

7-DAY MULTISPORT TRIP

Active Galapagos Land Based Tour



VISIT 3 DIFFERENT ISLANDS

7 DAYS IN THE GALAPAGOS AT HOTELS ON SANTA CRUZ & ISABELA ISLAND

EXPERIENCE LOCAL LIFE IN THE TOWNS OF GALAPAGOS





DAY 1 (-/L/-)*

BALTRA ISLAND: ARRIVAL IN GALAPAGOS

Arrival at the airport, pick up and transfer to the selected Hotel on Santa Cruz, lunch.



PM: Charles Darwin Research Station

On our visit to the Station, we will learn about the natural history of the Galapagos Islands and the importance of conservation efforts to protect its ecosystem. At the Tortoise Center, there are plenty of photo opportunities, we can observe the whole variety of tortoises, including hatchlings, juveniles, and full-grown individuals. Return to the hotel. Overnight.

DAY 2 (B/L/-)

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: HIGHLANDS

AM: After breakfast, we will take a bus ride to the green highlands of Santa Cruz Island. Upon arrival at the Tortoise Ranch, we will have the opportunity to explore and see many of the famous Galapagos Tortoises in the wild!

Next, we will visit the lava tunnels that were formed as the outer skin of molten lava solidified, and the liquid magma inside continued flowing, leaving behind a series of empty tubes. Visitors can walk through these underground channels!



PM: After lunch, we will enjoy a bike ride towards the Northern side of Santa Cruz where we will visit El Garrapatero, a sandy beach surrounded by mangroves. We'll then walk to a freshwater lake behind the beach that is home to flamingos, herons, stilts, and other shorebirds. The beautiful turquoise waters provide a good opportunity for swimming, kayaking, and snorkeling.

Transfer back to the hotel in Puerto Ayora. Overnight.

DAY 3 (B/L/-)

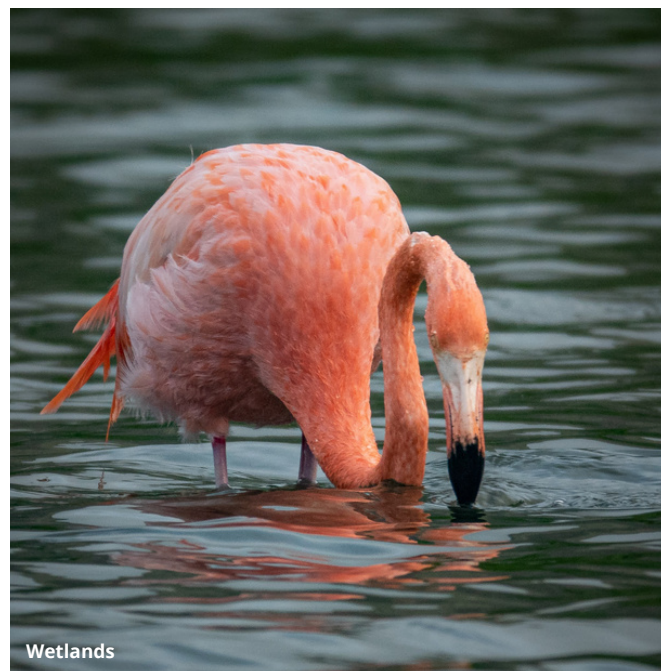


ISABELA ISLAND: WETLANDS, WALL OF TEARS, TINTORERAS

AM: Early pick up, and transfer to the main pier to board the public speedboat. Navigation to Isabela Island takes about 2h30m. Arrival in Puerto Villamil (Isabela I.), followed by transfer to the hotel and then we will head to the Wetlands, which are located just outside of town. The Wetlands consist of lagoons, swamps, and mangroves and are home to a variety of unique bird species such as common stilts, whimbrels, white-cheeked pintails, and gallinules and we will be able to enjoy this remarkable location while riding our bikes across the wetlands and opuntia cacti to then arrive at the tortoise breeding center of the island.

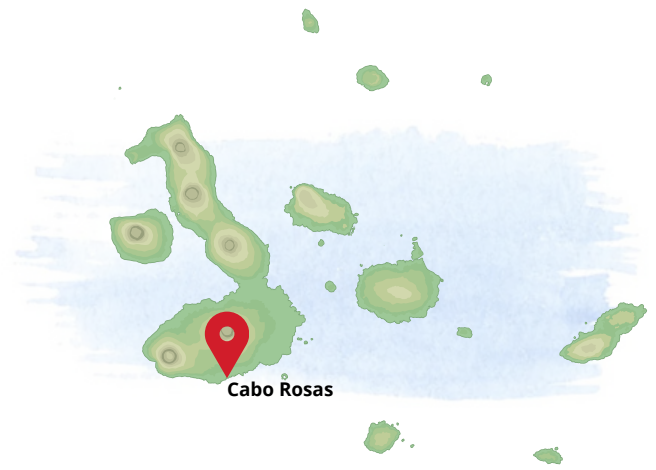
Then we will visit The Wall of Tears, which from 1945 to 1959, was a penal colony that hosted prisoners who were forced to build this wall, stone by stone, in isolation. This building took the lives of thousands during its construction and locals claim to hear crying emanating from the rocks of this historical site. Lunch will be served at a Local Restaurant back in Puerto Villamil.

PM: A small boat will take us on a nice 15 minute ride to Tintoreras. We will explore these delightful islets and its turquoise crystal waters by kayaking. We will be able to admire the great variety of wildlife, like white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, marine turtles, and sea lions. Lava herons, lava lizards and a hefty number of marine iguanas can be seen here as well. After this excursion, we will return to our selected hotel in Puerto Villamil. Overnight.



Wetlands

DAY 4 (B/BL/-)



ISABELA ISLAND: CABO ROSAS & TUNNELS



Blue-footed Booby

AM: After breakfast, we will be picked up from the hotel for a full day navigable tour on board a small yacht and we will head to Cabo Rosa. This is a small inhabited islet where we can catch sight of pelicans, blue-footed boobies and Nazca Boobies. Occasionally, sea lions can be seen resting on the rocks of this amazing site. On the next stop of this tour, we will be able to enjoy some swimming and snorkeling alongside sea turtles, White-tipped sharks, trumpetfish, and surgeonfish. With some luck, we may also see eagle and golden rays as well.

PM: The lava formations of Cabo Rosa have shaped tunnels that are a marine paradise inhabited by varied endemic Galapagos species that can be easily seen from the paths. A box lunch will be provided and then we will head back to our hotel in Puerto Villamil at the end of the tour.

Overnight.



Snorkeling

DAY 5 (B/BL/-)



ISABELA ISLAND: SIERRA NEGRA VOLCANO

AM: After a restful night and breakfast, we will begin preparation for a high-intensity hike of about **6 hours to cover a total of 18 kilometers (12 miles)**.

We will take our transportation to the starting point of our excursion. During the first part of the hike, we may experience light rain and plenty of mud on the track. Along the way our guide will be pointing out different animal and plant species as they present on our route. Continuing the excursion, we will reach a lookout point, where the magnitude of the crater of Sierra Negra Volcano can be appreciated in detail. We will hike the rim of the volcano admiring the lava formations and we may see some fumaroles as this volcano is still active! Time permitting, we will continue our hike to Volcan Chico which also offers an amazing landscape and we'll enjoy our box lunch as we admire the magical landscape Isabela before our return to the shuttle and to our hotel in Puerto Villamil.



Keep in mind that it is extremely necessary to use proper hiking boots or shoes that allow you to perform this long walk comfortably. Other requirements are a hat or cap, and sunblock.

PM: Transfer to the main pier to board the public speedboat to Puerto Ayora (Santa Cruz I.), where our representative will meet us and take us to our selected hotel for a well-deserved rest. Overnight.

DAY 6

(B/L/-)



Full day navigable tour to another island. After Breakfast, we will embark on an incredible adventure. These day tours visit an uninhabited island and include a nice trekking/excursion through it and the opportunity to do snorkeling. A delicious lunch is provided onboard. Return to Puerto Ayora at the end of the day.

Day tour destinations (subject to availability):



SANTA FE ISLAND

NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR, 45 MINUTES

Santa Fe is home to a small picturesque bay and anchorage on the island's northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest. Snorkeling is a must and we will see many different fish species and have the opportunity to swim with sea lions. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight.



BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND

NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR, 45 MINUTES

Early in the morning, transfer to Baltra to start our navigable tour to Bartholomew. One of the Islands' principal attractions is the Pinnacle Rock. To see it properly we will make an easy hike for around an hour. In this excursion, we will learn from the volcanic landscape of the island and see different species such as lava lizards or cacti, once we reach the top will have a magnificent view of the Pinnacle rock in contrast with the volcanic landscape blended with the turquoise waters of the surrounding beaches. After the excursion, we will proceed to do snorkeling on one of the coral beaches. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight.



NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR

North Seymour, is a small island located northbound from Baltra. The main animal species of this island are Land Iguanas, the Magnificent Frigate bird with their incredible scarlet regular pouch, blue-footed boobies, and their particular courtship dance, and sea lions surfing across the waves. After lunch, we will do snorkeling in Bachas beach, where you will be able to discover tons of different fish and marine species, and also swim with playful sea lions. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight



SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR, 20 MINUTES

South Plazas is situated on the east coast of Santa Cruz Island, it's formed from uplifted marine lava and is one of the smallest islands on the archipelago. This Island despite its size has a lot of concentration of wildlife.

We will disembark on a small dock frequently occupied by sea lions. After this, we will continue through a small forest of prickly pear cacti with their yellow flowers where lots of land iguanas are waiting for their fruits and flowers to fall off to the ground. We continue our hike to the cliff to view swallow-tailed gulls, tropic birds, frigate birds, and pelicans. After this walk, we go back to the boat for lunch and sail to Punta Carrion for a great snorkeling session with sea turtles, white tip reef sharks, sea lions, and lots of fish. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight.

DAY 7 (B/-/-)

PUERTO AYORA TO BALTRA



Breakfast, and transfer to Baltra Airport for your flight back to the mainland. End of services.

Notes:

- **B:** Breakfast; **BB:** Box breakfast; **L:** Lunch; **BL:** Box lunch **D:** Dinner
- Flight back to the continent should leave after 12 pm (noon), otherwise a box breakfast will be provided.
- The order of visits on this itinerary may change subject to availability, unforeseen circumstances, safety and national park regulations .

INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double room
- Meals as described in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, BL= Box Lunch, BB= Box Breakfast)
- Detailed excursions
- Naturalist English-speaking guide and transportation
- Transfer by speed boat (public transportation) to/from Isabela
- Transfer to/from Baltra's airport
- Entrance fees: Highlands, Lava Tunnels, Garrapatero Beach
- Bicycles and kayaks use as per itinerary
- Snorkeling equipment (only in navigable tours: mask & tube)

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets to/from Mainland / Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee: \$100 (Subject to change) per person
- Migratory Control Card: \$20.00 per person
- Isabela local tax: \$10 per person
- Wetsuit
- Dinner, Soft and alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses and tips
- \$6 water transportation