

Land-Based Galapagos Tours



Up close and personal with the Galapagos archipelago!

True Ecuador Travel's land-based Galapagos tours offer the best and most economical way to explore these enchanted islands and learn about the unique diversity that inspired Darwin! Take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime experience to get up close and personal with the Galapagos Islands with True Ecuador Travel.

Explore and Learn!

We offer 8 programs from 5 - 10 days that explore the variety, biodiversity and unique habitats of the Galapagos Archipelago, above and below the water line.

For those who would like to include diving in the programs we can quote for half-day and whole-day dive excursions in addition to the regular program activities.



Explore the Enchanted Galapagos Islands!
A Once-In-A-Lifetime Experience!

Discover the unique biodiversity of this volcanic, isolated archipelago, far off in the Pacific Ocean on a 5 to 10 day adventure. Experience at first hand and learn what inspired Darwin to develop the theory of evolution!





The islands that you can visit . . .

★ **Bartolomé:** Bartolomé Island showcases a beautiful landscape of a dormant volcano and a variety of red, orange, green, and glistening black volcanic formations. Swimming and snorkeling around Pinnacle Rock is a must for those who wish to see penguins, sea turtles, rays, sharks, and other endemic fish.

★ **North Seymour:** North Seymour is home to a large population of the famous Galapagos' blue-footed boobies, estimated at nearly 2,500. Swallow-tailed gulls, common noddies, and frigate birds are also present in great numbers. The playful behaviour of sea lions can be observed at the site Mosquera.

★ **Pinzón:** Pinzón Island offers one of the best sites for observing penguins and sea lions while diving or snorkelling. This tour will also include a visit to the Giant Tortoise Restoration Initiative where these ancient-looking creatures can be admired.

★ **Santa Fé:** Santa Fé is great for observing sea lions, massive Santa Fé Opuntia cacti, land iguanas, and Galapagos Hawks. The marine sites El Fondeadero, La Encañada, and Costa Este are great sites for observing sea lions, sea turtles, various species of rays, and Galapagos Sharks.

★ **Española:** Española has its own endemic species of lava lizard, mockingbird, and tortoise that can be observed. Punta Suarez is great for observing sea lions, numerous species of bird, and the Waved Albatross breeding colonies. The tour also brings you to Gardner Bay where time can be made for relaxing at a beautiful white sand beach.

★ **San Cristóbal:** The second most populated island in the Galapagos, with the main port town of Baquerizo Moreno. There is an interpretation center there as well as excursions that explore the island, its beaches and coastline.

★ **Santa Cruz:** The principal island of the Galapagos Archipelago, Santa Cruz has the best developed infrastructure around the port town of Puerto Ayora. Interesting excursions include the Academy Bay Tour, Charles Darwin Research Station, Highland tour, Los Gemelos, Tortuga Bay and more.

★ **Isabela:** Isabela Island is the biggest of all the islands in size, with the main settlement Puerto Villaroel. Interesting excursions include snorkeling at Las Tintoreras and Concha de Perla, lava tunnels and Sierra Negra volcano, a flamingo lagoon and hikes.

★ **Plazas:** Red-billed Tropicbirds, swallow-tailed gulls, and large colonies of land and marine iguanas are abundant at South Plazas. Besides the wildlife, this tour will also show the flora of the island, that is rich with prickly pear cactus trees and colourful ground vegetation.

Our land-based Galapagos tours combine whole-day and half-day guided excursions with recommended activities that you can do in the free time you have to explore according to your own interests and preferences.

Included: Transfers on arrival and departure, accommodation with breakfast, lunch on all-day tours, and excursions.

Not Included: Flights to and from Galapagos, national park entry fee (\$100) and INGALA card (\$20).





GL1 - Galapagos in a Nutschell

This 5-day adventure is perfect for those with a limited time available to explore the Galapagos Islands. Over the 5 days you will get to stay on and explore 2 islands (Santa Cruz and Isabela) and visit one more on a whole-day excursion - enough time to learn about the formation and evolution of this unique archipelago.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	Guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra
PM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + self-guided Garrapatero/Playa Alemanes
5 AM	Transfer to airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

**Subject to availability.*



GL1 Price: \$749.00



GL2 - Concise Galapagos

This 6-day adventure builds on the 5-day program and includes an extra day to explore the wonders and diversity of the Galapagos Archipelago. You will experience a wide variety of the ecological zones from the volcanic highlands to the golden beaches and along the reefs to see the diversity of land and marine life.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + self-guided Garrapatero/Playa Alemanes
PM	Academy Bay guided tour
6 AM	Transfer to airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

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GL2 Price: \$928.00



GL3 - Four Points Galapagos

This 7-day adventure takes you to 4 distinct islands to experience the incredible diversity of each, both on land and below the waterline, with visits to the volcanic interiors with lava tunnels, and both dry and humid forests, as well as the amazing variety of species that inhabit the reefs and ocean surrounding the Galapagos Islands.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + self-guided Garrapatero/Playa Alemanes
PM	Academy Bay guided tour
6 AM	All-day guided tour to Seymour, South Plazas or Pinzón*
PM	As above
7 AM	Transfer to airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

**Subject to availability.*



GL3 Price: \$1175.00

GL4 - Galapagos Genesis



This 8-day adventure encompasses many of the main destinations in the Galapagos to give the visitor a great overview of the isolated evolution of species of these inspiring islands. Mixing whole-day and half-day excursions with self-guided activities, the program combines organized tours with enough free time to be able to follow your own instincts and explore places of particular interest.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay - self guided
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Wall of Tears
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Recommended: Centro de Crianza Arnaldo Tupiza / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + self-guided Garrapatero/Laguna Ninfas
6 AM	Recommended: Playa de los Alemanes / Fish market / Tortoise Reserve
PM	Guided tour - Academy Bay
7 AM	All-day guided tour to South Plazas or Pinzón*
PM	As above
8 AM	Transfer to airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

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GL4 Price: \$1258.00

GL5 - Natural Galapagos



Nine days in the Galapagos offers the visitor ample time to explore in greater depth the natural life and biodiversity of these incredible islands both above and below the waterline, with visits to 4 different islands on this program. The stunning natural environment of the Galapagos with its micro-climates and species adaptations will provide endless fascination.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met & escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Launch return Santa Cruz + Garrapatero Beach / Playa de los Alemanes
PM	Guided Academy Bay Tour
6 AM	Launch to San Cristóbal + self-guided Playa Mann/ Playa de Oro
PM	Recommended: Tour of Interpretation Center/Cerro Tijeretas
7 AM	All-day guided Tour 360 of San Cristóbal
PM	As above
8 AM	Launch return to Santa Cruz / self-guided Laguna las Ninfas/Fish market
PM	Recommended: El Chato Tortoise Reserve
9 AM	Transfer to airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

**Subject to availability.*



GL5 Price:
\$1310.00

GL6 - Darwin's Galapagos



This 9-day program of whole-day and half-day excursions mixed with time for self-guided exploration offers many opportunities to experience directly the unique species and startling variations that led Darwin to develop his theory of evolution. This tour arrives in Baltra and departs from San Cristobal to avoid having to return to Santa Cruz at the end.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay - self guided
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + self-guided Garrapatero/Playa Alemanes
PM	Guided - Academy Bay Tour
6 AM	All-day guided tour to South Plazas or Pinzón*
PM	As above
7 AM	Launch to San Cristóbal + Recommended: Playa Mann/ Playa de Oro
PM	Recommended: Tour of Interpretation Center/Cerro Tijeretas
8 AM	All-day guided Tour 360 of San Cristóbal
PM	As above
9 AM	Transfer to San Cristóbal Airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

**Subject to availability.*



GL6 Price:
\$1435.00

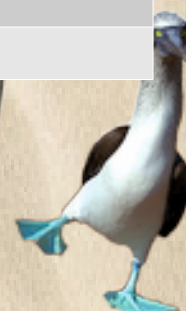
GL7 - Galapagos Insight



This extended 10-day Galapagos itinerary visits 5 distinct islands to give you insight into the unique species and surprising variations that so inspired Darwin on his arrival in 1835. You will stay on and explore three islands - Santa Cruz, Isabela and San Cristóbal, and visit two more on whole-day excursions, to fill your Galapagos adventure with memorable moments.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay - self guided
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + Tortuga Bay/Laguna Las Ninfas
PM	Guided Academy Bay Tour
6 AM	Launch to San Cristóbal
PM	Recommended: Tour of Interpretation Center/ Cerro Tijeretas
7 AM	All-day guided Tour 360 of San Cristóbal
PM	As above
8 AM	Launch to Santa Cruz + Recommended: Fish market/El Chato Tortoise Reserve
PM	Recommended: Garrapatero Beach/Playa de los Alemanes
9 AM	All-day guided tour to South Plazas or Pinzón
PM	As above
10 AM	Transfer to airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

**Subject to availability.*



GL7 Price: \$1555.00

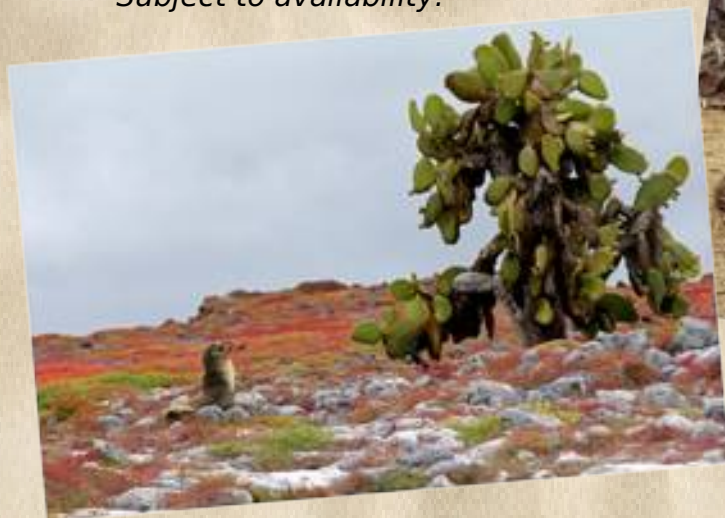
GL8 - Galapagos Revealed



This 10-day Galapagos itinerary also visits 5 distinct islands to reveal the wonders of this stunning archipelago in its full splendor. The program follows the varied activities of GL7 except for the last whole-day excursion and that it returns to Santa Cruz for departure from Baltra Airport on the last morning at around 9.30 am.

Day	Activity
1 AM	Arrive Baltra, met and escorted on Highland Tour on the way to your hotel
PM	Recommended: Charles Darwin Research Station and Tortuga Bay - self guided
2 AM	All-day guided tour to Bartolomé, Santa Fé or North Seymour*
PM	As above
3 AM	Launch to Isabela + Recommended: Playa del Amor / Media Luna Hill / Flamingo Lagoon
PM	Guided Tintoreras snorkel tour
4 AM	All-day guided tour to Volcan Sierra Negra/Túneles
PM	As above
5 AM	Launch return to Santa Cruz + self-guided Garrapatero/Playa Alemanes
PM	Guided tour - Academy Bay
6 AM	All-day guided tour to Seymour, South Plazas or Pinzón*
PM	As above
7 AM	Launch to San Cristóbal + Recommended: Playa Mann / Playa de Oro - self guided
PM	Recommended: Tour of Interpretation Center/ Cerro Tijeretas
8 AM	All-day guided Tour 360 of San Cristóbal
PM	As above
9 AM	All-day guided tour to Española Island
PM	As above
10 AM	Transfer to San Cristóbal Airport for return to Quito or Guayaquil
PM	Arrive Quito/Guayaquil

**Subject to availability.*



GL8 Price: \$1744.00



Information and Reservations:

- ★ *These programs can be arranged throughout the year, often at short notice. Contact us to confirm an itinerary, from months to just days before you would like to depart.*
- ★ *We can also quote for flights to and from the Galapagos. Prices change throughout the year depending on the season, ranging from around \$300 to \$550 in general.*
- ★ *If you hold a current diver's licence (you must have it with you) then you can add diving as an option on any day. Contact us for more information.*
- ★ *Hotels in these programs are regular tourist-class hotels. We can quote for upgraded hotels to tourist superior or luxury. Bear in mind though that you will spend most of the time out exploring, and mostly will return to the hotel to shower and sleep before the next day's excitement, so hotel level may not be a priority as long as it is comfortable and clean.*
- ★ *Whole-day and half-day excursions are organized with trusted local providers with English-speaking guides and using modern launches and motor yachts.*
- ★ *Breakfasts are included every day and on whole-day excursions lunches are included. Lunch can be purchased for around \$5 and dinner from around \$6 and upwards from the many local and tourist restaurants.*
- ★ *In the evenings you will be able to wander around the small towns, use the internet, enjoy a coffee or beer and watch the sea-lions lounging on the sea front before the next day's adventure.*

Included: Transfers on arrival and departure, accommodation with breakfast, lunch on all-day tours, and excursions.

Not Included: Flights to and from Galapagos, national park entry fee (\$100) and INGALA card (\$20).



Contact: