



Galapagos Family Experience: Nature and Wildlife

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Private Touring

- Flexible Dates
- Flexible Itinerary
- Upgrade Accommodation
- Local Guide Service
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle

Tour Vehicle

Car or Small Van AC

Tour Guide

Local English only guide

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Quito

Welcome to Quito! The biggest, best-preserved colonial city of America was declared an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. The city is considered the Cultural Capital of South America and the second most important city of the old Inca Empire. Depending on arrival time, you can spend your day exploring the old town of Quito and the surrounding area. We can help you to organize a day trip. In the evening, one of our trip leaders will meet you at the hotel for a welcome briefing and there will be plenty of time to discuss details and answer any questions you may have regarding the adventure. Our first day is an informational and acclimation day.

Hotel/Other Details

Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar.

Day 02: Arrival in Galapagos

Today we get ready to explore the most amazing archipelago on the Pacific coast and the place where Charles Darwin based his theory on the evolution of species. We will board a morning flight from Quito to the island of Baltra. Once arrived, we head to the town of Puerto Ayora, the biggest town in the Galapagos. From here we will take a fast boat to Isabela, the largest island in the archipelago and the place where the most volcanic activity in the Galapagos is reported. The island is formed by six shield volcanoes, Alcedo, Cerra Azul, Darwin, Ecuador, Sierra Negra, and Wolf, five of them are still active, and therefore the island is one of the most volcanically active places on earth.

Hotel/Other Details

Hotel Cally or similar.

Day 03: Hike Sierra Negra Active Volcano

After driving up from Puerto Villamil to the trailhead, we will prepare our backpacks and hike into a young forest ecosystem, a world of recent geological history. Our destination is the rim of Sierra Negra Crater, an active volcano that last erupted in October 2005. Upon arrival, we take in breathtaking views and explore the circumference of the massive, lava-filled crater, over six miles across at its widest point. Enjoy the Afternoon a bit more relaxed by the beach or take your first snorkeling exploration at Concha Perla bay looking for sea lions, turtles, and more sea wildlife. You can also sign in for an optional surfing lesson in your free time.

Hotel/Other Details

Hotel Cally or similar.

Day 04: Breeding Centre, Flamingo Lagoon and Tintoreras - Isabela

Today, we will head out on our mountain bikes to explore the beautiful coastline on an exclusive trail, taking us through an incredible ecosystem with a wide variety of wildlife. We start with a visit to the Wall of Tears, a massive wall built with lava rocks. This site dates back to the '50s, when Isabela was used as a penal colony, and prisoners were forced to build the wall to keep them from going mad, because of the isolation they experienced. As we continue our ride along the coast, we will explore pristine, white sand beaches, mangrove forests, and lagoons. This area is filled with birdlife, including American oystercatchers, herons, flamingos, finches, and many shore birds, as well as the ubiquitous sea lions and marine iguanas. The afternoon is time to refresh in the water going on board our kayaks and visiting Tintoreras Islet, located a short distance from Puerto Villamil and home to a great variety of wildlife. Its turquoise, crystalline waters are inhabited by white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos Penguins, marine turtles, and sea lions. One of its beaches surrounded by mangroves is one of the few sites where marine iguanas can reproduce successfully.

Hotel/Other Details

Hotel Cally or similar.

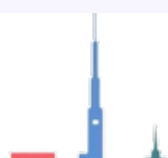
Day 05: Charles Darwin Research Station

In the morning, traverse from Isabela to Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Once we arrive, we will check in at the hotel. We will then visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn more about many of the endemic species seen in the wild, as well as the ongoing conservation and management efforts on the Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, we will head to the 'El Chato' reserve in the highlands of Santa Cruz, home to the famous Galapagos tortoises. Hiking through El Chato's beautiful landscape with these lumbering giants is an unforgettable experience! We will also see other highland wildlife such as pintail ducks, egrets, flycatchers, finches, and frigatebirds, which gather to wash the salt off their feathers at a freshwater lake. Afterward, return to Puerto Ayora to spend the evening in Galapagos' most populous town.

Hotel/Other Details

La Casa de Judy or similar.

Day 06: Santa Cruz - Free Day - Optional Diving



Today, you can experience the Galapagos at your pace! As an option, you can go on a self-guided exploration walk through a dry forest to Tortuga Bay (about 3 ½ miles long), a beautiful white sand beach, and the nesting side to thousands of marine turtles. This beautiful place invites swimming or snorkelling.

Alternatively, you can join any optional activities (at an extra cost), such as a trip to Floreana Island, Bartolome Island, or a scuba-diving day trip, just to mention a few.

Hotel/Other Details

La Casa de Judy or similar.

Day 07: Flight back to Quito

After our final breakfast on the Galapagos Island and the last photos taken of sea lions, we will have a transfer to Baltra's airport in time to catch the flight back to the mainland.

Hotel/Other Details

Sheraton Quito Hotel or similar

Day 08: Departure

Today our trip will end and you will have your International departures. Take with you your memories and photos and leave a piece of your heart, as you will want to return to Ecuador soon to experience more of this enchanted land. We wish you a "buen viaje"!

Inclusion

Transportation: Airport transfers (national flights), sea transportation Santa Cruz – Isabela islands round trip, comfortable land transportation.

Accommodation based on double occupancy: 5* hotel in Quito, 4+ star hotels in Galapagos.

Meals: 7 breakfasts and 2 box lunches.

Activities: Biking to Breeding centre and flamingos lagoon, kayak & snorkel in Tintoreras islet, Hike to Sierra Negra Active volcano, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, hiking in Santa Cruz highlands.

Outdoor gear: Snorkelling mask and fins, life vest.

Trip Leader: Certified expert English-speaking adventure Trip Leader and naturalist local guides in Galapagos National Park.

Exclusion

International flights.

Airfare Quito – Galapagos – Quito round trip.

Airport transfer (international flights).

Travel insurance (suggested).

Meals not described in the itinerary

INGALA transit card: AUD 48 per person, cash only (subject to change).

Galapagos National Park fee: AUD 485 per person, cash only (subject to change).

USD AUD 24 pier-use fee at Puerto Villamil.
Wetsuit for rent: AUD 24.

Note

Unique Experiences:

Enjoy real time encounter with the most amazing wildlife up your finger tips and discover the power nature with the evolutionary changes of such a unique animals.

Snorkel through lava formations with sea turtles, penguins, sea horses, sea lions and sharks at Lava Tunnels.

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Tour Dates & Pricing

2-3 pax		
20 Dec 2024 Till 31 Dec 2025	AU\$7,464 Per Single AU\$5,748 Per Twin	On-Request
4-5 pax		
20 Dec 2024 Till 31 Dec 2025	AU\$6,393 Per Single AU\$4,676 Per Twin	On-Request
6 plus		
20 Dec 2024 Till 31 Dec 2025	AU\$6,061 Per Single AU\$4,344 Per Twin	On-Request

