

Galapagos Island Hopping (8D/7N)

DAY 1: Santa Cruz Island



- Arrival at Galapagos Island, Baltra Airport.
- Transfer from Baltra Airport to Santa Cruz Island
- Visit the **Highlands**
- Lunch
- Briefing for next day activities

Places to Visit:

- **Highlands:** Visit to the El Chato 1, El Chato 2 or Primicias Farm, in any of these you can see the Giant Galapagos Tortoises and the typical vegetation of Galapagos.

Ready to explore the beauty of the Galapagos highlands? Join us on a tour of a lifetime to El Chato or Primicias Farm where you'll witness the majestic Giant Galapagos Tortoises roaming free in their natural habitat. Immerse yourself in the diverse flora and fauna of this amazing archipelago as our expert guides take you on an adventure you'll never forget. With breathtaking views and unforgettable experiences, our Highland tour is perfect for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Are you ready to witness the majestic beauty of the Galapagos? You'll get up close and personal with these gentle giants as they roam freely in their natural habitat. And that's not all – explore the stunning lava tunnels, formed by ancient volcanic activity. Our knowledgeable guides will ensure you make unforgettable memories while learning about the history and ecology of this unique destination.

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Details:

- **Animals to see:** Giant turtles, sea lions.
- **Activities:** Trekking
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, and water.
- **Include:** Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, and Hotel Accommodation.
- **Not Included:** Lobito Buss \$5, Dinner, Tips and Additional Expenses.

Notes:

- We can't guarantee that you will see all the animals, since they are in wildlife.
- If it is only a passenger, the first day does not include a guide.

Day 2: Bartolome o North Seymour or Santa Fe Island (just one of them)



Bartolome Island

- Pick up from your Hotel in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island.
- Departure Time at from 06:00 am. to 07:00 am.
- Transfer from Ayora Port to Itabaca Channel. (45 minutes)
- Sailing time from Itabaca Channel to Bartolome Island. (2 hours)
- Arrival at Bartolome Island at 08:45 am. approximately.
- 2 hours of hiking on Bartolome island
- Lunch
- Snorkeling in Sullivan Bay
- Return to Santa Cruz at 14:15 pm

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- Arrival to Santa Cruz at 17:00 pm approximately.
- Transfer to your Hotel
- Briefing for next-day activities

Places to Visit:

- **Bartolome Island:** Named in honor of Sir Bartholomew Sullivan of the British Navy. It has an area of 1.2 km² and a maximum altitude of 114 meters. This island offers some of the most beautiful landscapes of the archipelago. The island is composed of an extinct volcano and a variety of red, orange, green and bright black volcanic formations. The lava cactus of the Galapagos colonize the new lava fields. On this island is the famous Pinnacle, which is one of the most representative places of the archipelago. Here you can dive and snorkel with penguins, sea lions, white tip reef sharks and other tropical fish. Seasonally, Bartolomé is the mating and nesting site of the green turtle. The bay is also an excellent place to go swimming. The twin bays are separated by a narrow isthmus.
- **Sullivan Bay:** This unique landscape is composed of a pair of eroded scoria lava cones which were engulfed by a recent (in geological terms) pahoehoe lava flow and which is considered one of the finest in the world.

Details:

- **Animals to see:** Sea lions, reef fish, sea turtles, penguins.
- **Activities:** Hiking and Snorkeling
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, a Camera, swimsuit.
- **Include:** Breakfast, Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Snacks, Water, Hotel Accommodation, and Snorkeling Equipment.
- **Not Included:** Dinner, Tips, and Additional Expenses.

Notes:

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North Seymour

- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island.
- Departure Time at 08:00 am.
- Transfer from Ayora Port to Itabaca Channel. (45 minutes)
- Sailing time from Itabaca Channel to North Seymour Island. (1 hour)
- Arrival at North Seymour Island at approximately 09:45 am.
- 2 hours of hiking on North Seymour Island
- Lunch
- Snorkeling in Bachas Beach
- Return to Santa Cruz at 14:15 pm
- Arrival in Santa Cruz at 16:00 pm approximately.
- Transfer to your Hotel
- Briefing for next-day activities

Places to Visit in North Seymour:

- **North Seymour Island:** Named after the English noble Lord Hugh Seymour. It has an area of 1.9 km² and a maximum altitude of 28 meters. The whole island is covered with dense and dense vegetation and has a trail for visitors of approximately 2 km in length that crosses the island's path and allows you to explore the rocky coast. On this island, there is a large population of blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls. There are also countless land iguanas, which were introduced from Baltra Island, and which served to repopulate the island with this species. It is also possible to observe a large number of frigates and sea lions with their young.
- **Bachas Beach:** The beach is full of characteristic Galapagos species such as flamingos, and Sally Lightfoot crabs, as well as migratory and aquatic birds. It is also one of the main nesting sites for sea turtles on Santa Cruz Island.

Details for North Seymour:

- **Animals to see:** Blue-footed boobies, royal frigate, gull forked tail land iguanas, sea lions, reef fish, sea turtles.
- **Activities:** Trekking and Snorkeling
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, and swimsuit.
- **Include:** Breakfast, a Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Snacks, Water, Hotel Accommodation, and Snorkeling Equipment.
- **Not Included:** Dinner, Tips, and Additional Expenses.

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DAY 3: Isabela Island



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island.
- Transfer to Baltra Airport to take the flight to Isabela Island.
- Arrival at Isabela Airport.
- Lunch
- Snorkeling in Tintoreras (45 minutes)
- Transfer to your Hotel in Isabela.
- Briefing for next-day activities.

Places to Visit:

- **Wetlands:** The Wetlands of Isabela Island are located just outside of Puerto Villamil. 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. The Wetlands can be visited on foot via a path that winds through the swamps.
- **Flamingo Lake:** To the west of Puerto Villamil there are various salt and brackish lagoons which house an impressive variety of coastal and sea birds. Here, visitors can also find the largest concentration of flamingos in Galapagos.
- **Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center:** The Tortoise Breeding Center (also known as the Interpretation Center) is located nearby Puerto Villamil. A boardwalk connects the town to the Center, stretching across the wetlands and Prickly Pear Cacti shrub. Five sub-species of the Giant Tortoise exist on the island, yet their populations are threatened by introduced animals such as goats and cats. At the Tortoise Breeding Center, eggs are nursed in a hatchery and the giant tortoise adults are observed in supervised corrals. The Center aims to increase the population and secure the survival of these species.
- **Tintoreras:** The Tintoreras Islets, located a short distance from Puerto Villamil, is home to a great variety of wildlife. Its turquoise, crystalline waters are inhabited by white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, marine turtles and sea lions. One of its beaches, surrounded by mangroves is one of the few sites where marine iguanas can reproduce successfully.

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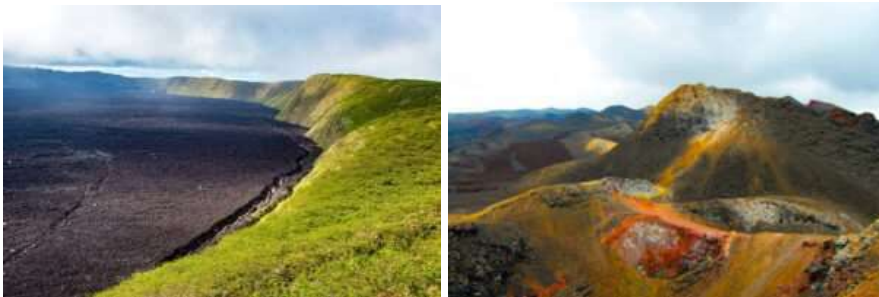
Details:

- **Animals to see:** Giant tortoises, flamingos, terrestrial iguanas, white fin sharks, sea lions, reef fish.
- **Activities:** Trekking and Snorkeling
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, swimsuit.
- **Include:** Breakfast, Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Snacks, Hotel Accommodation and Snorkeling Equipment.
- **Not Included:** Isabela Fee \$10, Dinner, Tips and Additional Expenses.

Notes:

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- This night you will stay on Isabela Island.

DAY 4: Isabela Island



Located on the Galapagos Island of Isabela, the Sierra Negra and Chico volcanoes offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience some of the most stunning volcanic landscapes in the world. For those looking to explore these magnificent features, guided tours are available. These tours provide an up-close look at some of the most impressive geological formations in the region, including lava flows and ash fields. Visitors will also have a chance to witness some of Isabela's incredible wildlife, including giant tortoises, and more. With its stunning views and diverse wildlife, a tour of Sierra Negra and Chico volcanoes is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

Details:

- Animals to see: Giant turtles
- Activities: Trekking
- What do you bring: Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, swimsuit and water.
- Include: Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Hotel Accommodation
- Not Included: Dinner, Tips, and Additional Expenses.

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DAY 5: Isabela Island



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in Villamil Port, Isabela Island.
- Sailing time from Villamil Port to Tunnels. (1 hour)
- Visit Tunnels
- 2 times for snorkeling. (45 minutes each one)
- Lunch
- Flight to San Cristobal
- Transfer to the Hotel in San Cristobal

Places to Visit:

- **Tunnels:** This is one of the most spectacular snorkeling sites in Isabela, the water is shallow, calm and very clear, a marine sanctuary. A series of lava flows have produced unique geological formations, a series of arches and tunnels, below and above the water, where a large number of endemic Galapagos species live. The entrance to the site is not deep and the waves can be very strong, for this reason, access to this place is not always very feasible. The best time to visit Los Túneles is between January and May.

Details:

- **Animals to see:** Blue-footed boobies, rays, starfish, penguins, sea horses, sharks, sea turtles, reef fish.
- **Activities:** Snorkeling
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, swimsuit.
- **Include:** Breakfast, Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Snacks, Hotel Accommodation and Snorkeling Equipment.
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DAY 6: San Cristobal Island



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in San Cristobal Island.
- Visit Tijeretas Hill, Punta Carola, Mann Beach
- Lunch
- Transfer to your Hotel
- Briefing for next-day activities.

Places to Visit:

- **Tijeretas Hill:** A trail built with cut stone, which crosses a forest that leads to observation points of the fascinating coastal landscape and the native flora and fauna. This trail culminates in a cove of calm waters, where you can practice water sports and observe nature.
- **Mann Beach:** Mann Beach is of little slope and of white and soft sand, it is ideal to take the sun and to bathe. It has masterful landscapes, its main attraction being the beach. It is a small rocky beach that on weekends is packed by people. It is quite rocky and you will usually observe the lions, it is a beautiful beach for swimming and sunbathing.
- **Punta Carola:** The beach has an area of approximately 300 meters, which is made up of dry forest vegetation. On the beach there is a large colony of sea lions among the vegetation and marine iguanas are present on the rocks. On this site you can practice surfing.

Details:

- **Animals to see:** Sea Lions, Land iguanas, reef fish.
- **Activities:** Trekking and Snorkeling.
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, swimsuit and water.
- **Include:** Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Hotel Accommodation, and Snorkeling Equipment.
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Day 7: San Cristobal 360° or Island Lobos, or Highland with La Galapaguera



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in San Cristobal Island.
- Departure time at 07:00 am.
- Visit Sleeping Lion (first snorkeling)
- Visit Brujo Hill (Panoramic visit to take photos, not landing)
- Sardine Bay (beach time)
- Visit Punta Pitt (Experiential Fishing experience)
- Visit Rosa Blanca Bay (second Snorkeling)
- Lunch
- Return to San Cristobal at 16:00 pm
- Arrival in San Cristobal at 17:00 pm approximately.
- Transfer to your Hotel
- Briefing for next day activities

Places to Visit:

- **Sleeping Lion:** It consists of two vertical walls with a channel in the center that offers a paradise for sharks and other species of fish, such as barracudas and rainbow fish. The walls are strikingly colored almost certainly will have sightings of great marine wildlife, including octopi and many sharks like: hammerhead shark, white-fin reef shark and freshwater turtle sharks. Other marine creatures that are found are turtles, rays and sea lions.
- **Brujo Hill:** The main attraction is the coral sand beach as well as a variety of flora and fauna species. It is an eroded tuff cone, which in some of its parts, is composed of lava. The citizens of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno used to extract salt to preserve cod fish, meat from their farms, and tortoise meat. This is a place to observe marine birds. Brujo Hill offers an excellent landscape from which you may see León Dormido, the south of the highest part of San Cristobal, and the adjacent coast. Two halophyte species grow here in soils rich in salt.
- **Sardina Bay:** It's characterized for being a place for fishing of several species such as sardines, liza, octopus, lobster, and shrimp, among others. Bahía Sardina includes two beaches whose attractions are its small white sand dunes together with its crystalline

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waters suitable for snorkeling, taking into account that in this bay there is a large presence of sea turtles, rays, and sea lions.

- **Punta Pitt:** This is the only site in the Galapagos Islands, where you can watch the three species of boobies and two species of frigates nesting in the same area. The reason that there are three species of boobies at Punta Pitt is due to the geographic location: there is enough food so there is no competition between them. The blue-footed boobies nest in the interior (rarely on the cliffs), red-footed boobies nest on bushes, and masked boobies nest along the cliffs. Another added attraction is the presence of sea lions at the landing point, in the bay.
- **Rosa Blanca Bay:** It's a small bay located northeast of San Cristóbal Island. It has several small beaches, but its main attraction is the large beach located in the center of the small bay where there is a large number of dunes. added to its crystal clear waters generate an attractive landscape unique to the area. The entire bay of Rosa Blanca and its lowlands is an ideal area for fishing of wahoo, palometa, ojón, liza, and cod. Additionally, there are shark, ray, and sea turtle species that are the ideal complement for snorkeling activities.

Details:

- **Animals to see:** Frigates, sea lions, reef fish, marine turtles, rays, hammerhead sharks, and endemic birds.
- **Activities:** Hiking, Snorkeling, Trekking, and Experimental Fishing.
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, Repellent, Light clothing, Binoculars, Camera, and swimsuit.
- **Include:** Breakfast, a Professional bilingual guide, Transport, Lunch, Snacks, Water, Hotel Accommodation, and Snorkeling Equipment.
- **Not Included:** Dinner, Tips, and Additional Expenses.

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Day 8: San Cristobal Island and Flight back to Quito or Guayaquil



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in San Cristobal Island.
- Transfer to the Airport.
- Return Flight.

Details:

- **Include:** Breakfast, Transport
- **Not Included:** Guide, Dinner, Lunch, Tips, and Additional Expenses.

Notes:

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- This day is not included Guide, just driver.