

## **8 days/7 nights - The best of Santa Cruz and San Cristóbal**

### **Full itinerary**

#### **Day 1 - Baltra - Santa Cruz**

##### **AM**

- Arrival of travelers at Seymour - Baltra Airport on the Galapagos Islands;
- All visitors must pay Galápagos National Park entrance fees upon arrival. Arrange for payment of 200 USD in cash (price subject to change without notice);
- After collecting your luggage, transport awaits you for the transfer to Puerto Ayora. Transportation includes bus, boat and taxi to Puerto Ayora town;

##### **PM**

- Stop on the road to the highlands to see the turtles in the wild and discover the highlands;
- Lunch served at the tortoises ranch (included);
- You can take advantage of the end of the day to rest or enjoy the city;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Ayora (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Ayora.

#### **Day 2 - Santa Cruz**

Santa Cruz Island is located in the center of the archipelago and is the heart of its administrative and tourist activity. It is the second largest island in the Galapagos and above all the most populated. This day will allow you to visit several attractions on the island and see the different landscapes found there.

##### **AM**

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the day's activity;
- You will do light hiking to discover the fauna and flora particular to this region;
- Visit the magnificent Tortuga Bay beach, considered one of the 25 most beautiful beaches in the world;

##### **PM**

- Lunch in town (not included);
- Visit to the Charles Darwin Scientific Station;
- Return to the hotel and free time for the end of the day;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Ayora(not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Ayora.

#### **Day 3 - Bartholomé ou North Seymour**

##### **AM**

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the day's activity around 7:00;

- Land transfer to the Itabaca Canal and navigation towards Bartolomé or North Seymour;

Bartolomé is a small island offering an extraordinary landscape. Its viewpoint allows you to have a breathtaking view of the surrounding volcanic formations. The activity includes a portion of land hiking and a portion of freediving allowing you to observe turtles, penguins and small reef sharks.

North Seymour is an uninhabited island which is home to nearly 2500 land iguanas. It is one of the best places to observe them in the wild. You can also observe large colonies of frigatebirds and blue footed boobies, as well as sea lions and marine iguanas. You would be able to walk around all this incredible fauna during this day.

- Lunch is served during the activity;

#### **PM**

- Return to Puerto Ayora at the end of the afternoon;
- Return to the hotel and free time for the end of the day;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Ayora (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Ayora.

#### **Day 4 - Santa Cruz / San Cristóbal**

##### **AM**

- Breakfast at the hotel and early departure for the port of Puerto Ayora to take the ferry to the island of San Cristóbal;
- Arrival mid-morning in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal;

San Cristóbal is recognized by Ecuadorians as the capital of happiness! Its welcoming village atmosphere will charm you from the moment you arrive.

- Transfer to the hotel and taking possession of the rooms;
- Lunch in a restaurant in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (not included);

##### **PM**

- Free time in the afternoon;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal.

#### **Day 5 - San Cristóbal**

##### **AM**

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the day around 8:00;
- Boat trip to reach the Punta Pitt site;

The Punta Pitt site is at the northeastern tip of the island of San Cristóbal. This is the only place in the archipelago where it is possible to observe the 3 species of gannets present in the Galapagos. The freediving site is located along an eroded rock. It is possible to observe

different pelagics, turtles, etc. there. After freediving, you will also have time to explore the magnificent land portion of Punta Pitt to observe the bird colonies.

- A lunch is served during the activity;

**PM**

- Return to the hotel at the end of the afternoon and free time at the end of the day;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

**Day 6 - San Cristóbal**

**AM**

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the day around 8:00;
- A journey of approximately 40 minutes by boat awaits you to reach the site of León Dormido (Kicker rock);

León Dormido is a site located west of San Cristóbal. The rock gets its name from the fact that, from a certain angle, it looks like a sleeping lion. The site is made up of 2 giant monoliths, which offer wall snorkeling where it is possible to observe large pelagics, schools of fish and sharks, sea turtles and much more!

- A lunch is served during the activity;

**PM**

- Stop on a beach on the way back (place to be determined depending on the places authorized by the National Park);
- Return to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno late in the afternoon;
- Return to the hotel and free time in the afternoon;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

**Day 7 - San Cristóbal**

During this day, you will have the opportunity to go for short hikes, snorkeling and have time to relax on magnificent beaches, while observing the local flora and fauna.

This day will offer you a complete overview of the island of San Cristóbal.

**AM**

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the day;
- Hike to El Junco;
- Visit to the tortoises breeding center and visit to a beach for swimming and snorkeling;
- Lunch served during the excursion.

**PM**

- Return to the hotel and free time in the afternoon;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

## Day 8 - San Cristóbal

### AM

- Breakfast serve at the hotel and luggage preparation;
- You will have the opportunity to enjoy the town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno one last time before noon before taking the plane to Quito in the early afternoon;
- Transfer to the airport;

### PM

- Return flight to Quito/Guayaquil\*.

\*Not included, we can help you book international and domestic flights to the Galapagos.

### INCLUSIONS

- 7 days of land excursions;
- transfer from Baltra (airport) to Puerto Ayora and to San Cristóbal airport;
- 1 boat transfer between the islands of Santa Cruz and San Cristóbal (inter-island transport by plane also possible on request, additional costs to be expected);
- All land transfers mentioned in the itinerary;
- 7 nights of accommodation on the Galapagos Islands in 3-star category;
- 7 breakfast and 5 lunches (12 meals);
- Excursions mentioned in the itinerary;
- English-speaking/Spanish-speaking guide at destination;
- Galápagos National Park naturalist guide for land excursions;

### EXCLUSIONS

- All international and domestic flights not mentioned;
- Other land transportation not mentioned;
- INGALA Migration card 20 USD (airport)\*;
- Entrance fee of 200 USD\* to Galapagos National Park;
- Other meals than those included in the itinerary;
- Private guide for excursions (if desired);
- Travel insurance;
- Gratuities.

\*These fees are payable directly at Quito and Baltra (Galápagos) airports and are subject to change without notice