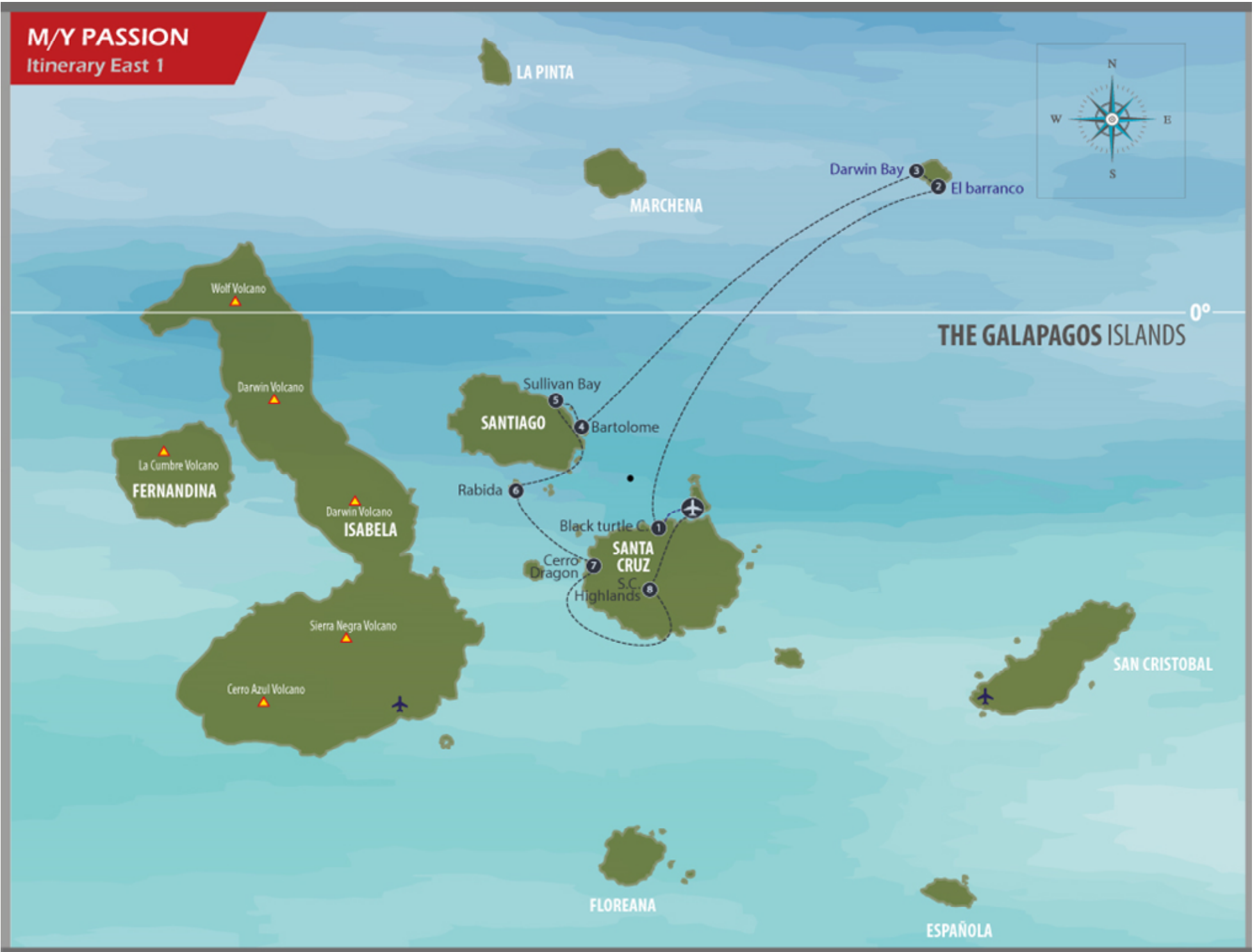


**M/Y PASSION**  
Itinerary East 1



## M/Y PASSION ITINERARIES E1 (FULL DESCRIPTION)

### PASSION - 5 DAYS

#### DAY 1 – SATURDAY

##### PM

After arriving at Baltra airport we will be greeted by an Angermeyer Cruises representative to then board the Passion and have lunch. After lunch, we will navigate a short distance to **Black Turtle Cove**, a large mangrove lagoon on the north coast of Santa Cruz Island. Pelicans and herons roost on the branches, while marine dwellers such as green sea turtles or golden rays may cruise right next to the panga as it makes its way through the mangroves.

#### DAY 2 - SUNDAY

##### AM

We travel to Genovesa Island and reach **Darwin Bay** (wet landing), a unique site lined with red mangroves and soft-haired prickly pear cacti where red-footed boobies and great frigatebirds perch tamely.

##### PM

At **Prince Philip Steps** (dry landing), we climb the edge of a cliff where frigatebirds, masked boobies, and red-footed boobies nest. We will be seeking out the impressive red-billed tropicbird amidst Galapagos storm petrels.

#### DAY 3 – MONDAY

##### AM

Dry landing at Bartholomew to climb up the wooden steps and reach the summit of this spatter cone for a most breath-taking panorama of the island's well photographed **Pinnacle Rock** and views of neighbouring Santiago and many other central islands in the distance.

##### PM

We head across to **Sullivan Bay** (dry landing) in Santiago to walk over a recent lava flow, including very fresh pahoehoe lava formations, lava bubbles containing crystallized minerals and pioneer plants. Along the shoreline, we may find Galapagos penguins and herons going after small fish.

#### DAY 4 - TUESDAY

##### AM

Wet landing onto **Rábida's** deep-red beaches to explore the red island's fascinating interior and saltwater lagoon. Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds and yellow warblers feed off the vegetation. Given the right time of the year we may see brown pelicans nesting on salt bushes that fringe the beach.

##### PM

We head across to **Cerro Dragón** on Santa Cruz's northwest shore (dry landing) to visit a saltwater lagoon, home to Greater Flamingos, black-necked stilts and white-cheeked pintails. Further inland we find a fantastic land iguana nesting site.

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## DAY 5 – WEDNESDAY

### AM

We will spend this day visiting Santa Cruz Island's most famous highlights. We will have a dry landing at the dock of Puerto Ayora to then board our transportation and head to the island's highlands. This area, in contrast to the coastal region, has lush vegetation and forest due to the humidity in the higher regions.

We will visit one of the ranches of the area where it is possible to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat. As these animals migrate from the coastal area to the highlands and back, the chosen ranch will depend on the presence of the tortoises since they roam free and change locations. This is also a good place to see the Galapagos hawk and barn owl of this island and the surrounding forests are filled of birds such as the vermilion flycatcher or the yellow warbler.

After this visit, we will continue on to the Baltra airport for the flight back to mainland Ecuador.

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