

ECUADOR

Galapagos Discovery Voyage

Island Hopping Experience

PRE/POST-SLT EXPERIENCE - 5D/4N



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Day	Excursions	Lodging	Meals
Sun - 1	Transfer in Baltra Island – Highlands of Santa Cruz Island – Charles Darwin Station.	Hotel Déjà vu	B / L / -
Mon - 2	Transfer to Isabela Island by boat – Tintoreras visit	Hotel Cally Lodge	B / L / -
Tue - 3	Sierra Negra volcano visit	Hotel Cally Lodge	B / L / -
Wed - 4	Lava tunnels snorkeling tour – Transfer back to Santa Cruz Island by boat	Hotel Cally Lodge	B / L / -
Thu - 5	Transfer to Baltra's airport		B / - / -

(Pre Tour: Tuesday - Arrival) You need to fly from Quito (UIO), Mariscal Sucre International Airport to (GPS), Baltra (Seymour Airport). Your flight needs to arrive after 10 am and no later than 3 pm.

(Pre Tour: Saturday - Return) You need to fly back from Baltra to Quito (GPS - UIO) in the afternoon (try to make sure your flight matches our SLT time frame, from 5 pm to 11 pm).

(Post Tour: Sunday - Arrival) You need to fly from Quito (UIO), Mariscal Sucre International Airport to (GPS), Baltra (Seymour Airport). Your flight needs to arrive after 10 am and no later than 3 pm.

(Post Tour: Thursday - Return) You need to fly back from Baltra to Quito (GPS - UIO) at a time that connects with your international flight. If you have a stopover in Quito, make sure to have at least a 3-hour gap between the arrival and departure.

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

Transfer in Baltra Island – Highlands of Santa Cruz Island – Charles Darwin Station

FLIGHT TO BATRA ISLAND (not included)

Today you will take a flight to Baltra Island. Your flight will take approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival; the hotel stuff will pick you up to start your Galapagos experience. 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, vermillion 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 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)

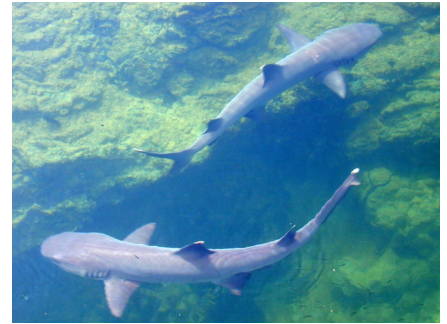
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Transfer to Isabela Island by boat – Tintoreras visit

Today at the right time in the morning you will be transferred to Isabela Island by speed boat. Then you will visit 'Tintoreras' an area with very small islets surrounded by crystal clear water, located in front of Puerto Villamil. Here you can admire sea lions, sea turtles, sea lions and other species. Subsequently, you will visit a small bay where you can meet the tiny Galapagos penguin.

Today the lunch is included.



Overnight

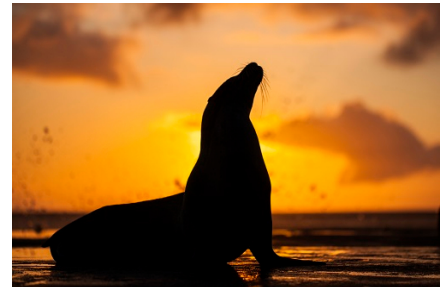
at Hotel in Isabela Island (Standard Room)

DAY

3

Lava tunnels snorkeling tour – Transfer to Santa Cruz Island

Today you will climb the Sierra Negra Volcano, which has the second largest volcanic crater in the world. Passing mysterious landscapes, you will go up by car and then continue walking. You will be able to observe the different vegetation of the island, and along the way, you will see the lava varieties according to their age. You likely will see land iguanas, white herons and, hopefully, Galapagos hawks. A box lunch will be served on the way.



Overnight

at Hotel in Isabela Island (Standard Room)

DAY

4

Sierra Negra volcano visit

Today you will have a 30 to 40 minute ride on a small fast boat that will take you to a unique place where lava flow has been impacted for many years by the oceans waves. This has formed the unique tubes and bridges of Los Tuneles. This visiting site is a marine paradise for white tipped reef sharks, Galápagos green sea turtle, the Galápagos sea lions, manta rays, parrot fish, yellowtail surgeon fish among many others. Definitely one of the best places to snorkel in Isabela and the Galapagos, the water is very calmed, clear and shallow. Besides being a marine sanctuary it is characterized by its unique geologic formations, a series of lava flows have produced many arches and tunnels both under and above water, where you find a number of animal species that have taken up residence in these magnificent formations. Many birds, such as Bobbies can also be found. Then you will be transferred back to Santa Cruz Island by boat. Today the box- lunch is included.



Overnight

at Hotel in Santa Cruz Island (Standard Room)

DAY

5

Transfer to Baltra's airport

Take an early morning transfer 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 / box 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

Not Included

- X Flights (all flights from mainland Ecuador to the Galapagos Islands can be arranged upon request)
- X Galapagos National Park entrance fee (\$200 USD per adult/\$100 USD per child under 12). Subject to change
- X Tourist transit card (\$20 USD per person)
- X Beverages
- X Laundry service
- X Dinners
- X Gratuities
- X Tips