7 days / 6 nights
HIGHLIGHT

San Cristobal, Floreana, Isabela, & Santa Cruz

This tour offers a good alternative to cruises, for travelers wanting to visit the Galapagos without spending all their savings! We do not sacrifice visits; you'll see plenty of endemic and native species and have great snorkeling excursions. Our guides are English speaking, and our hotels are nice, clean and welcoming. There is a possibility of upgrading hotel if you want more comfort. We provide the snorkel equipment and wetsuits, so there are no hidden costs; just bring extra cash for after tour beers, tips and souvenirs to bring home! If you do not want to be stuck on a boat, want to join a fun group and enjoy the Galapagos at its best, don't hesitate!

This tour has fixed departures every month, all year long please consult us to know the dates. We can also have private departures for friends or family groups.

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ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day	Activity	Island	Meals	
1	Transfer in. Interpretation Center & Tijeretas Hill *(Private service)*	San Cristobal	Lunch	
2	Lobos Island *(Shared tour)* *Alternative excursion:* Kicker Rock *(Shared tour)*	San Cristobal	Breakfast Lunch	
3	Speedboat to Floreana *(Private service)* Peace Asylum & Loberia *(Private service)*	Floreana	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	
4	Speedboat to Isabela *(Private service)* Tintoreras *(Shared tour)* *Alternative excursion:* *Tunnels (also known as Cabo Rosa) *(Shared tour)* **Apply supplement*	Isabela	Breakfast Lunch	
5	Sierra Negra Volcano *(Private service)* Speedboat to Santa Cruz *(Shared service)*	Santa Cruz	Breakfast Lunch	
6	Tortoises ranch & Tortuga Bay *(Private service)*	Santa Cruz	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	
7	Transfer to Baltra airport *(Private service)*	x	Breakfast	

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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: San Cristóbal

You will be **picked up at the airport** by a certified guide who will take you to the hotel. After having lunch, you will visit the **Interpretation Center** which will give you a great introduction of the islands. Then, you will go for a **snorkeling session at Tijeretas**. In the water, you will see sea lions, various tropical fishes, and turtles. At the end of the afternoon, we will drop you back at the hotel and brief you about the next day's activities. For dinner, you have several options in town to choose from, our guide will let you know his best recommendations!
Tip: take a stroll in the evening along the waterfront and on the piers: spot all the sea lions on the beaches, on the benches and sometimes even in the street!
Meal included: lunch





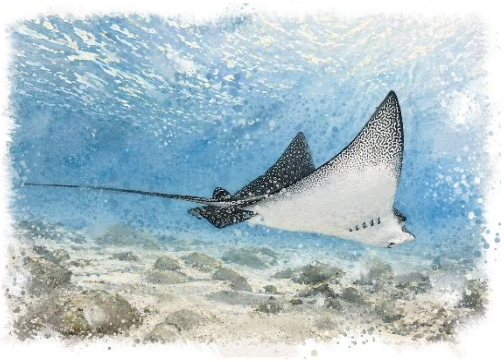
Day 2: San Cristóbal

Lobos Island: After a 30 min boat ride from the port, you arrive at Lobos Island; as its name implies, home to a large sea lion colony. But that's not the only thing you will find while you hike and snorkel on this half day tour. During the hike, you will hopefully spot blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas and frigate birds; while during snorkeling you can often see rays and turtles. This tour includes a stop at Playa Ochoa. After that, you will go back to the port. Morning or afternoon free as this day is a half day excursion.
Meals included: breakfast and lunch




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Alternative excursion (subject to availability): **Kicker Rock (mostly snorkeling):** You will visit the famous Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido – Sleeping Lion), a volcanic formation amid the ocean. There, you may have the chance to snorkel with sharks, rays, turtles and if you are lucky also with hammer-head sharks! The wall of the rock itself is amazing with sea stars and tropical fishes. The tour also includes a stop at a beautiful, pristine beach, where you will have time to relax. In the afternoon, you will return to the port.

Possibility to dive with a supplement (dive certification mandatory)
Meals included: breakfast and lunch

Day 3: Floreana

Breakfast will be served at your hotel. Then, you will be picked up to go to the pier where you will depart around 08h00 to **Floreana** island. The boat ride lasts about 2h30 hours. Floreana is the less populated island, it has not grown a lot in the past years and it is not very accessible, therefore it is still pristine and authentic. Upon arrival, you will go to the **"Peace Asylum"** where the first colons arrived on the Galapagos. The guide will tell you about the incredible stories of whalers, pirates and the first families that settled there, including the "Baroness". You will then have lunch. Afterwards, you can either join the guide for a snorkel session at **Loberia** beach or just enjoy the black sand beach in front of the hotel. There is also an easy walk to a small lagoon where flamingos often can be spotted.
Fun Fact: A movie by Ron Howard is inspired by the particular human history of Floreana, it is called "Eden"
Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner







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Day 4: Isabela

In the morning, you will get ready to navigate to Isabela. It takes approx. 1h40 to reach this beautiful island. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and lunch. In the afternoon, you will do the **Tintoreras** tour – you will have a short hike and snorkel. There, you usually can spot small Galapagos penguins, sea lions, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies and often you can even spot white-tipped reef sharks in one of the channels.
Tintoreras is called this way because it is a place where you can spot the white tip reef sharks - called in Spanish Tintoreras.
Evening free.
Meals included: breakfast and lunch











Alternative excursion (subject to availability): If you want longer snorkeling, you can opt this day for the tour to the **Tunnels of Cabo Rosa**. You will depart at 11h00 and be back around 17h00. It's a 45mn boat ride each way. At Cabo Rosa, lava has flowed into the ocean and formed beautiful lava tunnels. There, you may see penguins, blue-footed boobies, and sea turtles from the formation. However, the highlight is snorkeling – you may see reef sharks, sea turtles, sea lions, rays, seahorses, and many tropical fishes.
Extra cost for this tour: + $100

Meals included: breakfast and lunch onboard
Tip: Make sure to have space on your phones because the guides often share their pics at the end of the tour.

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Day 5: Isabela - Sierra Negra Volcano

Early in the morning, you will be picked up and driven towards the highlands: you will start a 16 kms (round trip) trekking to the **Sierra Negra volcano**, which has the second largest active caldera in the world (10 kms - 6.2 miles diameter). Once you have returned from the volcano, you will have lunch at a local farm. On the way back, you will stop at the flamingo's lagoon to spot these graceful pink birds.
Then, you will head to the pier to take the **15h00 boat to Santa Cruz**. The ride takes around 2h30. Upon arrival, you will go to the hotel and get the instructions for the next day activities.
Meals included: breakfast and lunch
Tip: look on your way to Sierra Negra for the "little vermillion flycatcher", a very rare bird species that can be spotted in this area.





Day 6: Santa Cruz - lowlands and highlands

After breakfast, you will go to the highlands to spot the famous Galapagos tortoises in the wild. Santa Cruz is the island where you can see the biggest ones. You will also visit a lava tube and have lunch at a nice **ranch** in the highlands. In the afternoon, you will finish your tour with the beautiful beach of Tortuga Bay. On the way to and back from there (3km trail) you will walk among giant endemic cactuses "opuntia". **Tortuga bay** is a pristine beach with white sand and a lagoon surrounded by mangroves. Free time there, you can go back to town when you wish (no guide mandatory there). You will all meet for a farewell dinner.
Meals included: breakfast, lunch and farewell dinner
Difficulty: EASY
Tip: you can rent kayaks on Tortuga Bay beach if you want (not included).
Also Santa Cruz is the best island for souvenir shopping.





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Day 7: Santa Cruz - Baltra airport

Three hours before your flight, our driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the Itabaca Channel, which you will cross on a ferry. For the last part of your trip to the airport, you will take a shuttle bus. Our driver will accompany you to the check-in point where your program ends with your return flight to the mainland. Baltra was an American military basis aka “The Rock” between 1941 and 1946. You can see remains of it and you can also sometimes see land iguanas there.

Meals included: breakfast



*****END OF THE SERVICES*****

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HOTELS

There are 2 categories of hotels: We always prefer family owned hotels.
****We use these below or similar according to availability at the moment of booking.**
We will always reconfirm hotel names before your final booking**

SAN CRISTOBAL:
Tourist: Katarma or similar - http://www.galapagoshotelkatarma.com/
Tourist superior: Sunset Galapagos or similar – https://galapagossunset.com.ec/habitaciones/

FLOREANA:
Tourist & Tourist superior: Hotel Wittmer - https://www.instagram.com/hotel_wittmer_floreana_/

ISABELA:
Tourist: Cally or similar - https://www.hotelcally.com/#.
Tourist superior: Isamar or similar - https://isamarhotelgalapagos.com/

SANTA CRUZ:
Tourist: Villa Laguna or similar - https://galapagoshotelvillalaguna.com/
Tourist superior: Barranco or similar - https://hotelbarrancogalapagos.com/

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN ISLANDS:

On this tour you take speedboats to go between islands, similar to the image below.



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PRICE PER PERSON (US DOLLAR)

Hotel category	Tourist class	Tourist superior
Price per person in USD and double/triple room	**1900.-**	**2400.-**
Single room	**2200.-**	**3120.-**
Diving Kicker Rock **Supplement excursion**	**60.-**	
Tour Cabo Rosa Tunnels **Alternative excursion**	**100.-**	

* Prices are valid until December 20th– Please consult us for Christmas/New Year's dates
* Kids discount: 20% from 3-11 years old, 50% discount for 0-2 years old.
* As of 12 years old adult price.

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INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS

INCLUDED:

- ✓ Assistance at the airport in Quito or Guayaquil to help with the check-in and formalities to enter Galapagos
- ✓ Assistance from our staff on each island.
- ✓ 1 expert Naturalist guide all tour long.
- ✓ If you opt for Kicker Rock/Tunnels alternative tours, you will have a different guide these days.
- ✓ Meals mentioned
- ✓ Accommodation in double or triple room (please specify if twin room or double bed needed) – single room with supplement
- ✓ All transportation on the islands (boat, car) - except transportation during the free time
- ✓ Snorkeling gear: mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuit (short or long according to the season)
- ✓ Isabela tax upon arrival, water taxis, Lobito bus ticket, ferry ticket - you won't have any "surprise" expense, just the non-included meals and tips (see below).
- ✓ Assistance on WhatsApp before and during the trip.

NOT INCLUDED:

- × Park entrance fee (value: 200$ per adult, $100 per child)*
- × TCT migration card (value 20$ per person)*

** These amounts will be added to the invoice, so everything will be prepaid before your trip.*

- × All services not mentioned on the program
- × Meals not mentioned (no dinner included)
- × Return flight from mainland Ecuador - Galapagos and back (let us know if you need help to book it)
- × Additional costs for flight delays or cancellations
- × Travel insurance (mandatory to have one that includes repatriation and loss of luggage)
- × Tips (guides expect tips, and the boat crew – for boat excursions / not for transfers between islands). We will give you suggestions regarding tipping even if it is at every-one's discretion.
- × Single supplement if you are a solo traveler
- × 15% Ecuadorian VAT (only valid for the Ecuadorian residents)

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IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please consider **spending a night in the mainland Ecuador** before flying to Galapagos to have an extra day in case of flight cancellation or delay at your departure airport.
- We require all travelers to have **travel insurance** covering flight evacuation in case of emergency. We suggest that it also covers cancellation fees/refunds for last-minute cancellation.
- **Meals** are not “a la carte”, but menus. Please let us know if you have any allergy or special dietary requirements. Coffee and alcoholic drinks are not included.
- **Water**: You can fill up water bottles in all the hotels each morning before going on the tour. Tap water is not drinkable!
- **Transportation**: Inter-island navigation can take up to 2 hours and 30 minutes, depending on the distance between islands and ocean conditions. Please note that sea conditions are beyond our control, and crossings may occasionally be rough, particularly during the Garúa season (see below). If you are prone to motion sickness, we strongly recommend bringing motion sickness patches or medication to ensure a more comfortable journey.
- This is an **active itinerary** and participants should be in good physical condition, with prior experience walking on uneven terrain and swimming. Please note that some activities, particularly the volcano hike, are physically demanding and are conducted at a steady group pace. To ensure everyone enjoys the experience and the schedule runs smoothly, participants should feel comfortable keeping up with the group's pace during these excursions.
- **To make most out of the time** spent on the Galapagos Islands, early wake ups are scheduled. If you would like to spend some extra days on your own without itinerary, we will be happy to help you to book extra nights before and/or after the tour.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The program can change due to National Park rules or meteorological conditions without prior notice.
- Please bear in mind that Galapagos has their own time zone, **one hour less than mainland Ecuador!**
- Ecuador´s official currency is US Dollars.

FLIGHTS

- The flight IN must be to **San Cristobal airport** (code SCY)
- The flight OUT must be from **Baltra airport** (code GPS). Please choose the latest flight leaving around 13h00.
- Airlines flying to/from Galapagos are either LATAM or AVIANCA.
- WE CAN HELP YOU BOOK THE FLIGHTS - SO FEEL FREE TO ASK US!

SPECIES

It´s very difficult to see all the animal species in the Galápagos unless you do a visit of at least 15 days covering as many islands as possible. Even then, some animals live in very specific areas of certain islands.

✓ Species you **MAY see** on this tour : sea lions, frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, swallow tailed gulls, tropic birds, marine iguanas, sharks, dolphins, rays, penguins, giant tortoises, marine turtles, darwin finches, mockingbirds, lava lizards, land iguanas.

× Species you **CANNOT see** on this tour: red-footed boobies, flightless cormorants, pink iguanas.

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CLIMATE

Galápagos can be visited year-round, and there are two main seasons:

1. The **Garúa Season** (approximately from mid-June to mid-October): During this time, the cold Humboldt Current reaches the islands, making the water cooler (around 17°C / 63°F), so a wetsuit is recommended. The weather is generally cloudier, with occasional light drizzles. However, this also creates a fresher and more comfortable climate for hiking — expect cooler temperatures, little need for air conditioning or fans at night, and very few mosquitoes. The colder waters bring more plankton, attracting abundant marine wildlife. This is also considered one of the best times of the year to spot whales during boat transfers.

2. The **Warm Season** (from November to mid-May):
   This season is characterized by warmer temperatures, with sunny days that can exceed 30°C (86°F). The Panama Current brings warmer waters to the Galápagos Marine Reserve, making the ocean more comfortable for swimming and snorkeling, usually without the need for a wetsuit. It is the perfect season for travelers looking to escape colder winter weather back home. Thanks to the tropical rains during this period, the islands also become much greener and more lush.

Between these two seasons, there is a transition period where visitors can experience a mix of both climates.

The average temperatures :

December to May Average Temperatures		
Temperature	80°F to 90°F	(27°C to 32°C)
Water temperature	70°F to 80°F	(21°C to 26°C)
June to November Average Temperatures		
Temperature	70°F to 80°F	(21°C to 26°C)
Water Temperature	65°F to 75°F	(18°C to 24°C)

ABOUT FEES:

- The **Transit Control Card** fee of $20 USD (subject to change) is required to enter the Galápagos Islands. Nowadays, it is issued as a QR code, which must be presented at the airport in either Quito or Guayaquil before your flight to the islands. You will also need to show it again when departing from the Galápagos.
- Once you arrive on the islands, you will need to pay the **Galápagos National Park entrance fee** immediately. The fee is currently $200 USD per adult and $100 USD for children under 12 years old (subject to change).

These fees will be included in the invoice at the time of booking, so they will be prepaid before your trip and you will not have to worry about it !

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PAYMENT:

Regarding payment, we need 50% deposit at booking and 100% for flights (if you book them with us), balance needs to be paid at max. 30 days before you arrive on the islands. If the tour takes place in less than 30 days, then we need 100% at booking.

Once you are ready to confirm, I will send you the Terms and Conditions of Payment, where you will find all the necessary information to proceed with the confirmation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If you decide to cancel, written requests are required. Based on the date of request the following amount will be retained:

A) 60 days before departure: 20% of Total Amount.
B) 59 to 30 days before departure: 50% of Total Amount.
C) 29 to 0 days before departure: 100% of Total Amount.
D) In case of a cruise policies of the respective boat applies.

HIGHLIGHT DATES 2027

	DATE
1	**January** 18 - 24
2	**February** 15 - 21
3	**March** 1 - 7
4	**March** 29 de - **April** 04
5	**May** 24 – 30
6	**June** 21 - 27
7	**July** 19 – 25
8	**August** 16 - 22
9	**October** 11 – 17
10	**November** 15 - 21
11	**December** 13 – 19

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us! 😊



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