

PIKAIA LODGE 05 days / 04 nights

Itinerary:

Day 01: Arrival at Pikaia Lodge / (L, D)

This morning you will check in at the Quito or the Guayaquil international airport. (NOTE: The flight time from Quito to Guayaquil is 40 minutes, plus a 40-minute layover, while the flight time from Guayaquil Airport to the Galapagos Islands is 1 hour and 40 minutes. Arriving in the Galapagos archipelago on Baltra Island, you will have VIP access to the lounge there. A Pikaia representative will meet you there and accompany you first to the Itabaca Channel for a seven-minute ferry crossing to Santa Cruz Island. From there, you will take a scenic 50-minute trip in private transportation to the Pikaia Lodge. After checking in, you will have lunch in the lodge's Evolution Restaurant or on the Pool Terrace. For the rest of the afternoon, you will have a chance to relax and familiarize yourself with the lodge's environment and facilities. We recommend walking, jogging, or cycling the 3.5 km of trails on the lodge's grounds, or a swim in the pool. Good chance of encountering a resident tortoise within the Property. Later, a tour briefing with a complimentary welcome cocktail is offered at DNA Bar.

Day 02: Yacht exploration to North Seymour and Bachas Beach / (B, L, D)

Today we will go on a full-day yacht cruise on board the lodge's Pikaia I yacht. Private cabins are assigned, and guests can have breakfast onboard Pikaia I. Upon arrival on South Plaza Island, the morning offers hiking or snorkeling activities until midday. A lunch buffet with typical Ecuadorian food is served while the yacht sails to North Seymour Island. Here, you will find fascinating flora and fauna that includes abundant birdlife, hordes of sea lions, Hammerhead sharks, sea turtles, land and marine iguanas, a colony of the frigate bird, and Blue-footed Boobies.

We will later visit the beautiful Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island) to walk along the white sand bordered by an outcropping of lava rocks and blackish lava water lagoons. You will also have a chance to see Pacific green sea turtles, flamingos, Lava gulls, Sally light foot crabs, and small non-aggressive sharks at the edge of the water. Optional swimming and snorkeling. Two hours before sunset the yacht will set sail for Pikaia



Lodge. While sailing, you can relax, shower, or freshen up in their air-conditioned private cabins, as well as soak in the Jacuzzi, watch a Galapagos documentary, join a discussion with guides, sunbathe or watch for dolphins.

Day 03: Land exploration at Santa Cruz Island / (B, L, D)

The day's activities are planned each morning using satellite weather imagery and tide charts. Most likely, a group of a maximum group of 16 people will go on a land tour. Alternatively, guests are free to relax and enjoy their days at the lodge independently. Mountain bikes, helmets, snorkeling equipment, and wetsuits are available without charge at the front desk or onboard the lodge's yacht. (It is recommended to pre-book to take advantage of any optional third-party activities not included in the package. All extra activities might have an extra cost [e.g., taxis, equipment, guides]. Please note that these optional programs are not carried out by the hotel)

Day 04: Yacht exploration to Bartolome Island and Sullivan Bay / (B, L, D)

After a hearty breakfast on board the Pikaia I yacht, we will make a dry landing on Bartolome Island. In addition to finding interesting plants and wildlife here, we will climb the 300+ stairs to the Summit of Bartolome for breathtaking panoramic views of Pinnacle Rock, with Santiago Island in the background. You will have an opportunity to relax on the beautiful pink and white sand beaches while snorkeling with tiny Galapagos penguins, rays, hordes of playful sea lions, and a variety of tropical fish. In the afternoon we will travel to Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) to observe its lava flow forms, hornitos and driblet cones, Lava cactus, mollusks, and other plants.

Day 05: Departure / (B)

Hotel check-out time according to your flight schedule. You will be driven to the Baltra Island Airport and assisted with checking in for a return flight to Guayaquil or Quito.

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



What to bring to Galapagos Islands?

Wearables: Sun Hat, cap or bandana, cotton t-shirt, cotton expedition shirt, safari shirts, long sleeve shirts, hiking shorts or light full-length hiking pants, water shoes with non-slippery soles, sandals, windbreaker jacket, sunglasses, warm sweater, casual pants, shorts, dress or skirt, bathing suit, thin and breathable socks, hiking shoes.

Small backpack, water bottle, Ziplock, dry bag, waterproof see-through phone pouch, waterproof sunblock, and lip balm (SPF 50+), insect repellent, binoculars, camera, device chargers

