

ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS ISLAND HOPPING

POST-SLT EXPERIENCE

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Schedule

Day	Excursions	Lodging	Meals
1 - Sun	Flight Quito - Baltra (not included) National Park	Galapagos Santa Cruz	- / L / -
2 - Mon	Navigable Tour to Neighboring Islands	Galapagos Santa Cruz	- B / L / -
3 - Tue	Tour of the Tintoreras, Wetlands Trail	Galapagos Santa Cruz	- B / L / -
4 - Wed	Sierra Negra Crater, Volcano Chico	Galapagos Santa Cruz	- B / L / -
5 - Thu	Back to Santa Cruz and then transfer by land to Baltra Flight Baltra - Quito (not included)	----	B / - / -

Overview

Made famous as the destination that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection, the Galapagos Islands are home to unique plant and animal life. This UNESCO protected archipelago of 19 islands is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, approximately 500 miles (over 800km) off the Ecuadorian coast. Their extreme isolation allowed for native flora and fauna to evolve completely separately from the rest of South America. With continuing seismic activity, the story of the Galapagos is not over – the islands are still physically changing, as are their plant and animal residents. This trip will give you the opportunity to learn about the unique environment through experiencing it firsthand. Expert guides will take you to the top visitor sites for spotting wildlife, including the famous giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, land and marine iguanas, sea lions, penguins, and much more. An Epic Trip with Good Life Expeditions is the perfect way to discover the majestic beauty of the Galapagos Islands!

Highlights of the Trip

- Get acquainted with incredible marine life
- Learn about the region's unique flora and fauna
- Witness giant tortoises in their natural habitat
- Enjoy scenic hikes accompanied by a naturalist guide
- Support our partner non-profit MEDLIFE by traveling with Good Life Expeditions

Itinerary

DAY

1

Sunday

Arrival at Baltra Airport – Transfer to the hotel – Highlands of Santa Cruz & Lava tunnels visit

FLIGHT TO BATRA ISLAND (not included)

Early in the morning you will take your flight to the magical Galapagos Islands, which will take around 2 hours. Upon your arrival at Baltra Airport on the Galapagos Islands you will be welcomed by a hotel representative and will help you getting to Itabaca canal, 5 minutes ferry and then 45 minutes car ride to your hotel in Puerto Ayora.

Then you will visit the highlands of Santa Cruz, located in the center of the island and have a more humid ecosystem, compared to the dry coastal area. You will visit one of the private farms and tortoise reserves located in the hills, where giant tortoises wander around freely. You will learn about how these farms help to protect the tortoises. In the mountains of Galapagos it is also possible to admire different kind of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermilion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets (usually on the shell of tortoises).

Also, you find here the endemic, mystic Scalesia tree. After we will visit the Tunnels of lava. Descending through the agricultural zone into the Transition Zone where the Tortoise Reserve is located, the introduced vegetation of the farmlands is replaced by native vegetation. Today the lunch is included.



Overnight

at Hotel in Santa Cruz Island (Standard Room)

DAY

2

Monday

Snorkeling tour to Pinzon Island or Santa Fe Island

Option 1: Pinzon Island

After breakfast, we will sail for about an hour to Santa Fe Island. From the yacht, in its huge ravines we will observe a forest of endemic giant cacti of this island, colonies of seabirds, such as pelicans, pikemen and seagulls in a bay of very calm turquoise hue inhabited by a large number of sea lions, ideal for snorkelling, swim with harmless manta rays and tropical fish occasionally observe sea turtles.

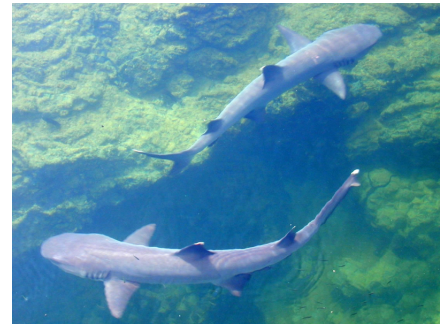
We will have lunch (included) and then you will have a moment of relaxation at the beach and return to the hotel.

Option 2: Santa Fe Island

Today you will be picked up in the hotel around 7h30 am to 8h00 am. With this tour you will visit Santa Fe Island, located south from Puerto Ayora (1 hour away).

Upon arrival, you will have a wet landing in front of the idyllic white sand beach where you will be welcomed by a large group of sea lions. You will spend the day snorkeling and swimming in the bay with the sea lions, fishing and relaxing on the beach. If lucky, you might see the Galapagos hawk family that lives on this small island. In the afternoon you will return to Puerto Ayora.

Today the lunch is included.



Overnight

at Hotel in Santa Cruz Island (Standard Room)

DAY

3

Tuesday

Tortuga bay visit & Charles Darwin Station visit

Today you will have free time to enjoy one of the most beautiful beaches in Galapagos, Tortuga Bay, a white sand beach where you can have the opportunity to relax.

After this you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station where local scientists rear endemic plants and animals for educational, scientific, and conservation purposes. We'll learn about the ongoing conservation efforts to protect the future of the Galapagos.



Overnight
at Hotel in Santa Cruz Island (Standard Room)

DAY

4

Wednesday

Day tour to North Seymour Island or South Plazas Island

Option 1: Day tour to North Seymour Island

North Seymour Island is a small island located to the north of Baltra Island. It is one of the view Galapagos Islands not of volcanic origin, instead created by seismic uplift. The main attraction here is the incredible bird life. North Seymour is home to large colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds. Here we will observe these birds hunt, interact, and best of all, engage in flamboyant mating rituals. During a short hike inland, we will also observe palo santo, land iguanas, and many other bird species. Today the lunch is included.

Option 2: Day tour to South Plazas Island

At 7:30 in the morning a bus will pass to pick you up by the hotel to transfer you to the dock of the Itabaca Canal to board the yacht that will take us to Islas Plazas. After 2 hours of navigation, as soon as you disembark you can see one of the largest colonies of sea lions in the archipelago.





Then, just a few meters behind the landing pier, a group of land iguanas is always observed. Then the path goes to the other side of the island, which is very small and rectangular, to walk along a ravine, where you can see land iguanas, some marine iguanas, and birds in the ravine or planning on the same, as for example: boobies, blue and masked legs, gulls of bifurcate nesting and tropical birds. In addition to frigates and pelicans that fly frequently over the ravines. Today the lunch is included.



Overnight
at Hotel in Santa Cruz Island (Standard Room)

DAY

5

Thursday

Onward Travel

Take an early morning speedboat back to Santa Cruz and then transfer by land to Baltra for your onward journey or flight back home.

FLIGHT BATRA ISLAND - QUITO (not included)

Pricing

Prices below are per person, based on a group of at least 5 people. Trips with fewer than 5 people can be arranged upon request and will require updated prices.



Price per person - Tourist Class	Shared services
Twin accommodation	\$1550.00 USD
Single accommodation	\$1812.00 USD

Airfare Quito - Baltra - Quito: \$610.00

- Rates per person in USD
- Airfare subject to change unless ticketing
- Non refundable, non endorsable
- Includes 1 piece of checked luggage (up to 23kg)

Included

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Half board meals (breakfast & lunch)
- ✓ Airport services on arrival
- ✓ Transfers & ground transportation
- ✓ Boat excursions with snorkeling on a sharing basis
- ✓ Boat transfer on a sharing basis
- ✓ Kayak, SUP and snorkeling equipment
- ✓ English-speaking naturalist guide
- ✓ Activities and visits detailed in the itinerary
- ✓ Galapagos National Park entrance fee (\$100 USD per adult/\$50 USD per child under 12).
Subject to change
- ✓ Tourist transit card (\$20 USD per person)

Not Included

- ✗ Flights (all flights from mainland Ecuador to the Galapagos Islands can be arranged upon request)
- ✗ Beverages
- ✗ Laundry service
- ✗ Dinners
- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Tips