

TOUR DETAILS

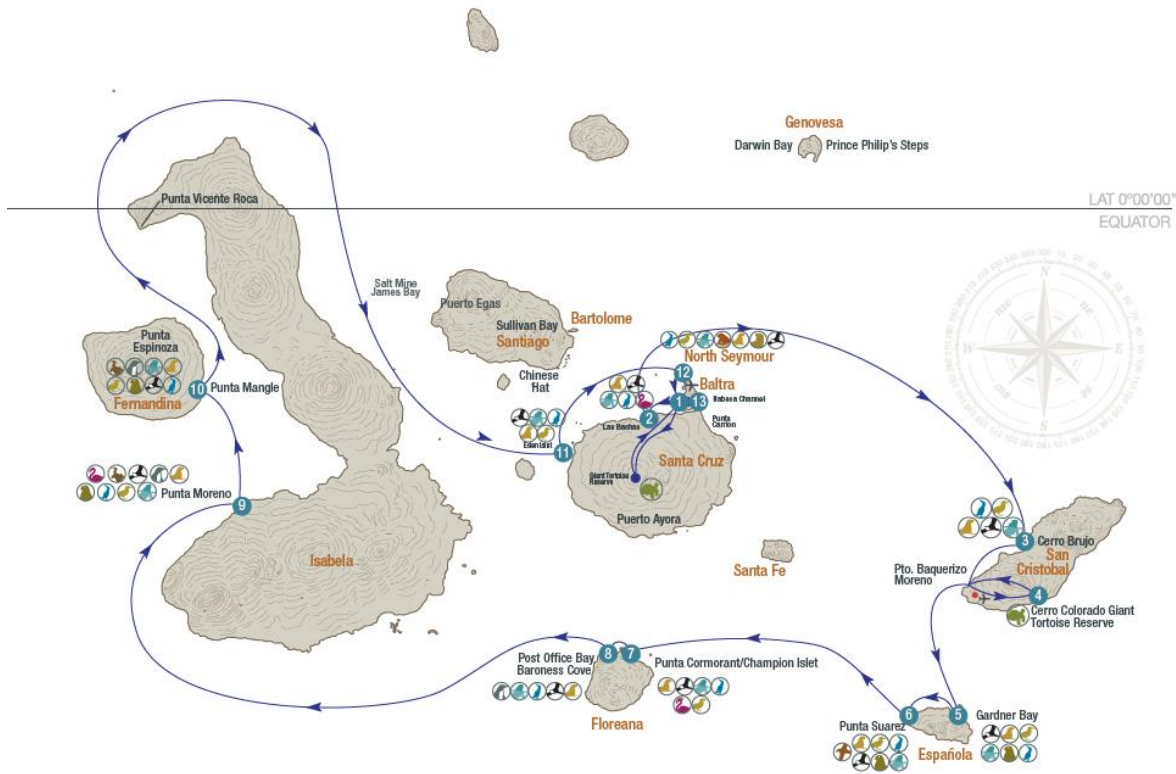
Tour Name

YACHT ISABELA II Southeastern Islands. 7 Days/6 Nights (Friday to Thursday)

Description

The Galapagos Islands rank among the world's most extraordinary wildlife destinations. Over 6 million years old and still forming, the volcanic archipelago lies 600 miles (1,000 km) off the coast of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean. This isolation means species have evolved amid the stark landscapes into new and unique life forms that are astonishingly fearless of humans. Designated Ecuador's first National Park in 1959, it became a one of the world's first UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1978. Its Marine Reserve is among world's largest, protected by a large Biosphere Reserve, plus whale and shark sanctuaries. Famous as the source of inspiration for Charles Darwin's ground-breaking theory of evolution, the islands have changed little since he visited 180 years ago.

Our journey across the archipelago promises a wonderful array of islands and wildlife encounters, from giant tortoises and bright flamingos on the first day to the colonies of preening frigatebirds on the last. We meet a bevy of different booby species on San Cristóbal Island, colossal giant tortoises at Cerro Colorado, and a range of magnificent views and wildlife at Española Island, from mockingbirds and albatross (not year-round) to its colorful marine iguanas. On the fourth day, we wake up in Floreana, where historic Post Office Bay and the green beach Cormorant Point await. We then motor all the way to the west, where we walk across young lava formations at Punta Moreno and explore the fascinating mangroves of southern Fernandina. The expedition concludes with a morning visit to Eden Islet and a high note: an afternoon wander across beautiful North Seymour.



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	AM VISITS	ISLAND	AQUATIC ACTIVITIES	PM VISITS	ISLAND	AQUATIC ACTIVITIES	HIGHLIGHTS
Friday	1 Baltra Airport Santa Cruz	Baltra Island Santa Cruz Island		2 Las Bachas	Santa Cruz Island		Española & North Seymour
Saturday	3 Cerro Brujo	San Cristobal Island		4 Cerro Colorado	San Cristobal Island		
Sunday	5 Gardner Bay	Española Island	 	6 Punta Suarez	Española Island		
Monday	7 Punta Cormorant	Floreana Island	 	8 Post Office Bay	Floreana Island	 	
Tuesday	9 Punta Moreno	Isabela Island	 	10 Punta Mangle	Fernandina Island	 	
Wednesday	11 Eden Islet	Santa Cruz Island	 	12 North Seymour	North Seymour	 	
Thursday	13 Baltra Airport	Baltra Island	----- ✈				

This Itinerary is a guide only. Our route and programme varies according to National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes, safety reasons and the wildlife we encounter.



Day 2- Saturday

(B/L/D)

**San Cristobal Island (AM) / San Cristobal Island (PM)
Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal Island)**

A dinghy ride along the shores of tuff-stone layers takes us to Cerro Brujo's expansive, white coral beach, great for walking, with rewarding bird-watching featuring seabirds and shore birds. Also, look out for Galapagos sea lions. These are the same shores that Charles Darwin walked upon, back in September 1835. You will love this white-coral beach.



Cerro Colorado

We disembark at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and drive 40 minutes to the island's southern shore. At Cerro Colorado, we visit the breeding center for highly endangered giant tortoises in the midst of a fantastic deciduous forest, home to dozens of bird species, including the San Cristobal mockingbird, as well as the endemic San Cristobal lava lizard.

