Ecuador

Wonders of Ecuador & Galápagos

Travel TAGs

Cultural Immersion | Nature

Overview

02 Nights in Guayaquil
04 Nights in Galápagos Island



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Inclusions / Exclusions

Inclusions

- **Transfers**
  - Transfers Airport – Hotel – Airport in each city.
  - LOBITO bus from airport to Itabaca Canal
  - Ferry to/from Itabaca Canal
- **Excursions**
  - Charles Darwin Research Station & Playa Tortuga Bay
  - Upper part + Los Gemelos craters and lava tunnels
  - Full day Isabela Islands
  - Rifts, German Beach and Salt Mines
- **Meals**
  - Daily breakfast at the hotel in Guayaquil.
  - Full board on Galapagos Islands Hotel
- **Others**
  - National air fares (Guayaquil – Galápagos)
  - Entrances fees for the mentioned sites.
  - Accommodation in the detailed hotels or similar.
  - Permanent assistance in each destination.

Exclusions

- **International air fares.**
- **Tourism Card: 20 USD per person in Airport on the way out of Ecuador.**
- **Services and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary. Drinks.**
- **Early check-in, late check-out and hotel extras.**
- **Personal expenses.**
- **Travel Insurance.**
- **Tips for guides and hotel staff.**
- **Optional or alternative tours.**

Rates

Superior

Date	DOUBLE	Transfers	Excursions
01/Feb/2025 – 31/Dec/2025	From USD 2,562	Shared	Shared
01/Jan/2026 – 30/Sep/2026	From USD 2,690		

First

Date	DOUBLE	Transfers	Excursions
01/Feb/2025 – 31/Dec/2025	From USD 3,758	Shared	Shared
01/Jan/2026 – 30/Sep/2026	From USD 3,950		

Black out dates*: Christmas & New Year's Season, Easter Holidays, Winter and Special Events in the region. Please, check with us the special rates and conditions for those dates.*

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Hotels

Hotels in Guayaquil

Superior Category:	**Holiday Inn Guayaquil Airport – Standard Room**
First Category:	**Wyndham Puerto Santa Ana – Standard Room**

Hotels in Galapagos Islands

Superior Category:	**Fiesta Hotel – Standard Room**
First Category:	**Royal Palm Curio by Hilton – Standard Room**

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Itinerary Details

Day 1: Guayaquil (- / - / -)

Upon arrival, our staff will be waiting for you at the airport to transfer you to the selected hotel.

Overnight in Guayaquil.

Day 2: Guayaquil - Galápagos (B / L / D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

At estimated time we will pick you up to transfer you to the airport and continue with your itinerary.

Upon arrival at Seymour Airport on Baltra Island, the adventure begins with a shared transfer on the "LOBITO" bus to the Itabaca Channel. There, you will board a ferry to cross over to Santa Cruz Island, where you can take in their first breathtaking views of the archipelago. Once on Santa Cruz, a shared vehicle will transfer to the hotel, offering time to relax before the afternoon activities.

Charles Darwin Research Station & Puerto Ayora Boardwalk





In the afternoon, we will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, a vital center for conservation efforts in the Galápagos Islands. Here, passengers will learn about the protection of local flora and fauna, including the giant tortoise breeding program and the restoration of endemic species. After the visit, they will have free time to stroll along the Puerto Ayora Boardwalk, exploring its charming shops, jewelry stores, and bars. As night falls, they can experience the magical ambiance of the eco-friendly pier, beautifully illuminated and offering a chance to observe marine life in its natural habitat.

Transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight in Galapagos Islands.

Day 3: Galápagos Islands (B / L / D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Tortuga Bay Beach: A Paradise of White Sands and Wildlife





Your day starts with a visit to Tortuga Bay Beach, one of the most breathtaking spots in the Galápagos Islands. This pristine stretch of white sand is not only a paradise for visitors but also an important nesting site for black sea turtles. After a scenic 50-minute walk along a well-maintained trail, you will arrive at this stunning natural reserve, where you can admire the crystal-clear waters, unique coastal vegetation, and diverse marine life. Take your time to relax, swim, or simply enjoy the beauty of this untouched paradise.

Highlands of Santa Cruz: Giant Tortoises in Their Natural Habitat





In the afternoon, after lunch, our transportation will pick you up from your hotel for a visit to the Highlands of Santa Cruz. This area offers a spectacular panoramic view of the island's lush landscapes. The highlight of your visit will be a stop at a private ranch, where you will have the incredible opportunity to observe giant

tortoises roaming freely in their natural habitat. Your guide will share fascinating insights about these iconic creatures and let you know when it's time to return to your hotel.

Overnight in Galápagos Islands.

Day 4: Galápagos Islands (B / L / D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Isabela Island – Flamingos, Tortoises & Snorkeling





Early in the morning (7 am) you will board a speedboat for a 2.5-hour journey to Isabela Island. Your first stop will be the Flamingo Lagoon, the largest lagoon in the Galápagos and one of the main breeding sites for flamingos. Next, you will visit the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center, where you can observe different subspecies of these iconic reptiles in various stages of their life cycle.
After lunch, you will continue to Playa del Amor or Concha Perla, where you can enjoy swimming and snorkeling in crystal-clear waters. This unique organic beach, formed by seashells, is home to adult marine iguanas and serves as a nesting site for them during the warm season. Throughout the journey, you will have the chance to spot unique marine species. At the end of the tour, your guide will drop you off at your hotel, where you can relax and enjoy the facilities.

ALTERNATIVE TOUR (INCLUDED AS SECOND OPTION): San Cristóbal Highlands – Crater, Tortoises & Pristine Beaches





Today, you will explore the highlands of San Cristóbal! The adventure begins with a scenic drive to El Junco, the only freshwater lagoon in the Galápagos, located inside an extinct volcanic crater. A short hike will take you to the summit, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the island and observe frigatebirds as they rinse the salt from their feathers. Please note that swimming is not allowed in this area.
Next, you will visit the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center, where you will learn about the conservation and repopulation efforts for these incredible creatures. Then, it's time to relax at Puerto Chino Beach, a postcard-perfect paradise where you can swim, sunbathe, or simply enjoy the stunning scenery.
Lunch will be served at the port—a dining experience you won't forget! Afterward, you will return to the town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

Overnight in Galápagos Islands.

Day 5: Galápagos Islands (B / L / C)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Las Grietas & Salt Mines Adventure





After breakfast, you will take a short walk to Puerto Ayora's main pier, where a water taxi will transport you to the other side of the island. From there, a 5-minute walk will bring you to Playa de los Alemanes, a beautiful beach where you can enjoy the tranquil surroundings before continuing to the Salt Mines. In the past, this site was used for harvesting salt for domestic consumption.
A few minutes further, you will reach Las Grietas, one of Santa Cruz Island's most fascinating natural attractions. This rock fissure is where freshwater from the highlands filters down and mixes with seawater, creating a unique brackish swimming area. Here, you can enjoy snorkeling, swimming, and photography in an unforgettable setting.
During your walk, you will also observe giant cacti, which have evolved to grow taller to reach sunlight while avoiding being eaten by land iguanas and tortoises that once roamed this area. You may also spot Darwin's finches, ducks, herons, and other native wildlife.
After an immersive day in nature, you will return to Puerto Ayora.

Overnight in Galápagos Islands.

Day 6: Galápagos Islands – Guayaquil (B / - / -)

Breakfast at the hotel.

At the designated time, you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival, you will continue with your itinerary in this vibrant coastal city.

Overnight in Guayaquil.

Day 7: Guayaquil (B / - / -)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Your journey comes to an end today. At the scheduled time, you will be transferred from your hotel in Guayaquil to the airport, where you will check in for your flight back home.

End of our services

About our itineraries

The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.

Legend

B=Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner BL= Box Lunch

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Important Remarks

- Rates per person, in double accommodation in American dollars.
- **RATES** valid for the dates detailed above, except on Public Holidays or Special Season. Ask us for other dates, additional nights or extensions.
- National Air Fare includes Carry On (10 kg)
- No reservations have been placed. Hotels may vary according to availability.
- All prices are subject to change without previous notice.
- For other travel dates or itinerary variants, contact us.
- Exploratours reserves the right to confirm similar hotels, prior coordination with the client, in case any of the above indicated options are not available.

