

GALAPAGOS NAVIGABLE LAND TOUR

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Visiting 2 Islands: **SANTA CRUZ + 1 NAVIGABLE ISLAND**

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** Hotels depend on the category you choose – see alternatives bellow *
Hotels are subject to availability*

TIRP SUMMARY

- Day 1** Arrive at Baltra Airport – Transfer to Santa Cruz – Visit Highlands (Giant Tortoise)
- Day 2** **Navigable Day Tour** to either **ONE** of these islands: *Plazas, Bartolomé North Seymour OR Santa Fe* (box lunch)/ overnight at Santa Cruz **
- Day 3** Bay Tour / Tortuga Beach Hike
- Day 4** Transfer-out to **Baltra Airport** (Visit “The Twins” on way out) / *Goodbye Galapagos!*

****** *Navigable sites and schedules are established by the Galapagos National Park. Let us know what site you want to visit and **we will advise on availability!***

NAVIGABLE DESTINATIONS	
BARTOLOME & SULLIVAN BAY	
SEYMOUR & PLAYA BACHAS	
PLAZAS & PUNTA CARRION	
SANTA FE	

NOTE: *destinations are subject to availability and/or changes due to Galapagos National Park dispositions and/or circumstances beyond our control.*

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DAY-BY-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

DEAR TRAVELER: Please take the time to read thoroughly the following itinerary as many important details and recommendations about the program are explained here. If you should have any questions or concerns after reading this itinerary, please do not hesitate in contacting one of our travel specialists, we will gladly provide you with further information and make any recommendations to make your trip the most suitable possible.

DAY 1

Arrival at **Baltra Airport** / Transfer to **Santa Cruz Island**: Giant Tortoise Reserve

You can arrive to the Galapagos Islands only by flight from either Quito or Guayaquil (air ticket not included). Your English speaking guide will be waiting for you at the Baltra Airport in Galapagos and will then lead you to the port of **Puerto Ayora** (Santa Cruz Island).

Afterwards, we will take a short rest before making our way to the **Highlands of Santa Cruz**. Here you will have the great opportunity to observe the famous Galapagos **Giant Tortoises** in their natural environment. The Islands themselves were named after these species. You will also be able to see the famous Galapagos Finches, Bird Wizards, as well as endemic vegetation such as Escelacias forests and Matazarnos. After this encounter with the Giant Tortoises, we will return to Puerto Ayora.

Meals included: None

Accommodation: Hotel of the chosen category

DAY 2

Full Day Navigable Tour to: Plazas Is. **OR** Seymour Is. **OR** Santa Fe Is. **OR** Bartolomé Is.*

* **NOTE:** Depending on availability, you may choose **ONE** of these sites.

Depending on the navigable site chosen and available, pick-up from the hotel will be early in the morning (either 5 or 8 AM) to take you to the small vessel (16 passenger motor yacht) at the embarkation point (either Puerto Ayora dock or Itabaca Channel). The destination will be any of these islands; all of the sites below are inhabited and offer a unique close-up with wildlife and endemic vegetation.

The destination can be **Santa Fe, South Plazas, North Seymour or Bartolomé**. The activities will include hiking, snorkeling, swimming and breathtaking sightseeing. After land and sea excursion, we will return back to the hotel in Santa Cruz where you can relax.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

You may choose **ONE** of the navigable sites above. However, the visits to these are established by the Galapagos National Park and are subject to availability. Let us know what site you like better. **We will advise on availability** and arrange your trip as best as possible. **In case none** of the sites are available, an alternative itinerary will be used and a discount applied.

Meals included: Breakfast, Box Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel of the chosen category

DIA 3

Bay Tour / Tortuga Beach Hike

After breakfast the land excursion continues with a panoramic visit to various sites in Puerto Ayora. The first stop will be Islote Camaño aka. "Isla la Lobería", named after the large colony of sea lions that inhabit this area. Apart from sea lions, also catch a sight of blue footed boobies, and snorkel alongside friendly sea lions, colorful fish and sea turtles. Continue towards "Canal del Amor" view point, a great site for snorkeling, a variety of fish and white fin sharks inhabit the area. Moving towards Punta Estrada we will end the evening with a hike to observe marine iguanas at lovely "Playa de los Perros".

In the afternoon, at the time appointed by the guide, the adventure continues with a visit to Tortuga Bay Beach. The visit consists of a 45min walk toward the beautiful white sand beach. There are two beaches in the area. Brava beach is the widest with two kilometers long and Playa Mansa, which resembles a large pool surrounded by mangroves and white sand. Also located in the area you can find a forest of endemic tuna trees (Opuntia) and marine iguanas nesting and sun bathing. You can also see pelicans, great variety of fish and Galapagos gulls. We return to the hotel at 16:45 pm as the beach closes at 17:00.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel of the chosen category

DIA 4

Transfer-out to Baltra Airport – Adios Galapagos!

On the final day we recommend waking up early to have enough time to get ready for the transfer-out from Puerto Ayora to **Baltra** where you will catch your return flight to either Quito or Guayaquil

NOTE: Itinerary subject to change without prior warning depending on seasonal changes, weather conditions, and adjustments in policies set by the Galapagos National Park, and other unforeseen circumstances that may arise.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ❖ **HOTEL SELECTION:** The hotel selection depends on the category of hotel that you choose. Once you choose your preferred hotel class, we will specify which hotels are available for the dates of your trip. Hotels are categorized in the following classes: **Economic Class, Tourist Class, Tourist Superior Class, and First Class**. All the hotels we work with have been carefully chosen by us after close inspection.
- ❖ **AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED:** The price of the tour does not include air tickets. We will gladly help your with the booking of the ticket from Quito or Guayaquil to Galapagos. You may also book

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the flights on your own if you find it more convenient. PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT which island you will arrive and leave from, and if you choose to book your own flight please try to book your arrival in the morning (before 11am) and your departure in the late afternoon (12 am or after) so that you don't miss any part of the tour. You can book your flight either through TAME, AEROGAL, LAN, or TAME (recommended).

- ❖ **GUIDES:** We organize excursion with local naturalist guides for each island (and sometimes for each activity). The guides will accompany you throughout all excursions, give explanations of the islands (flora and fauna) and coordinate the activities each day. Regarding lunch and dinner, the guide will specify the restaurant designated but he will not accompany you during this time. The guide's activities will start and end with each daily excursion. The guide will not go with you on the speedboats between islands either. We work with local and independent guides certified by the Galapagos National Park - if you feel that their guidance does not meet your expectations, feel free to leave a complaint at the National Park Direction, if possible at the time of the tour, to help improve the quality of service in the islands.
- ❖ **LUNCH and DINNER** have **BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM**. Only breakfast (which will be served either on your hotel of stay or the restaurant specified by the guide) and a **box lunch (served only during the navigable excursions)** are contemplated in the cost of the tour. As of lunch and dinner during your days in land, we can gladly recommend a list of restaurants you may use.
- ❖ **PUBLIC SPEEDBOATS:** We recommend that you take a seasickness pill before each ride between islands if you are prone to seasickness. It is also recommended that you carry small plastic bags with you in case of seasickness. The speedboats are not completely covered so please make sure that valuable objects and electronics are stored in a plastic bag. The **guide will not go with you on the speedboats** but a new guide will greet you on the other side. There are no services onboard as the speedboat space is limited and the journey is relatively short. A water taxi ride is sometimes required (depending on the tide) from the dock to the speedboat; the cost is **1 USD** per person and **per ride**. Please, make sure you bring cash in small denominations in case this expense is needed. ***This is a Public service out of our control.***
- ❖ **SCHEDULE OF EXCURSIONS:** The schedule of the excursions will be coordinated and determined locally through the guide and those responsible for the operations. The guide will specify what time each activity will start. The transfers between islands on the public speedboats are the only activities that have fixed departure times.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

THE RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Accommodation in selected class hotels and rooms
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Box Lunch (only during navigable excursion on Day 2)
- ✓ All land and sea transportation within the Galapagos during the program
- ✓ Bilingual naturalist guides for each island and all activities
- ✓ Excursions and visits during the program
- ✓ Transfer Baltra – Puerto Ayora – Baltra (by truck or by bus depending on group size)

THE RATE EXCLUDES:

- ✗ Air Ticket
- ✗ Lunch & Dinner
- ✗ Snorkeling Equipment (mask, fins, tube)
- ✗ Galapagos National Park Entry Fee - **\$100.00 US pp.**
- ✗ Cost of the transfer between the hotels and the restaurants for the meals.
- ✗ Migratory Control Card - **\$20.00 US pp.**
- ✗ Transportation Baltra Airport – Itabaca Channel - **USD 5,00 per person** (subject to change).
- ✗ Transportation Itabaca Channel – Baltra Airport - **USD 5,00 per person** (subject to change).
- ✗ Water taxi from dock to speedboat (depending on the tide) - **\$ 1.00 US per person per ride**
- ✗ Soft-drinks and alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Tips.