

In the Galápagos, every island has its own giant tortoise

Why are they unique?
Millions of years ago, they became isolated on different islands.

Dry islands

- More cacti.
- Longer neck.
- Saddleback shell.

Humid islands

- More grasslands.
- Shorter neck.
- Dome-shaped shell.

6 Santiago Island:
Darwini subspecies



7 Pinzón Island:
Ephippium subspecies



8 Santa Cruz Island:
Porteri subspecies



9 San Cristóbal Island:
Chathamensis subspecies



10 Española Island:
Hoodensis subspecies



1 Isabela Island
-Sierra Negra Volcano:
Guntheri subspecies



2 Isabela Island
-Cerro Azul Volcano:
Vicina subspecies



3 Isla Isabela
-Volcán Darwin:
Subespecie Microphyes



4 Isabela Island
-Alcedo Volcano:
Vandenburghi subspecies



5 Isabela Island
- Wolf Volcano:
Becki subspecies



How to Tell Them Apart



Shell

Dome-shaped or saddleback.



Neck

Long or short, depending on the available food.



Habitat

Each evolved to thrive in a different environment.

