



## Geo Reisen – Galapagos Loop – Ecuador - 6 Days – 5 Nights

Day	Destination
1 Night	Puerto Ayora
1 Night	Floreana Island
2 Nights	Isabela island (Puerto Villamil)
1 Night	Santa Cruz island

### **Day 1: DAY 1 - SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – HIGHLANDS – LOCAL BREWERY - / L / -**

Upon arriving at the Baltra airport, where you will be met by a member of our staff. From the airport, you'll be transported by shuttle to the Itabaca Channel, and, after a short ferry ride, you will arrive on Santa Cruz Island.

Once on Santa Cruz, we journey across the island into the highlands, experiencing the island's variety of wildlife and landscapes along the way. In the highland area, we'll make a stop at one of the ranches where we will have the chance to have lunch surrounded by the archipelago's iconic giant tortoise species, which are easily observable in the area. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to visit, and walk through, a tunnel formed by lava flows after a volcanic eruption.

Later on, we will have time to visit the Santa Cruz Brewery, a small business that produces one of the

local artisanal draft beers. Here, we will have the opportunity to understand the complex and delicate processes that the brewery applies to get delicious and unique types of beers on the isolated Galapagos Islands. We'll then have time to taste some of the beers before continuing the journey to Puerto Ayora, where we will have the rest of the day off for leisure. Accommodation will be at the selected hotel

Overnight Stay at Hotel.

## **Day 2: DAY 2 - CHARLES DARWIN STATION - TRANSFER TO FLOREANA ISLAND – LOCAL FARM – HIGHLANDS - BARBEQUE ON THE BEACH B / L /**

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After breakfast, we will have a short visit 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 different shapes and sizes. Additionally, in order to fully take advantage of our visit to the Galapagos Islands, we will be able to visit the station where legendary “Lonesome George” is exhibited as the last of his species. In 2012, after his death, he was shipped to New York to the American Museum of Natural History in order to start an embalming process for his conservation. Lonesome George was exhibited in the museum for one year. Now Lonesome George is back in the Charles Darwin research station, as a “symbol” of conservation.

After this visit, we will head to Puerto Ayora’s pier where we’ll take our private speed boat to Floreana Island; this ride will take 2h30 minutes approx. Floreana has, arguably, the most interesting human history of all of the Galapagos Islands.

Arriving on the island, we’ll visit a local farm which will teach us more about people’s way of life on the island. Here, far from technology and development, the inhabitants wish to optimize their resources to achieve a very self-sustaining lifestyle. During this visit, we’ll visit a lagoon where it is possible to observe frigate birds and we’ll also have the opportunity to feed the farm animals and harvest vegetables.

We will enjoy a delicious lunch prepared with the produce harvested from the farm. After lunch, we’ll continue with our next visit, the “Asilo de la Paz” in the Highlands as well as a Tortoise Breeding Center. Accommodation at one of the rustic hotels which is run by the second generation of a family that arrived after the Ritter family abandoned the island.

Overnight Stay at hotel.

## **Day 3: 3 - SNORKELING “LA LOBERIA” – TRANSFER TO ISABELA ISLAND**

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Today, after breakfast, we will begin our excursion to “La Loberia”, a sea Lion breeding area. We’ll start our first marine excursion in the bright turquoise water where we might be able to swim with sea lions, sea turtles, manta rays and a variety of colorful reef fish.

After a delicious lunch, we’ll take our speed boat to Isabela Island; this ride will take us 2h30 minutes approx. Arriving on Isabela, we’ll have a leisurely free afternoon. Accommodation at the selected hotel.

overnight Stay at hotel.

## **Day 4: 4 – TINTORERAS – BREEDING CENTER – FLAMINGO LAGOON B / - /**

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After having breakfast, we will visit the Tintorera Islets located a short distance from Puerto Villamil and home to a great variety of wildlife. The turquoise, crystalline waters are inhabited by white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, sea turtles, and sea lions, It is also one of the few sites where marine iguanas can reproduce successfully. Once we reach the Tintoreras islets, we’ll get to know a lot of these species. As well as the biodiversity, this area of the island has a very rugged volcanic landscape, which changes as you travel to each island.

In the afternoon, we’ll have a short ride to the Isabela Breeding Center, where we’ll learn more about the efforts taken to preserve and promote the reproduction of some of the Giant Tortoise species found in the Galapagos. Later on, we will continue through a mangrove path that connects with a series of lagoons where flamingos rest and feed. This walk is ideal for understanding Galapagos’ biodiversity, and how local species have adapted to the Enchanted Islands’ harsh conditions. Today, lunch will be your choice and on your own.

Accommodation at the selected hotel.

Overnight Stay at hotel.

## **Day 5: 5 – SULFUR MINES OF SIERRA NEGRA – TRANSFER TO SANTA CRUZ B / BL / -**

In the morning, we will drive to the highlands of Isabela and the Sierra Negra Volcano, one of the island’s active volcanoes, which also happens to possess one of the largest volcanic craters in the world. The volcano is host to many sulfur mines along its western slopes.

During our visit, we'll drive to the edge of the volcano's crater and hike along a mile long trail where we will encounter an alien landscape surrounded by the sights and sounds the area's sulfur mines. After our rest, we will continue our hike until reaching Sierra Negra's furthest lookout point. Later on, we'll return to Puerto Villamil, to have lunch and then board our private speedboat, and continue our journey back to Santa Cruz Island.

Once we arrive at Puerto Ayora, we will be free to enjoy and explore this iconic town for the last night on the Enchanted Islands. Accommodation at the selected hotel.

overnight Stay at hotel.

## **Day 6: 6 – AIRPORT TRANSFER – FLIGHT BACK**

After breakfast, transfer back to the Baltra airport to take your international flight.

### **Highlights**

Embark on a captivating 6-day journey through the Galápagos Islands, starting with your arrival at Santa Cruz Island where you'll explore the lush highlands, walk through a lava tunnel, and enjoy a local beer tasting at Santa Cruz Brewery. Visit the iconic Charles Darwin Station before heading to Floreana Island to experience its unique human history, sustainable farming, and rustic charm. Swim with sea lions and vibrant marine life at La Lobería, then sail to Isabela Island for a mix of wildlife encounters and volcanic landscapes, including Tintoreras Islets, flamingo-filled lagoons, and the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center. Hike along the sulfur-scented slopes of the active Sierra Negra Volcano before returning to Santa Cruz for a relaxing final night. Conclude your adventure with a transfer back to Baltra airport, carrying unforgettable memories of these enchanted islands.

### **Price**

Connect with Our Team for the Best Available Rate!

### **Tour Includes**

- Transfer Airport – Hotel – Airport
- Accommodation in the selected hotel with breakfast
- Meals noted (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, BL: Boxed Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Excursions mentioned in the itinerary

- Bilingual Naturalist Guide in all Excursions (English/ Spanish)
- Private speed boat for passengers
- Snorkeling equipment

## **Tour Excludes**

- Airfare / Visa / Insurance.
- GST 5%
- TCS at 5% (Tax Collected at Source)
- Any Increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport Taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Any Applicability of New Taxes from Govt.
- Airfare / Visa / Insurance.
- Any increase in the Rate of Exchange leading to an increase in the overall cost.
- Any Extra Expense Such as Route Change, Airline Change, Date Change, Accommodation Facilities, Etc. Incurred Due to The Unforeseen, Unavoidable Forced Majeure Circumstances During the Tour.
- Porterage, Laundry, Telephone Charges, Shopping, Wines & Alcoholic Beverages, Items of Personal Nature and Food or Drink.
- Any Extra Cost Incurred On Behalf of an Individual Due to Illness, Accident, Hospitalization, or Any Personal Emergency.
- Any Services or Activity Charges Other Than Those Included in The Group Tour Itinerary.
- Anything Specifically Not Mentioned in The 'Tour Price Includes' Column
- The conversion rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the rate of the Euro /USD on Xe.Com + INR 1.50
- Airfare to be calculated at the time of booking as per actual.
- City Tax, if any.
- Entrance & Guide charges other than those mentioned in inclusions.

**REMARK:**

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- Credit card: Master Card/Visa is accepted with a 3.0% merchant fee respectively
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