

Santa Fe Island, Galapagos, Ecuador

One of the Galapagos' oldest islands, Santa Fe (Barrington Island) is a living evolution showcase: 30-foot prickly-pear cacti, endemic land iguanas, and sea lions sharing a postcard-perfect bay. There are no shops, no restaurants, no roads — just raw nature and National Park rules.

 Tender (wet landing, panga)

 Typical call: 4-6 hrs

 USD (no shops on island)

 Spanish / English guides

 Galapagos National Park

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Panga (Zodiac) wet landing at Barrington Bay — wade ashore in knee-deep water

Best For: Wildlife up-close: endemic land iguanas, sea lion pups, marine turtles, snorkeling

Walk to Center: No town; two marked trails of 0.5–1.2 mi from the beach

Don't Miss: The Santa Fe Land Iguana under the giant Opuntia cacti forest

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Beach & Cactus Forest Walk** — The easy 0.5-mile beach loop takes you through coastal scrub and the base of the giant Opuntia forest, past sea lion...
 - Cliff & Viewpoint Trail** — The moderate 1.2-mile loop climbs a lava cliff to panoramic views over Barrington Bay and deeper into the giant Opuntia...
- Snorkelling in Barrington Bay** — Barrington Bay ranks among the best Galapagos snorkel sites: playful sea lion pups, green sea turtles, spotted eagle...
 - Santa Fe Land Iguana Encounter** — The Santa Fe Land Iguana is found nowhere else on Earth — paler and stockier than other Galapagos iguanas, with large...

BEST WALKS

- Barrington Bay Beach Loop** 0.5 mi / 0.8 km · Easy · ~1 hr — Flat sandy walk from the wet landing beach through coastal vegetation and the base of the giant prickly-pear forest.
- Cliff & Cactus Forest Trail** 1.2 mi / 2 km · Moderate · ~2 hrs — Steeper lava-rock loop climbing to a cliff viewpoint above the bay, then through the densest stands of 30-foot Opuntia cacti.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		80°	76°	8d
Jun		76°	73°	1d
Aug		73°	69°	0d
Sep		72°	69°	0d
Oct		73°	69°	0d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:57AM–6:02PM · Jun 5:58AM–6:02PM · Aug 6:02AM–6:07PM · Sep 5:52AM–5:58PM · Oct 5:42AM–5:49PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Two pairs of shoes: Water sandals (Tevaz, Chacos) for the wet landing and snorkelling; closed-toe hiking shoes with grip for the rocky trails. Pack the dry pair in a waterproof...