

WONDERS OF ECUADOR: GALAPAGOS DISCOVERY

PROGRAM 05 DAYS /06 NIGHTS

- Mono-Country Departure
- Quito, Galapagos

GUARANTEED DEPARTURE DATES FROM JANUARY UNTIL DECEMBER 2025

	Arrival	Departure
Month	Tuesday	Saturday
January	7-Jan	11-Jan
February	04-feb	08-feb
March	04-mar	08-mar
April	1-Apr	5-Apr
April	29-Apr	03-may
May	20-may	24-may
June	03-jun	07-jun
June	24-jun	28-jun
July	08-jul	12-jul
July	29-jul	2-Aug
August	26-Aug	30-Aug
September	30-sep	04-oct
November	04-nov	08-nov
December	2-Dec	6-Dec

TRIP SUMMARY

Day	Route	Lodging	Meals
1	International arrival	Quito Airport	-
2	Quito – Galapagos (Santa Cruz island)	Puerto Ayora	B/L
3	Galapagos: Bay exploration	Puerto Ayora	В
4	Galapagos: Full Day navigation	Puerto Ayora	B/L
5	Galapagos – Guayaquil/Quito – International arrival	-	В



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday: Quito

Transfer in Quito. Transportation from Airport to the hotel.

Overnight: at Wyndham Airport Quito (Standard Room) or similar

Included: Transportation

Meals: None

Day 2: Wednesday: Quito, Galapagos (Santa Cruz Island)

After breakfast, shuttle service by the hotel to the airport to take flight to Galapagos. Suggested flight from Quito (subject to change) LA1413 UIO/GPS 0820-1059 - not included Suggested flight from Quito (subject to change) AV1688 UIO/GPS 0911-1029 - not included

Arrival in the Galapagos. English speaking assistance.

Today we arrive on Baltra Island, the gateway to the Galapagos. This tiny island was a military base during the Second World War and hosts the Islands, principal airport. The airport was built using the most advanced environmental techniques to reduce emissions and energy use, some of which you will notice as you transit through the facility. It was the first ecological airport in the world. Ferry to Santa Cruz Island.

Highland Santa Cruz

The guide will pick you at the airport in order to start the visit to the highlands. You will visit shelters for the giant tortoises, lava tunnels and the twins that are geological formations formed by collapse over time.

One of our visit is a private farm that provides the opportunity to marvel at the celebrated Giant Galapagos Tortoise roaming in its natural habitat. You will have the option to visit geological formations like a natural lava tunnel or twin pit craters "The Gemelos or both, depending on your energy level. The "Gemelos or Twin Pit Craters, located in the Scalezia zone of the island, are a great place for bird watching. Look out for Darwin Finches, Galapagos Doves and Cattle egret.

Drive to Puerto Ayora for overnight.

***Not Included: Galapagos National Park entrance fee and tourist transit card

Overnight at Deja Vu hotel (Standard room) or similar OPTIONAL UPGRADE: Night at Hotel Ikala Galapagos (Standard Room) or similar

Included: transportation, Bilingual (Spanish/English) local speaking guide, excursion and lodging













Meals: Breakfast - Lunch



Day 3: Thursday: Galapagos

<u>Half-day excursion to Bay Exploration (SIB – shared service)</u>

This morning we will join a Puerto Ayora's bay exploration, at the main dock we will have a quick 10-minute navigation to la Loberia Island named after a sea lion colony that inhabits there. This small island is a great place to snorkel in amongst sea turtles and a great variety of colorful fish, and for playing with the ever-friendly and inquisitive sea lions.

Our next stop will be a hike to the Túnel del Amor (lover s tunnel) with a great viewpoint from where if lucky you can watch resting white-tip sharks. On the way back we will visit Punta Estrada's dock, where we'll go on a walk to watch marine iguanas...

Optional Full Day Experience with extra cost:

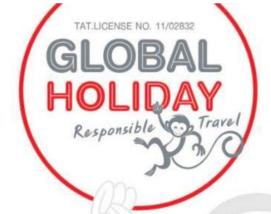
Visit to Cerro Meza & Kayak at Garrapatero (This tour replaces the Bay Exploration. Minimum 2 passengers.)

Overnight at Deja Vu hotel (Standard room) or similar Optional Upgrade: Night at Hotel Ikala Galapagos (Standard Room) or similar

Included: transportation, Bilingual (Spanish/English) local speaking guide, excursion and lodging Meals: Breakfast







Day 4: Friday: Galapagos

Full day Motor Yacht Tour with a Local Galapagueño

Set out to sea with an ex-fisherman, his welcoming crew and a knowledgeable naturalist guide for a full day excursion to experience the waters near one of the Galapagos' more remote islands. Recent history has transformed the Galapagos Islands, reshaping the local economy from one of subsistence fishing and small-scale agriculture to one where tourism employs some 40% of locals. We have worked with local fishermen to transform their careers from harvesting sea life to introducing the Galapagos' rich marine ecosystem to visitors while also helping to preserve them. Their livings are now made from sustainable tourism rather than fishing.

This full day excursion includes snorkeling and swimming opportunities.

** These excursions are subject to change without prior notification.

Overnight at Deja Vu hotel (Standard room) or similar

Optional Upgrade: Night at Hotel Ikala Galapagos (Standard Room) or similar

Included: transportation, Bilingual (Spanish/English) local speaking guide, excursion and lodging Meals: Breakfast - Lunch on board







Day 5: Saturday: Galapagos - Guayaquil/Quito

After breakfast, transfer to Baltra's airport to take flight back to mainland.

Suggested flight to Guayaquil (subject to change) AV1633 GPS/GYE 1139-1434 - not included (subject to change) XL1414 GPS/GYE 1211-1502 – not included

Suggested flight to Quito:

(subject to change) AV1633 GPS/UIO 1139-1615 – not included (subject to change) XL1414 GPS/UIO 1211-1651 – not included









Arrival in Guayaquil/Quito and international connection (or extension to your next adventure).

Included: transportation, Bilingual (Spanish/English) speaking assistance Meals: Breakfast

END OF OUR PROGRAM

RATES

The following prices are per person, based on 2025 rates, and subject to the availability of the cited hotels.

Minimum 02 passengers – Jan-Dec 2025

	In Double Basis (USD)	Single Supplement (USD)
Tourist category	1500	180
Superior category / first class	1830	590

^{*}Please, be advised that special terms and conditions apply for this program. Ask your sales executive for all details on reservations, payment and cancellation policies. *

- ** GROUP SIZE: Maximum of 16 passengers per group. Some shared services (tours, bus transfers) are exceptions, where the shared the departure group may join a bigger group for that particular service. **
- ***Not Included: Galapagos National Park entrance fee (US \$200 per adult/\$100 per child under 12), Tourist transit card (US \$20 per person). Rates subject to change.

Optional experiences with additional cost per person (USD)

Full day Visit to Cerro Meza & Kayak at Garrapatero (sharing excursion)	1111	370
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^{*}Note that this tour replaces the HD Bay Exploration. Rate shows the additional price of this alternative.

Hotel Options

Hotels by category	Tourist	Superior/first class	
Quito	Hotel Wyndham Airpoit Standard room		
Galapagos - Puerto Ayora	Deja Vu Hotel or Similar Standard room	Hotel Ikala Galapagos or Similar Standard room	

^{*}Hotels are subject to change due to availability on each departure.

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**This program can also be combined with some of our other regional Fixed Departures, as follows: Ecuador (Galapagos) + Peru (Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley & Machu Picchu)

Carbon bonds

Passengers have the chance to offset their carbon footprint while they travel by purchasing bonds from <u>US\$ 10 extra cost per</u> person in this program, equivalent to 1 ton. This way they will be contributing to conservation projects in the Peruvian Amazon.

^{*}Inquire about our pre or post extensions to Quito: