

5 days / 4 nights Island Hopping

B2: Santa Cruz, one uninhabited island, Isabela

Day 1: Santa Cruz

You will be picked-up at the airport by your private certified guide. Then, you will take the public bus to the Itabaca Channel, which you will cross on a ferry. Subsequently you will go with the taxi to a ranch in the highlands to see giant tortoises in free environment. 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 close to the pier 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 local meal surrounded by locals. We recommend to walk by night at the pier where you can often spot juvenile sharks swimming!

Visits with a private guide this day

Meals included: lunch



Day 3: 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

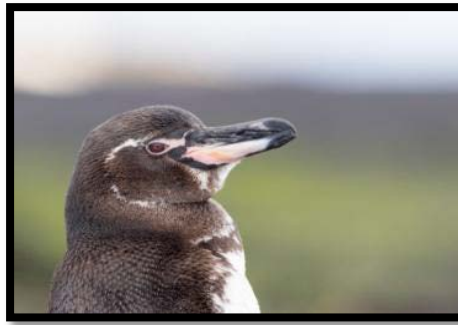


Day 3: Santa Cruz - Isabela

At 6:30 am we will pick you up at the hotel and accompany you to the harbor, where you will take the shared speed boat at 7:00 am to Isabela (approx. 2-hour ride). Our staff will welcome you and accompany you to your hotel for check-in. Morning free, you can walk to the tortoise breeding center or to the flamingo lagoon. After lunch you will visit the Island Tintorerías islet for a short hike and snorkeling. You can spot penguins, marine iguanas, sea lions and reef sharks, which are resting there in the lava channel. Snorkel then in turquoise water and spot different fishes, sea turtles, rays and penguins. The evening is at your free disposal. You can have a drink at the beach front bar “de Beto”, for sunset, or at the “Casa Rosada”. For dinner we recommend the Coco Surf, Red Lobster and Isabela Grill, but you have several options in town to choose from

Shared boat to Isabela. shared boat tour (max 16 on board) in the afternoon

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Day 4: Isabela

You have the choice between two different tours. Please let us know your choice when booking.

Tour 1 – Sierra Negra Volcano: You walk through spectacular lava landscapes and have views of the northern volcanoes of Isabela and Fernandina. The hike to the Sierra Negra Volcano and Volcano Chico is 16 km long (duration approx. 6 hours), but worth every effort. You see the second largest volcanic crater in the world and explore different vegetation zones. You get a lunch box for the hike.

Shared tour max 16 people on the tour

Tour 2 – Cabo Rosa (“Tuneles”): You go by boat to Cabo Rosa (45 min boat ride), where lava has flowed into the ocean and formed beautiful lava tunnels. There you may see penguins, blue-footed boobies and sea turtles. However the Highlight is snorkeling. You have the chance to see sharks, sea turtles, sea lions, rays, seahorses and many tropical fishes. The tour to Cabo Rosa takes about 5 hours.

Shared tour max 10 people on board

The rest of the day is at leisure. You can enjoy the beautiful beach in Isabela or you can snorkel in the Concha de Perla Lagoon (snorkel equipment in the free time is not included, but can be hired locally).

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Day 5: Isabela – Baltra airport

At 5:30 am we will pick you up at your hotel and accompany you to the pier, where you will take the shared speed boat at 6:00 am to Santa Cruz (approx. 2-hour ride). At the harbor our staff will welcome you and accompany you for breakfast. Afterwards, your driver will bring 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 to the check-in at the airport, where your program ends with the flight back to the mainland. Please take in account that your flight does not depart before 12:30 pm. There is the option to take a small plane straight to Baltra for an additional cost, let us know if you are interested. Meals included: Breakfast

Shared boat to Santa Cruz. Private transfer to airport



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)
- Isabela tax upon arrival is also included
- 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):

1. **Tourist class:** simple and clean, with private bathroom in each room and hot water such as Hotel Déjà Vu or Posada del Mar (Santa Cruz), Iguana or Gran Tortuga (Isabela)
 2. **Tourist superior class hotels:** larger rooms, TV, Air-Conditioning such Villa Laguna or Silberstein (Santa Cruz), Beach House or Casita de la Playa (Isabela)
 3. **First class hotels:** superior rooms, TV, Air-Conditioning, well located such as Angermeyer Waterfront Inn or Solymar (Santa Cruz), Iguana Crossing (Isabela)
- Prices are valid until December 15th 2018 – Please consult us for Christmas/New Years dates