

A GALÁPAGOS TIMELINE



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A few important dates in the human and cartographic history of the Galápagos Islands are given here. A number in brackets indicates the chapter in which the event is described.

- ca. 1480 Voyage of Tupac Inca Yupanqui to the islands of Avachumbi and Ninachumbi. [1]
- 1535 Bishop Tomás de Berlanga arrives. [2]
- ca. 1535 First known appearance of “Galapagos” on a chart. [2]
- 1569 Islands appear on Gerard Mercator’s map. [18]
- 1570 Islands appear on Abraham Ortelius’s map. [18]
- 1684 William Dampier and William Ambrosia Cowley, aboard the *Batchelors Delight*. [3, 4]
- 1697 Publication of William Dampier’s *A New Voyage Round the World*. [3]
- 1699 Publication of *Cowley’s Voyage Round the Globe*. [4]
- 1711 William Dampier, aboard the *Duke*, Captain Woodes Rogers. [3]
- 1795 James Colnett, on *H. M. S. Rattler*. [6, Notes]
- ca. 1812 Establishment of “Hathaway’s Post Office” on Isla Floreana. [6]

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- 1813 Captain David Porter, on American frigate *Essex*. [5-7]
- 1813 August 10th. Lieutenant John S. Cowan shot in duel and buried on James Island. [7]
- 1815, 22 Publication of David Porter's *Journal of a Cruise*. [5-7]
- 1825 George Anson Byron, on H. M. S. *Blonde*. [8]
- 1832 Islands annexed by Ecuador. [19]
- 1835 Charles Darwin, aboard H. M. S. *Beagle*, Captain Robert FitzRoy. [8]
- 1854 Publication of Herman Melville's *The Encantadas, or Enchanted Islands*. [9]
- 1869 Manuel J. Cobos begins operations on Isla San Cristóbal. [10]
- 1892 Ecuador renames islands *Archipielego de Colón*, in honor of the Columbus quatercentenary. [19]
- 1904 January 15th. Death of Manuel J. Cobos. [10]
- 1905-06 California Academy of Sciences Expedition, aboard the schooner *Academy*. [11]
- 1909-41 Pre-war intelligence missions by various American naval vessels. [17]
- 1925 First Norwegian settlers arrive. [13]
- 1929 September 19th. Friedrich Ritter and Dore Strauch arrive on Isla Floreana. [15]
- 1932 August 28th. Heinz and Margret Wittmer arrive. [15]
- 1932 October. The Baroness and friends arrive. [15]
- 1932-38 Five Galápagos voyages of the *Velero III*, Captain G. Allan Hancock. [14]

- 1934 Mid-March. Disappearance and presumed death of the Baroness & Phillipson. [15]
Mid-July. Lorenz leaves Isla Floreana with Nuggerud. [15]
November 19th. Bodies of Lorenz & Nuggerud found on Isla Marchena. [15]
November 21st. Death of Friedrich Ritter. [15]
- 1935 September 15th. Victor Wolfgang von Hagen dedicates Darwin monument on Isla San Cristóbal. [16]
- 1938 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, aboard the U. S. S. *Houston*. [15]
- 1941-46 Occupation by American military forces. [15-17].
- 1944 August 18th. Congress debates acquisition of Galápagos Islands. [20]
- 1959 Establishment of the Charles Darwin Foundation. [16]
- 1959-60 Failed attempt by Island Development Company to establish a colony on Isla San Cristóbal. [20]
- 1964 Dedication of Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora, Isla Santa Cruz. [16]
- 1971 “Lonesome George” is discovered on Isla Pinta and brought to the Charles Darwin Research Station [4].
- 2005 Publication of *Charles Darwin Slept Here*.

