

Our 5-day Ocean Tour is a hotel-based tour that visits 3 islands, Isabela Island, Santa Cruz Island, and an additional island that can be Bartolomé, North Seymour, Plazas Islands, Santa Fé depending on the day and availability. Galapagos tours are one of the most exciting experiences due to the interaction with the fauna and people, as well as the beautiful landscapes. In the price is all included*, you can choose the hotel category that best suits your budget and comfort. A bilingual naturalist guide will accompany you on daily activities.

What to see on this Tour:

Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Sea Lions, Frigatebirds, Marine Iguanas, Lava Lizards, Blue Footed Boobies, Flamingos, Frigatebirds, Pelicans, Darwin's Finches, Galapagos Fly-Catchers, Galapagos Sharks, and more..

Itinerary Summary

Day 1: Am: Arrival at Baltra Island airport (GPS), Transfer to Santa Cruz-Pm: Turtle Nature Reserve

Day 2: Santa Cruz Island: Am: Navigation to Nearby Island

Day 3: Santa Cruz Island: Am: Charles Darwin Station - Pm: Transfer to Isabela - Los Flamingos Lagoon.

Day 4: Am: Volcano closes Negra and Concha Perla or Cabo Rosa (Extra Cost) (extra cost).

Day 5: Am: Transfer to Baltra Island airport (GPS).

Important data

- PLACE OF DEPARTURE. Baltra Island Airport
- PLACE OF RETURN Baltra Airport. (GPS)
- **DEPARTURE TIME.** You must arrive before 11:00 AM. * Consult for more details.
- **RETURN TIME.** Approximately after 11:00 PM. * Consult for more details.
- WHAT TO USE? Comfortable clothing, walking shoes, hat, jacket, and sunscreen.

IT INCLUDES

- Accommodation in selected hotels and rooms.
- All lunchs *Menu of the day.
- Land and sea transportation in Galapagos.
- Bilingual naturalist guide, on each island visited or activity.
- Scheduled visits.
- Snorkel equipment (Visor, fins, tube).
- Transfers Puerto Ayora Isabela Puerto Ayora by speedboat of public service.
- Transfer Baltra Puerto Ayora Baltra (double cabin trucks or small buses)



DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air ticket from/to Galapagos.
- Entrance to the Galapagos National Park USD 100.00 per person.
- For national tourists and from countries of the Andean Pact another value is applied, consult us.
- Use of the Isabela pier USD 10.00 per person.
- Immigration Control Card USD 20.00 per person.
- Transport Baltra Airport Canal de Itabaca USD 5.00 per person (subject to change).
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- Water taxi between docks and boats USD 1.00 per person and per way (in the 2 islands depending on the tide).
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages.
- Tips.

ITINERARY

Day

Arrival at Baltra - Santa Cruz Island: Visit to the Galapagos Tortoises Natural Reserve Only by plane (air ticket not included) from Quito or Guayaquil you can reach the Galapagos Islands. At the Baltra airport (Galapagos), our guide will be waiting for you to start the tour. From the airport we will board the buses provided by the airlines (the only means of transportation for this journey) to the Itabaca canal (approximately 15 minutes). In Itabaca we will take the public barge to cross the canal (similar to a ferry), the trip lasts approximately 10 minutes. Lugo we will take the transport (double cabin vans or buses) to Puerto Ayora - Santa Cruz Island (approximately 1 hour)

After lunch and a short rest at the hotel, we start a tour to the upper part of Santa Cruz. After a walk we will arrive at the natural habitat of the Giant Tortoises, also known as the Galapagos. The site is inhabited by native birds such as the Witch Bird and the Galápagos Finches. Escalecías and matazarnos (endemic vegetation) make the upper part an essential place to visit to relate to the natural environment of the islands. After this visit, we return to Puerto Ayora for dinner at the restaurant indicated by the guide. Accommodation in the selected Hotel.

Day 2

Navigable tour: Plazas Island, Seymour Island, Santa Fe Island or Batolomé Island



NOTE:: You can choose ONE of these navigable destinations. However, availability and day of visit are regulated by the Galapagos National Park. Let us know which island you would like to visit before booking the tour and we will coordinate the tour in the best possible way. In case none of these sites are available, an alternative itinerary will be applied and a discount will be applied.

Depending on the day and the chosen island (depending on availability) early in the morning (at 5 or 8 AM depending on the destination) we will embark (in Puerto Ayora or the Itabaca Channel – depending on the destination) in a motorized boat towards the excursion. The destination will be one of the following islands: Isla Plazas, Isla Seymour, Isla Santa Fe or Isla Batolomé. In these uninhabited islands you can observe up close and in a natural state endemic flora and fauna of Galapagos. Each island supports a particular ecosystem and different forms of native life.

The activities on the islands vary according to the ecosystem. You can snorkel, walk and observe the landscape. The visit lasts all day, for which a box lunch will be provided for this excursion. We will return to Puerto Ayora for dinner at the restaurant indicated by the guide.

Accommodation in the selected Hotel.

Day 3

Charles Darwin Station / Transfer to Isabela Island: Visit to Laguna de Flamingos After breakfast, at the time indicated by the guide, we will go to the Charles Darwin Research Station. In the place there are several pens with Galapagos tortoises that vary in age and family, since the center brings together species from the most representative islands of the archipelago. The station is also a refuge for land iguanas. We will receive a talk on the evolution of species and the research carried out by the station for the preservation of the islands. After this visit we will go to the center of Puerto Ayora for a short tour of the galleries of the port.

In Puerto Ayora, lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Then we move to the pier to take (at 14:00) a public service speedboat to Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island (approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours - depending on the tide). In Isabela the local guide will wait for us to take us to the specified hotel. After a short break we headed to Laguna de los Flamingos; in this place you can see flocks of flamingos that inhabit the place. After returning to the hotel and a short break, dinner will be served at the restaurant specified by the guide. Accommodation in the selected Hotel.

Day 4

Isabella Island

OPTION 1: AM. Hike in the Sierra Negra and Chico PM volcanoes. Pearl Shell Snorkel OPTION 2: Navigable visit to Cabo Rosa "Los Túneles" (extra cost of USD \$70 per person)



OPTION 1: Early in the morning (08:00) and after breakfast, we will get ready for the excursion to the Sierra Negra Volcano. We recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes, a waterproof poncho, a jacket, sunscreen, a water bottle, sun hats, and keeping any electronics in covers in case of rain. A bag or backpack is also recommended to carry the Box Lunch that you will prepare yourself at the San Vicente hotel as indicated by the guide. Getting to the volcano takes 45 minutes approx. the trip is done in a goat (or in a bus, depending on the number of participants). The 12 km walk takes around 3 hours. The walk is done along a path of medium difficulty with a slight slope (in any case, there is the option of going on horseback at an extra cost). The Sierra Negra Volcano has the second largest crater in the world, approximately 6 miles in diameter and 300 feet deep, and constitutes one of the most spectacular sights in the Galapagos. The trek continues to Volcán Chico. You can feel the hot earth as you get closer, since this is an active volcano. The panoramic view from this place is wonderful. In the afternoon we return to the hotel.

After a short rest we proceed to try on the snorkeling equipment to head towards Concha Perla. Here we will be able to observe a great variety of fish, sea urchins, one or another sea lion and with luck sea turtles. After a break at the hotel, dinner will be served at the restaurant specified by the guide.

OPTION 2: (extra cost of USD \$70 per person) The visit to the Tunnels - Cabo Rosa will begin around 8 AM in a motorboat after breakfast. The first stop is a rocky islet located in the middle of the ocean where you can see pelicans, blue footed boobies and sea lions. The boat will then go to the site known as Finados, an ideal place for snorkeling, where you can swim near sea turtles, blue sharks (endemic), surgeon and trumpet fish and, with luck, eagle and golden rays. Cabos Rosa is made up of petrified lava formations in the form of tunnels or bridges over the sea. The crystal clear water allows you to observe the nascent vegetation of the rock and abundant marine life. The place is also a natural refuge for sea lions. The journey to Túneles lasts approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. The boat will travel different paths through the tunnels and you will be able to observe the landscape and snorkel (the site is inhabited by sea turtles, sharks and rays). Short walks can also be taken in the tunnels. The box lunch will be served on the boat and they will return to Isabela around 3:00 PM. After a break at the hotel, dinner will be served at the restaurant specified by the guide. Accommodation in the selected Hotel.

Day 5

Transfer to Baltra Airport

This day we recommend waking up at 05:00 am to start the transfer from Isabela to Puerto Ayora in the public service speedboats (they depart at 06:00 am - time subject to change). After 2 ½ to 3 hours of travel, depending on the tide, we arrive at Puerto Ayora. There we will have breakfast and after this we will go to the Baltra airport and take the return flight to Quito or Guayaquil.



On the way, if time permits, since everything depends on the departure times of the flights (for this reason we recommend taking the later flight out of Galapagos), we will visit two crater-like sinkholes, which were formed by the collapse of the earth since the lava flows passed under this place and when this flow ceased, a hollow tunnel was left causing the collapse of the earth, this place is known as "The Twins".

NOTE: "The itinerary is always subject to change without prior notice, due to seasonal changes, weather conditions, last minute adjustments in the Galapagos National Park visit policies and last minute operational circumstances"

Dear friends: We recommend the detailed and complete reading of this itinerary since it contains very important details and recommendations about the operation of the program, in case you have more questions or concerns after reading this itinerary, please do not hesitate to contact your travel advisor, who will gladly help you by providing the best possible information.

Hoteles

NOTE: Hotels depend on availability, we cannot always use the hotels listed below, but they will always use hotels of the selected class.

Operator

Hoteles de Primera Clase HOTEL ALBEMARLE (ISLA ISABELA) - DETALLES AQUÍ! HOTEL SOLYMAR (ISLA SANTA CRUZ) - DETALLES AQUÍ!

Hoteles de Turista Superior HOTEL LA LAGUNA (ISLA ISABELA) - DETALLES AQUÍ! HOTEL FERNANDINA (ISLA SANTA CRUZ) - DETALLES AQUÍ!

Hoteles de Clase Turista HOTEL SAN VICENTE (ISLA ISABELA) - DETALLES AQUÍ! HOTEL FERNANDINA (ISLA SANTA CRUZ) - DETALLES AQUÍ!

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