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Galapagos Islands

04 Days - 03 Nights

Day 01: Quito - Guayaquil - Baltra Rancho Primicias & Twin Craters

Upon arrival in Baltra Airport transfer to Santa Cruz, a guide will be waiting for You to take to the hotel, where You can leave your luggage. We will seize the morning to visit the Rancho Primicias in the island's highlands where we will be able to see Giant Turtles in their habitat



Then we go on to Lava Tunnels “ **There are eight lava tubes on Isla Santa Cruz** “ The largest lava tubes in the Galapagos are on Santa Cruz Island, it's estimated that the last eruptions occurred around a million and a half years ago. There is a gigantic lava tunnel that is over 2000 meters long on the Island that many tourist visit and walk through



Los Gemelos (**Twin Craters**) are located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. They are not actual craters caused by impact, but are sink holes that were created when the volcanic roof of empty magma chambers collapsed from tectonic shifts and erosion over time. This area has very different climate from other parts of the island and are surrounded by scalesia (**scalesia pedunculata**) forests, which our tour guide kept calling “ **broccoli trees.**” It is the habitat for bromeliads, orchids, mosses, lichens and many birds. Here, you are able to find the famous vermilion flycatcher, 8 species of Charles Darwin finches, and every so often short - eared owls.

Meals: Breakfast - Dinner Welcome



Day 02: Grietas & Tortuga Bay

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After breakfast we will Hike through a forest of enormous cacti and over rugged lava rock formations to one of the most unique swimming holes in the Galapagos Islands. Las Grietas, which translates literally to mean "The Cracks," is a series of volcanic crevices that were formed during the cooling of molten lava. The porous lava stone of the island allows water to filter down from the highlands into Las Grietas where it mixes with sea water filtering in from the ocean. The resulting azure waters are crystalline and refreshing Las Grietas is a popular swimming destination for locals and visitors alike. Float blissfully in the cool water or get your adrenaline pumping by jumping from the new wooden platform.



After we will walk to Tortuga Bay It's located on the Santa Cruz Island, about a 20 minutes' walk from the main water taxi dock in Puerto Ayora, The walking path is 1.55 miles (2,490 m) and is open from 06.00 to 18.00 p.m evening, we must sign in and out at the start of the path with The Galapagos Park Service Office, Tortuga Bay has a gigantic, perfectly preserved beach, that is forbidden to swimmers and is preserved for the wildlife where many Marine Iguanas, Galapagos Crabs and Birds are seen dotted along the Volcanic Rocks. There is a separate cove where You can swim and where it's common to view White Tip Reef Sharks swimming in groups & on occasion Tiger Shark The Genus , Galeocerdo, is divided from the Greek galeos, which mean Shark and The Latin Cerdus, The Word for the hard hairs of Pigs. It is often colloquially called the Man – Eater Shark. The Galapagos Shark a top other species of Shark that are found in The Galapagos Islands, There are always a large variety of small fish and Birds

Meals: Breakfast



Day 03: Seymour Island

We will leave from Puerto Ayora to the Itabaca channel by bus or a van. Once in the channel, we will board the boat for a short boat ride to North Seymour Island. This island is located at the center of the archipelago and has a relatively flat surface because of its formation by an uprising seabed, in comparison to other archipelago islands, which were formed by volcanic eruptions.

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Once on the island, we will disembark to walk along the approximately two-kilometer-long trail, which goes through some of the largest frigate colonies in the archipelago. Besides the frigates, blue-footed boobies, seagulls, land iguanas, marine iguanas, and a colony of sea lions inhabit this island too. This is also one of the best places on the islands to see the frigates inflating their distinctive red featherless pouches to attract females. On this island, we will also find the endemic plant *lignum vitae*, a bushy tree that can remain without leaves during the entire summer but that it turns green with the first rains of the year.

After visiting Seymour, we will head to the beach known as Bachas, located in the north of Santa Cruz Island. On this visit site, we will have time to snorkel and enjoy the sea and beach. The name "Bachas" comes from the local pronunciation "barges" because the American army deserted two boats (barges) after the Second World War. Besides snorkeling, this beach is an excellent place to observe wildlife, including Flamingos, zayapas (Galapagos crabs) and many marine birds.

Activities: Walking, swimming, snorkeling (superficial diving) and wildlife observation.

Wildlife: Blue sharks, lava heron, zayapas (Galapagos crab), Galapagos Gavilan, sea lions, marine iguanas, sea turtles, rays, tropical fish, among others.

Meals: Breakfast - Snack



Day 04: Santa Cruz - Baltra - Guayaquil - Quito

On time required transfer to Baltra Airport for your fly to the mains cities

Meals: Breakfast



Included:

- 03 Nights accommodation
- All breakfasts and meals as described in the programme
- All transfers and land transportation
- Airfare Guayaquil - Baltra (**Galápagos Island**) - Guayaquil

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- Speed Local Boat (**Inter Yacht**) Santa Cruz to Isabela Island
- Airplane Isabela Island to Baltra Airport
- Snorkel Gear
- All applicable taxes
- All bilingual guided tours (English - Spanish) as described in the itinerary

Not Included:

- International flights
- Alcoholic drinks, soda or bottled mineral water
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- International or National personal telephone calls
- Meals not mentioned
- Galápagos national Park **100USA**
- Transit Card **20\$USA**

Price per person in Hostel 3*:(**Tourist Class**) **1275\$USA**

DWB: **1275\$USA**

TWB: **1175\$USA**

Hostel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Darwin or Similar	Isla Santa Cruz	2023	2023	03

Price per person in Hotel 3* :(**Tourist Class**)

DWB: **1390\$USA**

TWB: **1290\$USA**

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Lobo de Mar	Isla Santa Cruz	2023	2023	03

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Price per person in Hotel 4*:(First Class)

DWB: 1650\$USA

TWB: 1550\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Angermeyer	Isla Santa Cruz	2023	2023	03

Price per person in Hotel 5* :(Luxury Class)

DWB: 2150\$USA

TWB: 2050\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Finch Bay	Isla Santa Cruz	2023	2023	03

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