



NORTH SEYMOUR & BACHAS BEACH

Operation Day: Every Friday

Meeting point and hour: 8h15 / At the entrance of Puerto Ayora's Church, in front of the pier and aside from the restaurant "El Descanso del Guía"

Departing pier: Itabaca

Arriving pier: Itabaca

Coming hour: 16h00 approx.

North Seymour

Today we will join the tour group at the indicated meeting point and time. Then, we will depart by bus to the Itabaca Channel, where we will board the Galaxy Daily, thus beginning our adventure to North Seymour Island.

This island is located north of Santa Cruz Island. It is known for its large colonies of blue-footed boobies and frigate birds, known as the Galapagos pirates.



After arriving in North Seymour, we will have a dry landing and immediately start hiking on a 2.5 km (1.55 miles) trail. We can go clockwise along the coast or head inland first to visit the colony of boobies.

During this tour, we will access the nesting sites of the largest breeding colonies on the islands. We will then understand why Seymour is known for its rich wildlife.

Get ready to spot land iguanas and marine iguanas; also, a colony of sea lions, lava lizards, and pelicans!

While we advance along the path, we will observe several trees where the male and female frigates nest. As we continue through the trail, the terrain will become rocky. Then, we will have the opportunity to appreciate the nesting place of the spectacular blue-footed boobies. This species is fascinating for its courtship dance in which they can dance for hours until finally captivating the female attention to nesting together.

Did you know that these boobies never build a nest? That is because a ring of white guano marks their nesting area.



If you like plants, we will see some endemic flora species in North Seymour during the walk, such as Opuntia, Croton, Castela, and Sesuvium cacti.

Bachas Beach

After we visit North Seymour and have a delicious lunch aboard, we will go to the beach known as Bachas, located north of Santa Cruz Island. Here we can snorkel or take a relaxing walk on the beach. For this, we will make a wet landing, in which we will jump from the panga to the shore of the beach. Again, we recommend disembarking barefoot and wearing light walking shoes for the rest of the journey.

Bachas beach is lovely, ideal for swimming, with a lagoon behind and a longer coast for walking and wildlife watching. The saltwater lagoon behind the beach often has great blue herons and small birds. Both the large and small beaches are nesting areas for green sea turtles.



As for snorkeling, during the activity, we may see many types of colorful reef fish and various rays, among other marine species.

At the end of our experience in Bachas, we will return to the Itabaca Channel. Then, we will be transferred to Puerto Ayora's pier to end our day-long adventure.

Included Services	Not Included Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboard lunch • Coffee and tea station • Snorkel and mask • Towels • Fins (Must be requested 72 hours before the tour date) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetsuits * • Soft drinks onboard <p>* Available for rent Must be requested 72 hours before the tour date</p>
Don't forget to bring	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfortable trekking shoes • Sandals for the beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimsuit • Hat and sunglasses • Sunscreen