

5 days / 4 nights Island Hopping

B1: San Cristóbal, Santa Cruz and one uninhabited island

Day 1: San Cristóbal

You will be picked-up at the airport by your private certified guide and he will take you to the hotel. After your lunch with the guide you will visit the Interpretation Center, where the guide will talk to you about the formation, colonization and actual situation of the islands. Then you will follow the trail to the Frigate bird hill, a viewpoint from which you have a beautiful view over the island. You will be able to snorkel the shallow waters of Tijeretas Bay or Carola beach (according to the tide your guide will take you to the best spot), where you can see sea lions, various tropical fishes, and turtles. Your small hike will finish at Carola beach from where you will go back to the hotel and have the rest of the day freetime. For Dinner, you have several options in town to choose from, eg. BBQ at the Bambu, delicious sea food at the "El Descanso Marino" or pizzas at the Calypso.

Tour with a private guide

Meal included: Lunch



Day 2: San Cristóbal

Today we give you the option of going to one of these 2 excursions: (please let us know at booking your preference)

Tour 1 – Lobos Island (more hiking): On a 30 min boat ride from the port you arrive on Lobos Island, as its name implies a home to a large sea lion colony. But that's not the only thing you'll find while you'll hike and snorkel at the island on this half day tour. During the hike, you hopefully spot blue footed boobies, marine iguanas and frigate birds, while during snorkeling you can often see the marine iguanas eating, as well as rays and turtles in the sandy bottom that separates Lobos Island from the mainland of San Cristobal. This tour includes a stop at Playa Ochoa. In the early afternoon you be back at the port and have the rest of the afternoon freetime.

Boat tour shared with max 16 people on board

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Tour 2 – Kicker Rock (more snorkeling): You will visit the famous Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido – sleeping Lion), a volcanic formation amid the ocean. There you will be able to snorkel with sharks, rays, turtles and if you are luck also with hammerhead sharks! After lunch on the boat you will go to a beautiful, pristine beach, where you will have time to relax. At afternoon you will be back at the port. The rest of the day is at your leisure. You can watch the sunset on Playa Mann or you can go to Loberia (about \$5 each way by taxi). There you can walk the Barranco cliff trail. **Shared tour max 12 on board**
Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Day 3: San Cristóbal - Santa Cruz

At 6:30 am we will pick you up at your hotel and accompany you to the harbor where you will take the 7:00 speedboat to Santa Cruz (approx. 2-hour ride). Your private local guide will receive you at the harbor and take you to the hotel. After check-in you and your guide will drive to a Ranch in the highlands to see giant tortoises in their native environment! After lunch you will stop at Cerro Mesa Reserve, where you can observe a huge crater, a remnant of the time when Santa Cruz was still a volcanic active island. You will continue to Garrapatero Beach where you will have the opportunity to swim. In the evening, you will be free to wander around Santa Cruz. You can choose among a lot of restaurants in town for dinner. The “Kioskos” in the center of Puerto Ayora are a great option as well: every night the street is closed to traffic and restaurants put tables and chairs on the street where you can enjoy a typical meal surrounded by locals. We recommend too a walk by night at the pier where you can often spot juvenile sharks swimming!

Shared boat to Santa Cruz, and then visits in Santa Cruz with a private guide

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Day 4: Uninhabited Island

You will participate in a yacht tour to an uninhabited island. That will either be Santa Fé, Plazas, Bartolomé or Seymour. The destination will depend on availability, weekday and program of the National Park. We will let you know immediately which island is available when you book the tour. On Santa Fé and Plazas you can spot endemic land iguanas. Bartolomé is known for beautiful lava sceneries and on Seymour you can see frigate birds, land iguanas and blue-footed boobies.

Shared tour max 20 on board

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Day 5: Santa Cruz - Baltra airport

If there is enough free time until your transfer to the airport we suggest that you visit the Charles Darwin Station (entrance free) .Your 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 the public bus. Your driver will accompany you until the check-in point where your program ends with your return flight to the mainland. Baltra is the only 100% ecological airport in the world!

Private transfer to airport

Meals included: Breakfast



General information

INCLUDED:

- daily visits with a Guide certified by the National Park – we use local guides on each island, and you are also assisted by our operation staff on each island (English speaking)
- meals mentioned
- accommodation in double-room (please specify if twin room or double bed needed)
- all transportation on the islands (boat, car) (except transportation during the free time)
- snorkeling gear including fins and Wetsuit (shorty 2.5mm) when the excursions include water activities (not during free time activities)

NOT INCLUDED:

- flight from/to mainland (approx. 550\$)
- Entrance fee to the Galapagos National Park \$100,-** (to be paid upon arrival at the airport – CASH ONLY – There is no ATM at the airport. Please bring enough cash)
- INGALA Migration card \$20** to be paid in cash in Quito or Guayaquil airport (Consejo de Gobierno counter, easy to spot in the airport. There you will also have to register your personal details before you go to the check-in counter of your airline)
- all not mentioned services in the program
- travel insurance: mandatory for all tourists entering Ecuador
- tips (guides expect tips, and also the boat crew – for boat excursions not for transfers between islands)

** Prices can change without prior notice from the government authorities

GENERAL INFORMATION

The program can change due to National Park rules or meteorological conditions without prior notice.

HOTELS (there are 3 categories of hotels): ** we use these belows or similar according to availability in the moment of booking, we will always reconfirm hotel names before your final booking**

1. **Tourist class:** simple and clean, with private bathroom in each room and hot water such as Stefanys or Pimampiro (San Cristobal), Hotel Déjà Vu or Posada del Mar (Santa Cruz)
 2. **Tourist superior class hotels:** larger rooms, TV, Air-Conditioning such as Blue Marlin or Casa Playa Mann (standard room) (San Cristobal), Villa Laguna or Silberstein (Santa Cruz)
 3. **First class hotels:** superior rooms, TV, Air-Conditioning, well located such as Golden Bay (San Cristobal), Angermeyer Waterfront Inn or Solymar (Santa Cruz)
- Prices are valid until December 15th 2018 – Please consult us for Christmas/New Years dates