

# ADVENTURES BY THE SEASIDE

## 6-Day Island Hopping Tour

**VISIT 3 DIFFERENT  
ISLANDS**

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**6 DAYS IN THE  
GALAPAGOS AT  
HOTELS ON SANTA  
CRUZ & ISABELA  
ISLAND**

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**EXPERIENCE LOCAL  
LIFE IN THE TOWNS  
OF GALAPAGOS**





## DAY 1 (-/L/-)\*

# BALTRA ISLAND: ARRIVAL IN GALAPAGOS



**AM:** Arrive at the airport, pick up and transfer to the Twin Craters located opposite each other on both sides of the road leading from Puerto Ayora to Baltra. The name is only figurative; they are not real craters, these formations were created by the collapse of surface material in underground fissures and chambers and the view is breathtaking.

We will then continue to the green highlands of Santa Cruz Island. Upon arrival at the Tortoise Ranch, we will have the opportunity to explore and see many of the famous Galapagos Tortoises in the wild!



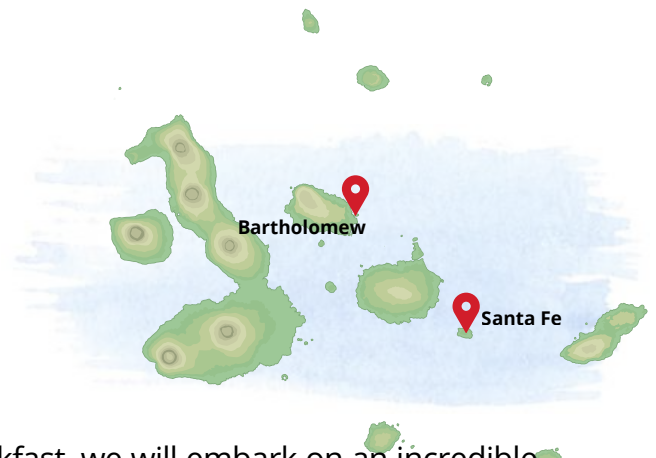
**PM:** After lunch we will visit the lava tunnels that were formed as the outer skin of molten lava solidified, and the liquid magma inside continued flowing, leaving behind a series of empty tubes. Visitors can walk through these underground channels!



Next, we visit an **ecological farm** where coffee, cacao, sugarcane, and tropical fruits are cultivated. As we stroll along its trails and are surrounded by lush greenery, we'll learn about the entire production process of coffee, cacao, and sugarcane. The experience is perfectly rounded off with a tasting of some of the farm's finest products. Transfer to our hotel in Puerto Ayora. Overnight.

# DAY 2

(B/L/-)



Full day navigable tour to another island. After Breakfast, we will embark on an incredible adventure. These day tours visit an uninhabited island and include a nice trekking/excursion through it and the opportunity to do snorkeling. A delicious lunch is provided onboard. Return to Puerto Ayora at the end of the day.

**Day tour destinations (subject to availability):**



## SANTA FE ISLAND

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**NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR, 45 MINUTES**

Santa Fe is home to a small picturesque bay and anchorage on the island's northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest. Snorkeling is a must and we will see many different fish species and have the opportunity to swim with sea lions. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight.



## BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND

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**NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR, 45 MINUTES**

Early in the morning, transfer to Baltra to start our navigable tour to Bartholomew. One of the Islands' principal attractions is the Pinnacle Rock. To see it properly we will make an easy hike for around an hour. In this excursion, we will learn from the volcanic landscape of the island and see different species such as lava lizards or cacti, once we reach the top will have a magnificent view of the Pinnacle rock in contrast with the volcanic landscape blended with the turquoise waters of the surrounding beaches. After the excursion, we will proceed to do snorkeling on one of the coral beaches. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight.



## NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

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### NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR

North Seymour, is a small island located northbound from Baltra. The main animal species of this island are Land Iguanas, the Magnificent Frigate bird with their incredible scarlet regular pouch, blue-footed boobies, and their particular courtship dance, and sea lions surfing across the waves. After lunch, we will do snorkeling in Bachas beach, where you will be able to discover tons of different fish and marine species, and also swim with playful sea lions. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight



## SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

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### NAVIGATION TIME: 1 HOUR, 20 MINUTES

South Plazas is situated on the east coast of Santa Cruz Island, it's formed from uplifted marine lava and is one of the smallest islands on the archipelago. This Island despite its size has a lot of concentration of wildlife.

We will disembark on a small dock frequently occupied by sea lions. After this, we will continue through a small forest of prickly pear cacti with their yellow flowers where lots of land iguanas are waiting for their fruits and flowers to fall off to the ground. We continue our hike to the cliff to view swallow-tailed gulls, tropic birds, frigate birds, and pelicans. After this walk, we go back to the boat for lunch and sail to Punta Carrion for a great snorkeling session with sea turtles, white tip reef sharks, sea lions, and lots of fish. Return to Puerto Ayora in the afternoon. Overnight.



## DAY 3 (B/L/-)

# SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: TORTUGA BAY OR\* CHARLES DARWIN STATION & SPA SESSION



**AM:** \*For today's morning adventure, you can choose between a relaxing time at Tortuga Bay or a learning visit to the Charles Darwin Station. Please let your trip advisor know your preferred activity at the time of booking.

### Option 1: Tortuga Bay

After breakfast, we will hike through an easy path that will take us to the white sand beach of Tortuga Bay. This place gets its name from the black sea turtles that lay their eggs here. Other species to be seen include white-tipped sharks and marine iguanas.



There is a salt-water lagoon behind the mangroves that is often frequented by flamingos. The site is excellent for bird watching and you will enjoy a relaxing swim and snorkeling time.



### Option 2: Charles Darwin Research Station

Learn about the natural history of Galapagos and the importance of conservation efforts to protect its ecosystem. At the Tortoise Center, there are plenty of photo opportunities, we can observe the whole variety of tortoises, including hatchlings, juveniles, and full-grown individuals.

**PM:** Following a delightful lunch in town, we will unwind with a rejuvenating spa therapy session. Inhale... exhale... and let the volcanic energy of the islands and the gentle rhythm of the Pacific waves guide us into relaxation. Wellness and self-care are an essential part of any journey, and in the Galapagos they take on a whole new meaning. This unique experience offers the perfect balance to our adventure, allowing us to reset mind and body while deepening a connection with the archipelago—and with ourselves.

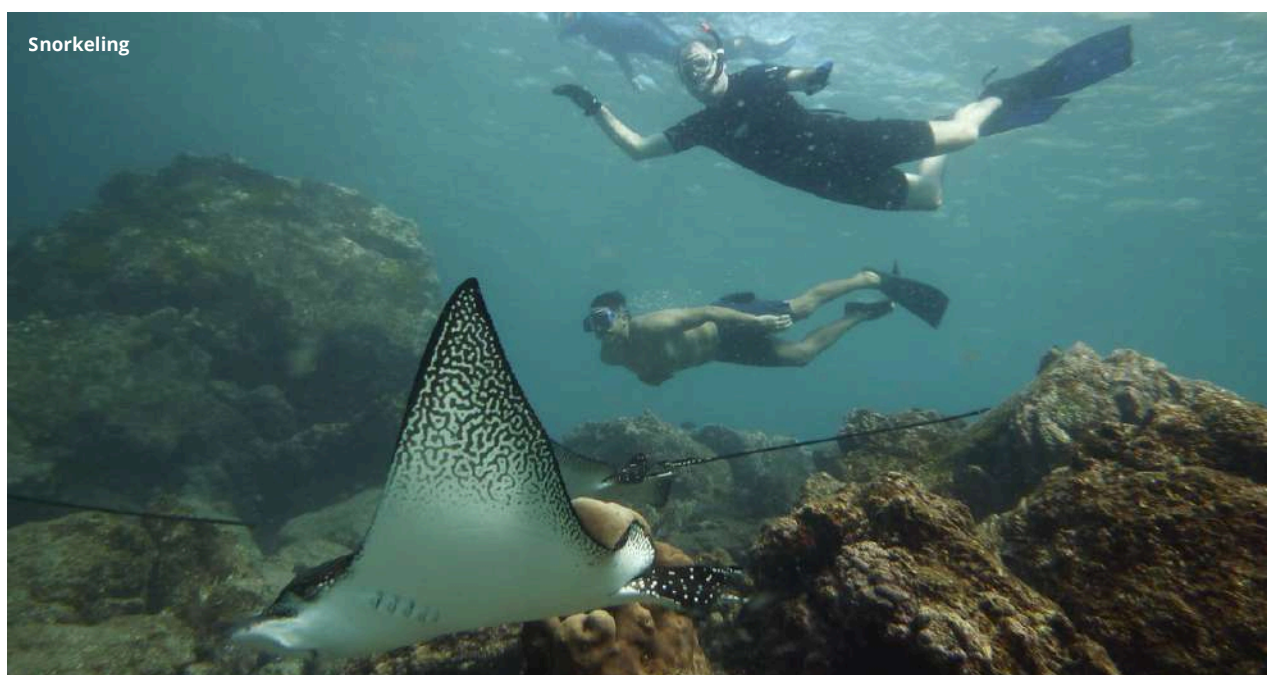
## DAY 4 (B/L/-)

### ISABELA ISLAND: CONCHA DE PERLA

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Transfer to Baltra airport for inter-island flight to Isabela. Upon arrival, we'll be transferred to the hotel to settle in and prepare for lunch at a local restaurant.



**PM:** A quick car ride from town takes us to Concha de Perla. After following a short wooden pathway, the bay's calm, shallow and clear waters welcome us to the ideal place for observing an incredible array of marine life. We will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel alongside tropical fish, sea lions, and turtles. It is also a great location to observe up to 20 bird species.

Overnight in Puerto Villamil.

## DAY 5 (B/L/-)



# ISABELA: WETLANDS & TORTOISE BREEDING CENTER, CABO ROSA OR\* LAS TINTORERAS ISLETS

### AM: Wetlands & Wall of Tears:

Located outside of the town, the Wetlands is an inviting ecosystem made up of lagoons, swamps, and mangroves. This area is home to a variety of bird species, including common stilts, whimbrels, white-cheeked pintails, and gallinules. Enjoy a walk through the wetlands and past opuntia cacti, arriving at the Isabela **Tortoise Breeding Center**. From there, continue to the **Wall of Tears**, a former penal colony where prisoners were forced to build a stone wall in isolation between 1945 and 1959. Surrounded by natural beauty, the site offers a reflective walk into the human history of the islands.



**PM:** \*Your Choice of adventure between two exciting options: **Cabo Rosa & Tunnels**, or **Las Tintoreras**. Let your trip advisor know your preferred activity at the time of booking.

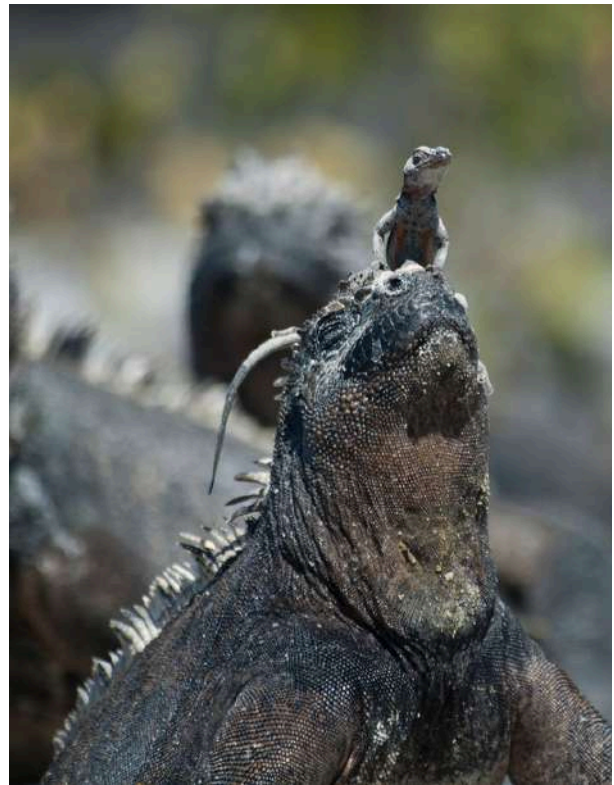


**Option 1: Cabo Rosa & Tunnels:** We will be picked up from the hotel for a 5-hour navigable tour on board a small yacht and we will head to Cabo Rosa. This is a small inhabited islet where we can catch sight of pelicans, blue-footed boobies and Nazca Boobies.



Occasionally, sea lions can be seen resting on the rocks of this amazing site. On the next stop of this tour, we will be able to enjoy some swimming and snorkeling alongside sea turtles, White-tipped sharks, trumpetfish, and surgeonfish. With some luck, we may also see eagle and golden rays as well.

The lava formations of Cabo Rosa have shaped tunnels that are a marine paradise inhabited by varied endemic Galapagos species that can be easily seen from the paths. A box lunch will be provided and then we will head back to our hotel in Puerto Villamil at the end of the tour. Overnight.



### Option 2: Las Tintoreras

A small boat will take us on a short ride to Las Tintoreras, a stunning group of rocky islets just off the coast of Puerto Villamil. Surrounded by turquoise, crystal-clear waters, these islets are home to a remarkable variety of wildlife, including white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, marine turtles, and playful sea lions. As we walk along the lava trails, we can observe lava herons, lava lizards and a hefty number of marine iguanas basking in the sun. The volcanic landscape and the vibrant wildlife creates setting for amazing Galapagos pictures. Overnight stay in Puerto Villamil.

This option includes lunch at a local restaurant.



## DAY 6 (B/-/-)

### ISABELA ISLAND TO BALTRA

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Pick up and transfer to the Isabela airport for your flight back to Baltra. Upon arrival, connect on your own to your flight back to mainland Ecuador.  
End of services.

#### Notes:

- **B:** Breakfast; **BB:** Box breakfast; **L:** Lunch; **BL:** Box lunch **D:** Dinner
- A box breakfast (BB) will be provided for all services starting before 7:00 a.m.
- The order of visits on this itinerary may change subject to availability, unforeseen circumstances, safety and national park regulations .

#### INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double room
- Meals as described in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, BL= Box Lunch, BB= Box Breakfast)
- Detailed excursions
- Inter-Island Flight: Baltra - Isabela - Baltra
- Naturalist English-speaking guide and transportation
- Transfer to/from Baltra's airport as mentioned in the itinerary
- Snorkeling equipment (only in navigable tours: mask & tube)

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets to/from Mainland / Galapagos
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee: \$200 (Subject to change) per person
- Migratory Control Card: \$20.00 per person
- Isabela local tax: \$10 per person
- Wetsuit
- Dinner, Soft and alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses and tips