

5 Days/4 Nights

Departs Daily from Quito



Galapagos: Island Hopping 4 Nights Santa Cruz & Isabela Islands

Explore the magical Galapagos archipelago from unique accommodations, "hopping" from one beautiful volcanic island to the next. Santa Cruz and Isabela feature their own diverse scenery and wildlife.

INCLUSIONS

- All air, boat and ground transfers within the Galapagos (flights to/from the Galapagos purchased separately)
- Accommodations
- Guided Island Eco-Tours
- Yacht Exploration Tours
- Daily Breakfast and some lunches, with the option to upgrade to Full Board



ARRIVAL/SANTA CRUZ:

Arriving to Baltra we will take a shuttle the highlands of Santa Cruz, with its green vegetation. Here we will stop to visit a Ranch, where we will be able to see Giant Turtles in their natural habitat. Lunch is included at the ranch. After, we will head to the Charles Darwin Station. The center is a reservoir of information on habitats and local conservation, as well as other fascinating relevant statistics. The most striking attraction of this station is certainly the Tortoise Breeding Center, where it is possible to view tortoises of varied sizes and shapes. Travelers here can freely walk and get their photos clicked with the tortoises. Among other inhabitants at the center, you can see the land and marine iguanas and different species of birds.

After this visit we will head to Puerto Ayora to check-in in a selected hotel.

(Lunch & Accommodations, Santa Cruz)



EXCURSIONS TO ANOTHER ISLAND:

After breakfast, the guide will meet you in the hotel's lobby in order to take you to the dock to start the tour. Lunch will be included onboard the yacht. Depending to availability you will enjoy one of the tours mentioned below:

Bartolomé Island is the most attractive landscape of the archipelago, and is undoubtedly the most photographed of all the Galapagos Islands. You can appreciate a spectacular view of two beautiful bays and observe the fascinating formations of lava and volcanic cones.

North Seymour Island is a spectacular place to hike, swim, and enjoy snorkeling. The main attractions are: frigates, boobies, gulls, hawks, green sea turtles and the famous Galapagos Sharks.

Two islands form **Plazas**. The turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava coast. It is a wonderful spot to observe marine life, including manta rays - a perfect spot for snorkeling activity.

Santa Fe: This Island has a lot of diversity. The lagoons provide an excellent place for snorkeling alongside colorful fishes, sea lions, giant tuna and even small sharks.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations, Santa Cruz)



TRANSFER TO ISABELA ISLAND:

In the morning you will take a plane to Isabela Island. After checking in to your hotel, you have the rest of the day to explore on your own. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

(Breakfast, Santa Cruz; Accommodations, Isabela)



LOS TUNELES:

After breakfast at your hotel you'll take a 45-minute boat ride to Los Tuneles. Along the ride, we will enjoy seeing the beautiful Galapagos wildlife such as giant mantas rays, sea turtles and more. We will make a short stop at **Roca** where we can see masked boobies, blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, sea lions and occasionally a fur seal from the boat. **Los Tuneles** is a breathtaking site formed by lava arches on the water. Tour the site by boat and go snorkeling. Experience close encounters with many species of fish, rays, sea turtles and perhaps the Galapagos penguins. Depending on sea conditions, you may have a chance to snorkel with penguins and sea lions in the same spot! Lunch will be served on board the yacht as you return to Isabela.

(Breakfast, Boxed Lunch & Accommodations, Isabela)



DEPARTURE FOR THE MAINLAND (QUITO OR GUAYAQUIL):

After breakfast, you'll fly to Santa Cruz Island, then have a short boat transfer to Baltra Island for your return flight to Quito or Guayaquil, where you will catch your flight to the States or to continue on to your next Avanti adventure!

(Breakfast, Isabela)