

Galapagos Island Hopping

6 days | Starts/Ends: Baltra Island



Discover one of the planet's top wildlife destinations on a 6-day Galapagos island hopping adventure, staying in a choice of standard or upgraded accommodation. From Baltra Island, take in beautiful landscapes and encounter incredible wildlife on the islands of Santa Cruz, Floreana and Isabela, topped off with a hike up Sierra Negra Volcano.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Santa Cruz Island - observe Giant Tortoises in their natural habitat at Rancho El Manzanillo farm
- Santa Cruz Island – visit the famous Charles Darwin Research Station and see the body of the world-famous turtle Lonesome George
- Santa Cruz Island - follow the Tortuga Bay trail to reach one of the most beautiful beaches in the Galapagos, where you can swim and soak up the sun next to the marine Iguanas, boobies and marine birds
- Floreana Island – see a colony of sea lions and perhaps some blue footed bobbies, marine iguanas and marine turtles at picturesque Playa Lobos

- Floreana Island - walk to historic Asilo de La Paz, where the legendary Witmer family first settled in 1932 and lived in caves
- Isabela Island – explore the largest island of the Archipelago, visiting the beautiful beaches of Los Humedales and the Tortoise Breeding Centre
- Isabela Island - hike up to the rim of Sierra Negra Volcano to see the 2nd largest caldera in the world

What's Included

- 4 nights 3 star accommodation and 1 night local community guest house on Floreana Island (homestay with private en suite room)
Upgraded (3-4 star) accommodation available for a supplement.
- 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners
- Guided excursions and walks on Santa Cruz Island, Floreana Island and Isabela Island
- Sierra Negra Volcano hike
- Professional English/Spanish speaking Galapagos Naturalist Guide
- Shared speed boat transfers on the tourist class Serenity boat
- Baltra airport arrival and departure transfer

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: USD\$120pp Galapagos park fee & transit card, paid in USD
- Domestic and International flights, airport taxes and visas
- Bus from Baltra – Itabaca Channel (budget approx USD\$5 per person)
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Items of a personal nature, drinks and additional meals

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Baltra Island & Santa Cruz



Baltra Island - Santa Cruz Island. Upon arrival at Baltra Island airport, you will be met by our guide and transferred to the city of Puerto Ayora, the largest in the Galapagos Archipelago, on the island of Santa Cruz. On the way, we cross the beautiful Itabaca Channel which separates Baltra and Santa Cruz Island. Once on the other side of the channel our shared transport will take you up to the highlands of Santa Cruz island to

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visit el Manzanillo private farm where we will have our first amazing Galapagos experience, observing the giant Galapagos Turtles in their natural habitat. After lunch and time permitting, we may be able to visit one of the lava tunnels in the area. Then transfer back to the hotel in the town of Puerto Ayora and enjoy some free time. **Overnight - Santa Cruz Island (L)**

Day 2 : Santa Cruz & Floreana Island



Santa Cruz Island – Floreana Island. We start the day with a walk up to the Fausto Llerena Tortoise Centre where we learn about the important conservation work carried out here to save the different tortoise populations and offers a wonderful opportunity to see baby tortoises here. The trail continues on to the Charles Darwin Station the operational centre for the foundation which conducts research and now features the Lonesome George exhibit. After enjoying this wonderful walk, we head back to town where you will have time to prepare for your onward transfer Floreana Island.

Early this afternoon we board the shared speed boat taking us to Puerto Velasco Ibarra, a small town located in the legendary Floreana Island. You will have time to walk to Playa Lobos, a beautiful spot on this island where you may be lucky enough to see a colony of sea lions, perhaps some blue footed boobies, marine iguanas and maybe some marine turtles. **Overnight - Floreana Island (B, D)**

Day 3 : Floreana & Isabela Island



Floreana Island - Isabela Island. This morning you will be taken to the highlands of Floreana by “Chiva” transport, where you can enjoy a stroll through “Asilo de La Paz” the Peace Haven. Here you will see lumbering giant tortoises, the natural spring that supported Floreana and the caves where the first settlers lived. Heading back to town you will have time for a spot of lunch before boarding your speedboat taking you onto Isabella Island.

Isabela Island is the largest in the Archipelago, following your arrival at Puerto Villamil, after checking into your hotel, you will then head out to the wetlands, an area known as Los Humedales This awesome area is characterised by sandy beaches, rocky shores, and mangroves. During the walk along the main trail, you can see all four species of mangroves found in the Galapagos and observe pink flamingos and other migratory birds. You will also visit the Turtle Breeding Centre where the national park is breeding turtles in danger of extinction. Some of these turtles have been released by the park and can be found on the trails. You will then be transported back to your hotel to enjoy a little free time before your evening meal. **Overnight - Isabela Island (B, D)**

Day 4 : Hiking Sierra Negra Volcano



Isabela Island - Santa Cruz Island. Isabela is known for having the second largest volcanic crater in the world, the first being the Ngorongoro in Africa. This morning we will be taken to Galapagos Park checkpoint, from where you can enjoy a scenic hike up to the rim of this remarkable crater and hopefully see the whole 11km diameter of the crater, weather permitting. Afterwards we will be taken back to town where there's free time for lunch before heading for our speedboat transfer to Santa Cruz Island. Upon arrival in the city of Puerto Avora, you will be transferred to your hotel. **Overnight - Santa Cruz Island (B)**

Day 5 : Santa Cruz Island



We start today hiking towards the shores of the Pacific Ocean to one of the most stunning beaches in the Galapagos, Tortuga Bay. Renowned for being one of the islands' most pristine sandy stretches, the beach at Tortuga Bay features blue waters, rich wildlife, and there's time for relaxation on the soft white sands, surrounded by marine vegetation and the famed local marine iguanas. You'll feel compelled to throw on your swimsuit, don your snorkelling gear, and explore the colourful underwater world of the bay's ecosystem, alive with fish and other aquatic species.

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Returning to Puerto Ayora we take a break for lunch before we take a scenic walk to Las Grietas, a huge lava crevasse which is a long narrow cool-water swimming hole among a jumble of small cliffs and tumbled boulders. After enjoying a refreshing swim we return to town. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Optional Tour: In the afternoon there is an optional Bay Tour available to book locally which includes Lobos Island, snorkelling and Las Grietas de la Tintoreras where you can see sharks. During this tour, you can also observe blue footed boobies, Galapagos pelicans and other marine birds. **Overnight - Santa Cruz Island (B, D)**

Day 6 : Baltra Island

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HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Lobo De Mar Hotel

The Grand Hotel Lobo de Mar is in the heart of Galapagos on Santa Cruz Island After a full day of exploration, why not head to the either the indoor or outdoor swimming pools or to the fabulous roof terrace to admire the stunning sea views whilst relaxing with a drink from the poolside bar. Later why not enjoy an evening meal at the on-site restaurant. Make yourself at home in one of the comfortably decorated air-conditioned rooms featuring flat-screen cable television, private bathroom with bathtubs or showers. Situated in Puerto Ayora within a 5 minute stroll of where you can find a selection of restaurants, cafes and shops.



Community Guest Houses Floreana Island

Overnight accommodation is allocated in community run guest houses on the tiny island of Floreana. These community houses offer clean and comfortable, private en suite accommodation.



Gran Hostal Tintorera, Isabela Island

The Gran Hostal Tintorera guesthouse is located just two minutes' walk from the main road in Isabela and 350m from the beach.

This friendly little property is family run and you will be sure to receive a warm welcome here. The clean spacious rooms are well equipped offering private bathrooms, hot water, air conditioning, TV, fridge and wi-fi.



PRICES / DATES INFO

All departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling together, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies to solo travellers and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. This Galapagos Island Hopping itinerary is also available to book on a private basis, departing on a date of your choice, subject to availability. Please contact us for details.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
13 May	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
17 May	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
15 Jun	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
25 Jun	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
09 Jul	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
16 Jul	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
21 Jul	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
26 Aug	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
16 Sep	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
21 Sep	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
20 Oct	USD 2,495	USD 2,845
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23 Dec	USD 2,495	USD 2,845

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