

ECUADOR - GALAPAGOS ISLAND HOPPING



INTRODUCTION

The Galapagos Islands overflow with exotic wildlife set against backdrops of spectacular landscapes. Our Galapagos Island Hopping Tours are a great alternative to Galapagos cruises, especially for those non-seagoing travellers who prefer to stay on dry land. Explore the natural wonders and fascinating wildlife of the Galapagos archipelago by day, sleeping in comfortable boutique hotels at night. Speed boats or public transportation takes you from island to island and at the end of each day you return to your island hotel.

On this 5 day tour you will get to enjoy the highlights of the inhabited islands of San Crist bal, Isabela, Floreana and Santa Cruz that offer the perfect combination of amazing destinations, great activities and lovely accommodation. Snorkel with rays, sea lions and iguanas and experience the breath-taking beauty of the Galapagos Islands as you explore the archipelago.

We use small island hotels that have been artfully built with an inspirational design. Our trips are activity-packed and include visits to see the unique Galapagos animals and volcanic landscapes found nowhere else on the planet. Your excursions also include time for snorkelling and discovering the underwater magic of this wilderness sanctuary.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival in Baltra, Puerto Ayora

Upon arrival at Baltra's airport via flight from Quito or Guayaquil, a naturalist guide will transfer you to Puerto Ayora. En route, we'll make a stop to visit the highlands, followed by lunch at the harbor before continuing on to the hotel. After a brief rest, we'll head to the Charles Darwin Station where we'll have the opportunity to see various species of Giant Tortoises in captivity, and learn about their size, age, and the islands they originated from. Our guide will also provide insight into ongoing conservation efforts aimed at preserving the Giant Tortoises and the environment of the archipelago as a whole. We'll return to the hotel for dinner and accommodation. *Note: To execute this itinerary, it is important to book a early flight that arrives maximum at 10am to Baltra.



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DAY 2: Island excursion

Today you will visit one of these four islands: Bartolome, North Seymour, Santa Fe, or South Plaza. The island will be chosen according to available spaces. After breakfast, the guide will meet you in the hotel's lobby in order to take you to the dock, where we will begin the tour. Lunch will be included onboard the small yacht.

Bartolome Island: One of the most popular islands in the Galapagos due to its stunning landscape. Visitors can hike to the top of Bartolome for panoramic views of the surrounding bays and volcanic cones. The island's beach is also a great spot for swimming and snorkeling.

North Seymour Island: Home to a variety of unique wildlife species, including frigatebirds, boobies, and Galapagos sharks. Visitors can hike along the island's trails and enjoy views of the sea lions and marine iguanas that also call North Seymour home.

Santa Fe Island: One of the oldest in the Galapagos, with volcanic rocks that date back about 4 million years. Visitors can hike through the island's brush and stands of prickly pear cactus to see a variety of wildlife, including sea lions and land iguanas.

South Plaza Island: A small island with a unique landscape and diverse wildlife population. Visitors can walk through the island's rocky terrain and observe colonies of sea lions, land iguanas, and a variety of bird species such as red-billed tropicbirds and swallow-tailed gulls. Afterward the island visit we will return to the hotel for your overnight stay and dinner.



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DAY 3: Tortuga bay & transfer to Isabela island

SANTA CRUZ - ISABELA After breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you to Tortuga Bay, a stunning beach just a short 45-minute walk away. Along the way, you'll follow a cactus trail and eventually reach Playa Brava, known for its strong currents and diverse marine life, including iguanas, birds, and pelicans. From there, you'll continue your walk for an additional 15 minutes to reach Playa Mansa, a tranquil lagoon frequented by blue-footed boobies and pelicans, perfect for swimming and sunbathing. After lunch at the town, you will go to the port in order to embark on a public speedboat that will take you to Isabela Island (departure time: 3pm, approximately 2-2.5 hour navigation). On your arrival, a driver will take you to the hotel for check in. Time to relax before dinner at a local restaurant.



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A map of the Galapagos Islands archipelago in Ecuador. The islands are shown in light gray against a blue ocean background. A solid blue line indicates the travel route, starting from Santa Cruz, passing through Santa Fe, Bartolome, North Seymore, Baltra, Santa Cruz, Santa Ana, Isabella, San Cristobal, and ending at Santa Cruz. Dashed blue circles highlight two specific island groups: one around Santa Cruz, Santa Ana, and Santa Fe; another around Bartolome, North Seymore, and Baltra.

SUSTAINABILITY