

Champion Islet, Floreana, Galapagos, Ecuador

A tiny volcanic islet off Floreana, Champion is famous for some of the clearest snorkeling in the Galapagos — sea lions, hammerheads, and green turtles all in one swim. No landings allowed; the magic is entirely in and around the water.

Zodiac/panga only (no landing permitted)

Typical call: 3-5 hrs

USD (Ecuador)

Spanish / English guides

World-class snorkeling

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No pier or landing — zodiac/panga access only from expedition cruise ship

Best For: Snorkeling, sea lion encounters, rare birdwatching (Floreana Mockingbird)

Location: Off the north coast of Floreana Island, southern Galapagos Archipelago

Don't Miss: The coral wall snorkel and a panga ride to spot the critically endangered Floreana Mockingbird

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Champion Islet Snorkel** — Swim the crystal-clear waters around the islet to encounter playful Galapagos sea lions, green sea turtles, hammerhead sharks, white-tip reef sharks...
- Panga Wildlife Cruise** — Zodiac rides around the islet's rugged shoreline offer close-up views of Galapagos penguins, blue-footed and Nazca boobies, frigatebirds...
- Floreana Island Combination Day** — Many itineraries pair Champion Islet with nearby Floreana Island, adding a visit to the Post Office Bay barrel (a 19th-century mail tradition)...
- Scuba Diving — Champion Wall** — The submerged coral wall at Champion is a renowned drift dive site covered in black and yellow corals, with frequent sightings of hammerheads...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		77°	71°	17d
Jun		73°	68°	11d
Aug		69°	65°	8d
Sep		69°	64°	6d
Oct		69°	64°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:59AM–6:03PM · Jun 6:01AM–6:03PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:08PM · Sep 5:53AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:43AM–5:51PM

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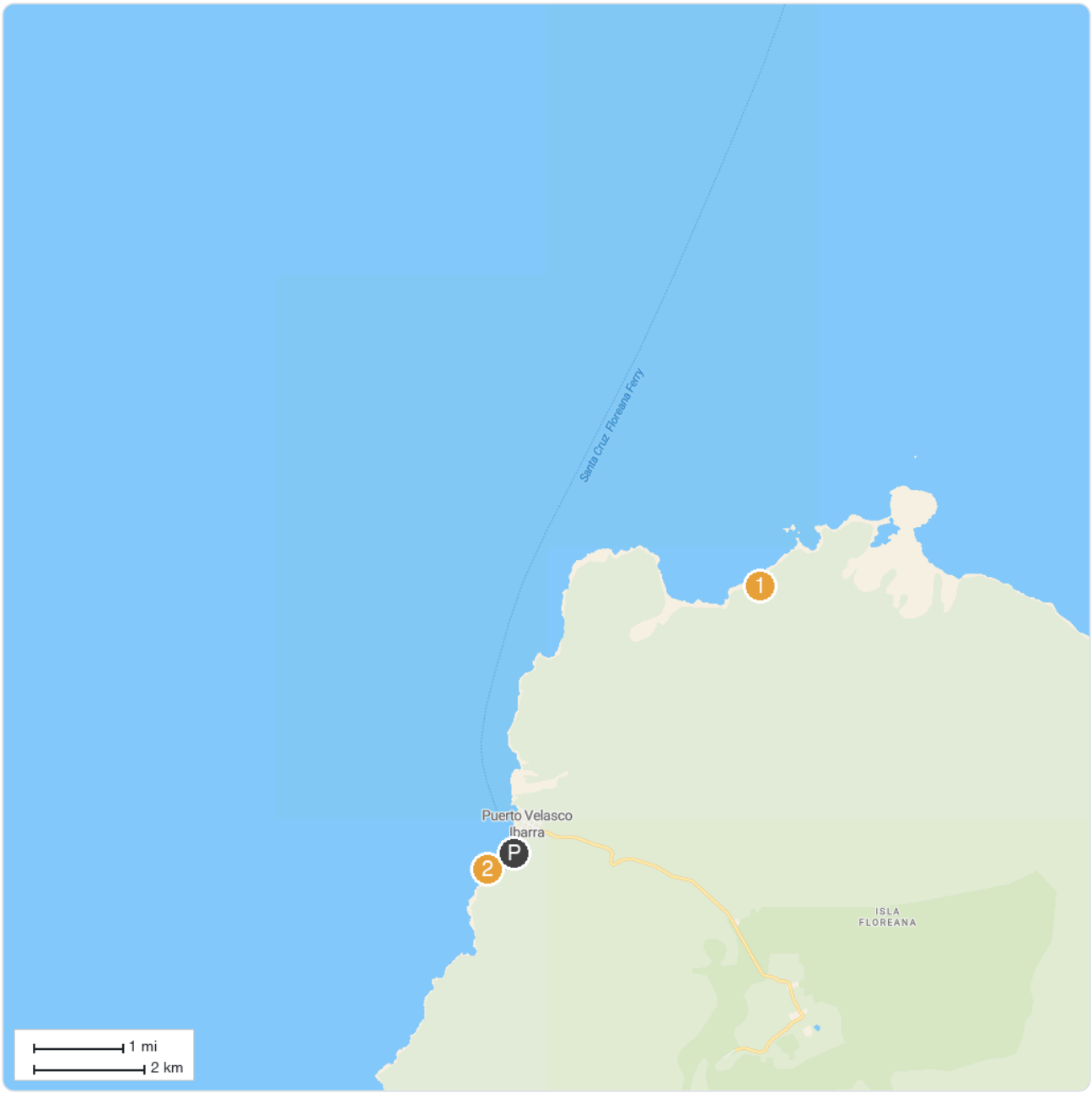
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring your own snorkel gear if possible. Rental gear is available on most expedition ships, but a well-fitting mask makes a big difference in these strong currents.
- Currents can be strong. Champion Islet experiences moderate to strong currents — stay close to your guide and don't fight the water.
- Watch quietly for the Floreana Mockingbird. With fewer than 40 individuals on the islet, sightings are special — keep noise low and follow your naturalist guide's cues.
- Sun protection is essential. Reef-safe sunscreen is required in the Galapagos National Park. Bring a rash guard — hours in the water mean significant sun exposure.
- Underwater camera strongly recommended. Sea lions swim inches from snorkelers — a GoPro or waterproof camera captures moments that above-water shots can't.
- Do not attempt to land on the islet. Galapagos National Park strictly prohibits all landings at Champion. Rangers enforce this — respect the rules and the fragile ecosystem.

Champion Islet, Floreana, Galapagos, Ecuador — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Post Office Bay

Mail a postcard from a historic barrel post office.
- 2

La Loberia Isla Floreana

Observe sea lions and snorkel in clear waters.
- P

Cruise port / terminal