



GALAPAGOS JOURNEY FLEET



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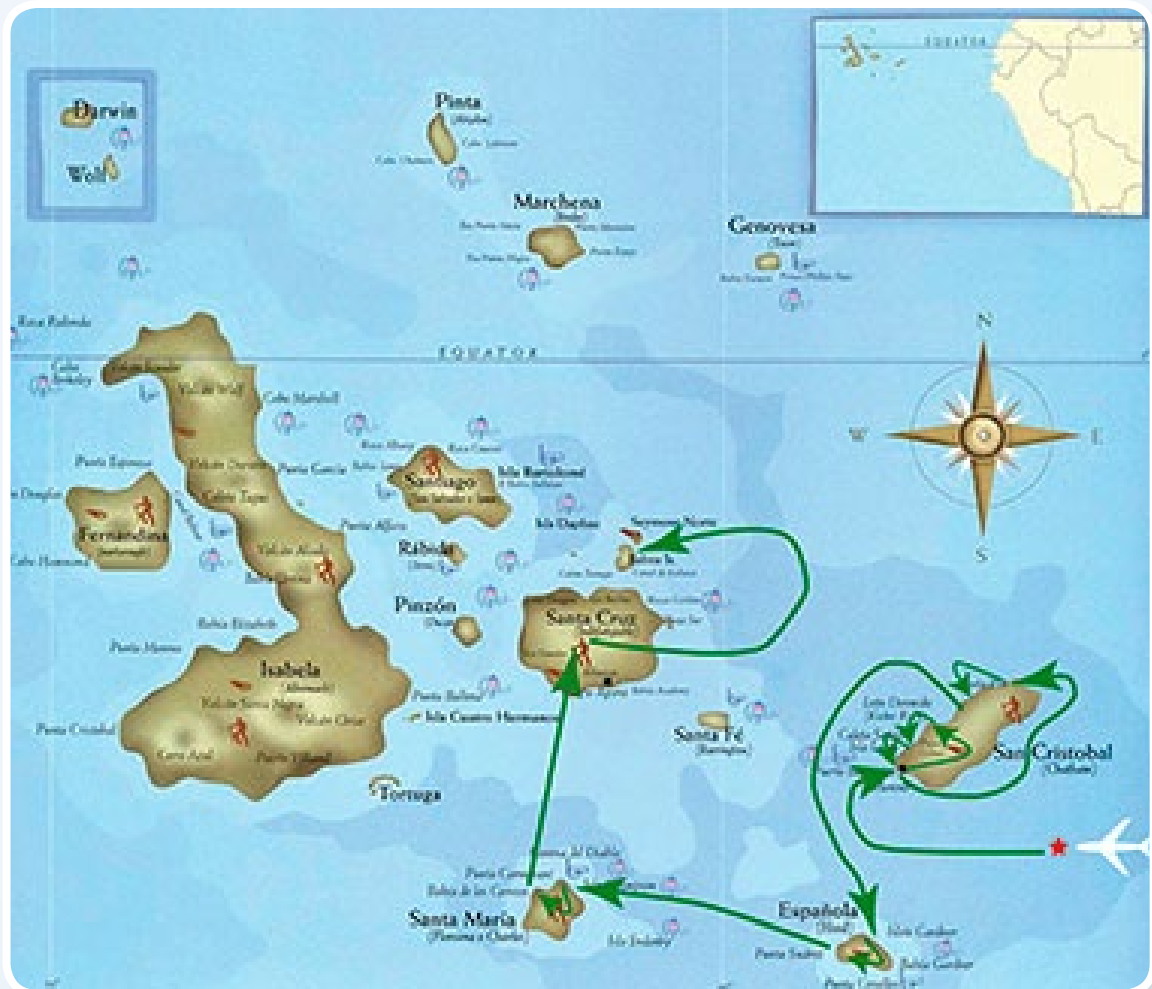
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Day 1: Monday Land - Galapagos San Cristobal Island

AM: Flight Quito or Guayaquil to Galapagos

PM: Interpretation center



Before taking the flight you must pay 20 USD at the Galapagos Government Council counter that is the value



for the migration control card.

Afterwards you will be able to take a flight that takes 2 1/2 hours from Quito to and 1 1/2 hours from Guayaquil.

Once in San Cristobal passengers must go through an inspection point at the airport to make sure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the archipelago. Also, this inspection point is where passengers have to pay for the entrance to the Galapagos National Park under the following parameters:

It is an interpretation center with exuberant gardens and stunning ocean views in contrast with the 1960's buildings in Charles Darwin Center. Visitor to the interpretation center can learn a lot over the geological and human history of the islands, conservation facts and natural history. This is the oldest museum of the Natural History of the Galapagos Islands that is trying to preserve the nature of the islands.

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PASENGERS	ADULT	CHILD (under 12 years old)
FOREIGNERS	\$100	\$50

Guides will meet you, collect your luggage, and escort you on the short bus ride to the harbor. Motorized rafts, called 'Pangas' will transport you to the M/C Seaman Journey and our crew will welcome you onboard. After departure and lunch, the first island visit is made.



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DAY 2: Tuesday Galapagos Cruise San Cristobal Island

AM: Galapaguera



A short visit to the Galapaguera that is a good place to observe Galapagos tortoises in its

natural habitat. San Cristobal island has endemic species such as: the Mockingbird *Nesomimus melanotis*, lava lizard (*Microlophus bivittatus*), Chatham Leaf-toed Gecko (*Phyllodactylus leei*) and the tortoises.

All of these species can be observed in this place, the beach is really big and it works as a nesting zone for marine tortoises. Between January and May it is common to find the footprints of the female tortoises that have climbed to the sand dunes to deposit their eggs.

PM: Cerro Brujo,
San Cristobal Island

Cerro Brujo is a beautiful beach of white coral beach where you can swim and watch birds and sea lions, plus you can snorkel.

This is the first coast where Charles Darwin walked in 1835. In this marvelous lava landscape where you can see seabirds like blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, herons, frigate birds and shore birds. The protected bay is very popular to observe young tortoises and for swimming. The pools with salty water behind the sand dunes were used for the fishers as a salt mine in order to preserve food for the local population.

Among the fauna that you can observe the Chatham Mockingbird and the San Cristobal Lava Lizard, both species are endemic to the island and unique to the area as they cannot be observed nowhere else.

Also you can find the island canary, the Galapagos turtles and with luck the little bird known as the Pájaro Brujo in Spanish, an endemic specie from San Cristobal Island. The vegetation covers all the route where you can find species like the candelabrum cactus and carob trees.

Located on the north coast of Isla San Cristobal it is a peaceful place



with white sand and crystal water, a perfect combination for an incredible stay.

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Day 3: Wednesday - Galapagos Cruise Española Island

AM: Bahía Gardner



Located on the north-eastern coast of Hood, Gardner Bay provides an excellent beach for relaxing, swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and the opportunity to observe sea lions (*Zalophus wollebaki*). Here we can also observe sharks in the crystal clear ocean waters.

Here you will find three species of Darwin Finches: *Geospiza fuliginosa*, *Geospiza fuliginosa* and *Certhidea Olivacea*, these are endemic subspecies. Also, here it is possible to observe resident and migratory bird species. This zone is really important for marine tortoises nesting, specially the (*Chelonia mydas*).

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PM: Suarez Point

This area is great for spotting blue-footed boobies, albatrosses and Nazca boobies. A beautiful site on the ocean front, the large waved albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad.

The famous attraction is the magnificent blowhole, spurting water high into the air at least from 50 to 75 meters high. This site presents wonderful photograph opportunities.





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DAY 4: Thursday Galapagos Cruise Floreana Island

AM: Cormorant Point



This site offers probably the best flamingo lagoon in the Galapagos; it is also one of the largest in the islands. It's situated between two tuff lava cones that give the area a special atmosphere.

There are various species of shorebirds to observe besides flamingos; the most frequent are common stilts, white-checked pintail ducks, and other migratory birds. It is very interesting to see the two distinct beaches: "The Green Beach" (due to its high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand) and the "Flour Sand Beach" which is made up of coral.

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PM: Post office bay & Baroness Lookout

Historically, this site is the location of a wooden barrel that was placed in the 18th century by the crew of a whaling ship. It has been used since this time by mariners and tourists as a post office. The idea is to carry letters or postcards to their destination by hand. Apart from being the Post Office Barrel, this site was the landing area for some of the first colonists. We will continue

to the north of the island and will ascent to an elevated slope to enjoy a beautiful vista at the Baroness lookout.



It is said that Baroness Eloisa Von Wagner loved this place and spent several hours watching the horizon. Within walking distance (30 m) are the ruins of what is known as her house. From this lookout, the landscape covers the coastline from the Enderby islet to Post Office Bay, as well as Cerro Pajas, the pool of flamingos and wide forest of Palo Santo.

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DAY 5: Friday Galapagos Cruise Santa Cruz Island

AM: Charles Darwin Station



Although the great majority of Galapagos visitors come here to observe and appreciate natural wonders, it is also interesting to learn how the protection and conservation of the islands are carried out.

One of the main attractions are the National Park information center, the Van Straelen Exhibition Hall, the Breeding and Rearing Center for young tortoises, Lonesome George (turtle from Pinta), and adult Galapagos tortoises in captivity.

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After the morning excursion you will be taken to the airport for your flight to the mainland

Transfer to Baltra airport
Flight to Quito or Guayaquil