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TRIP DETAILS

11 days / 10 nts - Ecuador

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2391

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Quito 3 nts

Galapagos cruise 7 nts



PRICES FROM \$2,836

Intense Galapagos

This trip includes 7 nights cruising around the Galapagos islands on board the [Samba](#), a 14 passenger tourist motor yacht. You can of course select any [other yacht](#) and even cruise length, and we will send you the revised itinerary and prices by email.

Day 1: Arrival in Quito (Sunday)

Upon arrival in Quito transfer to the hotel. Accommodations.



Day 2: Quito

Breakfast at hotel. Around 9am you will be picked up for a tour of Colonial Quito and the Middle of the World (5hrs approx.). Accommodations.

Day 3: Quito - Galapagos

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to the airport to board the flight to Galapagos. The flight from Quito (via Guayaquil) to Baltra airport in Galapagos takes around 2 and a half hours. Arrival at Baltra airport. Transfer by our guide to the yacht. Snack and orientation while traveling to nearby Plazas Sur, large sea lion colonies, land iguanas, opuntia cacti, swallow-tailed gulls, and red-billed tropic birds, etc. Duration of land visit 2-3 hours. Possibly snorkeling.

Day 4: Galapagos - Santa Cruz, Charles Darwin Station - Highlands

Am: Puerto Ayora: Charles Darwin Research Station and walk through town (souvenir shopping if desired)

Pm: The lush greenery of the Santa Cruz Highlands is a definite contrast with the arid scenery of the smaller, lower islands. A point of interest is the famed lava tunnels, a fun and geologically informative visit.

Day 5: Galapagos - Española, Gardner Bay - Punta Suarez

Am: Gardner Bay (Hood Island). Snorkeling at beach and panga ride 2 1/2 hours.

Pm: Punta Suarez: Large colonies of blue-footed boobies, masked boobies, marine iguanas, albatrosses, swallow-tailed gulls.

Day 6: Galapagos: Floreana, Punta Cormorant - Post Office Bay

Am: Punta Cormorant (Floreana). Visit of a lagoon, where we find flamingoes and other birds, beautiful white sand beach where sea turtles nest, snorkeling at Devils crown.

Pm: Post Office Bay (Floreana). Short visit to the historic Post Office Barrel. Early departure to the island Isabela looking for whales and dolphins while we travel.

Day 7: Galapagos - Isabela, Punta Moreno - Bahia Elizabeth

Am: Punta Moreno (Isabela) 3 hours walk, lava fields, flamingo lagoons, some cormorants and penguins.

Pm: Bahia Elizabeth: Panga ride, penguins, cormorants, sea turtles, quiet mangrove lagoons.

Day 8: Galapagos - Isabela, Urbina Bay - Fernandina - Punta Espinoza

Am: Urbina Bay: Relatively long walk to see land iguanas and marine iguanas, variety of native and endemic plants, remains of raised seabed exposing corral heads and other marine fossils. Nesting cormorants and sometimes a few Galapagos Tortoises in their natural habitat.

Pm: Punta Espinoza (Fernandina Island): Large colonies of marine iguanas, flightless cormorants nesting, penguins, baby sea lions, snorkeling.

Day 9: Galapagos - Santiago - Puerto Egas and Bartolome Island

Am: Puerto Egas (Santiago). Coastal walk exploring the great variety of tidal marine life, Galapagos fur seals. Swimming and snorkeling -
 Pm. Bartholomew: Walk to get panoramic view of Bartholomew and it is famous Pinnacle Rock. Swimming and snorkeling. Possibility to see more penguins.



Day 10: Galapagos - Quito

Am: Caleta Tortuga Negra (Black Turtle Cove) - you will get to know the Galapagos green sea turtles that really are green, not black as in the name of the location. Return to Baltra in time for flight to mainland Ecuador. Arrival in Quito and transfer to the hotel. Accommodations.

Day 11: Fly out from Quito

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to airport for your international flight.

2010 Price per person

Category	Hotels	Price
SUPERIOR	Hotel Mercure (Quito)	\$2,836
	Samba (Galapagos cruise)	

Prices can change without notice

Price includes:

Transfers in/out airport. Galapagos cruise includes: Accommodation in double cabins with air conditioning and private bathroom, All meals on board, daily visits to the islands conducted by bilingual naturalist guide, sightseeing, snorkelling opportunities and transfers in the islands. Twin or double room in the hotel you select (assumes 2 pax) although if unavailable specific properties may be replaced by others of same quality. Meals as per itinerary. Hotel taxes.

Price does not include:

Air fares (subject to change) for Quito-Galapagos-Quito. International and domestic airport departure taxes. Galapagos entrance fee (\$100pp), Migration Card/Ingala (\$10 pp), alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, gratuities to cruise guides and crew, bar, gifts, travel insurance. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary. Personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc)

Note:

- Galapagos Cruise itineraries are subject to change by the authorities of the Galapagos National Park or acts of providence.

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