

Rábida Island, Galápagos, Ecuador

A Martian-red volcanic island sitting at the heart of the Galápagos — Rábida's iron-stained beach, lively sea lion colony, flamingo-fringed lagoon, and crystal-clear snorkeling waters make it one of the archipelago's most visually unforgettable stops.

 Tender — wet landing (no pier)

 Typical call: 4–6 hrs

 USD (all-inclusive cruise)

 Spanish / English guides

 Galápagos National Park

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac/panga wet landing onto red sand beach

Walk to highlights: Beach & lagoon immediate; cliff trail ~1 km loop

Best For: Wildlife photography, snorkeling, birdwatching

Don't Miss: Snorkeling with sea lions along the rocky south coast

 Getting around: 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Red Beach Sea Lion Colony** — Step ashore into the middle of a bachelor sea lion colony lounging on the crimson sand.
- **Flamingo Lagoon Walk** — A short path behind the beach leads to a brackish lagoon where Galápagos flamingos feed on brine shrimp alongside...
- **Cliffside Trail & Panoramic Viewpoint** — The island's one official loop trail (~1 km) climbs volcanic rock through Palo Santo forest to a clifftop overlook.
- **Snorkeling with Sea Lions** — Snorkel from the beach or by Zodiac along the rocky south coast.
- **Brown Pelican Nesting Area** — Rábida is one of the best spots in the Galápagos to observe brown pelicans nesting at close range in the salty scrub...

BEST WALKS

- **Playa Roja to Flamingo Lagoon & Cliff Viewpoint Loop** ~1 km loop · 45–90 min · Moderate rocky sections — Begin at the red sand beach, walk the shoreline past the sea lion colony, follow the path through Palo Santo forest to the flamingo...

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Water shoes are essential. Wear sandals or water shoes for the wet landing, then swap to closed-toe shoes for the rocky trail. Bring a small dry bag for electronics.
- Equatorial sun is brutal. Apply reef-safe SPF 50, wear a wide-brimmed hat and a UV rash guard — shade is minimal on the trail and beach.
- Stay 2 metres from all wildlife. Galápagos National Park rules are strictly enforced. Let the animals approach you — sea lions and iguanas often will.