



**GALAPAGOS
ADVENTURER
LAND TOUR**

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Galapagos Adventurer Land Tour: Day by day Itinerary

Day	Description	Meals	Spanish Speaking Driver or English Speaking Guide
1	<p>San Cristobal Island: Upon arrival to San Cristobal Galapagos airport, you'll be picked up by a Spanish speaking driver for a short transfer to your hotel. Free time for lunch, then in the afternoon your Galapagos Adventure begins! Accompanied by an English speaking surf instructor you will receive a short theory class to learn about safety, the rules of surf, tides, currents, types of waves, and the different parts of the board and accessories. Now you are ready for the practical surf lesson, where we teach you how to position yourself on the board, how to stand, how to catch a wave and read their movement, ractical surf lesson, where we teach you how to position yourself on the board, how to stand, how to catch a and practise different moves on your board. The specialized surf guides are all certified with ISA (International Surf Association), and certified lifeguards. Are you already an experienced surfer? Let us know in advance & we will take you for a fun surfing afternoon!</p>	-	ESG SSD
2	<p>Snorkeling Tour at Kicker Rock: Today you will visit one of the most famous snorkel and dive sites at the Galapagos islands – Kicker Rock! Some people see this rock formation as a frog, others see it as a sleeping lion, hence the name "Leon Dormido" in Spanish. During snorkeling you may see a variety of tropical fish, sea turtles, and if lucky even sharks. Black tipped reef shark and hammerhead shark are often found in this area. It is also possible to dive at Kicker Rock, we can organise this for you in advance (at extra cost). After snorkeling, there is time to visit a beautiful white sand beach on the north west side of San Cristobal for free time. Arriving back to port in the afternoon, you can enjoy the rest of the day strolling the boardwalk, sipping cocktails, or relaxing with a stunning sunset at Playa Mann.</p>	B/BL	ESG
3	<p>Stand Up Paddleboarding tour & speedboat to Santa Cruz: A fun morning on your own Stand Up Paddleboard. We launch our SUPs from the Playa Mann and start making our way paddling towards Las Tijeretas. The waters are perfectly clear so you can admire the tropical fish, sea lions, rays, sea turtles and other marine life as we paddle along the northern coast of San Cristobal island. On the rocks at Las Tijeretas we have the opportunity to get close to frigate birds and blue footed boobies. In the afternoon, you'll take the speedboat to Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island.</p>	B	ESG



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4	<p>Biking tour at Santa Cruz Highlands: Next on the program is an exhilarating biking trip to explore the highlands of Santa Cruz. We begin by car up to the Twin Craters – Los Gemelos in Spanish - a couple of Volcanic sink holes. This area is wet and humid, regularly covered by clouds and mist, covered with rich vegetation. The craters are aprox 1 mile in diameter, and have short walking trails to discover the unique flore and fauna, such as Darwin Finches, Flycatchers etc. From this point we jump onto our bikes to descent 8km to Las Primicias Ranch. No Galapagos trip would be complete without seeing the Giant Galapagos Tortoise up close in its natural habitat, where they roam the lush highlands searching for food, or cooling off in the muddy pools. Wander the trails while your guide explains interesting facts about these gentle giants. There is also a 400 m long lava tunnel that you can enter and walk inside. Back on the bike, we descent all the way from Santa Rosa back to Puerto Ayora – enjoying a fun 17 km trail through the highlands with beautiful views along the way. In the late afternoon, you can enjoy free time for souvenir shopping at the excellent boutiques in Puerto Ayora town, as well as superb dining & nightlife.</p>	B	ESG
5	<p>Yacht Day Tour to an uninhabited island. Today you have the opportunity to discover one of the uninhabited islands on a navigable excursion. The tour includes a guided hike on the island and some time for snorkeling, with lunch on board the yacht. The exact destination depends upon daily availability, but will be one of the following options:</p> <p>Bartolome Island: This is the site of the iconic Galapagos landscape of Pinnacle Rock, where you can take your perfect photo. You do have to climb 364 steps to get here, but the reward is immense. Along the way you can see lava fumaroles, and enjoy the incredible lunar style landscape. With a bit of luck, you may also see the world’s only tropical penguin here! After the land visit, you’ll have time to explore the amazing underwater wildlife while snorkeling.</p> <p>North Seymour: This is one of the best islands for Galapagos birdlife. Along the guided trail expect to see Frigate Birds, swallow tailed gulls and the famous Blue Footed Boobies who nest here. With red colored soil and red carpet vine growing on the island the scenery is exotic. Another interesting species found on North Seymour is the Land Iguana, a unique species from the ones seen on other islands.</p> <p>South Plazas: This small but scenic island has a fantastic concentration of wildlife, from Sea Lions to Land Iguana’s and many bird species, including Frigate Birds, Lava Gulls and Red-Billed Tropicbirds. The dramatic cliffs, blue seas and spectacular natural red-carpet of algae make the scenery of this island particularly pretty.</p> <p>Santa Fe: A very diverse island with a beautiful white sand beach where Sea Lions bask in the sun. The island is covered with huge cactus trees, food for the Land Iguana population that is endemic to this Santa Fe. The walk up is quite rocky buy you’ll be rewarded with stunning views at the top. Santa Fe is also considered one of the best snorkeling sites in Galapagos where sharks are often seen!</p>	B/L	ESG



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6	<p>Speedboat to Isabela Island & Tintoreras Kayak tour:</p> <p>In the morning you will take the speedboat to Puerto Villamil on Isabela Island. In the afternoon you take a kayaking tour to explore Tintoreras Islet, observing wildlife such as Blue Footed Boobies, Galapagos Penguins (depending on the season), Galapagos Sea Lions, Pacific Green Sea Turtles, amongst others. After the kayaking trip there is time for snorkeling hopefully accompanied by Pacific Green Sea Turtles, Galapagos Sea Lions, White-Tip Reef Sharks, as well as a variety of rays (Spotted Eagle Rays, Diamond Stingrays, Golden Rays). Free time in the evening to enjoy the spectacular sunset, & explore the small town.</p>	B	ESG
7	<p>Sierra Negra & Volcan Chico Trekking Adventure: Today is all about landscapes and volcanoes! A guided 4 to 5 hours return trek takes you up to the summit of Sierra Negra volcano for wonderful views into one of the largest calderas in the world. Descending further you can visit Volcan Chico, to witness the incredible landscape of smouldering cones and craters formed by various past eruptions; it literally feels like you're walking on the moon. In the afternoon you have free time to explore the island on your own. So you could kick-back and relax on the beautiful white-sand beach, or take a leisurely bike ride to the Wall of Tears – this cycling path goes past a series of lagoons and bays on the southern coast, taking in a variety of wildlife such as various bird species (finches, mockingbirds, frigates and occasionally blue footed boobies), marine iguanas, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, and you may also see the famous Galapagos Giant Tortoises wandering around. The trail also includes a few look-out points to enjoy stunning views of the coastline, and finally the chance to see the Wall of Tears – a 100m long wall of tragic historical significance, built by Ecuadorean prisoners during the 1940s and 50s, many of whom dies during the construction of the wall due to the awful conditions in which they were forced to work.</p>	B/S	ESG
8	<p>Los Tuneles & Cabo Rosa Snorkel Tour: Today's tour takes you to Los Tuneles by boat, to explore a fascinating landscape of huge lava tunnels. You begin on land where Blue Footed Boobies often nest, and afterwards can enjoy snorkeling at one of the very best snorkel sites at Galapagos! White Tipped Reef Sharks, Marine Turtles, Sting Rays, Sea Lions, Eagle Rays and even Sea Horses are regularly seen here!</p> <p>In the afternoon you have free time to explore Isabela's treasures on your own. If you want to do more snorkeling, the Concha Perla is close to town and a beautiful spot for snorkeling close to the mangrove trees in clear waters, or head down to the port where penguins and sea lions can often be seen swimming. You also have a stunning white sand beach at your disposal, for relaxation or a nice stroll.</p>	B	ESG
9	<p>An early morning speedboat transfers you back to Puerto Ayora in Santa Cruz, from where you will be transferred to Baltra airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador.</p>	-	SSD



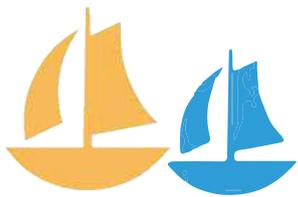
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Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- ✓ Accommodation in double/single private room
- ✓ Meals as specified in itinerary: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, BL=Box Lunch, D= Dinner, S=Snack
- ✓ Excursions and activities as listed in the itinerary with naturalist bilingual guide Spanish/English provided by the Galapagos National Park
- ✓ Snorkel equipment for the respective day tours
- ✓ Airport transfers in Galapagos
- ✓ Assistance at the Dock

Exclusions:

- ✗ Entrance fees Galapagos:
 1. Galapagos National Park \$100 pp (to be paid in cash on arrival at Galapagos)
 2. Ingala Card \$20pp (payable at Quito or Guayaquil Airport)
 3. Isabela docking fee \$15pp
 4. Santa Cruz Highland Tortoises Ranch \$5
- ✗ Water taxis (\$1 - \$ 5 depending on distance)
- ✗ Drinks and alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Meals not specified in itinerary
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Tips
- ✗ Anything that is not mentioned as included
- ✗ Single supplement
- ✗ Flights: Quito/Guayaquil - Galapagos - Quito/Guayaquil



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