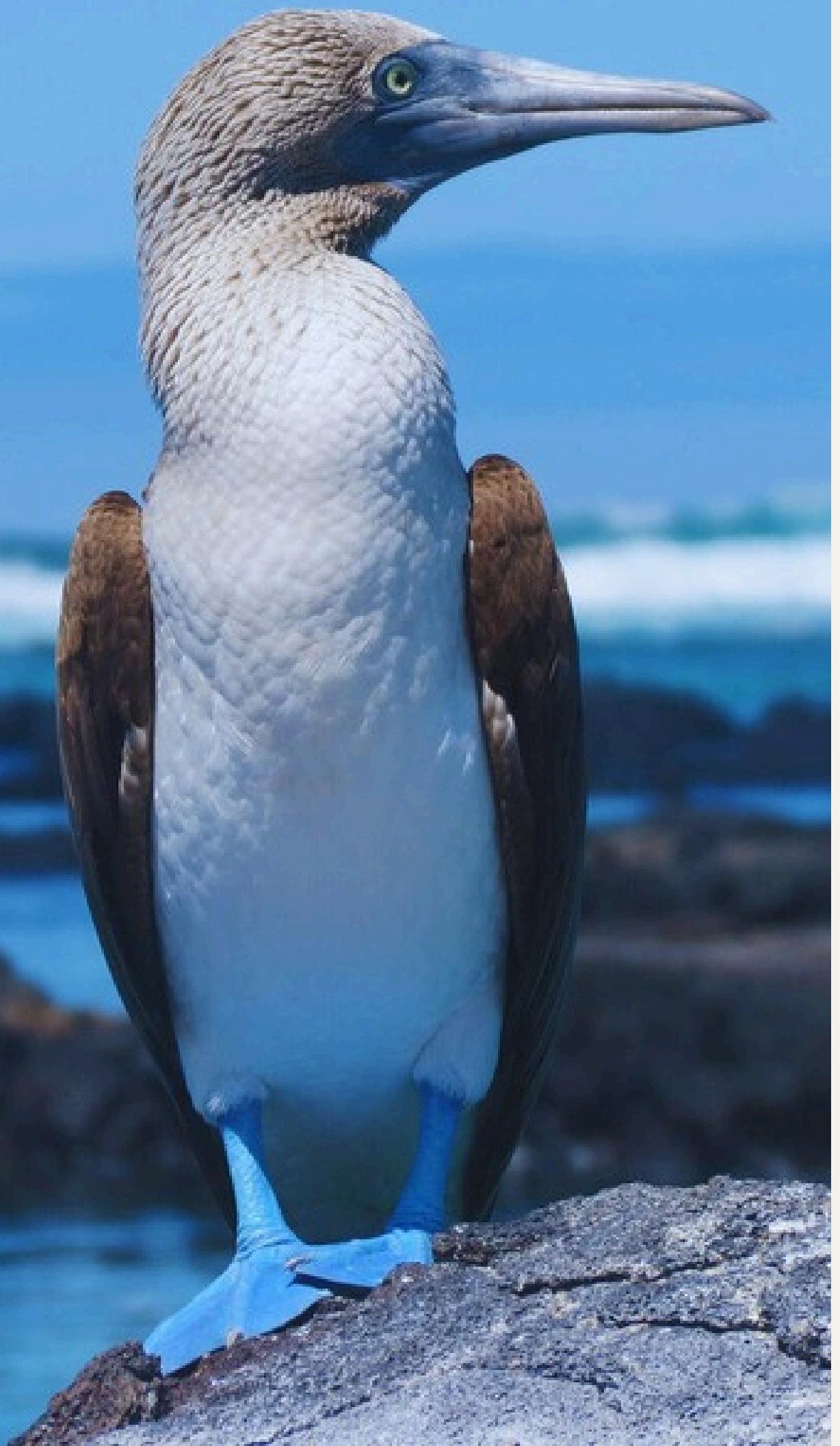
<b>LOCATIONS</b>	Galapagos Islands (Western): Isabela Island, Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove, Fernandina Island, Santiago Island, Bartolome Island, North Seymour Island
<b>DURATION</b>	6 DAYS   5 NIGHTS
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	Wildlife viewing, walking, hiking, snorkelling, land visits to inhabited and uninhabited islands in the National Park, sightseeing, kayaking
<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>	Tours to inhabited and uninhabited islands in National Park, snorkelling or kayaking in renowned marine reserve, tortoise reserve, beautiful beaches, and more!
<b>SEASON</b>	All year
<b>INCLUDED</b>	All amenities of the yacht, certified naturalist guide, excursions, meals, and activities mentioned in itinerary, snorkelling gear, access to kayaks
<b>NOT INCLUDED</b>	Flights, Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee, Migratory Card Fee, bottled and alcoholic beverages, personal expenses, tips



# CACHALOTE EXPLORER

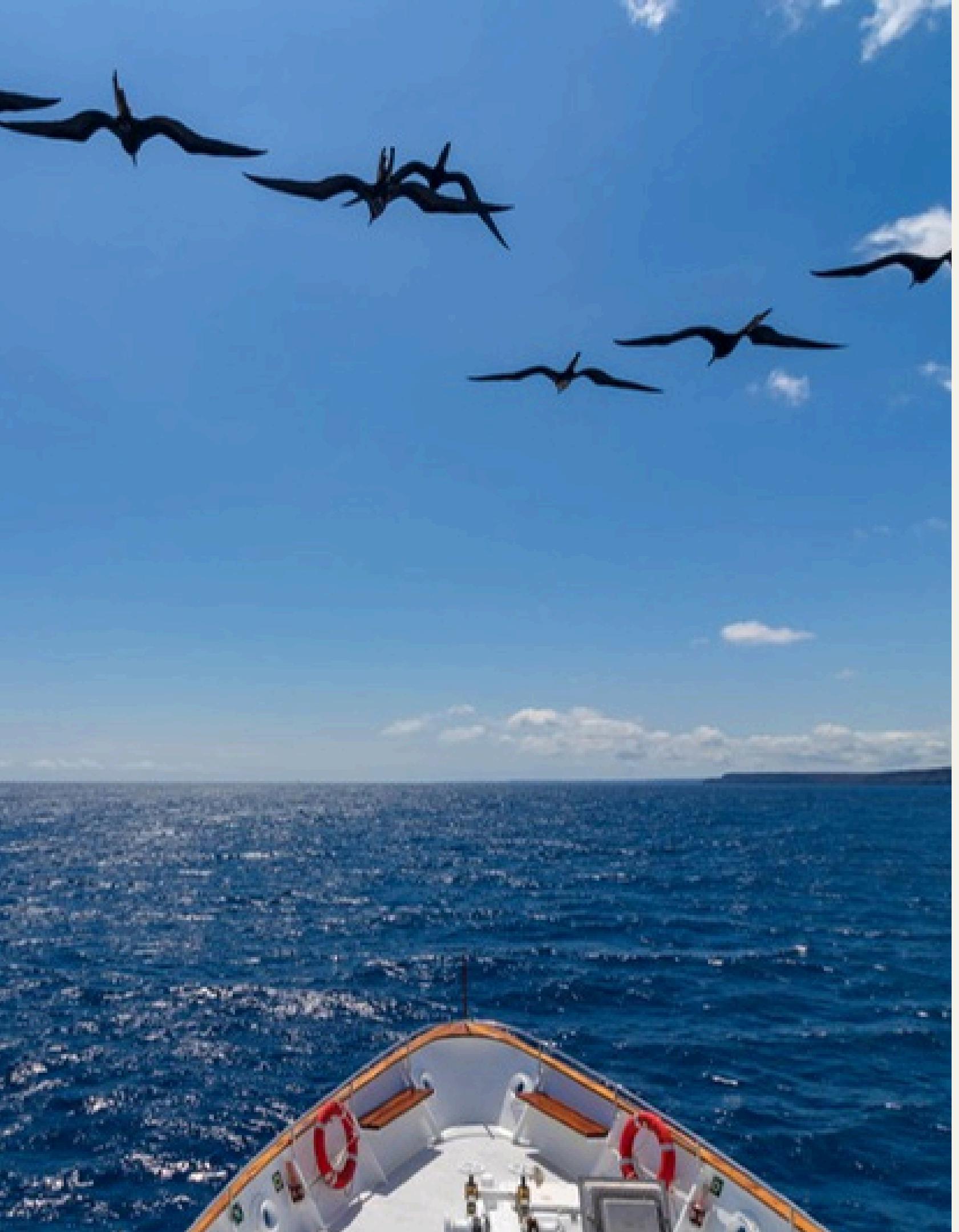
- Up to 16 passengers
- 8 Cabins w/ private bathrooms
- Air-conditioning
- Multiple common areas





# 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 Galapagos Islands is the ultimate way to experience the wildlife, landscapes, and history of this extraordinary archipelago. With fewer passengers than larger vessels, boutique cruises offer an intimate, relaxed environment where you'll form lasting connections with your fellow travellers while enjoying all the amenities typically associated with larger ships. These cruises are led by certified naturalist guides, whose in-depth knowledge of the Galapagos enriches your journey. Aboard a boutique cruise, you'll have the privilege of visiting remote, inhabited and uninhabited islands and exploring the vibrant Galapagos National Marine Park, all while making the most of your time. Travelling between destinations at night means you wake each day at a new location, maximizing your days with incredible wildlife encounters, snorkeling in some of the most biodiverse waters on Earth and walking through breathtaking volcanic terrains. From basking sea lions to thriving coral reefs and fascinating volcanic landscapes, each day holds new discoveries that highlight the full spectrum of Galapagos wonders. This immersive experience is simply the best way to appreciate the full depth and beauty of the Galapagos Islands.



## DAY 1

### ARRIVAL, TORTOISE RESERVE & CHARLES DARWIN STATION

You'll be met by your guide at the main dock in Isabela and take a scenic dinghy ride to the yacht, where the friendly crew will warmly welcome you aboard. After settling in, we'll begin our first adventure by heading back to Puerto Villamil and taking a short bus ride to the Tortoise Breeding Centre, where you'll encounter giant tortoises of all ages and learn about these majestic creatures. We'll then walk along the lagoon, where there's a chance to spot flamingos in their natural habitat. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in the charming town of Puerto Villamil —stroll along the beach or explore local shops and restaurants. In the evening, we'll return to the yacht for a delicious dinner before retiring to our cabins as the yacht sets sail toward its first overnight destination.



**Place(s):** Isabela Island



**Sights:** Tortoise breeding centre, town of Puerto Villamil, Lagoon



**Activity level:** Easy



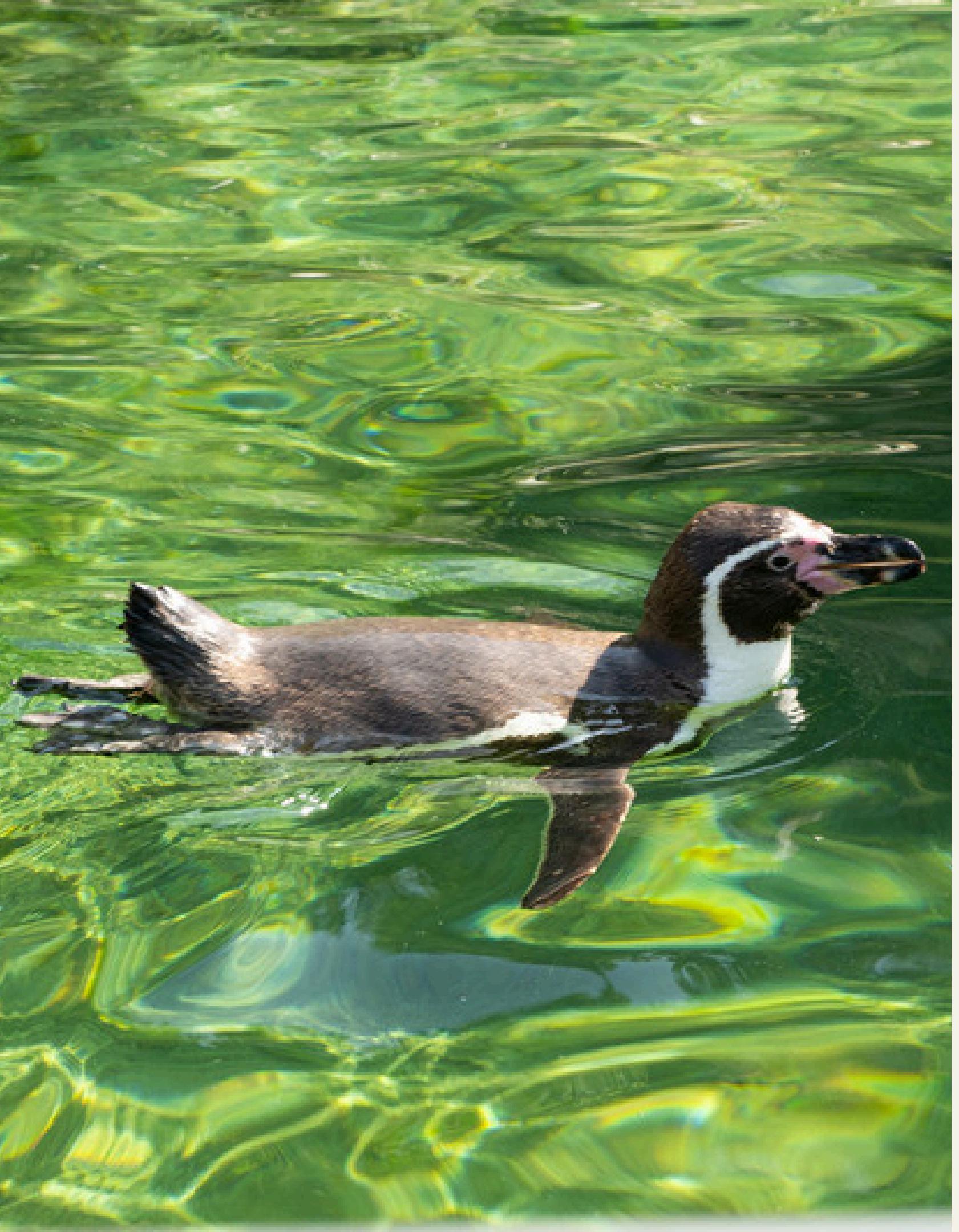
**Activities:** Walking



**Wildlife you may see:** Tortoises, endemic birds, sea lions, marine iguanas, lava lizards, flamingos, pintail ducks



**Meals included:** lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 2

## WESTERN ISABELA, PUNTA MORENO

### & ELIZABETH BAY

Start your morning with a hearty breakfast before embarking on a scenic dinghy ride around rocks and islets of Western Isabela, home to an array of wildlife including cormorants, playful sea lions, and Galápagos penguins. Next, explore Punta Moreno with a 1.5-hour guided walk across striking black lava fields, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding volcanoes and unique geological features. Return to Beluga to gear up for your first snorkel of the day, where you might encounter sea turtles, seahorses, rays, sharks, and colorful tropical fish. After a refreshing lunch onboard, continue to Elizabeth Bay. A peaceful dinghy ride takes you through a lush lagoon, where mangroves create a serene sanctuary for sea turtles, rays, penguins, and other marine life. Conclude your day with a delicious dinner and a recap on the day's highlights. Motor through the night to your next destination.



**Place(s):** W.Isabela, Punta Moreno, Elizabeth Bay



**Sights:** Stunning landscapes of Western Isabela, rock and islets teaming with life, Punta Moreno and Elizabeth Bay



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate



**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Tortoises, sea lions, endemic birds, marine iguanas, lava lizards, sea turtles, penguins, rays, reef sharks



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



## DAY 3

### URBINA BAY & TAGUS COVE

Awaken to the sights of Urbina Bay, a fascinating location that emerged from the ocean floor in 1954, leaving remnants of the seabed visible to this day. Embark on a guided walk along the trail, where you'll encounter giant tortoises and vibrant land iguanas in their natural habitat. Afterward, enjoy a snorkel directly from the beach. Return to Beluga for a delicious lunch before continuing your journey. In the afternoon, arrive at Tagus Cove, a historic harbor once favored by whalers and pirates, who left their marks by carving names into the cliffs and rocks. Here, take a hike to Darwin's Crater, a striking saltwater lake surrounded by breathtaking views of the island's volcanic landscapes (approximately a 1-hour walk). Afterward, prepare for an exhilarating dinghy ride or snorkeling session in the cove's tranquil waters, teeming with marine life. Conclude the day with a satisfying dinner aboard the yacht, followed by a debrief on the day's discoveries.



**Place(s):** Urbina Bay, Tagus Cove



**Sights:** Unique sights and reminance of seabed on Urbina Bay, historic harbor of Tagus Cove



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



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, tortoises, land and marine iguanas, various endemic birds, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



## DAY 4

### FERNANDINA ISLAND

During the night, motor to Fernandina Island, the youngest and most westerly of the Galapagos Islands, renowned for its active volcanoes. After breakfast, take a dinghy to Punta Espinoza, home to large colonies of marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, Galapagos hawks, and the non-venomous Galapagos snake. Enjoy a leisurely guided walk along flat trails. Return to the yacht to gear up for an exciting snorkel in the bay. After lunch onboard, the journey continues back to Isabela Island, arriving at Punta Vincente Roca. Known for its towering cliffs, breathtaking vistas, and a hidden cave, this location offers an unforgettable snorkeling experience. Glide along the cliffs and mouth of the cave towards a calm bay where you may encounter resting sea turtles, flightless cormorants, and a variety of marine life. Back on board, change for a scenic circumnavigation of the cliffs, providing up-close views of the dramatic coastline. End the day with a special celebration of crossing the Equator, followed by a delightful dinner.



**Place(s):** Fernandina Island, Isabela Island: Punta Vincente Roca



**Sights:** Fernandina and its beautiful landscape and marine iguana colonies, Punta Vincente Roca, crossing the equator



**Activity level:** Easy - moderate



**Activities:** Walking, hiking, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea lions, Galapagos Hawk, marine iguanas, Galapagos Snake, Sea turtles, flightless cormorant, penguins



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



## DAY 5

### SANTIAGO ISLAND & BARTOLOME ISLAND

Wake up to the stunning views of Santiago Island. After breakfast, take a dinghy to Puerto Egas which offers a stunning coastal walk along rugged lava formations, leading you to some of the Galápagos' most vibrant tide pools. This site is home to a variety of wildlife, including playful fur seals lounging in grottos, oystercatchers foraging along the shore, and marine iguanas basking on the volcanic rock. Along the way, you'll see the Sugar Loaf Volcano in the distance and the remnants of an old salt mine, a glimpse into the island's past.

Return to the boat for lunch, then journey to Bartolome Island, renowned for its iconic Pinnacle Rock and breathtaking views. Ascend the stairs to marvel at the panorama, and snorkel around Pinnacle Rock, where you might encounter penguins, rays, sharks, and vibrant tropical fish.

End your day with dinner and a debrief on board, enjoying the spectacular scenery as you sail overnight to North Seymour.



**Place(s):** Santiago Island, Bartolome Island



**Sights:** Beautiful landscapes, Pinnacle Rock and 360 views



**Activity level:** Moderate ●●●○○

**Activities:** Walking, hiking, stairs, snorkeling



**Wildlife you may see:** Penguins, sea lions, fur seals, endemic birds: pintail ducks, swallow-tailed gulls, tropical fish, rays, sea turtles



**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks



# DAY 6

## NORTH SEYMORE & DEPARTURE

On your final day, before breakfast, take a dinghy ride to North Seymour, a flat island uplifted thousands of years ago, offering a fascinating glimpse into the Galapagos' geological history. Enjoy a 1.5-hour guided walk through the island's incredible wildlife, including colonies of blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, magnificent and great frigate birds, playful sea lions, and perhaps even a glimpse of reef sharks along the shoreline.

Return to the boat for breakfast as you motor for Baltra Island, where your itinerary comes to an end. Upon arrival, you and your luggage will be transferred by bus to the airport, or you can choose to extend your Galapagos adventure by exploring the islands by land. For those continuing the two-week itinerary, remain aboard to embark on your next unforgettable journey.



**Place(s):** North Seymour, Santa Cruz



**Sights:** Endemic bird colonies, and sea life



**Activity level:** Easy



**Activities:** dinghy ride



**Wildlife you may see:** Sea turtles, rays, sharks, endemic birds, great and magnificent frigate birds, blue footed boobies, various marine life



**Meals included:** Breakfast