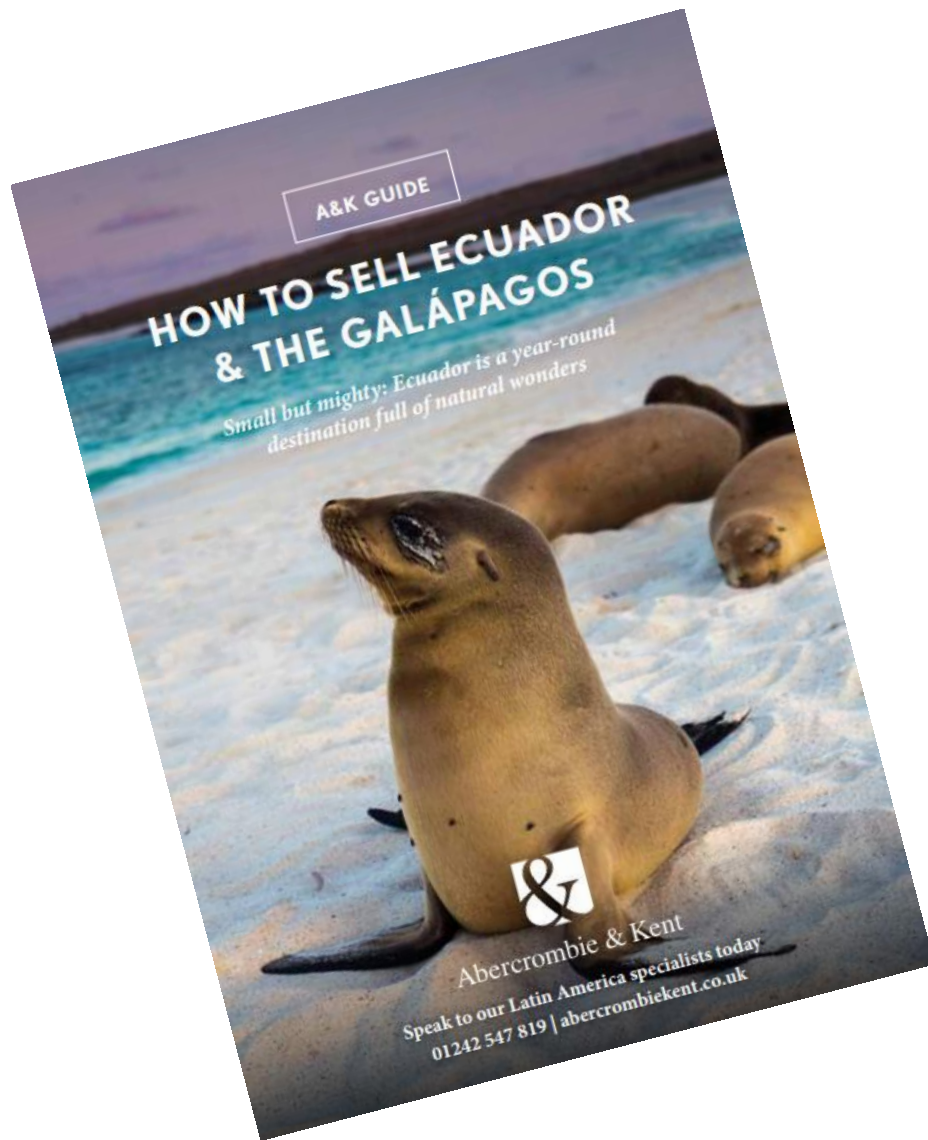




Ecuador & The Galápagos

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December - May



HOLIDAY LENGTH

11 nights



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From £3,295pp



HOLIDAY TYPE

Tailor-made

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Quito

Go behind the scenes to watch ice cream being made by local heladería. Learn their special technique, refined over generations.

Quito

Party like a local on board a traditional 'Chivas'. Tour the city, meet the locals and discover a great component of the quaint Ecuadorian culture.

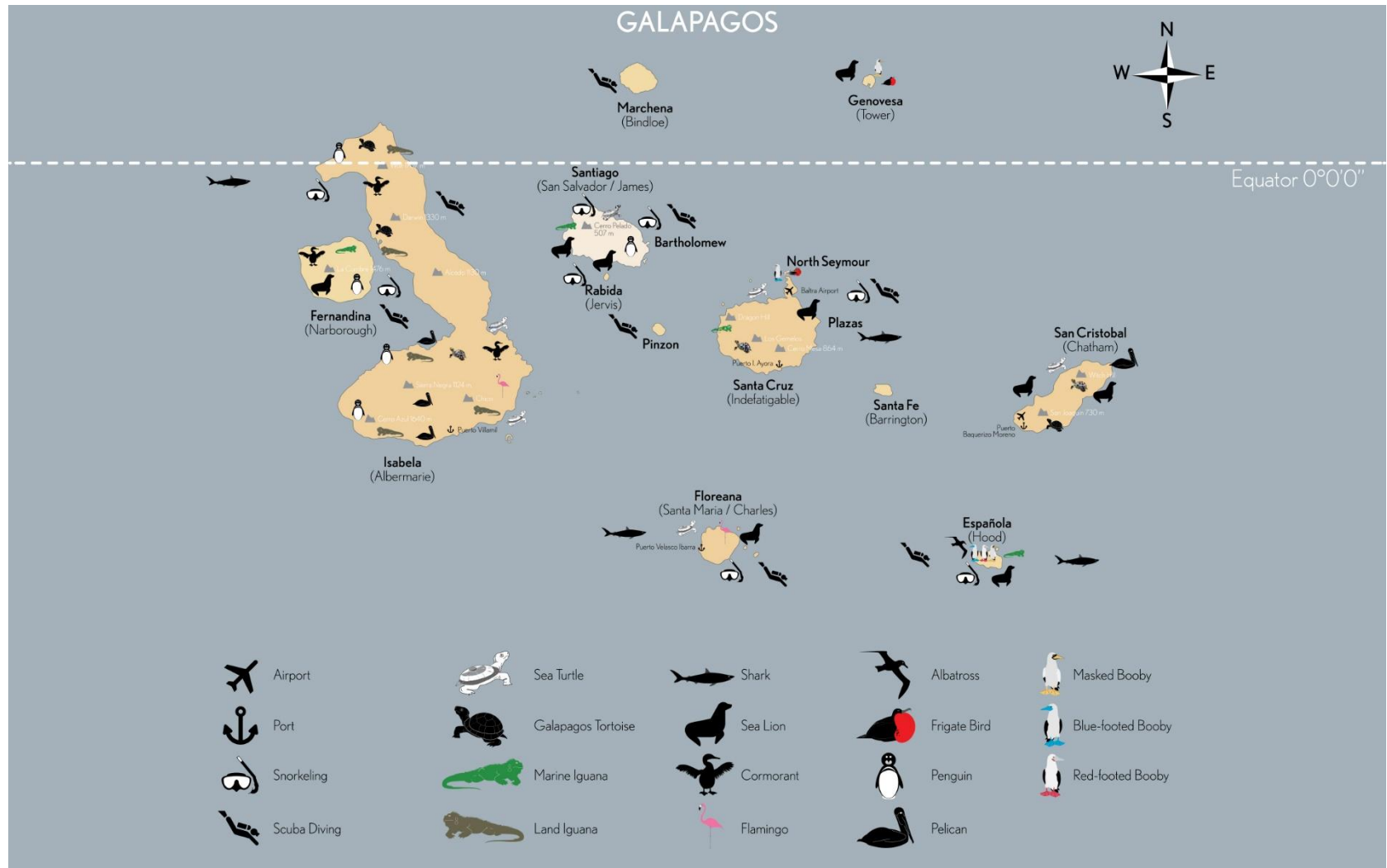
Galápagos

When staying at Finch Bay Hotel, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, just 15 minutes away.

Galápagos

Watch blue-footed boobies prance around statuesque rocks, or snorkel with sea-lions and myriad colourful fish.

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS – What to see where & when



Your year round destination

Your guide to a year in Galapagos

JANUARY

- In Española, adult marine iguanas become brightly colored for their mating period.
- Green sea turtles arrive at beaches for nesting.
- Ideal time for snorkeling and diving, as temperature rises and stay warm until June.

FEBRUARY

- In Floreana Island, flamingos start nesting while Bahama pintail birds start breeding season.
- Nesting season of the Galapagos dove reaches its peak.
- Water temperature reaches 25°C (77°F) and will remain constant until April.

MARCH

- Beginning of the Summer marks the arrival of the waved albatross to Española.
- The western islands offer excellent snorkeling.
- Sporadic tropical rains, intense sun and hot climate.

APRIL

- Arrival of waved albatrosses to Española. Their amazing courtship begins.
- Eggs laid by green sea turtles and land iguanas begin to hatch.
- Although the rains have ended, the islands remain green.
- Definitely one of the best months to visit the Galapagos.
- Good visibility in the water for snorkelers.

MAY

- North Seymour's blue-footed boobies begin their courtship.
- Sea turtles are still hatching on Gardner Bay, Punta Cormorant and Puerto Egas.
- The waved albatross on Española start laying their eggs.
- Most of the marine iguanas' eggs hatch, on Santa Cruz.

JUNE

- Beginning of the colder season and waters start picking up in surge and wave action.
- Groups of humpback whales often reach the Galapagos during their migration.
- Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz migrate from the highlands to the lowlands in search of nesting places.

JULY

- Sea birds become active, especially the Blue footed boobies on Española.
- Flightless cormorants perform courtship rituals and nesting activities on Fernandina.
- Lava lizards initiate mating rituals until November.
- Whales and dolphins are more likely to be observed off the western coast of Isabela.

AUGUST

- Giant tortoises return to the highlands of Santa Cruz.
- Sea lion pupping season (births) begins.
- Waters are choppy and currents at the strongest levels.

SEPTEMBER

- Swimmers and snorkelers can find continual penguin activity underwater on Bartolome.
- Sea lions are very active.
- Females have reached mating season causing males to bark and fight. Western and central islands are the most active in this respect.

OCTOBER

- Fur Sea lions begin their mating period.
- Blue footed boobies raise chicks all over Española and Punta Vicente Roca.
- Morning fog can be expected in most locations, except on the western islands where most days have a misty start that soon fades away.
- Sunrises in the west can be beautiful after the mist covers only certain locations of the western volcanoes.

NOVEMBER

- Sea lion pupping continues. The adults are sexually active on the east of the archipelago.
- Seas are calm. South east trade winds have decreased strength.
- Generally great weather due to transition between one season and the next.
- Sea lion pups play aqua-aerobics next to snorkelers.
- Most pups here are curious enough to nibble at fins of snorkelers.

DECEMBER

- Hatching of giant tortoise's eggs begins and lasts until April.
- Sea turtles display their mating behavior.
- The islands go green again due to the beginning of the rainy season.



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Adam's Top Tip

"I have been lucky enough to visit over 50 countries and the Galápagos Islands is my number one destination! You can snorkel with turtles or share the beach with sea-lions! The wildlife is phenomenal. I recommend a cruise to explore more of the islands. Plus add on an adventure to the Amazon or a volcano hike in Ecuador.

My top tip - enjoy a night before or after you experience the Galápagos Islands in Hotel Del Parque, the first luxury boutique hotel in Guayaquil. A restored 19th century property nestled in an oasis in the city."



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Melissa's Top Tip

"My best Galápagos tip is to tell your clients to avoid wearing or carrying anything yellow when they go ashore as the native flower species are either white or yellow, and yellow attracts more in the way of insects.

If your clients also want to include the Ecuadorian Amazon during their travels, it is always best to do this before any Galápagos visit. In the Amazon, clients will need to look hard to see wildlife in the jungle whereas in the Galápagos they will sometimes need to be careful not to trip over it! Galápagos is a tough act to follow!"



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