

WELCOME ABOARD! BALTRA ISLAND & BACHAS BEACH (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)

Saturday, January 24th 2026

Sunset: 1805

High tide: 1838, 6.2 ft. /1.9 m

On behalf of Lindblad Expeditions, the National Geographic Society, our Captain Pablo Garces, his officers, crew, and the natural history staff, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone on this voyage of the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II in the Galapagos Islands. From snorkeling and kayaking with sea lions to strolling among nesting boobies, from sidestepping around marine iguanas to hiking in the fern dappled highland forest, this promises to be an exceptional experience. We are thrilled to be able to share this coming week with you.

As soon as you arrive on board, we invite you to join us in the dining room for lunch, after which you will make your way to the ship's lounge for a shipboard orientation briefing by our Hotel Manager, Roberto Zambrano; your expedition leader Carlos Romero will give you a briefing on the Galápagos National Park rules philosophy as well. Please keep in mind that we are visiting an extremely delicate environment, and one of the best managed and most strictly protected national parks in the world. We must therefore adjust our own behavior accordingly, and ensure zero impact from our visit. The animals and plants have the right of way here, reminding us of the incredible privilege we are enjoying by sharing their world. Galapagos is truly unique in the world, and so helping to protect it is a responsibility we all share. Your luggage will be delivered to your cabins during lunch, and we encourage everyone to check that all is in order as soon as possible to advise us quickly should anything be amiss in this regard.

We will sail from the airport island of Baltra to nearby Santa Cruz by mid-afternoon, and after the briefings we will ride our fleet of Zodiacs to shore and disembark on a soft sandy beach for our first exploration on National Park territory, at a beach known as "Las Bachas" (from a poor pronunciation of the English word "barges"). The trail is easy with only a few rocky segments over lava, and as this area is home to marine iguanas and shore, land and lagoon birds, there is a variety of wildlife that we may encounter. Depending on the time of the year, flamingos can sometimes be found here, and tracks of the East Pacific green sea turtles which come up the beach during the night to nest. We must always be careful where we walk in this fragile environment, listen to your guides and stay off the sand dunes. After the short walk, there will also be time to swim in the turquoise shallows. Let us know when you wish to return to the ship and the staff will radio a Zodiac for you. With everyone back aboard, you are cordially invited to the captain's welcome aboard cocktail party, where his officers and the natural history staff will be formally presented to you. We wish you many exciting experiences in the days ahead.

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BALTRA ISLAND & LAS BACHAS BEACH (SANTA CRUZ ISLAND)

DAILY PROGRAM
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Saturday's Schedule

- ~ 1237 AV1638 lands in Baltra Island.
- ~ 1330 All aboard.
- 1345 Buffet lunch is served in the dining room (100-level).
- 1500 Welcome briefing, National Park Rules and expedition's logistics by your Expedition Leader Carlos Romero, followed by an orientation briefing by Melissa Barraqueta, in the lounge (300-level).
- ~ 1630 Disembarkation for "Las Bachas" beach (*wet landing; pick up a towel from the 300-deck aft*).
- 1800 Last Zodiac from shore to ship.
- 1900 Captain's Welcome Aboard Cocktail Party including officers & staff introductions, followed by a briefing about tomorrow's activities.
- 1945 Dinner is served in the dining room.



IMPORTANT SHIPBOARD REMINDERS:

- Please sanitize your hands regularly; touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers are located around the ship and will be refilled regularly.
- Please wait to be called before approaching the disembarkation area. Families and parties of friends please gather at the workstation area or in the lounge before disembarking.



PLEASE HELP US REDUCE THE SHIP'S ATTRACTION TO INSECTS (POTENTIAL INTER-ISLAND INVASIVE SPECIES) BY JOINING YOUR FELLOW GUESTS IN CLOSING YOUR BLINDS AT NIGHT!



EXPEDITIONS

NORTH SEYMOUR & RABIDA ISLANDS

Sunday, January 25th 2026

Sunrise: 1805 **High tide:** 0712, 5.4 ft. /1.6 m

Sunset: 1815 **Low tide:** 1312 1.9 ft. /0.6 m

On behalf of Lindblad It seems that we have entered another world; one where iguanas bask on the rocky shorelines like sculpted dragons, where sea lions play, sleep and romp like pups, and where birds peck around our feet with no more fear than a barnyard flock. This is the world that Charles Darwin visited in 1835, and which shaped evolutionary science forever by inspiring his then novel concept of natural selection and survival of the fittest. During this full week we will see how each volcanic island, some young and still actively growing, others succumbing to the forces of erosion, has its own unique character. The wildlife and flora reflect these differences; each landing will bring its own special flavor.

This morning will find us disembarking on North Seymour's rocky stretch of shoreline. This loop trail is at times quite difficult, as one must step from lava boulder to boulder in certain sections, and is 1.2 miles/2 km in length. But the rewards are great, as North Seymour is home to mammals, reptiles and birds. It is a nesting site for swallow-tailed gulls, blue-footed boobies and both magnificent and great frigate birds. Depending on the time of the year and the ocean conditions, some of these seabird species may be courting, incubating eggs or rearing their chicks. For those guests who prefer to avoid the rocky difficult trail we will offer a Zodiac cruise along the base of the island.

At lunchtime, we weigh anchor immediately and start sailing west towards Rábida Island (formerly known as Jervis), where we expect to arrive mid-afternoon. Rábida is unusual in many respects, and is the focus today of a campaign for the eradication of the destructive, introduced black rats. In 1975 the Galapagos National Park Service successfully eradicated introduced goats from this island, and this next step could restore the island to its original balanced ecosystem.

Rábida has one of the most unusual beaches we will visit this week. Sand made from lava with a high iron oxide content has created a red beach. Snorkeling is possible along the rocky wall near the point (deep water snorkeling) and at the beach landing site where we will have snorkeling instructions for beginners. Our Zodiac drivers/naturalists are always on watch for your safety when we are in the water. We will disembark later on in the afternoon, after the water activities, for those who would like a short late stroll along the landing beach.

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NORTH SEYMOUR & RABIDA ISLANDS

Sunday's Schedule

- 0600** Early morning coffee, fruit and snacks are available in the lounge.
- 0615** Join our Wellness Specialist Hilda for a stretching session, on the observation deck.
- 0645** Breakfast is served.
- 0745** **OPTION 1:** Dry landing on North Seymour Island for those wanting to take the entire loop hike on boulders (*good balance and closed shoes are needed, walking sticks are recommended*).
- 0800** **OPTION 2:** Zodiac exploration ride along the cliffs of North Seymour (no landing).
- ~ 1000** All aboard.
- 1030** Join our Mandatory Abandon Ship and Safety Drill, in the lounge.
- 1100** Join your Expedition Leader Carlos Romero for a snorkeling briefing, in the lounge. Bring your snorkeling release forms with you. These forms are found inside the black directories in your cabins.
- PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THE FORMS** before giving you instructions on how to do it correctly. Immediately after the briefing, our natural history team will distribute snorkel gear on deck 300 aft.
- 1230** Lunch is served in the dining room.
- 1345** Join our National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Certified Photo Instructor Ramiro Adrian for his presentation "*Introduction to Photography*", in the lounge.
- ~ 1500** Disembarkation for Rábida beach where we will have time for swimming, testing your equipment, practicing deep-water snorkeling with your buddy or stay close to shore in the shallows until comfortable. We will have snorkeling instructions for beginners as well.
- ~ 1640** All aboard.
- 1700** Disembarkation (wet landing, sandals are fine) for a late afternoon's sunset stroll along Rábida beach and the lagoon behind it.
- 1900** Join us in the lounge for cocktail time, our first recap session, and nightly briefing on the following day's program.
- 1930** Dinner is served.
- 2045** State-of-the-art documentary in the lounge: "*David Attenborough's Galapagos - Chapter 1, Origin*".

FERNANDINA & ISABELA ISLANDS

Monday, January 26th, 2026

Sunrise: 0606 **High tide:** 0820, 5.2 ft. /1.6 m

Sunset: 1815 **Low tide:** 1420, 1.9 ft. /0.6 m

We will cross the Equator during the night as we travel north around the island of Isabela (once known as Albemarle) to enter the westernmost realm of the Galápagos. It is soon apparent that this environment is different from the rest of the archipelago. Here the frigid waters of the deep Equatorial Countercurrent rise up along the western edge of the undersea Galápagos Platform. At times this upwelling phenomenon can be responsible for thick sea fogs and remarkably cool sea temperatures, which occasionally drop as low as the mid 50's. These extraordinary conditions are also at the heart of a very rich marine ecosystem, at times attracting whales and dolphins to the region.

After breakfast we visit Fernandina Island (once known as Narborough), an imposing volcano rising to nearly 5,000 ft./1520 m in elevation that is one of the most active volcanoes in the world and the world's largest completely pristine island. Its flanks are streaked with innumerable fresh lava flows, most of them still black and lifeless. In contrast, our landing site for the morning at Punta Espinosa reflects the abundant life supported directly by the rich seas bathing this stark coastline. Marine iguanas lie basking on the dark lava, while sea lions, penguins, flightless cormorants, herons and even sea turtles are also likely to be seen. The morning here can be a beautiful time, and the walking is mostly along the shoreline, over solid black slabs of "ropy" lava, referred to by the Hawaiian term "Pahoehoe". Most of this is quite flat but on lava terrain, and there are also short stretches of sand, so generally the going is medium difficult, though the stretches of lava around the landing area and in some parts of the walk are quite rough, so closed shoes with a good grip are recommended. The walk is approximately 1.5 miles/2.4 km. Here after the walk, weather conditions permitting, there will be a chance for snorkeling from Zodiacs along the lava coastline, with the chance of being accompanied by Pacific Sea turtles and perhaps even Galápagos marine iguanas, Galápagos penguins, and flightless cormorants!

After lunch we will cross the mouth of the Bolivar Channel that separates Fernandina and Isabela, our course set to Ecuador Volcano on Isabela Island. Most of this spectacular shield volcano, which is bisected by the Equator, collapsed and slumped away into the ocean, leaving fascinating views of the inner caldera wall and the caldera floor. We will drop anchor at the southern end of the caldera, an area called Punta Vicente Roca.

Later on in the afternoon, we will offer a Zodiac ride along the base of the imposing cliffs, where we shall be on the lookout for penguins, cormorants, turtles, marine iguanas and more. In view will be two of Isabela's five volcanoes, one being Wolf Volcano, the highest point in the archipelago.

The island has had many problems with introduced organisms over the span of time since the arrival of humans into the region; however, Wolf Volcano on northern Isabela is also the site of a recent discovery of a new species of pink land iguana!

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FERNANDINA & ISABELA ISLANDS

Monday's Schedule

0600 Early morning coffee, fruit and snacks are available in the lounge. Join us at the observation deck, or on the bow in front of the lounge to enjoy the volcanic scenery and help us to search for marine mammals!

Please set up your alarms, notice that we will not have a wakeup call do not disturb those of you who want to sleep a little bit longer until breakfast is announced

0630 Join our Wellness Specialist Hilda for a stretching session, at the observation deck.

0700 Breakfast is served.

0800 **Option 1:** Disembarkation (dry landing but, slippery rocks at beginning) total 1.5-mile trail on irregular lava flow/sand at Punta Espinosa. Good walking shoes and good balance are needed.

0815 **Option 2:** Zodiac exploration of the coast of Punta Espinosa (no landing).

~ **1015** All aboard.

1030 Snorkeling gear exchange on the 300-level aft.

~ **1045** Deep water snorkeling from our Zodiacs along the coast of Fernandina Island, weather permitting. *Pick up a towel. If needed, from the 300-level aft.*

1230 Lunch is served in the dining room.

1345 Join our Lindblad-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor Ramiro Adrian for a photography presentation "*Settings that Matter*", in the lounge.

1430 Join Naturalist/Undersea Specialist ` Jason Heilman for his presentation "*Oceanography & Geology of the Galapagos Islands*", in the lounge.

1530 Zodiac rides along the coast of Punta Vicente Roca, Isabela Island.

~ **1645** All aboard.

1730 Our hotel department will be hosting a wine-tasting event at the Observation deck (weather permitting); we will navigate north, sailing along the stunning coast of Ecuador Volcano at sunset. Come and join us to celebrate the Equator crossing!

1845 Recaps begin in the lounge, including an introduction to the Lindblad Expeditions' Artisan Fund and a briefing about tomorrow's activities.

1930 Dinner is served in the dining room

2045 State-of-the-art documentary in the lounge: "*David Attenborough's Galapagos - Chapter 2, 'Adaptation'*".

URBINA BAY & TAGUS COVE, ISABELA

Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

Sunrise: 0606 **High tide:** 1130, 5.6 ft. /1.7 m

Sunset: 1815 **Low tide:** 1748, 1.6 ft. /0.5 m

Isabela is by far the largest island in the Galápagos group, making up just over half the total surface area of the archipelago. It is the only one that is created by the fusion of six enormous shield volcanoes, which give rise to the characteristic “seahorse” shape of the island. We will have spent the night peacefully at anchor in Tagus Cove, and before first light, we navigate a short distance south along the coast of Isabela to Urbina Bay, at the base of Alcedo Volcano.

This morning we will visit an area on the western coast of Isabela, which is of great geological and historical interest. In 1954-, one- and one-half square kilometers of the marine reef off the coast of Urbina Bay was uplifted almost instantaneously, by as much as 15 feet (four meters)! The marine creatures were left high and dry, and some evidence of this occurrence, which took place over 50 years ago, can still be found. We will offer a hike of about one mile (1.2 kilometers) in distance; along the trail, we hope to find huge colorful land iguanas. Everyone will have a chance to swim from the beach following the hike; snorkeling is not usually worthwhile here because of beach turbulence.

Isabela Island has been the focus of a significant and successful program in the ecological restoration of the islands: the eradication of feral goats and donkeys. Never before has a program of such magnitude been attempted on an island this size. The flora and fauna of the island are unique, and were under serious threat especially from the exploding population of goats. The Isabela Project, one of the programs supported by Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic guest donations, has been successful beyond all hopes and now the native inhabitants that once faced extinction are well on the road to recovery.

The afternoon will take us back north a few miles to visit the historic bay of Tagus Cove where wayfarers over the centuries have sought and found a sheltered harbor (which is why we used it to stay overnight!) and easy access to the island. Some interesting historic graffiti can be found near the landing, and many stories can be told of visitors to this protected cover. This area of Isabela is one of the places visited by Charles Darwin in 1835. Our afternoon visit will include many different options, with deep-water snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboards and Zodiac ride options along the fascinating coastline where one might find Galápagos penguins, flightless cormorants and other surprises, as well as a strenuous/invigorating/uphill but scenic fast hike up the rim of a tuff cone overlooking Darwin Lake and beyond.

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EXPEDITIONS

URBINA BAY & TAGUS COVE, ISABELA

Tuesday's Schedule

0600 Early morning coffee, fruit and snacks are available in the lounge.

0630 Join wellness specialist Hilda for a stretching session, on the observation deck.

0700 Breakfast is served.

0800 Wet landing for hiking at Urbina Bay (one-mile round trip).

There is an option to swim from the beach after the walk so please come prepared!

PLEASE NOTE: There are introduced paper wasps present at this site. If you are allergic, bring your epi-pen please, let us know in advance and prepare accordingly. We suggest avoid wearing white and yellow for these colors tend to attract wasps.

1115 Join naturalist Ruben Calderon for his presentation "*Human History of the Galapagos Islands*" in the lounge.

Please do not forget to watch the kayaking instructions looping short movie.

It will start running after the presentation, in the lounge

1230 Extraordinary Ecuadorian Buffet Lunch is served! Please bring your cameras

1400 Kayaking FIRST ROUND departs from the ship.

Per regulations of the Galapagos National Park, we have authorization for sixteen units available on the ship. Today, we will have twelve double kayaks and four singles in this outing.

1515 Kayaking SECOND ROUND departs from the ship.

1520 Deep-water snorkelers depart from the ship

~ **1645** Dry landing at Tagus Cove for an INVIGORATING, MORE WALKING-LESS TALKING, FAST PACED, UP-HILL & HEART PUMPING HIKE to the top rim of Darwin Lake, a landscape littered with volcanic cones.

1700 Zodiac rides (as an option for non-hikers) will depart at this this time.

~ **1800** All aboard.

1900 Cocktail hour, recaps and briefing about tomorrow's activities.

1930 Dinner is served in the dining room.

2045 TBA

FYI - Only the two Kayaking outings require a sign-up beforehand on board. Sign-up sheets are located at the Workstation's front desk (200 level).



SANTIAGO ISLAND

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

Sunrise: 0606 **High tide:** 1048, 5.6 ft. /1.7 m

Sunset: 1806 **Low tide:** 1659, 1.9 ft. /0.6 m

Today we will spend the entire day visiting the island of Santiago. The fourth largest of the Galápagos Islands, Santiago, also known as San Salvador or James, has a verdant highland region and sources of fresh water inland. Due to this combination of features, Santiago Island was used by some of the very first human (and some non-human) visitors to Galápagos. A dramatic island of many colors and habitats, Santiago Island shows evidence of having had volcanic activity in her recent past as demonstrated by the long stretches of black basalt lava cliffs along the coast of James Bay.

After breakfast, we will devote our time to exploring the historic and scenic Buccaneer Cove, a one-time pirate haunt as well as the location where Charles Darwin landed for his longest stint on land in Galápagos. He spent a total of five weeks in Galápagos, which included 19 days on land of which nine were spent on Santiago. Different options will include a deep-water snorkeling excursion, as well as different rounds of glass bottom boat outings, Zodiac rides and kayaking/paddle boarding along the coastline.

This afternoon we will travel a short distance during lunch to anchor at Puerto Egas. Here, after a wet landing, we will take a lovely walk, 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometers), leading to an indented shoreline, the haunt of many coastal birds, where we will find marine iguanas, sea lions and even a small colony of fur seals in dramatic, deeply carved sea-level grottos. The inland part of the loop trail offers good opportunities to see land birds. Although this is a level trail overall, a few areas require careful footing as you make your way between tide pools and rocky formations. As an option, if you do not want to go for the long walk, you can stay at the landing beach to swim, snorkel, and/or just relax and walk around with the company of marine iguanas, crabs and Galapagos sea lions.

In 1997, Lindblad Expeditions “adopted” Santiago Island and created a special fund (now the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund for Galápagos) through which our guests could help support a major eradication effort to eliminate feral goats and pigs from the island

Today, the goats and pigs are completely gone, thanks in part to donations from some 20,000 of your fellow guests. This enormous success says a lot about the role those caring travelers can play in saving the truly special places on earth. Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has been honored with a long list of prestigious awards in recognition of what you have achieved on Santiago Island and elsewhere in Galápagos. Thank you!

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EXPEDITIONS

SANTIAGO ISLAND

Wednesday's Schedule

0600 Early morning coffee, fruit and snacks are available in the lounge.

0615 Join wellness specialist Hilda for a stretching session, on the observation deck.

0645 Breakfast is served

0745 FIRST ROUND of Kayakers/Paddle boarders of the day departs from the ship.

0800 Zodiac exploration along the coast of Buccaneer Cove (approximately 45 minutes).

0915 SECOND ROUND of Kayakers/Paddle boarders of the day departs from the ship.

0930 First round of the glass bottom boat departs.

We will have then four more departures at **1000, 1030, 1100** and the last one at **1130**.
According to sign-ups (transfers by Zodiac from the ship to the glass bottom boat).

1045 Snorkeling gear exchange

1100 Deep-water snorkelers depart from the ship

1230 Lunch is served. *Our Global gallery will be open after lunch today!*

1345 Photo Instructor Ramiro Adrian will be available for any questions about photography, in the lounge.

1415 Join Betchart Expeditions Guest Lecturer Michael H. Jackson for his presentation "*Charles Darwin in the Galapagos*", in the lounge

1530 Disembarkation (wet landing) for **EITHER** Option 1 **OR** Option 2

Option 1 For hikers, disembarking first (~ 1.8-mile loop trail). Good walking shoes are needed.
Coming back to the ship at around 1800.

Option 2 For those of you who prefer to spend the afternoon on the beach, relaxing, strolling and/or swimming/snorkeling from the landing beach.
Coming back to the ship at any time you want until 1800.

1800 All aboard

1845 Join us in the lounge for recaps and a briefing about tomorrow's program.

1930 BBQ dinner, weather permitting, will be served at the Observation Deck.

2045 TBA

PUERTO AYORA & HIGHLANDS SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Thursday, January 29th 2026

Sunrise: 0606; **Low tide:** 0527 0.6 ft / 1.3 m

Sunset: 1816; **High tide:** 1153 5.9 ft / 1.8 m

Today we reach the second largest island in the archipelago, Santa Cruz (formerly known as Indefatigable), where a very different experience awaits us as this will be our chance to see the human aspect of Galápagos, as well as to visit the lush, cool highlands of an island. Puerto Ayora is home to some 18,000 inhabitants and is the economic hub of the archipelago. As the inhabitants of one of the world's most important protected areas it is important for Galapagos residents to be aware of the implications and responsibilities that come with living in so unique a place. The Lindblad Expeditions - National Geographic Fund has long supported environmental education and community outreach programs, scholarships for local students and even a local school with a very special vision. We will start the day by landing at the main town dock and taking buses to the entrance of the Galapagos National Park Service (GNPS), to then walk for about 0.4 miles to the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) and GNPS headquarters. This is where scientists gather information for the conservation of the island's unique biota, and is the site of an interesting visitor centre. The CDRS works closely with the GNPS, which is the entity ultimately responsible for managing the region. We will visit one of the most significant and successful programs in the ecological restoration of the islands: the Fausto Llerena giant tortoise captive breeding centre (named after the GNPS warden who has been in charge of the program since its inception). This was the home of "Lonesome George", the last of the Pinta Island tortoises, before the extinction of his species. Such a personal look at extinction is a vivid reminder that protecting other Galápagos creatures from a similar fate is not an option for us, but rather an obligation.

After visiting the breeding program, your naturalists will lead you back through town, pointing out sites of interest like the ceramic garden and the Pelican Bay Plaza, before returning to the buses awaiting at Darwin's Arch. We will have an open shaded shelter in *Darwin's Lounge Cafe*, place where we will have access to restrooms and refreshments on the house. At Darwin's Arch, we will board our buses (with your morning's naturalist guide and group) for a 30-minute drive to a charming sugar cane mill located in the highlands called *El Trapiche*. This brief stop will give us the opportunity to learn about the lifestyles of the first settlers in these inhospitable islands. You will have the choice, as an option instead of the sugar cane mill, to visit a local organic farm or a local School as well. We will then continue on to a delightful restaurant at a ranch named *El Manzanillo*, where we will have our lunch. This ranch is located in the migratory route of the great giant tortoises of Santa Cruz and following lunch we prepare to explore the lush forests and pastures around the restaurant in search of these gentle giants. We will change into rubber boots should conditions warrant it (socks needed). Here we will have plenty of time for observing and photographing these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat, as well as looking out for different species of finches and other land and lagoon birds.

After our visit, we head back down the island to town and will be back on board around 1545 - 1600. As an option, you can stay in town on your own; Zodiacs will be available for your return, every hour on the hour, at 1700 and at 1800.

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EXPEDITIONS

PUERTO AYORA & HIGHLANDS, SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, Thursday's Schedule

- 0600** Early morning coffee, fruit and snacks are available in the lounge.
- 0645** Breakfast is served.
- 0745** Dry landing at Puerto Ayora main town dock, then a bus ride (~ 8 minutes) and walk (~ 0.5 miles) to the Charles Darwin Foundation and the National Park's Tortoise Breeding Centre.

If you want to save energy for the afternoon's main Giant Tortoises in their natural habitat attraction and the heat and humidity you can disembark at 1000 AM to join the group at "Darwin's Lounge Café".

Please notice that for logistical reasons we will follow this disembarkation order accordingly to your choice:

- **FIRST** disembarking today at **0745** will be those of you who signed up to visit "Granja Integral Ochoa", a local Regenerative Hydroponic Farm.
- **SECOND** disembarking at ~ **0755** will be those of you who signed up to visit "Tomas de Berlanga School", a local school supported by the LEX-NG Fund.
- **THIRD**, last but not least, ~ **0800** we will disembark the rest of you who did not sign up for the latter options and want to visit the traditional farm "El Trapiche".

Please sign-up for the option that requires it (Hydroponic Farm and School), at the working station desk by this evening. We have to send the final numbers at 0700 am. Thank you!

After the visit, we will all meet at "Darwin's Lounge Café", in front of Darwin's Arch, for a sheltered place to rest, use toilet facilities and/or enjoy ginger lemonade and/or purified water on the house, (alcoholic beverages, Galapagos chocolates and ice popsicles are not included).

1045-1100

From "Darwin's Lounge Café" we depart for the highlands of Santa Cruz by bus (same group/same bus/same naturalist guide you had in the morning) to go into the highlands of Santa Cruz to visit your signed up choice in this order:

- FIRST DEPARTING: "Granja Integral Ochoa Hydroponic Farm" option leaves at 1045 am
- SECOND DEPARTING: "Tomas de Berlanga School" option leaves at around 1050 am
- THIRD DEPARTING: "El Trapiche Sugar Cane Traditional Farm" option leaves at around 1100 am

Those of you who stayed on the ship until 1000 will be transferred to the right bus accordingly, to the option you chose.

1315 Lunch is served at "Rancho Manzanillo"

1415 Search for giant tortoises in their natural habitat. The ranch will provide rubber boots for our use (please do not forget to bring socks and a handy rain jacket/windbreaker).

1530 We will begin our return to town and then to the ship. You may opt to stay in town for extra time exploring it at your own pace. Zodiacs back to the ship will depart from the public dock immediately upon your arrival and after that at 1700 and 1800 (last one).

1730 Artisan market set up in the library. Come and watch local artisans working on their crafts.

1845 Briefing in the lounge, including the visit of a Charles Darwin Research Station Scientist.

1915 Dinner is served

2015 Join our visiting "Ecoarte" musicians and dancers for a little after-dinner entertainment, in the lounge.

PUNTA PITT & CERRO BRUJO, SAN CRISTOBAL (CHATHAM) ISLAND

Friday, January 30th 2026

Sunrise: 0607; **High tide:** 1249, 6.2 ft /1.9 m

Sunset: 1816; **Low tide:** 0626 0,9 ft /0.3m

Our last full day in the Galápagos will be spent on the easternmost island of the archipelago, where we will enjoy a combination of walks, Zodiac rides, swimming and snorkeling activities. San Cristobal (once known as Chatham) was the first island that Charles Darwin visited, and the island has a colorful (and often dramatic) human history that goes back almost two centuries. Tomorrow we will be disembarking in the town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, home to some 5,000 inhabitants and political capital of the Ecuadorian province of Galápagos; today, however, we will be visiting two very different pristine, uninhabited areas of San Cristobal. Early morning will find us at Punta Pitt, an impressive volcanic terrain at the northeastern end of this large island. This is the only site in Galápagos where you can sometimes find all three species of boobies nesting together.

The hike to the plateau and view point follows a dry stream bed and requires both good walking shoes, balance and good physical fitness as it is a steep and rather slippery climb. But the volcanic moonscape at the top is worth your effort; patches of red *Sesuvium*, a succulent plant, add color to this scenic landscape mosaic. For those who do not wish to attempt the hike, you may take more leisurely Zodiac rides and also spend time on the beach where there is often a colony of boisterous bachelor sea lions. Some snorkelling can be done from the beach later on in the morning; you can leave your equipment on the shoreline before departing on the walks.

During lunch, we will sail in a southwesterly direction towards our next visitor site on San Cristobal, called Cerro Brujo, which translates as "Wizard Hill". This is another area of impressive geology, a towering tuff cone eroded into interesting formations and in the distance, we have great views of an isolated rocky outcrop called Leon Dormido, or Kicker Rock in English. A great highlight here is the beautiful soft sandy beach of white organic sand, home to sea lions, marine iguanas and sea birds, bordered by coastal vegetation. We have a great chance to spot some endemic animal species to San Cristobal, such as the Chatham mocking bird and the Chatham lava lizard as well. Zodiacs are available for you to return to the ship when you wish. Once back on board we will travel to our final anchorage in the infamous Wreck Bay. In the evening, to end this day, you are all cordially invited to the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party and Dinner.

Please keep in mind, as we reminisce about the wonderful week, we have spent exploring the Enchanted Islands, that Galápagos is a unique and incomparable region of our planet. We need to protect it forever – this is not a choice for the world, but an imperative. In the end it will be the passion and insistence of the visitors that will ensure the preservation of the Galápagos Islands. Your enthusiasm for this place plays a key role in its protection.

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EXPEDITIONS

PUNTA PITT & CERRO BRUJO, SAN CRISTOBAL Friday's Schedule

0630 Breakfast is served.

NOTE - This morning is your last opportunity to turn in laundry.

0715 Disembarkation begins for those who wish to explore Punta Pitt by HIKING. After the hike, you can spend time at the beach, good for swimming, a last snorkeling opportunity, sun bathing and/or relaxing. You can come back directly back onboard after the hike, as an option, as well.

0730 Disembarkation for those who wish to take Zodiac rides instead of the hike; followed by time on the beach (optional) or you can come back directly back onboard after the ride as well.

0900 Disembarkation for those who wish to just go to the beach.

Please note that - as per Galapagos National Park regulations - we can only stay at this beach only until 1000

~ 1015 All aboard.

1030 Join wellness specialist Hilda for a stretching session, on the observation deck.

1100 At the library: collection of the last pictures you want to share for the slide show of the week, naturalist/photo instructor Ramiro Adrian, at the library. The slideshow will be shown this evening, saved in a movie format and the link will be shared via email.

1145 In the lounge, Naturalists Gilda Gonzalez & Vanessa Gallo will collect security declarations in return for luggage tags. *Please bring your **passport number** to the lounge to fill in the security declaration form.*

1215 Departure briefing in the lounge.

1245 Lunch is served. – we will have special decorations and a surprise, bring your cameras! Afterwards, Purser Jonathan Suarez will open the global gallery for the final time.

*If you wish to join in our efforts to conserve Galápagos by donating to the LEX-NG Fund, please use the QR code or URL address **GIVE.NGS.ORG/ENDEAVOUR2**. Let's work together to ensure a bright future of this magical place! In addition to the genuine satisfaction of helping the conservation of this paradise, you can obtain a significant discount on your future travel dreams. Let's try to obtain 100% participation in this departure!*

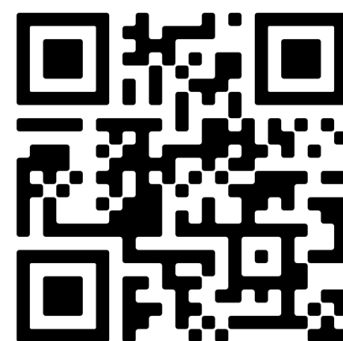
1500 Disembarkation begins for a wet landing to visit Cerro Brujo walking along a white sand beach.

1715 All aboard

1745 Join us in the upper deck for a "Leon Dormido" cocktail while we navigate near Kicker Rock in our way to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

1900 Join our Captain for a Farewell Toast and, to enjoy the looping slide show of the guests' pictures of this week's expedition. This slide show will be included in the electronic Voyage Portfolio that is being compiled by your Expedition Leader Carlos Romero. In a couple of weeks, Lindblad Expeditions (LEX) will send you a link to this portfolio to your registered emails.

1930 Farewell dinner is served in the dining room.



MEMORY IDEAS USING YOUR SMARTPHONES: Take Photos of Wildlife Check Lists, Officers & Crew List, Bios. Map showing the route Of National Geographic Endeavour II in this week In Galapagos, etc.



EXPEDITIONS

PUERTO BAQUERIZO MORENO, SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND, DEPARTURE!

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

Sunrise: 0607

Low tide: 0718, 0.6 ft /0.2 m

Sunrise will see us in the calm waters of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the Galápagos Islands; where we will finish our voyage. All checked luggage should be placed outside your cabin door before you go to breakfast, complete with the provided tags attached.

After breakfast, we will board our fleet of floating black limousines for the short ride to the dock, where we will enjoy two options a last fast paced energetic hike at Cerro Tijeretas or a last leisurely stroll down the picturesque waterfront with our natural history staff. We meet at lovely Umami Restaurant for a small brunch before taking buses one last time to the airport. The hotel offers a swimming pool, changing rooms and towels for anyone interested before going to the airport!

Your boarding passes will be handed out to you at the airport. All checked luggage airline tags will be given to our transfer representative, who is flying with you, she/he is in charge of taking these tags to the mainland.

Soon you will be returning to civilization; with memories of friendly sea lions and snorting iguanas, of fearless finches and soaring frigates, and plenty of photos to prove that it all really happened. We trust that memories of the volcanic shores of the Galápagos and of your voyage aboard the *National Geographic Endeavour II* will remain with you forever.

On behalf of National Geographic - Lindblad Expeditions, Captain Pablo Garces, the crew and officers, Hotel Manager Melissa Barrazueta, and our Natural History Staff led by Expedition Leader Carlos Romero, we extend to you our warmest wishes: may fair winds fill your sails, may calm seas guide your journey, and may every horizon bring discovery and joy.

SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND

Saturday's Schedule, DEPARTURE

0630 Wake-up call

If you have any questions regarding your account, please see purser Jonathan Suarez in his office (200 level workstation) early Saturday morning between **0600** and **0645**.

Please have all checked luggage outside your cabins, tonight or tomorrow before going for breakfast, by 0630

0700-0800 Breakfast is served. Please take your hand luggage & life jackets with you to the dining room. Please do not leave them in alleyway for they can be misidentified as checked luggage. We will disembark from the 100 level.

0800 We begin our disembarkation to the main dock in town. We will have two options:

1. **OPTION 1** - A fast-paced and energetic hike at "Cerro Tijeretas". A ~1.5 miles trail leads to the main attraction which is a lookout point with spectacular views of Kicker Rock to the west and Shipwreck Bay to the south. It takes about one hour and a half to reach the top of the hill and coming back to the bus.
2. **OPTION 2** - A leisurely beautiful stroll, with free time to explore the town's amazing waterfront home to Galapagos sea lions and plenty of sightings and shopping opportunities.

At the dock, you will have optional transportation available for your carry on, a pickup truck, to take your heavy hand luggage, not purses or small bags, to the Umami Restaurant, our meeting place. **A brunch, starting from 0945, will be served at this location.**

At **1045**, we will board the buses in front of the restaurant to the airport for a very short five minutes' bus ride.

~ **1234** Scheduled departure time of Avianca's flight 1631 to Guayaquil and onwards to Quito. You will be met at either Guayaquil airport (arrival at ~ **15:23**) or Quito airport (arrival at ~ **17:55**) by a Lindblad Expeditions representative.

You may be leaving the Galápagos Islands today, but this ultimate paradise on Earth will never leave you!

