

Day trip to North Seymour Island area - Galapagos.



Our transportation to the islands consisted of
a larger ship trailing a zodiac.



The Zodiac was used to get to and from the islands.



Gulls greet us at the landing.



Nesting swallow-tailed gull (*Creagrurus furcatus*)



A pair of swallow-tailed gulls



Sea lions (*Zalophus*) resting on the beach.



Sea lions



Young sea lion



How about those iguanas !



Galapagos land iguana (*Conolophus subcristatus*)



Galapagos land iguana

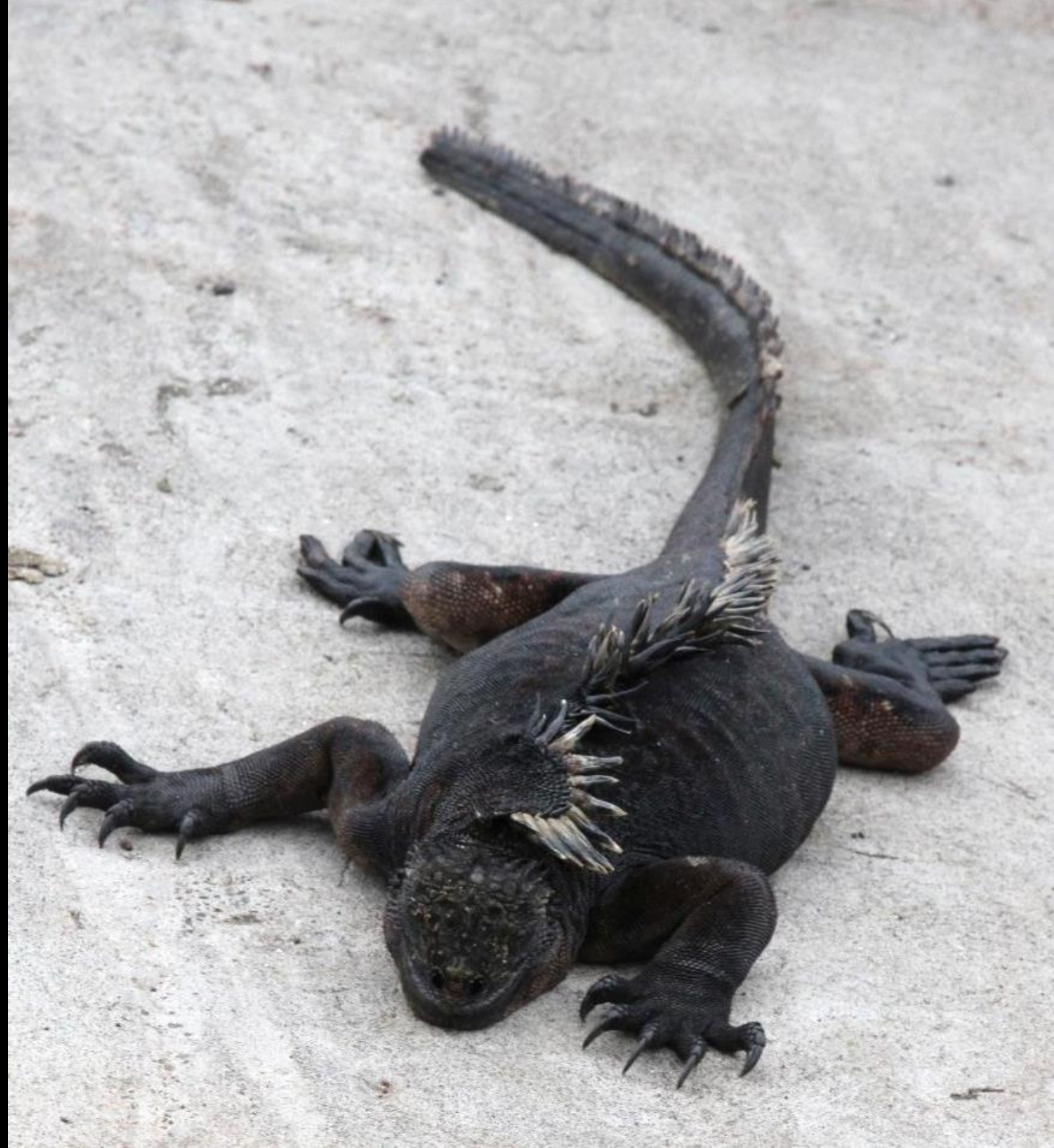


Marine iguana (*Amblyrynchus cristatus*)



Marine iguana

Darwin called the marine iguana the imps of darkness.



Marine iguana



Marine iguana is a swimming iguana.



Blue footed booby
(*Sula nebouxii*)
appearing to stand
guard at his post.

Behind is a silver-
grey Palo Santo tree
(*Burserea graveolens*)



Blue footed booby



Blue footed booby



Blue footed booby



Nesting Blue footed booby



Nesting Blue footed booby



Magnificent frigate bird (*Fregata minor*)



Magnificent frigate bird



Nesting magnificent frigate bird



Mother and child Magnificent frigate birds.



Magnificent frigate bird
chick.



Magnificent frigate birds



Immature magnificent frigate bird



Magnificent frigate birds



Male magnificent frigate bird



Male magnificent frigate bird







Male magnificent frigate bird



No sand or mud on the ship.



The captain was full of stories.



After lunch, we went to Las Bachas beach.



Zodiac approach.



Las Bachas is a white sandy beach ideal for turtle egg laying.



On shore, the Daphne islands can be seen in the background.



The surrounding lava stones were well populated with crabs.



Salty lightfoot crab
(*Grapsus grapsus*)



Blue-footed boobies flying over the ocean surface.



Great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*) fishing along the shore line.



Off on a beach walk to view the turtle nesting areas.



The name of the beach - "Las Bachas " refers to the remains of sunken barges abandoned and left by the U.S. after World War II.



The rusty, skeletal remains
of a barge exposed in the
white sand.



A short walk over the sand dunes leads to Dragon Hill (Cerro Dragon), which is a salt water lagoon surrounded by mangrove trees.

The isolated lagoon is attractive to filter feeding American flamingos (*Phoenicopterus ruber*).



American flamingo



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