
GALÁPAGOS EXPLORING 5 ISLANDS

**San Cristóbal – Navigable Tour – Santa Cruz – Navigable Tour – Isabela
– Baltra**

8 days / 7 nights



Itinerary:

Day 01:

San Cristóbal – Carola Beach – Tijeretas /(L

Welcome to the Galapagos Islands!

Arrive to San Cristobal's airport, your guide picks you up at the airport and will take you to the hotel. After your lunch, with the guide, you will visit the Interpretation Center, where the guide will talk to you about the formation, colonization, and actual situation of the islands. Then you will follow the trail to the Frigate bird hill, a viewpoint from which you have a beautiful view over the island. You will be able to snorkel the shallow waters of Tijeretas Bay or Carola beach (according to the tide your guide will take you to the best spot), where you can see sea lions, various tropical fishes, and turtles. Your small hike will finish at Carola beach from where you will go back to the hotel. Overnight in San Cristobal.

Day 02:

Kicker Rock or Lobos Island / (B, BL)

Breakfast in the hotel. We give you the option of going on one of these two excursions, destination depends on the availability of the islands.

Option one: Lobos Island - hiking. On a 30 minutes boat ride from the port, you arrive on Lobos Island, as its name implies a home to a large sea lion colony. But that's not the

only thing you'll find while you'll hike and snorkel at the island on this half-day tour. During the hike, you hopefully spot blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, and frigate birds,

while during snorkeling you can often see the marine iguanas eating, as well as rays and turtles in the sandy bottom that separates Lobos Island from the mainland of San Cristobal. This tour includes a stop at Playa Ochoa.

Option two: Kicker Rock - snorkel. You will visit the famous Kicker Rock (Leon Dormido), a volcanic formation amid the ocean. There you will be able to snorkel with sharks, rays, turtles, and if you are lucky also with hammerhead sharks! After lunch on the boat, you will go to a beautiful, pristine beach, where you will have time to relax. In the afternoon you will be back at the port. Overnight in San Cristobal.

Day 03:

Santa Cruz – El Chato – Charles Darwin / (B, L)

Breakfast in the hotel. At 6:30 pick you up and take you to the harbor 7:00 speedboat to Santa Cruz (approx. 2-hour ride). A local guide will receive you at the harbor. Your guide drives up to the ranch in the highlands to see giant tortoises in their native environment! After lunch, stop at Charles Darwin Station which is an international scientific research station situated on the outskirts of Puerto Ayora. You will be taken to the visitor center to learn about geology, climate, natural history, and the conservation of the Galapagos Islands. Overnight in Santa Cruz.

Day 04:

Full day navigable tour / (B, BL)

Breakfast in the hotel. Depending on the dates and/or navigable site available, pick-up from the hotel will be early in the morning (6 or 7:00 am) to take you to the small vessel at the embarkation point in Puerto Ayora for a unique experience with Galapagos wildlife and endemic vegetation. The destination can be either Santa Fe, South Plazas, North Seymour, Pinzon, or Floreana (the destination depends on availability and regulations of the National Park). The activities will include hiking, snorkeling, swimming, and breathtaking sightseeing. After land and sea excursions, we will return to the hotel in Santa Cruz where you can relax and later have dinner at the restaurant specified by the guide. Overnight in Santa Cruz.

Day 05:

Isabela - Tintoreras / (B, L)

At 6:30 am, you will take the speed boat to Isabela, (2 hours). Upon arrival, a guide will transfer you to your hotel and you will have the rest of the morning free. If you want, you can walk to the nearby flamingo lagoon to spot these graceful birds or visit (entrance free) the tortoise breeding center. In the afternoon, we will visit "Las Tintoreras," a chain of small islets full of the cove and hidden beaches. The islet of Tintoreras is situated in the south of

Puerto Villamil. It has a bay where it is possible to see sea lions, marine turtles, iguanas, manta rays, etc. This bay is connected by a superficial crack with crystalline water which is closed off during low tide. In this crack, it is possible to see the sharks from Blanca Point swimming with the rest of the tropical fish and sea lions (snorkel). Overnight in Isabela.

Day 06:

Sierra Negra Volcano - Hike / (B, BL)

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up by our guide, then, we will be ready to walk through spectacular lava landscapes overlooking the volcanoes of northern Isabela and Fernandina. The hike to the Sierra Negra Volcano and the Chico Volcano is 16 km long. We will see the second-largest volcanic crater in the world and explore different areas of vegetation. We will have lunch and the rest of the day is free. You can enjoy the beautiful beach in Isabela, or you can dive in the Laguna Concha de Perla (the free time snorkeling equipment is not included, but it can be hired locally). Overnight in Isabela.

Day 07:

Isabela - Cabo Rosa Tuneles / (B, BL)

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure by boat to Cabo Rosa (45 min by boat), where lava flowed into the ocean and formed beautiful lava tunnels. There you will see penguins, blue-footed boobies, and sea turtles. However, the highlight is diving. You can see sharks, turtles/sea lions, sea lions, rays, seahorses, and much tropical fish. The tour to Cabo Rosa lasts approximately 5 hours. Then, we will take a speedboat to return to Santa Cruz Island. Overnight in Santa Cruz.

Day 08:

Transfer to Baltra / (B)

You will have breakfast and departure for Baltra to catch your flight back to the mainland. Board on the flight to Quito or Guayaquil. Arrival and connection with international flight.

Note: Itineraries are subject to change without notice due to seasonal changes, last-minute weather conditions, and adjustments of Galapagos National Park policies.

Include:

- 07 nights lodging at selected hotels.
- Transportation: Galapagos airport transfers, land transportation, and sea transportation.
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary (7 breakfast, 3 menu lunch, 4 box lunch).
- Certified English / Spanish speaking guides
- Personal assistance.
- Guided activities

- Snorkeling Equipment (mask, fins, tube, wetsuit)
- Speed boat tickets – San Cristobal – Santa Cruz – Isabela

Not Include:

- Air tickets to Galapagos Islands
- Travel insurance.
- Galápagos National Park Fee USD \$100.
- Transit control Card USD \$20.
- Isabela Pier uses USD \$10.
- Tips.
- Drinks and not specified meals
- Transportation Itabaca Channel – Baltra Airport – USD 5 p.p. (subject to change).