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TRIP DETAILS
6 days / 5 nts - Ecuador

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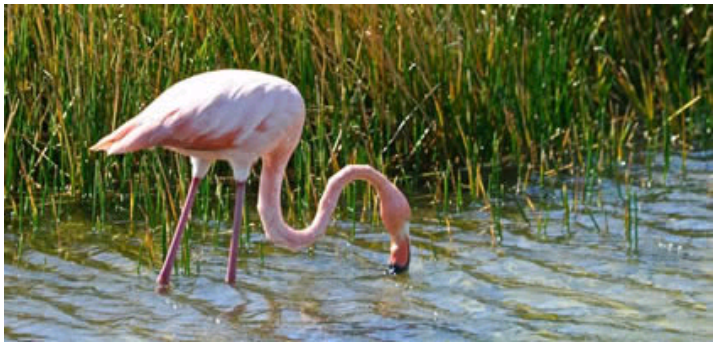

PRICES FROM $1,101

Island Hopping: Santa Cruz & Isabela Island

Day 1: Arrive in Galapagos
Arrival in Galapagos. Our English speaking guide will be waiting for you at the airport in Baltra. Transportation from Baltra to Puerto Ayora (Santa Cruz Island) through the Itabaca Channel. Once in Santa Cruz, we will have Lunch.

A 2 p.m., travel to Isabela in a speedboat (approx. 2.5 hours travel time). Arrival to Isabela. Visit the Flamingo Lagoon, which is the biggest coastal lagoon found in the Galapagos and one of the main reproductive sites for the majority of flamingos. Overnight in Isabela.

(Included meals: lunch, dinner)

Day 2: Isabela (Sierra Negra)
At 8:00, after breakfast, we will get ready for the Sierra Negra Volcano hike. Our box lunch will be prepared at the hotel. We will be transported for approx. 45 minutes by truck or bus to begin the 12km hike (approx. 3 hours).

Sierra Negra Volcano possesses the second largest crater in the world, measuring approximately 6 miles in diameter and 300 feet deep. We will reach Volcán Chico before heading back, which should provide a spectacular view of the incredible moon-like terrain. When we arrive to the hotel, we will take a short break to rest. In the afternoon, we will snorkel at Concha Perla, where you will get a chance to swim with sea lions, a variety of colorful fish, and with luck sea turtles. Return to the hotel to rest before heading to dinner at a local restaurant indicated by the guide. Overnight in Isabela.

(Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 3: Isabela (Tintoreras - Tortoise Breeding Center - Wall of Tears)
Prepare for the kayaking excursion. Begin rowing towards Tintoreras Islet. Visit El Faro before heading back to shore (approx. 2 hours). Return to the hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center of Isabela, where we will be able to see a variety of species of giant tortoises in captivity. Visit the Wall of Tears. The wall has a length of 100m and a height of 7m. The name is derived from the difficult and painful nature of the conditions in which the prisoners were forced to work. Visit a Lava Tunnel near the Wall, as well as visits to Mirador Orchilla, Estero de Isabela, and Playa del Amor. Return to the hotel and dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Isabela.

(Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 4: Isabela (Tintoreras - Highlands)
Prepare to go to Tintoreras Islet. Go to the dock of Puerto Villamil in order to embark on small speedboats. After a short ride (approx. 20 min.), we arrive at Tintoreras. After the hike through the islet, we will snorkel. We can see starfish, multicolor fish, sea-urchins, and with luck manta rays, sharks, and sea lions that may swim with us close up. Return to hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the Highlands of Isabela, specifically Campo Duro where is able to observe about 42 Giant Galapagos Tortoises in a seminatural protected environment. On the way back, visit the Mirador del Mango & La Cueva de Sucre. Return to hotel. Overnight in Isabela.

(Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 5: Isabela - Santa Cruz (Highlands)
Wake up at 4:30 a.m. Prepare to go to the dock. Take a speedboat, which leaves at 6:00 a.m. (subject to change). Travel from Isabela to Puerto Ayora (approx. 2.5 hours travel time). Breakfast. Visit Highlands of Santa Cruz. It is a memorable occasion to observe the famous Giant Tortoises or Galapagos. Contemplation of the

famous Galapagos Finches, Bird Wizards, as well as endemic vegetation. Return to Puerto Ayora for lunch.

Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. We will be able to see a variety of species of Giant Tortoises in captivity, ranging in age and in which island they are from. Observe natural wonders, Galapagos in captivity and learn the protection and conservation process. Visit the Art Galleries of Puerto Ayora and then eat lunch. Overnight in Santa Cruz.

(Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 6: Santa Cruz - Fly out from Galapagos
Depart to Baltra where you will catch your return flight to either Quito or Guayaquil.

Depending on the time of the flights, may be able to visit two sunken “holes”, similar to craters, known as “Los Gemelos”.

(Included meals: breakfast)

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Includes: accomodation in selected hotels, all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), all land and sea transportation within the itinerary, Bilingual naturalist guides for each island and all activities, excursions and visits during the program, snorkeling equipment (mask, fins, tube), Transfer Puerto Ayora-Isabela-Puerto Ayora by speed boat, Transfer Baltra-Puerto Ayora-Baltra (by truck or by bus depending on group size)

Not included: Airfare to Galapagos (round trip, $568). Airfare from Isabela Island to Baltra airport (if you require $166). Entrance fee Galapagos National Park (US$ 100 or $50 if your country belongs to the Andean Community). Transit Control Card (US$ 10). Isabela Departure Fee (US$ 5). Personal expenses and tips. Alcoholic drinks and additional soft drinks. Any other activity hereby not mentioned. Fee at Isabela airport (US$ 15). Any additional meal not detailed in the itinerary. VAT for Ecuadorian citizens. Wet suit.

Notes:
- Price per person in USDollars
- The hotels depends on the category that you choose
- Hotels are subject to change according to availability
- Children: 5-12 years old 10% discount only if shares room. Children in First Class, no discount applies
- Local restaurants are used for meals. The lunch and dinner consist of the meal of the day (not a la carte). If you prefer a la Carte style meals they are available for an extra charge.
- Schedule of excursions: the schedule of the excursions will be coordinated and determined locally through the guide and those responsible for the operations. The guide will indicate what time each activity will start. The transfers between islands on the speedboats are the only activities that have fixed departure times.
- Procure Medical and/or Travel insurance prior to your trip.
- Please bear in mind that trips in Galapagos take place outdoors and include hikes, swimming, snorkeling, and other physical activities that require comfortable, lightweight, informal clothing.
- Itinerary is subject to change without prior warning depending on seasonal changes, weather conditions, and adjustments in policies set by the Galapagos National Park and other unforeseen circumstances that may araise.

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