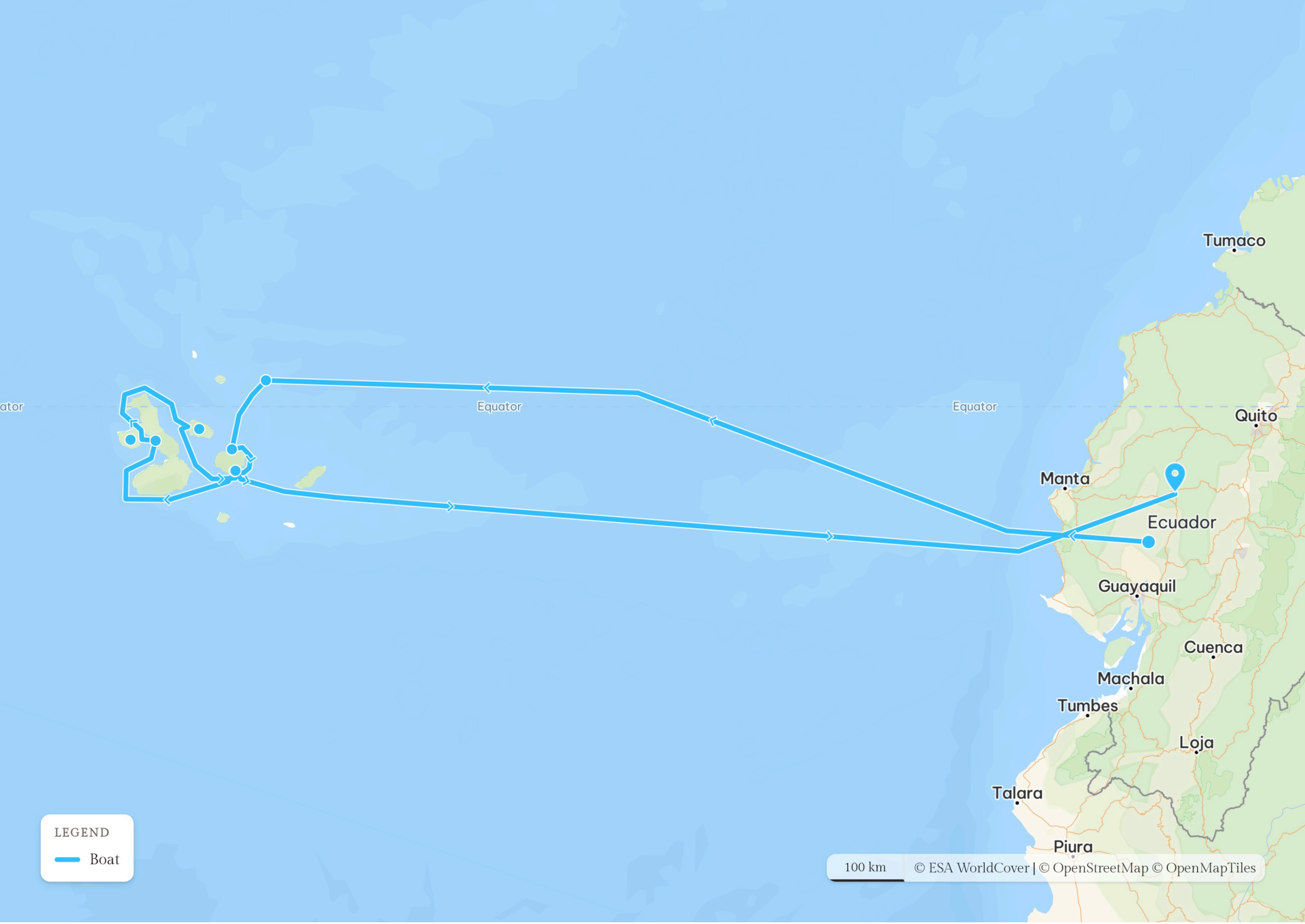


Galapagos

February 27th — March 5th, 2028


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Quinto, Ecuador - Feb 27, 2028

Day 1: Quinto, Ecuador

Quinto



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San Cristobal Airport, San Cristobal Island

Upon arrival in San Cristóbal Island, you will be greeted by your naturalist guides and transferred to the harbor. A short ride by minibus and dinghy will bring you to your expedition yacht, anchored in the calm waters of the bay. Once on board, you will enjoy a freshly prepared lunch before settling into your cabin.
A welcome briefing will follow, along with a safety drill to ensure comfort and confidence throughout your voyage.

PM: Kicker Rock, San Cristobal Island

As the yacht departs the harbor, you will have time to relax in the comfort of your surroundings. By late afternoon, you will approach Kicker Rock, a dramatic tuff cone that rises 150 meters (500 feet) from the sea. Shaped by erosion into two towering walls, it creates a striking channel and a spectacular backdrop for photographs, especially at sunset. As you circumnavigate the formation, you will observe blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies and frigatebirds perched on the cliffs.
The evening will unfold with a cocktail reception hosted by the Captain and crew, followed by a briefing on the next day's activities. A multi-course dinner, prepared by the yacht's chefs, will complete the first day of your Galápagos journey in refined style.

Prince Philip's Steps, Ecuador - Feb 28, 2028

Day 2: Prince Philip's Steps - Darwin Bay

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AM: Prince Philip’s Steps, Genovesa Island

At dawn, you will disembark at Prince Philip’s Steps on Genovesa, also known as Tower Island, one of the archipelago’s most remarkable birding sites. Along the trail, you may see red-footed boobies nesting in palo-santo trees, Nazca boobies resting nearby and storm petrels gathering in large numbers across the lava fields. With patience and a keen eye, you may also spot the elusive short-eared owl.

Later, you will return to the yacht for lunch on deck (weather permitting), featuring freshly grilled seafood from the barbecue. A cooking demonstration will follow, offering insight into the preparation of Ecuadorian ceviche, a dish to truly pamper the senses.

PM: Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island

After lunch, you will choose how to explore: paddle by kayak, stand-up board along the cliffs or hop on the dinghy and enjoy a deep-water snorkeling experience.

As the afternoon progresses, you will arrive at Darwin Bay, a coral sand beach backed by stands of Opuntia cacti and mangroves. Here, swallow-tailed and lava gulls gather near the tide pools, while great frigatebirds display their scarlet throat pouches in an elaborate courtship ritual. You may take a walk along the shore, relax on the sand or swim with sea lions in the warm northern waters.

Toward evening, you will return to the yacht, where you may enjoy gourmet snacks paired with craft beer from the Galápagos before the evening briefing and dinner. If skies are clear, the deck will make the perfect scenery for a stargazing session, with your guides helping identify constellations and the seabirds soar against the night.

Las Bachas Beaches, Ecuador - Feb 29, 2028

Day 3: Las Bachas - Dragon Hill

Las Bachas Beaches



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AM: Las Bachas, Santa Cruz Island

As the day begins, you will land on Las Bachas, a white-sand beach on the northern coast of Santa Cruz. In the lagoons just inland, American flamingos may be seen feeding gracefully, with their pink reflections mirroring in the still water. Your guide will share insights into the island's plant life and history, pointing out endemic species along the way.

From the beach, you will snorkel the calm waters that colorful tropical fish, sea stars, sea turtles and even some reef sharks call home.

Back on board, a freshly prepared lunch will be served, followed by a conversation-like briefing to understand more deeply all that you have seen and will experience in the islands.

PM: Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island

By afternoon, you will step ashore at Dragon Hill, where a short hike offers sweeping views of the bay. Along the brackish lagoon, you may observe flamingos surrounded by Opuntia cacti, palo santo and muyuyo trees. As the trail ascends, you may encounter finches, flycatchers, yellow warblers and shearwaters, while your guide points out stilts, pintail ducks and sandpipers.

Further along, you will look for golden land iguanas, unique to the Galápagos and once restored through the Darwin Station's breeding program. After the walk, you will return to the yacht for dinner and another evening of fine cuisine and Galápagos hospitality.

Elizabeth, Ecuador - Mar 1, 2028

Day 4: Elizabeth Bay - Urbina Bay

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AM: Elizabeth Bay or Vicente Roca Point, Isabela Island

At first light, you will board a dinghy to explore either Elizabeth Bay or Vicente Roca Point. As you glide through mangrove channels or approach wave-carved caves, you will see sally lightfoot crabs clinging to the volcanic tuff walls. A snorkeling excursion will follow, offering encounters with penguins darting through the water, sea turtles rising gracefully to the surface and a variety of reef fish moving among the rocks.

Afterward, you will return to the yacht for lunch. As the vessel sails through the Bolívar Channel, you will watch the scenery from the shaded sundeck while searching for marine life. Whales may breach in the distance, bottlenose dolphins often ride the bow wave and spinner dolphins leap in graceful arcs. With luck, you may also spot a rare mola mola, the giant sunfish with its distinctive triangular fins.

PM: Urbina Bay, Isabela Island

In the afternoon, you will disembark at Urbina Bay, where a dramatic eruption in 1954 exposed four miles of former seabed, and left coral skeletons standing above the shore as a reminder of the island's power.

Along the trail, you may encounter Galápagos land and marine iguanas, finches, pelicans and flightless cormorants, and you may also see tortoises, making this one of the few places in the archipelago where these giants roam in the wild.

Back on board, you will enjoy gourmet snacks and a briefing before dinner, accompanied by an espresso martini made with authentic Galapagueño coffee. As night falls, step out on deck to admire the Milky Way, then join the Captain on the bridge for a rare opportunity to witness the yacht crossing the Equator, and capture the 0°00'00" milestone.

Urbina Bay, Ecuador - Mar 1, 2028

Isla Fernandina, Ecuador - Mar 2, 2028

Day 5: Espinoza Point - Tagus Cove

Isla Fernandina



Day 5: Espinoza Point - Tagus Cove

AM: Espinoza Point, Fernandina Island

At sunrise, breakfast will be served on deck, with local coffee or a refreshing drink to pair the view. Soon after, you will step ashore at Espinoza Point on Fernandina, the youngest and most pristine island in the archipelago, where the ecosystem, shaped by active volcanoes, remains untouched by introduced species. Here you may see sea lion harems stretched across the beach, with bulls guarding their territories, and hundreds of marine iguanas basking on the lava. Along the shore, you may encounter the nesting sites of flightless cormorants, known for having lost their ability to fly, after evolving into expert divers, making a true example of the theory of evolution.

Back on board, you will enjoy a barbecue lunch on the shaded sundeck, with grilled seafood and local craft beer, while anchored in a calm bay favored for whale watching, depending on the season of the year.

PM: Tagus Cove, Isabela Island

During the afternoon, you will land at Tagus Cove, a historic anchorage once used by pirates and whalers, where graffiti carved into the cliffs dates back to the 1800s. You may choose a brisk hike to a saltwater lagoon and viewpoint overlooking the ocean, lava fields and volcanic terrain, or opt for a more active outing, paddling by kayak or stand-up board through the sheltered waters of the cove. Wildlife here usually includes Galápagos penguins, boobies, pelicans and other seabirds.

As the yacht resumes its course toward the geographic center of the archipelago, you will mark the third and final equator crossing of your voyage. The evening will bring together sophistication and maritime spirit, setting the stage for a memorable night in the heart of the Galápagos.

Santiago, Ecuador - Mar 3, 2028

Day 6: Egas Port - Rabida

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AM: Egas Port, Santiago Island

At dawn, you will explore Egas Port on Santiago Island, a shoreline rich in marine life. As you walk along the coast, you may spot octopus, starfish and other sea creatures in the tide pools. Birdlife is abundant here, with sightings that may include great blue herons, lava herons, American oystercatchers and yellow-crowned night herons.

During low tide, marine iguanas will be seen grazing on algae exposed on the rocks. In mating season, they turn vivid red and green, a striking display of color. The trail concludes at the grottos, natural pools of clear water where fur sea lions — once on the brink of extinction — now flourish. Before returning to the yacht, you will snorkel directly from the beach, sharing the waters with an array of tropical fish.

Back on board, lunch will be served on deck (weather permitting), featuring meats grilled on the barbecue. An Ecuadorian culinary demonstration will follow, adding flavor and culture to the day's adventure.

PM: Rabida, Rabida Island

As the yacht sails after lunch, you may relax on deck and watch for dolphins that often appear alongside. Later, you will disembark on Rábida's distinctive red-sand beach, considered the geographic center of the archipelago and renowned for its diversity of volcanic rocks. A short trail will lead to a saltwater lagoon frequented by greater flamingos. Along the way, you may encounter marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and Darwin's finches — species central to Darwin's theory of evolution.

Snorkeling here will reveal sea lions and rays, including golden rays and spotted eagle rays gliding through the water. Returning to the yacht, you will be welcomed with gourmet snacks, an Ecuadorian cocktail and the evening briefing.

As night falls, the crew will host a lighthearted King Neptune ceremony, transforming into pirates for a maritime ritual in which guest participation is optional. The evening will close in a spirit of camaraderie, perfectly capturing the playful charm of the Galápagos.

Charles Darwin Research Station, Ecuador - Mar 4, 2028

Day 7: Highlands - Charles Darwin Research Station

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AM: Highlands, Santa Cruz Island

At daybreak, you will find yourself in the bustling harbor of Academy Bay, the social heart of the Galápagos. After disembarking at Puerto Ayora, you will board a private bus for a scenic drive into the highlands of Santa Cruz, where vegetation zones shift from arid lowlands to lush greenery at higher elevations.

Your morning will unfold with a visit to Rancho Primicias or El Chato, privately owned ranches where giant tortoises roam freely in their natural habitat. Some exceed 225 kilograms (500 pounds), an awe-inspiring sight. The property also reveals lava tunnels formed by ancient volcanic activity, which you will explore before continuing to Los Gemelos, a pair of massive volcanic craters that highlight the island's geological grandeur.

You may choose to remain in town for lunch, sampling local cuisine with recommendations from your guides, or return to the yacht for a buffet-style lunch on board

PM: Charles Darwin Research Station, Santa Cruz Island

As the afternoon unfolds, you will visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center and the Charles Darwin Research Station Exhibition Hall, a unique opportunity to learn about the islands' ongoing conservation work. Along the wooden walkway, you will see hatchlings and juvenile tortoises destined for release, while also paying tribute to Lonesome George, the last tortoise from Pinta Island. You will also hear about "Super Diego," the Española tortoise whose extraordinary contribution to breeding programs helped restore his species.

Afterward, you may take a leisurely stroll through Puerto Ayora, visiting boutiques featuring local art, jewelry and handcrafts. Returning to the yacht, you will join the Captain and crew for a farewell gathering, a time for reflection and gratitude. The evening will conclude with a multi-course dinner, accompanied by a presentation revisiting the highlights of your Galápagos journey — a fitting finale to an unforgettable week.

San Cristobal, Ecuador - Mar 5, 2028

Day 8: Lobos Island

San Cristobal



Day 8: Lobos Island

AM: Lobos Island, San Cristobal Island

After breakfast, you will embark on a Dinghy excursion along the shores of Isla Lobos. Here, you will observe sea lions, seabirds and other wildlife inhabiting this small islet near San Cristóbal. Before your flight, you will relax with refreshments in a private lounge arranged exclusively for guests, offering a comfortable pause at the close of your journey. Soon after, you will transfer to the airport for the return flight to the mainland, carrying with you the enduring memories of an extraordinary week in the islands.

