

8 days/7 nights - The best of Santa Cruz and Isabela

Full itinerary

Day 1 - Baltra - Santa Cruz

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- 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;

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- 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.

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- 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;

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- 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 Or North Seymour

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- 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;

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- 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 / Isabela

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- Breakfast at the hotel and early departure for the port of Puerto Ayora to take the ferry to Isabela Island;
- Arrival mid-morning in Puerto Villamil, Isabela;
- Transfer to the hotel and taking possession of the rooms;
- Lunch in a restaurant in Puerto Villamil (not included);

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- Visit the turtle center or bike ride to El Muro de las Lagrimas;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Villamil (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Villamil.

Day 5 - Isabela

Isabela Island is surrounded by magnificent terrestrial and marine flora and fauna that are not possible to observe on the other islands. Among other things, it is possible to observe penguins (the smallest in the world), cormorants and pink flamingos.

This day allows you to discover the volcanic formations forming the islands in addition to snorkeling with different marine species such as sharks, sea lions, turtles and much more!

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- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the day's activity around 8:00;
- A taxi transfer is provided to the port, if necessary.

- Light hiking in the spectacular volcanic rock formations and snorkeling (snorkeling equipment provided on request);

- A lunch is served during the activity;

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- Return to Puerto Villamil mid-afternoon;
- Free time in the afternoon;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Villamil (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Villamil.

Day 6 - Isabela

Isabela Island is the largest island in the archipelago, but is sparsely populated. Its population is mainly concentrated in the southern part of the island, in the town of Puerto Villamil. Isabela is a still active volcanic island, with a chain of 5 young active volcanoes. Several species of tortoises and birds can be seen there.

During this day, you will have the opportunity to hike and/or horseback ride in the spectacular landscapes of Isabela. You will have the opportunity to visit the south-central part of the island and climb the Sierra Negra volcano with an altitude of around 1124m, from where you will have a breathtaking view of a large part of this vast island. It is the 2nd largest volcano crater in the world with a diameter of 10 km.

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the activity around 8:00;
- Lunch served during the excursion;
- Return to the hotel at the end of the day;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Villamil (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Villamil.

Jour 7 - Isabela

Accompanied by your naturalist guide, you will explore Las Tintoreras. These small islets are teeming with marine life! you will have the opportunity to closely observe sea lion and penguin colonies and snorkel with sharks and turtles!

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- Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the activity;
- Light hiking in the trails of Las Tintoreras and snorkeling;

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- Early afternoon, return to town to Puerto Villamil for lunch in a local restaurant (not included);
- Return to the hotel and free time in the afternoon;
- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Villamil (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Villamil.

Day 8 - Isabela / Santa Cruz

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- Early morning transfer to Santa Cruz Island and then to Baltra Airport;

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- Return flight to Quito/Guyaquil*.

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

INCLUSIONS

- 7 days of land excursions;
- Transport between the island of Baltra to the port of Puerto Ayora (both ways);
- 2 boat transfers between the islands of Santa Cruz and Isabela (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 breakfasts and 4 lunches (11 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