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San Cristobal - Isabela Island

06 Days - 05 Nights

Day 01: Quito - Guayaquil - San Cristobal

Upon arrival in San Cristobal transfer to the selected Hostel or Hotel After checking we will go to: **Galapagos National Park Interpretation Center and Cerro Tijeretas (Tijeretas Hill)**

It is a nice easy trail that offers you various viewpoints where you can admire the iconic Kicker Rock to the west and Shipwreck Bay to the south. It is also a nesting spot for two species of Frigate birds. At the base of Tijeretas Hill, there is a small cove, great place for swimming and snorkeling and where is usual to see sea lions, several species of fish and even sea turtles and reef sharks.

Meals Included: Dinner Welcome



Day 02: Kicker Rock

We will sail from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on a 90-minute journey to Kicker Rock, also known as León Dormido. This ancient volcanic rock, which was shaped by the erosion throughout thousands of years, sticks out of the open ocean, northwest of San Cristobal. It is formed by two rocks, which are approximately 148 m (486 feet) in height. Its name comes from its resemblance to a sleeping lion. Between the rocks of Kicker Rock there is a beautiful channel with calm waters, perfect to swim, snorkel and observe fauna, such as blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, frigates, pelicans and sea lions. In the sea, you can observe hammerhead sharks, Galapagos Sharks, sea turtles, eagle rays and schools of tropical fish. We will get close to the rocks to observe the wildlife and afterward we will snorkel in the channel to observe the marine life.

We will have lunch on board for us to later go to one of these three visitor sites that make up this tour: Puerto Grande, Manglecito, or Cerro Brujo. The choice between these three sites depends on the Galapagos National Park visiting hours.

Manglecito: Manglecito has two different areas: the mangroves and the beach. The mangroves area is an ideal place to observe and identify a great variety of aquatic birds, and the beach area is perfect for recreation and relaxation. Kicker rock and Manglecito beach are available on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Puerto Grande: This bay is famous among the locals as an ideal place for recreational activities, an impressive dune system and coastal plant species, as well as marine birds. Kicker rock and Puerto Grande beach can be visited on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.

Cerro Brujo: Located on the north shore of San Cristobal Island, this site is formed by an eroded tuff cone, and the main attraction is the beach, which has a coral-colored sand with diverse species of flora and fauna. Kicker Rock and Cerro Brujo can be visited on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch

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Day 03: San Cristobal - Isabela Island (Flamingos Lagoon & Kayaking)

a.m. After Breakfast transfer to San Cristobal Airport for your fly to Isabela Island, we recommend You seat next to The Pilot for nice pictures on air



Arrive in Isabela transfer to the selected hostel or hotel after checking we will walk around to Flamingos Lagoon an expansive coastal lagoon that serves as one of the primary breeding grounds for Flamingos



In the afternoon we take our ocean kayaks and paddle out to the pier of Isabela, a set of small islets within Isabela Bay. The islets are filled with wildlife and are home to the Galapagos penguin, the only penguin that lives in equatorial region. We will also see sharks, marine turtles, sea lions, Blue Footed Bobbies and much more wildlife as we explore its many small coves and beaches.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Welcome



Day 04: Tunnels & Wall of the Tears

After breakfast we will go to the pier for a 45 minute tour boat ride to a place where Lava flow impacted with the oceans waves to form the stunning tubes and bridges of Los Tunnels. Los Tunnels is a marine paradise for the White tipped Reef Shark, Manta Rays, Parrot Fish, Yellowtail Surgeon Fish, Galápagos Green Sea Turtle and the Galápagos Sea Lion. This site is one of the most spectacular places for snorkeling in Isabela as the water is shallow, clear and calm. This marine sanctuary is characterized by its unique geologic formations. A series of lava flows have produced a number of arches and tunnels both under and above water, where you find a number of animal species that have taken up residence in these magnificent formations. As soon as you get to the intertidal starting point you will be released to snorkel through astoundingly beautiful site.

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Afternoon we will visit by bike **The Wall of Tears** (Spanish: **El Muro de las Lágrimas**) is a historical site 5 km west of Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. It was constructed between the years of 1945 and 1959 by prisoners in the Penal Colony on the island, which had been established by President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra in 1944, using infrastructure left by the US military after World War II. The wall is about 25 m (**65 ft**) tall and is said to have been the cause of thousands of deaths during its construction. Locals call it the wall of tears because it is said to emanate eerie cries and have a heavy energy surrounding it.

Meals: Breakfast & Snack



Day 05: Sierra Negra Volcano

Early morning around 07.00 a.m. we will have a tours to Sierra Negra Volcano it's one of the five volcanoes on the island of Isabela, and boasts the second largest volcanic caldera in the world (**Yellowstone National Park in the United States is the largest in case You were wondering**). On the sierra Negra Volcano You hike to the rim of the six miles wide crater and then trek across an alien landscape of lava fields and fumaroles. The Sierra Negra is one of the most active volcanoes in the Galapagos, with the last eruption in 2005 Though You probably won't see any lava flowing, You will have the opportunity to explore thermal vents and other fascinating geologic features before stopping for a snack near volcano Chico. The vistas from this spot are among the most breathtaking in Isabela and on clear afternoons afford views of the northern volcanoes on Isabela and Fernandina. A savory hot lunch at Campo Duro rounds out this challenging but rewarding day



Free day or Fishing tour optional

p.m. Isabela Island free day or Fishing tour optional, You will be on your way to the eastern side of the Galapagos which is known as one of the best fishing areas in the archipelago, you can expect to catch Striped, Blue, and Black marlin, depending on the season, however since the water temperature in the Galapagos is pretty much constant all year around you can find bill - fish pretty much every month of the year. You will spend the night in one of the nicest hotels in town.

Meals: Breakfast, Snack

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Day 06: Isabela Island - Baltra Airport - Guayaquil - Home

a.m. After Breakfast transfer to Isabela Airport for your fly to Baltra and go on to Guayaquil - Home, we recommend You seat next to The Pilot for nice pictures on air

Meals: Breakfast



Tours Include:

- All land transfer
- 05 nights hostel or hotel accommodation
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily tours per itinerary
- English guide spoken
- 02 dinners welcome
- Snack - Box Lunch & Dinner mentioned in local restaurant
- Airfare Quito - Galápagos - Quito
- Airplane San Cristobal Island - Isabela Island - Baltra Island
- Kayaking Equipment
- Snorkel Gear
- Mask & Fins
- Personal assistance
- Axel Tippe Tour leader

Tours no Include:

- Galapagos entrance **100\$USA**
- Transit Card **20\$USA**
- Isabela Entrance **10\$USA**
- Beverage
- Phone calls
- Tips
- International Airfare

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Price per person in Hostel 3*:(Backpacker Class)

DWB: 2100\$USA

TWB: 2050\$USA

Hostel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
La Casa de Laura	San Cristóbal	2023	2023	02
Paraiso d'Isabela	Isabela Island	2023	2023	03

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

DWB: 2300\$USA

TWB: 2250\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Eco Friendly	San Cristóbal	2023	2023	02
San Vicente	Isabela Island	2023	2023	03

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

DWB: 2690\$USA

TWB: 2650\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Galápagos Sunset	San Cristóbal	2023	2023	02
La Casa de Marita	Isabela Island	2023	2023	03

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

DWB: 3480\$USA

TWB: 3430\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Golden Bay Gps	San Cristóbal	2023	2023	02
Iguana Crossing	Isabela Island	2023	2023	03

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