



## Adventure Galapagos Santa Cruz & Isabela Island - 8 Days (#18964)

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **29-12-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### Trip Highlights

Santa Cruz-Isabela Island-Santa Cruz

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 01: Quito/Guayaquil – Baltra – Puerto Ayora - Isabela

Flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra's airport where a naturalist guide will transfer you to Puerto Ayora.

After lunch at the town you will go to the port in order to embark on a public speedboat that will take you to Isabela Island (approximately 2-2.5 hour navigation).

On your arrival, a person will take you to the hotel for check in. Afterwards, you will visit the Flamingo lagoon.



Then, you will return to the hotel for Dinner and accommodation.

Note: To execute this itinerary, it is important to choose an early flight that arrives maximum at 10am to Baltra.

**Meal:** Lunch & Dinner

**Day 02****Day 02: Full Day Isabela**

Approximately at 7:30 am, the private trip to Sierra Negra Volcano will start. The passengers will be transported for about 45 minutes to the Galapagos National Park control site.

Then, you will begin a trek to the Sierra Negra and Chico Volcano. During the trek a box lunch would be provided.

In the afternoon, you will return to the hotel. Afterwards prepare to go to Tintoreras Islet. Go to the dock of Puerto Villamil in order to embark on small speedboats.

After a short ride (approx. 20 min.), you will arrive at Tintoreras. After the hike through the islet, you will snorkel. Over there you can see starfish, multicolour fish, sea-urchins, and with luck manta rays, sharks, and sea lions that may swim with very close to you.

Then you will return to Isabela and you will have dinner and accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03****Day 03: Half Day Isabela**

Located 40 minutes from Puerto Villamil, our first visit site is Roca Union, where you will have the opportunity to see the masked pike man, then you will go to the Tunnels (Los Tuneless). This unique geological site was formed by the lava emanated from the Sierra Negra volcano creating in a natural way arches points, tubes and tunnels above and underwater. At this site you can enjoy a short 10-15 minute walk to observe the volcanic formations and birds. Then you will visit El Finado, a hidden cove with crystal clear and calm waters, where you can snorkel among the mangroves and enjoy swimming near sea turtles, reef fish and sharks that rest in this place. Box lunch is included. Then you will return to Isabela and you will have a free afternoon. And you will have Dinner and accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 04****Day 04: Isabela-Santa Cruz**

At 05:30am, you will be transferred to the port to embark on a public speedboat to Santa Cruz (approximately 2-2.5hours of navigation). Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel for check in and breakfast. The guide will pick you up and take you to the highlands of Santa Cruz where you will see tortoises in their natural environment. The Highlands of Santa Cruz are a deep green, contrasting beautifully with much of the dry, lower islands. The dominant vegetation of the highlands is the scalesia trees, which grow in a lush green colour. The lava tubes, over half a mile long, are underground and walking through them is a very unique, surreal experience. After lunch in town, you will visit Tortuga Bay. Here, you walk for approximately 45 minutes, through a cactus trail on to the first beach, which is called Playa Brava due to its strong currents. On this beach you would see a lot of marine iguanas, marine birds and pelicans. After visiting Playa Brava, we continue with an additional 15 minute walk to reach Playa Mansa. This second beach is a natural lagoon visited by blue footed boobies and pelicans. It is also a beautiful place for swimming and relaxing on the beach. You will be walking the same distance to return to the hotel for dinner and accommodation.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 05****Day 05: Santa Cruz**

3 SAILING TOURS (Bartolome or North Seymour or Plazas or Santa Fe) only one of the islands you will visit this day after breakfast, the guide will meet you in the hotel's lobby in order to take you to the dock, and start the tour. Lunch will be included on board the small yacht. In the afternoon, you would return to the port. North Seymour Island is a spectacular place to hike, swim, and enjoy snorkelling. The main attractions are: the frigates, boobies, gulls, hawks, green sea turtles and the famous Galapagos Sharks. Bartolome Island is the most attractive landscape of the archipelago. This island is undoubtedly the most photographed in all the Galapagos Islands. You can appreciate a spectacular view of two beautiful bays and observe the fascinating formations of lava and volcanic cones. Two islands form Plazas. The turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava coast. It is a wonderful spot to observe marine life, including manta rays. Coasts are a perfect spot for snorkelling activity. Santa Fe Island (Spanish: Isla Santa Fe), also called Barrington Island after admiral Samuel Barrington, is a small island of 24 square kilometres (9.3 sq. mi) which lies in the centre of the Galapagos archipelago, to the south east of Santa Cruz Island. Geologically it is one of the oldest, since volcanic rocks of about 4 million years old have been found. The vegetation of the island is characterized by brush, Palo Santo trees and stands of a large variety of the prickly pear cactus *Opuntia echinocarpa*. Then, you will return to the hotel for Dinner and accommodation. Island will be chosen according to available spaces.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 06****Day 06: Santa Cruz**

3 SAILING TOURS (Bartolome or North Seymour or Plazas or Santa Fe) only one of the islands you will visit this day after breakfast, the guide will meet you in the hotel's lobby in order to take you to the dock, and start the tour. Lunch will be included on board the small yacht. In the afternoon, you would return to the port. North Seymour Island is a spectacular place to hike, swim, and enjoy snorkelling. The main attractions are: the frigates, boobies, gulls, hawks, green sea turtles and the famous Galapagos Sharks. Bartolome Island is the most attractive landscape of the archipelago. This island is undoubtedly the most photographed in all the Galapagos Islands. You can appreciate a spectacular view of two beautiful bays and observe the fascinating formations of lava and volcanic cones. Two islands form Plazas. The turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava coast. It is a wonderful spot to observe marine life, including manta rays. Coasts are a perfect spot for snorkelling activity. Santa Fe Island (Spanish: Isla Santa Fe), also called Barrington Island after admiral Samuel Barrington, is a small island of 24 square kilometres (9.3 sq. mi) which lies in the centre of the Galapagos archipelago, to the south east of Santa Cruz Island. Geologically it is one of the oldest, since volcanic rocks of about 4 million years old have been found. The vegetation of the island is characterized by brush, Palo Santo trees and stands of a large variety of the prickly pear cactus *Opuntia echinocarpa*. Then, you will return to the hotel for Dinner and accommodation. Island will be chosen according to available spaces.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 07****Day 07: Santa Cruz**

3 SAILING TOURS (Bartolome or North Seymour or Plazas or Santa Fe) only one of the islands you will visit this day after breakfast, the guide will meet you in the hotel's lobby in order to take you to the dock, and start the tour. Lunch will be included on board the small yacht. In the afternoon, you would return to the port. North Seymour Island is a spectacular place to hike, swim, and enjoy snorkelling. The main attractions are: the frigates, boobies, gulls, hawks, green sea turtles and the famous Galapagos Sharks. Bartolome Island is the most attractive landscape of the archipelago. This island is undoubtedly the most photographed in all the Galapagos Islands. You can appreciate a spectacular view of two beautiful bays and observe the fascinating formations of lava and volcanic cones. Two islands form Plazas. The turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava coast. It is a wonderful spot to observe marine life, including manta rays. Coasts are a perfect spot for snorkelling activity. Santa Fe Island (Spanish: Isla Santa Fe), also called Barrington Island after admiral Samuel Barrington, is a small island of 24 square kilometres (9.3 sq. mi) which lies in the centre of the Galapagos archipelago, to the south east of Santa Cruz Island. Geologically it is one of the oldest, since volcanic rocks of about 4 million years old have been found. The vegetation of the island is characterized by brush, Palo Santo trees and stands of a large variety of the prickly pear cactus *Opuntia echinocarpa*. Then, you will return to the hotel for



Dinner and accommodation. Island will be chosen according to available spaces.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 08****Day 08: Santa Cruz-Baltra**

Early in the morning you will visit the Charles Darwin Station. Here you will see a variety of species of Giant Tortoises. You will also listen about the ongoing conservation efforts directed at preserving the Giant Tortoises, as well as the environment of the archipelago as a whole. Afterwards, you and the guide would take the route to the airport, which lasts approximately 1 hour. At the airport, you will take your flight back to Quito or Guayaquil.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Accommodation in double rooms.

All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner). First day: lunch and dinner. Last day: Breakfast.

Transportation and Maritime timedviews.

Bilingual naturalist guide (English, Spanish).

Scheduled Visits.

Snorkeling equipment.

Transfers from Puerto Ayora –Isabela Island–Puerto Ayora.

Shared Sailing tours.

Navigation tours are shared.

## Exclusions

Air Ticket.

Galapagos National Park entrance fee AUD 230.00

INGALA Migration Control Card AUD 46.00

Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages.

Tips.



## Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

Tourist Superior

Santa Cruz: Finch Bay or Montemar.

Isabela Island: Scalesia Lodge or Iguana Crossing

First Class

Santa Cruz: Safari Camp or Villa Escalesia.

Luxury Class

Santa Cruz: Pikaia Lodge

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

**23 Feb, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024**

Tourist Superior

AUD 9,581 P P twin share

AVAILABLE

First Class

AUD 9,222 P P twin share

AVAILABLE

Luxury Class

AUD 11,588 P P twin share

AVAILABLE

