



GALAPAGOS JOURNEY FLEET



ITINERARY

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From Friday to Friday



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DAY 1 Friday Mainland - Galapagos Santa Cruz Island

AM: Flight to Galapagos from Quito or Guayaquil



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

is the fee 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 Baltra the passengers must go through an inspection point from the airport to make sure that no foreign plants or animals are introduced to the Galapagos Archipelago.

Also, this inspection point is where passengers have to pay for the entrance to the Galapagos National Park under the following parameters:

PASAJEROS	ADULTO	NIÑO (Menor de 12 años)
EXTRANJEROS	\$100	\$50

Our guide will pick you up and will carry your luggage to the bus that transports the tourists to the ferries to cross the Itabaca Channel, after this passengers will be taken by another bus to the first visit to Ranch Mazanillo where visitors must wear comfortable walking shoes, light clothing and to carry a waterproof jacket, sun-block lotion, a camera and repellent for the first activity. The visit to Ranch Manzanillo includes a picnic lunch and a short walk before going on board the Motor Catamaran. It is important to follow these instructions in order to accomplish this itinerary properly. Also, please be aware that passenger's luggage will be sent directly to the Seaman Journey yacht.



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PM: Santa Cruz Highlands



Journeying across Santa Cruz into the highlands visitors are delighted by the island's variety of life

and geology. Beginning at the coast and traveling across Santa Cruz the road departs from Puerto Ayora climbing through the agricultural lands and into the mist covered forests. Santa Cruz possesses all of the various life zones present in the archipelago.

As you travel through these zones birders are enchanted. Whether it's the bright red feathers of a vermillion flycatcher or one of Darwin's Finch almost every bird present in the islands can be found here.

Santa Cruz offers excellent opportunities for viewing wild Galapagos Tortoises. Tracking tortoises is not the only exciting activity to be found in the highlands. There are also plenty of lava tubes, sinkholes and craters to explore. These eerie formations offer a fascinating hike into the belly of the island to view its volcanic make-up

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DAY 2: Saturday Galapagos Cruise Fernandina Island

AM: Mangle Point

Off the eastern coast of Fernandina is Mangle Point a superior snorkeling site and a beautiful location for riding in a panga or zodiac through a grove of mangrove trees. A hike of about 1/2 miles is possible. Whether you hike, snorkel, or stay in your panga for a ride through the red mangrove trees, this second site of Fernandina Island is equally memorable.

While you are on your ride, you are likely to see sea lions, tortoises, pelicans, rays and birds too numerous to name them all.





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DAY 2: Saturday Galapagos Cruise Fernandina Island

DAY 3: Saturday Galapagos Cruise Isabela Island

PM: Punta Moreno

AM: Urbina Bay

Punta Moreno is located on the north coast of Isabela Island between the volcano Sierra Negra and Cerro Azul volcano.



The trail runs along a lava flow Pahohoe (solidified lava in the form of corrugated or an accordion) into a complex of coastal lagoons, its main attraction are several species of birds which can be found around this lakes and mangroves.

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Urbina Bay is located at the base of Alcedo Volcano on the west coast, between Tagus Cove and Elizabeth Bay. This area experienced a major uplift in 1954, causing the land to rise over 16 feet. The coast expanded half a mile out, leaving marine life stranded on the new shore. This area is also a great place for snorkeling.

Urbina Bay is a path that starts at the beach where a landing is made wet, the course is approximately 3200m, and substrates through the sand, pumice, lava, coral and vegetation in a coastal area suffered an uprising and the listener can appreciate iguana burrows. It is an ideal place to see red and blue lobster.



In Bahia Urbina you can see a lot of Darwin's finches. Its main attraction is the land iguanas, larger than in places like South Plaza Island, Galapagos tortoises also in the wild, sometimes even out of season they are on the bottom of the islands.

Also in this area stands a large amount of vegetation, chamomile and Rosewood, but among all these plants stand out the beautiful flowers of cotton Darwin, endemic to the Galapagos Islands.



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DAY 3: Saturday Galapagos Cruise Isabela Island

AM: Tagus Cove



Tagus Cove is located west of Darwin Volcano on Isabela Island. This was a favorite

spot for pirates and whalers, a tradition is still observed that has continued since that time: the inscription of the names of boats.

At the start of the walk, going up and passing the staircase, is a small cave where you will find inscriptions dating to the 1800s.

Its name originated from a British warship that went through the islands in 1814 looking for Galapagos Tortoise for food.

Due to explosive eruptions must have occurred at the site, the substrate has a large amount of volcanic rocks of different sizes, among the most common are little balls of nearly spherical shape known as the "lapilli" or petrified rain.

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DAY 4: Monday Galapagos Cruise Fernandina Island / Isabella Island

AM: Espinoza Point



Espinoza Point is a place famous for its large colonies of marine iguanas and as the habitat of unique species like the flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguin, Galapagos hawk, and Galapagos snake.



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DAY 4: Monday Galapagos Cruise Fernandina Island / Isabella Island

PM: Isabela: Punta Vicente Roca

One of the most impressive and spectacular places of the enchanted Galapagos Islands; with high cliffs and tuffstone, ash and lava formations give this area a majestic touch. Located in the north-western coast of the island; comprises two distinct inlets. This large bay has a spectacular marine life.

Here, you can see seahorses, sea turtles and the strange yet fascinating Mola-mola or sunfish. This bay is a great place to practice Panga Ride and Snorkeling.

We also found: Penguins, Blue-footed boobies, Terns, Boobies, Sea lions. Also you can snorkel and observe sea turtles, stingrays and puffer fishes.

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DAY 5: Tuesday Galapagos Cruise Santiago Island

AM: Playa Espumilla / Bucanero

Espumilla beach is located in northern coast of Santiago Island in James Bay. During the



last presence the El Niño phenomenon, one of the two lagoons in this site, underwent a process of sedimentation, thus causing the disappearance of a representative colony of flamingos.

The main attractions are the palosanto forest and the marvelous.

The beach is an important site for nesting marine turtles.

PM: Puerto Egas, Santiago Island

Its black beach is located at the west side of the island and is the main attraction of the island. Their volcanic tuff deposits have favored the formation of this special black sand beach.



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This site is called Puerto Egas, because there was an attempt of company of Hector Egas, to start

the exploitation of salt, which failed because the price of salt in the continent was very cheap, and did not justify its exploitation in Galapagos. The project was abandoned and they left their infrastructure. B/L/D

DAY 6: Wednesday Galapagos Cruise Rabida / Chinese Hat

AM: Rabida



Rábida Island is unique because the red color of the rocks and sand.

The volcanic material in this island is very porous and external factors as rain, salt water, and sea breeze have acted as an oxidizing agent.

A short walk along a trail lead you to a coastal lagoon behind the beach which permits you to observe the land birds such as finches, doves, yellow warblers, and mocking birds. At the lagoon there is a colony of flamingos.

PM: Chinese hat

This is a small islet (1 sq km) located just off the southeastern tip of Santiago Island. It is a recent volcanic cone, shaped like a Chinese hat when seen from north side.



On the west you can see lava formations, formed

under the sea and raised upward, this is why coral heads are found on the lava.

This is an excellent visit for interpretation of geological features such as lava tubes and lava flows. The landscape is covered by sea lions colonies, marine iguanas, and Galapagos penguins.

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DAY 7: Thursday Galapagos Cruise Santiago Island

AM: Sullivan Bay



Santiago, also called James, or San Salvador Island, is located in the west central part of the Galapagos archipelago. It is the fourth largest island in the archipelago (following Isabela, Fernandina and Santa Cruz).

Along with some of the large western volcanoes of Isabela and Fernandina, Santiago is also volcanically active, with many young flows and cones to be seen, particularly along the south, west, and east coasts. These may even be seen from the summit of Darwin Volcano and from space. A number of historic eruptions have been reported over the last 2 centuries. Santiago actually consists of two coalesced volcanoes: a typical shield volcano on the northwest end and a low, linear fissure volcano on the southeast end.

PM: Bartolome

Bartolome Island is situated across Sullivan Bay. It has an altitude of 114 meters, from where we can observe one of the most beautiful sceneries of the Galapagos Islands such as:

Volcanic cones, lunar-like craters, lava fields, and the famous Toba formed pinnacle eroded by the sea.



There is very little vegetation on this island. It has two breathtaking beaches where marine turtles exist and at the base of the pinnacle, as well as a very small colony of Galapagos penguins.

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DAY 8: Friday Galapagos Cruise Santa Cruz Island

AM: Bachas Beach



These two small beaches are found to the West of Turtle Cove. Their sand is made of decomposed

coral, which makes it white and soft, making it a favorite nesting site for sea turtles. Behind one of the beaches there is a small brackish water lagoon, where occasionally is possible to observe flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels.

The other beach is longer, but it has two old barges that were abandoned during the Second World War, when the USA used Baltra Island as a strategically point to protect the Panama Channel.

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

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Transfer to Baltra airport
Flight to Quito or Guayaquil