

# Floreana Island

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Of the four species of sea turtles in this archipelago, only Pacific green sea turtles nest in these islands. From December to May, the reptiles gather along the sandy beaches to find a mate and nest. The females lay between 60–120 eggs in every nest, and the eggs take approximately 60 days to hatch. Very soon, we will see some of the first hatchlings emerge from those nests. Photo by Javier Carrión



Throughout the week, guests find opportunities to enjoy silent moments. This couple enjoyed the presence of a green sea turtle basking on the beach in Punta Cormorant. The animal stayed put for a bit, so we had a great conversation about the challenges these animals face throughout their lives. Photo by Javier Carrión



Galapagos sea lions are the most charismatic species found in the Galapagos. They demonstrate various behaviors that make them fun to observe. Today we had the opportunity to see a baby sea lion nursing on the beach at Punta Cormorant. Guests observed this remarkable moment and had time to practice their photography skills. Photo by Javier Carrión



Blue-footed boobies are probably the most iconic seabird found in the Galapagos. Today we had the opportunity to see some boobies plunge-diving for food, while other boobies perched on lava rocks and preened their feathers. Out of the three species of boobies found in the Galapagos, blue-footed boobies are seen most often, partially because they feed along the shorelines. Photo by Javier Carrión

Today we spent the day visiting Floreana Island. We visited Punta Cormorant and Champion Islet in the morning. Here we had the chance to explore the island on land and underwater. We spent a fantastic morning looking for endemic creatures. In the afternoon, we went kayaking in Post Office Bay. We had the chance to visit the Post Office barrel, one of the most important spots connected to human history on these islands.

## About the Author

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Javier grew up on Santa Cruz island where his grandparents first arrived in the 1940's. Veritable pioneers, his grandparents settled in the highlands where they found a place to raise their children.