



**GALAPAGOS
DISCOVERY
LAND TOUR**

6D/5N



Galapagos Discover Land Tour: Day by day Itinerary

Day	Description	Meals	Spanish Speaking Driver or English Speaking Guide
1	<p>Santa Cruz Island: Early arrival to Baltra Airport. Your morning flight arrives to Baltra around midday where our guide will be waiting for you to help you with your luggage and cross the Itabaca channel from where your trip starts. You will go to your first visit at the Highlands of Santa Cruz, which is the best place to see the Giant Tortoise up close in its natural habitat, they roam the lush highlands searching for food or cooling off in the muddy pools. Wander the trails your guide will explain some interesting facts about these gentle giants. There is also a lava tunnel that you can enter and walk inside. After this activity, you will visit Charles Darwin Station where you will receive more background information from your guide about the islands, with a focus on Darwin's theories as well as the breeding work on various tortoise populations. You will also have plenty of free time for souvenir shopping at the excellent boutiques in Puerto Ayora town, and enjoy superb dining.</p>	-	-
2	<p>Yacht Day Tour to nearby island. Today you have the opportunity to discover one of the uninhabited islands on a navigable excursion. The tour includes a guided hike on the island and some time for snorkeling, with lunch on board the yacht. The exact destination depends upon daily availability, but will be one of the following options:</p> <p>Bartolome: the site of the iconic Galapagos landscape of Pinnacle Rock, where you can take your perfect photo. You do have to climb 364 steps to get here, but the reward is immense. Along the way you can see lava fumaroles, and enjoy the incredible lunar style landscape. With a bit of luck, you may also see the world's only tropical penguin here! After the land visit, you'll have time to explore the amazing underwater wildlife while snorkeling.</p> <p>North Seymour: One of the best islands for Galapagos birdlife, where you can see Frigate Birds, swallow tailed gulls and the famous Blue Footed Boobies who nest here. With red colored soil and red carpet vine growing on the island the scenery is exotic. Another interesting species found on North Seymour is the Land Iguana, a unique species from the ones seen on other islands.</p> <p>South Plazas: This small but scenic island has a fantastic concentration of wildlife, from Sea Lions to Land Iguana's and many bird species, including Frigate Birds, Lava Gulls and Red-Billed Tropicbirds. The dramatic cliffs, blue seas and spectacular natural red-carpet of algae make the scenery of this island particularly pretty.</p> <p>Santa Fe: A very diverse island with a beautiful white sand beach where Sea Lions bask in the sun. The island is covered with huge cactus trees, food for the Land Iguana population that is endemic to this Santa Fe. The walk up is quite rocky but you'll be rewarded with stunning views at the top. Santa Fe is also considered one of the best snorkeling sites in Galapagos where sharks are often seen!</p>	B/BL	ESG



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3	<p>Tortoise Breeding Center and Flamingo Pool: Free morning after breakfast to visit Las Grietas, a crack between large lave rocks, where you can snorkel and admire the landscape, with water in between of an unbelievable color! A great spot for swimming or snorkeling. The 20-minute walk to Las Grietas is also very pleasant. Or you can just spend your morning walking around Puerto Ayora to do souvenir shopping. people & animal watch at the morning fish-market, or visit the peaceful Las Ninfas lake. In the afternoon, you will take a speed boat for a 2-hour trip to Puerto Villamil, and you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. A little later your guide will walk you up the beach, and to the Isabela tortoise breeding center, where you get to see these various sub-species of giant tortoises up close, from tiny babies to fully grown adults, and can learn about the breeding program and incubation process. If you still have energy, you can continue the walk to a lagoon where you have the chance to see Galapagos Flamingos (endemic subspecies) and other wading birds.</p>	B	ESG
4	<p>Today's tour takes you to Los Tuneles by boat, this is a fascinating landscape of huge lava tunnels. You begin on land where Blue Footed Boobies often nest, and afterwards can enjoy snorkeling at one of the very best snorkel sites at Galapagos! White Tipped Reef Sharks, Marine Turtles, Sting Rays, Sea Lions, Eagle Rays and even Sea Horses are regularly seen here!</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Today is all about landscapes and volcanoes! A guided 4 to 5 hours return trek takes you up to the summit of Sierra Negra volcano for wonderful views into one of the largest calderas in the world. Descending further you can visit Volcan Chico, to witness the incredible landscape of smouldering cones and craters formed by various past eruptions; it literally feels like you're walking on the moon!</p>	B/S	ESG
5	<p>Tintorerias Islet: In the morning you will visit Las Tintorerias and the Bay area. This trip combines three interesting activities: 1. Panga ride = cruising around the bay by boat, observing wildlife such as Blue Footed Boobies, Galapagos Penguins (depending on the season), Galapagos Sea Lions, Pacific Green Sea Turtles, amongst others. 2. Guided trail hike = a 45 min trek around the islet, passing close to a huge Marine Iguana colony, as well as Galapagos Sea Lions, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, White-Tip Reef Sharks and more. 3. Snorkeling = in the bay area, hopefully accompanied by Pacific Green Sea Turtles, Galapagos Sea Lions, White-Tip Reef Sharks, as well as a variety of rays (Spotted Eagle Rays, Diamond Stingrays, Golden Rays). You will arrive back to your hotel mid-afternoon, with free time to enjoy the beach, and one final amazing sunset to end your Galapagos experience on a high.</p>	B	ESG
6	<p>Return to the continent: An early morning speedboat transfers you back to Puerto Ayora in Santa Cruz, from where you will be transferred to Baltra airport for your flight out..</p>	B	SSD



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Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- ✓✓ Accommodation in double/single private room
- ✓✓ Meals as specified in itinerary: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, BL=Box Lunch, D= Dinner, S=Snack
- ✓✓ Excursions and activities as listed in the itinerary with naturalist bilingual guide Spanish/English provided by the Galapagos National Park
- ✓✓ Snorkel equipment for the respective day tours
- ✓✓ Airport transfers in Galapagos
- ✓✓ Assistance at the Dock

Exclusions:

- ✗ Entrance fees Galapagos:
 1. Galapagos National Park \$100 pp (to be paid in cash on arrival at Galapagos)
 2. Ingala Card \$20pp (payable at Quito or Guayaquil Airport)
 3. Isabela docking fee \$15pp
 4. Santa Cruz Highland Tortoises Ranch \$5
- ✗ Water taxis (\$1 - \$ 5 depending on distance)
- ✗ Drinks and alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Meals not specified in itinerary
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Tips
- ✗ Anything that is not mentioned as included
- ✗ Single supplement
- ✗ Flights: Quito/Guayaquil - Galapagos - Quito/Guayaquil



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