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The Galápagos Archipelago, Darwin's living laboratory, is home to an abundance of wildlife. Isolated from the mainland for millions of years, it is one of the rare wildernesses where animals have no instinctive fear of humans, making for incredible photographic opportunities. Join a National Geographic photographer aboard the *National Geographic Endeavour* and learn tips and techniques as you capture images of flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, giant tortoises, and the remarkable scenery of the islands.



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comfortable expedition ship. During lunch, we begin our exploration of the islands.  
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Days 3 through 8 — Exploring Galápagos

In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our itinerary is flexible, allowing you to take advantage of this extraordinary wildlife sanctuary. You will have the opportunity to go on nature walks with local naturalists; swim; snorkel; or explore the waters by kayak, glass-bottom boat (*Endeavour* only), or Zodiac.  
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Listed below are some of the islands we may visit during our expeditions:\*

Isla Bartolomé

Walk to the top of Bartolomé's volcanic cone for a stunning view of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding white sand beaches. You may also have the opportunity to swim with Galápagos penguins.

### **Isla Santiago**

Follow a path along a series of tide pools and underwater caverns in search of Galápagos fur seals, marine iguanas, sea lions, and Sally Lightfoot crabs.

### **Isla Santa Cruz**

Santa Cruz is home to the Charles Darwin Research Station, a breeding station for endangered native species. Learn about the Darwin Foundation and their giant Galápagos tortoise breeding program. Later, travel into the highlands where wild tortoises forage.

### **Isla Isabela**

Spend the early morning on the lookout for dolphins, whales, sea turtles, and the unusual ocean sunfish, the *Mola mola*. Explore caves and hidden lagoons by Zodiac, and snorkel among sea turtles.

### **Isla Floreana**

At Champion Islet, snorkel among sea lions, or peer into an underwater world in a glass-bottom boat (*Endeavour* only) while keeping an eye out for the endangered Floreana Mockingbird. Those interested can visit Post Office Bay—if you see a letter addressed to someone who lives near you, the tradition is to deliver it by hand.

### **Isla Fernandina**

Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza as we hike over lava flows. Galapagos hawks and sea lion nurseries are also found as we explore this island.

### **Isla Española**

See Darwin's finches, boobies, and waved albatross on this birder's paradise. Walk among vivid green and red marine iguanas, and observe sea lions up close on a pristine white-sand beach.

## **Day 9 — Galápagos/Guayaquil**

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Guayaquil. The evening is at your leisure.

## **Day 10 — Guayaquil/U.S.**

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