

THE GIANT TURTLE TRAIL (4D/3N)

DAY 1: Santa Cruz Island



- Arrival at Galapagos Island, Baltra Airport.
- Transfer from Baltra Airport to Santa Cruz Island
- Visit the **Highlands** of Santa Cruz Island.
- Visit to a Giant Tortoise Reserve.
- Lunch
- Visit to the lava tunnels.
- Briefing for next day activities

Places to Visit:

- **Santa Cruz Highlands:** Explore the highlands of Santa Cruz, an area known for its lush vegetation and its population of Giant Galápagos Tortoises. Depending on local conditions and availability, the visit may include **El Chato** or **Primicias Farm**, where visitors can observe these iconic tortoises in their natural environment.
- **Lava Tunnels:** Visit the impressive underground lava formations created by ancient volcanic flows. Walking through these tunnels provides an opportunity to appreciate the volcanic origin and unique geological landscape of the Galápagos Islands.

Get ready to explore the natural wonders of Santa Cruz Island on an unforgettable journey through the Highlands. Visit **El Chato** or **Primicias Farm**, where you can witness the majestic Giant Galápagos Tortoises roaming freely in their natural environment.

As you explore the highlands, discover the unique vegetation and diverse landscapes that make this area one of the most remarkable ecosystems in the Galápagos. Accompanied by knowledgeable local guides,

you'll learn about the tortoises, the island's natural history, and the importance of preserving this extraordinary ecosystem.

The adventure continues with a visit to the impressive **lava tunnels**, fascinating geological formations created by ancient volcanic flows. Walking through these natural tunnels offers a unique opportunity to discover another side of Santa Cruz and better understand the volcanic origins of the Galápagos Islands.

With spectacular landscapes, extraordinary wildlife, and fascinating volcanic formations, this experience combines nature, adventure, and learning into an unforgettable first day in the Galápagos.

Details:

- **Wildlife:** Giant Galápagos Tortoises, sea lions, blue-footed boobies, and other native species may be observed during the different activities of the itinerary.
- **Activities:** Trekking, wildlife observation, and snorkeling, depending on the scheduled excursion.
- **What to bring:** Sunscreen, insect repellent, light and comfortable clothing, comfortable walking shoes, binoculars, camera, and reusable water bottle.
- **Included:** Professional bilingual guide, transportation, accommodation, breakfast, lunch, and snorkeling equipment, according to the program.
- **Not Included:** Lobito Bus (\$5), Galápagos National Park entrance fee, Ingala Transit Control Card, dinners, tips, and additional personal expenses.

Notes:

- We can't guarantee that you will see all the animals, since they are in wildlife.
- The itinerary and activities may be subject to change depending on local conditions and operational considerations.
- If it is only a passenger, the first day does not include a guide.

DAY 2: Pinzón Island & La Fé



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island.
- Sailing to Pinzón Island.
- Snorkeling at Pinzón Island.
- Lunch.
- Visit to La Fé.
- Return to Puerto Ayora.
- Transfer to your hotel.
- Briefing for next-day activities.

Places to Visit:

- **Pinzón Island:** Visit one of the best snorkeling sites around Santa Cruz. The clear waters offer the opportunity to observe marine life and enjoy the surrounding natural environment.
- **La Fé:** Visit La Fé, a coastal site known for its marine wildlife and snorkeling opportunities.

Details:

- **Animals to see:** Sea lions, sea turtles, rays, reef fish, and other marine species.
- **Activities:** 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.

Notes:

- We can't guarantee that you will see all the animals, since they are in wildlife.
- This night you will stay on Santa Cruz Island.

DAY 3: North Seymour or Bartolomé Island



- Breakfast
- Pick up from your Hotel in Puerto Ayora.
- Full-day excursion to **North Seymour or Bartolomé**.
- Trekking
- Lunch
- Snorkeling.
- Return to Santa Cruz.
- Transfer to your Hotel
- Briefing for next day activities

Places to Visit:

- **North Seymour:** Explore the island on a trekking route through its dry vegetation, where you can observe blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds, sea lions, and land iguanas.
- **Bartolomé:** Hike to the viewpoint for panoramic views of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding volcanic landscape. The excursion also includes snorkeling in the clear waters around the island.

Details:

- **Animals to see:** Blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds, sea lions, land iguanas, and reef fish.
- **Activities:** Trekking 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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DAY 4: Santa Cruz Island**Santa Cruz Island**

- Breakfast
- Visit Twin Craters
- Transfer to Baltra Airport.
- Flight back to Quito.

Places to Visit:

- **Twin Craters:** Visit the Twin Craters in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. These formations were created by the collapse of underground volcanic chambers and are surrounded by lush vegetation, including endemic Scalesia forests. A short trek along the rim offers views of the landscape and local flora and fauna. The Galápagos short-eared owl may also be spotted here.

Details:

- **Activities:** Hiking.
- **What do you bring:** Sunscreen, repellent, light clothing, binoculars, and camera.
- **Include:** Breakfast and transport.
- **Not Included:** Lobito Bus (\$5), guide, lunch, dinner, tips, and additional expenses.

Notes:

- This day does not include a guide, only a driver.
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