

# **GALAPAGOS FROM BAY TO BAY**

## **6-Day Island Hopping Tour**

**VISIT 3 DIFFERENT  
ISLANDS**

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

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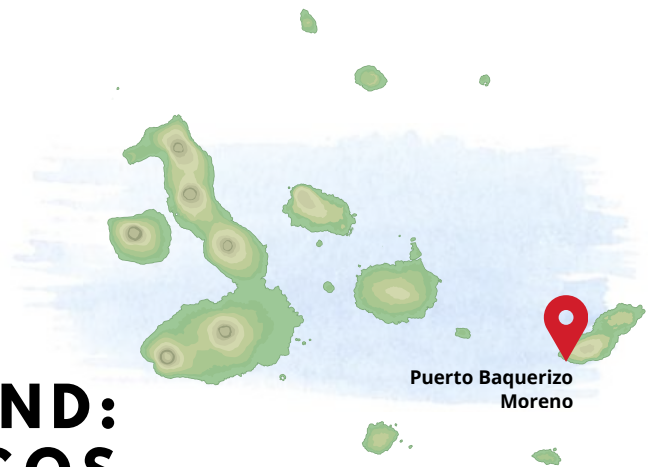
**EXPERIENCE LOCAL  
LIFE IN THE TOWNS  
OF GALAPAGOS**





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

## SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: ARRIVAL IN GALAPAGOS



**AM:** Transfer airport to the selected hotel on San Cristobal Island, lunch.

**PM:** The first visit will be to The Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center, where we will enjoy a great exhibit about the archipelago's natural history, human history, and conservation. Afterward, we will visit Tijeretas Hill. This hill provides visitors with an impressive view of the bay from one side and the town from the other. The area is also great for observing both the magnificent and great frigatebirds and a diverse array of flora and we can enjoy some snorkeling and swimming activities.

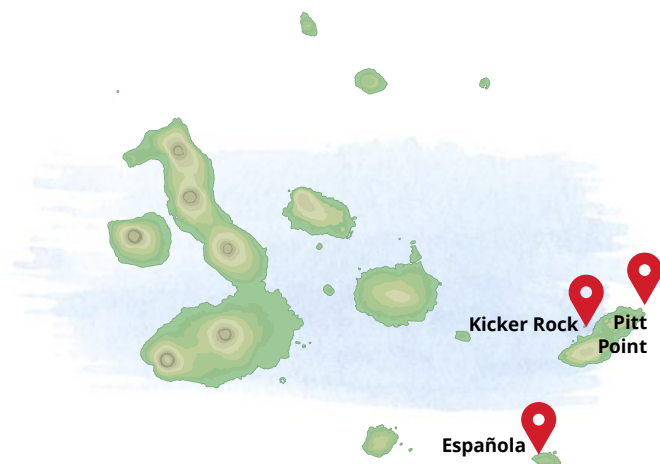


We will then head to Punta Carola Beach, which is only a few minutes walk from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. This small, sandy beach is home to sea lions, shore birds and some exotic flora as well. This location is ideal for surfing as well as relaxing and enjoying the crashing waves. We will return to the hotel in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Overnight.

# DAY 2 (B/L/-)

## NAVIGABLE TOUR

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Today we set out on a full-day yacht adventure filled with close-up wildlife encounters and stunning landscapes. A delicious lunch will be served on board before returning to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno in the afternoon. The exact destination will be confirmed based on availability:

### Kicker Rock

After a 45-minute navigation, we arrive at one of the Galapagos' most iconic snorkeling sites. Kicker Rock (or León Dormido) is the dramatic remnant of a vertical tuff cone, rising nearly 500 feet from the ocean. Here we'll snorkel alongside sea turtles, marine iguanas, rays, reef sharks, and—if we're lucky—even hammerhead sharks. Above the cliffs, blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, and frigatebirds often soar. Following lunch on board, we'll stop at one of San Cristobal's remarkable beaches, such as: Manglecito, Puerto Grande or Witch Hill.



### Pitt Point

Renowned for its striking volcanic trails and dramatic landscapes, It's one of the few places in the islands where you can spot all three booby species together: blue-footed, red-footed, and Nazca boobies. Depending on the season, frigatebirds can also be seen soaring overhead or nesting nearby. This site is not only a birdwatcher's paradise but also a fascinating place to learn about the Galapagos' geological history.



### Española

One of the most wildlife-rich islands in the archipelago. At Punta Suárez, a hike across lava terrain reveals colonies of Nazca and blue-footed boobies, and from April to December, the island's star residents: the waved albatross. In Gardner Bay, a breathtaking white-sand beach is home to a large colony of playful sea lions. Relax on the sand, swim in turquoise waters, or snorkel among colorful fish.



## DAY 3 (B/L/-)

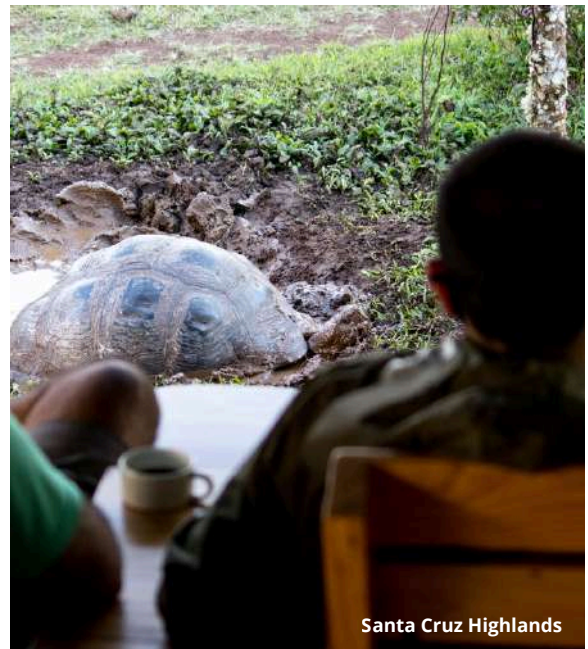


# SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: HIGHLANDS, LAVA TUNNELS, TRAPICHE & GARRAPATERO

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**AM:** We will take a public speedboat to the Island of Santa Cruz. Navigation takes about 2h30m and upon arrival we will take a bus ride to the green Santa Cruz highlands, where we will have the opportunity to explore and see many of the famous Galapagos Tortoises in the wild!

Next, 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!



**PM:** After lunch we will visit The Ecological Trapiche Farm where we will find several cultivated products such as sugar cane, cocoa, and other short-cycle crops, you may also see endemic bird species such as Darwin's finches, and we can participate in agricultural activities such as extracting cane juice by applying a rustic and traditional method called "Trapiche".

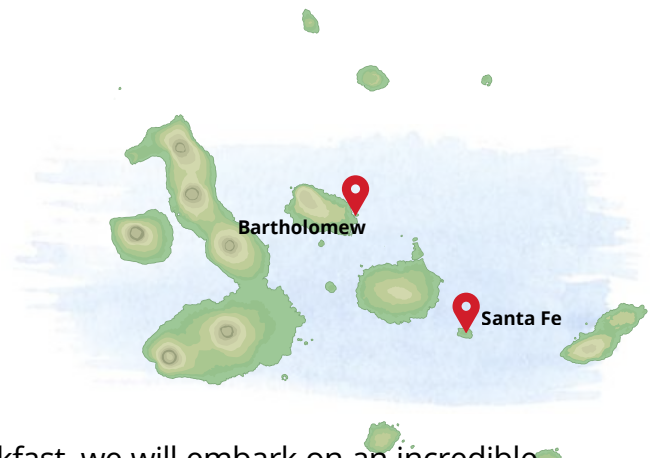
Then we will head to the northern side of Santa Cruz where we will visit El Garrapatero, a sandy beach surrounded by mangroves. We'll then walk to a freshwater lake behind the beach that is home to flamingos, herons, stilts, and other shorebirds. The beautiful turquoise waters provide a good opportunity for swimming.

Transfer back to the hotel in Puerto Ayora. Overnight.



# DAY 4

(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 5 (B/L/-)

# SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: TORTUGA BAY & CHARLES DARWIN STATION



**AM:** 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. Then, we will head back to town for lunch.



### PM: Charles Darwin Research Station

On our visit to the Station, we will learn about the natural history of the Galapagos Islands 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.

Return to the hotel. Overnight.



## DAY 6 (B/-/-)

### SANTA CRUZ ISLAND TO BALTRA

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Breakfast, and transfer to Baltra Airport. 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
- Entrance fees: Highlands, Lava Tunnels, Garrapatero Beach
- 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