



THE CHARM OF GALAPAGOS 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS





Trip Overview

#	Itinerary	Hotel	Meals
1	Transfer In Apt Guayaquil - Hotel	<u>Hotel Palace or similar</u>	-/-/-
2	Flight to Galapagos San Cristobal Island. Visit Tijeretas and Carola beach	<u>Hotel Algarrobos</u>	B/L/-
3	Visit Playa Ochoa Isla Lobos y Loberia	<u>Hotel Algarrobos</u>	B/BL/-
4	Transfer to Santa Cruz Tunnel; Darwin station/Station Beach	<u>Hotel Galapagos Native</u>	B/BL/-
5	Visit Santa Fe	<u>Hotel Galapagos Native</u>	B/BL/-
6	Visit North Seymour	<u>Hotel Galapagos Native</u>	B/BL/-
7	Bartolome; Sullivan	<u>Hotel Galapagos Native</u>	B/BL/-
8	Cerro puntudo	<u>Hotel Galapagos Native</u>	B/BL/-
9	Transfer to Isabela and visit Tintoreras	<u>Hotel Cally Lodge</u>	B/-/-
10	Sierra negra	<u>Hotel Cally Lodge</u>	B/-/-
11	Cabo rosa – transfer Santa Cruz	<u>Hotel Galapagos Native</u>	B/BL/-
12	Transfer to the Airport flight back to Gye	<u>Hotel Palace or similar</u>	B/-/-
13	Transfer out flight back home		

D = Breakfast, BL = Box Lunch, A = Lunch, C = Dinner

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Day



Sunday July 6th /Transfer In Welcome to Guayaquil



You will be picked up from the airport by a comfortable shuttle that will take you to the Hotel in Guayaquil. Welcome Dinner depends of the flight time



Meals : Dinner depends of the flight time



Accommodation: Hotel Palace or Similar

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Day



Monday, July 7th /Transfer to the airport/Flight to Galápagos –Arrive to San Cristóbal Island



Your private, licensed guide will be there to meet you when you arrive at the airport and drive you to the hotel. You will visit the Interpretation Center after your box lunch with the guide to learn about the origins, colonization, and destiny of the islands. When you get there, Tijeretas is a bay with shallow water. Snorkeling will allow you to witness sea lions, a variety of tropical fish, and turtles. At Carola Beach, where your trail trip comes to end.



Meals : Breakfast (Guayaquil)/Lunch (gps)



Accommodation: Hotel Algarrobos



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Day



Tuesday, July 8 th /Visit Isla Lobos and Loberia



Once there we disembark at the site to begin the walk along the trail authorized by the Galapagos National Park, which is 850 meters long and the estimated travel time is one hour. There is a small population of blue footed boobies and common frigate birds that nest in this site, among other bird species flying over the place. You can also observe a large colony of sea lions relaxing in the bushes or sunbathing on the trail and beach. During the walk we pass through an area of arid vegetation (salt bushes), volcanic rock substrate and a sandy area. At the end of the hike we return to the boat to put on our snorkeling gear to go in search of juvenile sea lions, rays and sea turtles and many fish to discover.

In the warm season from January to May you can see marine iguanas swimming and feeding. During the boat tour you can observe pelicans and several species of shore birds. After all this activity we go to Playa Ochoa which will take us a few minutes to arrive, to have lunch on the boat and then enjoy the beach (the time of stay is about 1 hour). Playa Ochoa is located in a small bay with a small beach, ideal for swimming. In the afternoon we will visit Loberia A 900-meter nature trail will lead you to a beautiful 2.5 kilometer beach, ideal for snorkeling and surfing in harmony with the varied fauna of the enchanted islands, including a colony of sea lions.



Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch



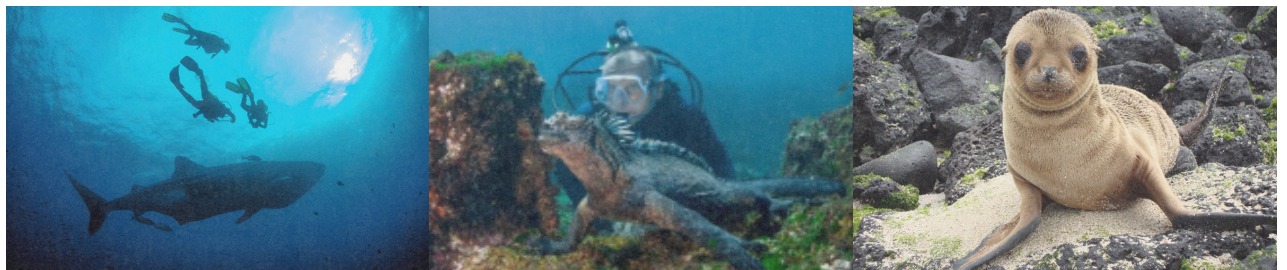
Accommodation: Hotel Algarrobo

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Day



Wednesday, July 9th /Transfer to Santa Cruz - Highlands – Lava Tunnel



Once in Santa Cruz, our specialized guide will pick you up to take you to visit the upper part of Santa Cruz Island. On the way, you will observe the change from dry vegetation in the lower part to a tropical rainforest in the upper part. The characteristic trees in the upper part are the Escalecías and the Palo Santos. Here you will visit a farm, where you will have the opportunity to observe the famous giant tortoises in their natural environment. After the tour, you will enjoy a typical lunch. You will continue your tour to an impressive end. tunnel of almost 300 meter long, formed by lava flows (the outer part of the lava cooled faster than the inner part, and therefore this tunnel was formed). Experience total darkness and learn about the formation of these marvelous islands; the upper part of the island is where the main solidified lava rivers from hundreds of years ago remain.

The tunnels are formed when the surface layer of the lava flow cools as it comes into contact with the cooler atmospheric air. As it cools and hardens, it acts as a material The lava tube is an insulating material, preventing the solidification of the hot fluid material that continues to flow underneath it. At the end of the eruption and once all the lava has passed through, the result is an empty tube. Due to cooling, fissures, and tremors, the upper part of the tube usually fractures, collapsing, thus exposing its interior. Arrival in the afternoon at the hotel in Puerto Ayora.



Meals : Breakfast/Lunch



Accommodation: Galapagos Native

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Day



Thursday, July 10th / Visit Santa Fé



We will begin our adventure to Santa Fe Island with a navigation of approximately 45 minutes. Santa Fe is very special and recognized because it has the clearest water in Galapagos (turquoise waters) and preserves within its bay the best marine life of the islands. Here we will enjoy two beautiful snorkeling or swimming times with baby manta rays, baby sea lions, sea turtles and a reef full of colorful fish endemic to the area. In our next activity we will do an experiential (interactive) fishing for about 20 to 45 minutes. Depending on the catch we may prepare a Sashimi or Ceviche as an appetizer for the group. Then we head to a landing at Playa Escondida, with free time to do whatever activity we like, photography, swimming, snorkeling or just relaxing on the sand. We will also be able to observe the bay shark and marine iguana nesting time (special activity in Galapagos).



Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch



Accommodation: Galapagos Native

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Day



Friday, July 11th/ Visit Bachas / North Seymour Day Tour



We will leave from Puerto Ayora to the Itabaca channel by bus or a van. Once in the channel, we will board the boat for a short boat ride to North Seymour Island. This island is located at the center of the archipelago and has a relatively flat surface because of its formation by an uprising seabed, in comparison to other archipelago islands, which were formed by volcanic eruptions.

Once on the island, we will disembark to walk along the approximately two-kilometer long trail, which goes through some of the largest frigate colonies in the archipelago. Besides the frigates, blue-footed boobies, seagulls, land iguanas, marine iguanas, and a colony of sea lions inhabit this island too. This is also one of the best places on the islands to see the frigates inflating their distinctive red featherless pouches to attract females. On this island, we will also find the endemic plant *lignum vitae*, a bushy tree that can remain without leaves during the entire summer but that it turns green with the first rains of the year. After visiting Seymour, we will head to the beach known as Bachas, located in the north of Santa Cruz Island. On this visit site, we will have time to snorkel and enjoy the sea and beach. The name "Bachas" comes from the local pronunciation "barges" because the American army deserted two boats (barges) after the Second World War. Besides snorkeling, this beach is an excellent place to observe wildlife, including Flamingos, zayapas (Galapagos crabs) and many marine birds. Activities: Walking, swimming, snorkeling (superficial diving) and wildlife observation.



Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch



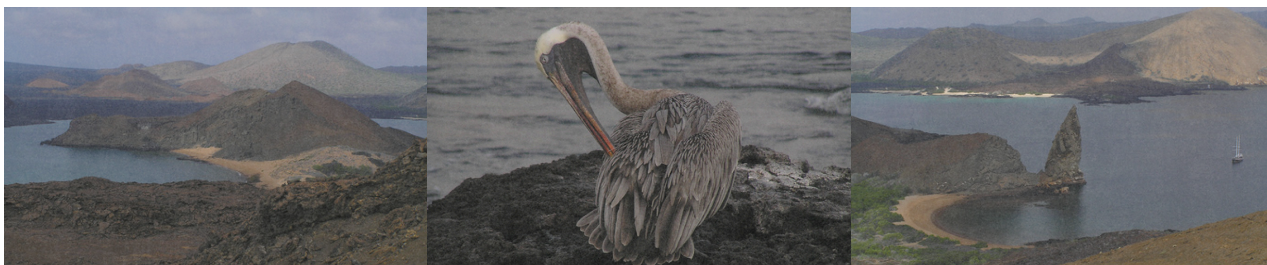
Accommodation: Galapagos Native

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Saturday, July 12th/ Visit Bartolomé / Sullivan Bay Day Tour



Bartolomé is a small Galapagos island located 18 miles northwest of the Itabaca Channel. When you arrive at Bartolomé, you are greeted with one of the most incredible One of the most incredible landscapes. The summit trail begins with a dry landing, although the sea lions make the purpose-built pier more exciting. The trail is a dusty walk through volcanic ash.

The only vegetation is the "pioneer plant Tiquilia" and the greenish Chamaesyce. These are vital for fixing the ash that descends from the hill. St. Bartholome is considered one of the best places to dive in the central region of the Galapagos. In the central Galapagos region, a swim at the foot of Pinnacle Rock and around its base is the most important deep water snorkeling with many species of parrot fish, sea turtles, sea lions and sometimes Galapagos penguins. After an exquisite lunch on board our boat we will head to Sullivan Bay, located on the eastern coast of Santiago, Sullivan Bay is the most interesting lava field in the Galapagos.

A short lava walk is a unique opportunity to experience the volcanic origins of the islands. Pahoe hoe and AA lava are the predominant forms in this lunar landscape. After the shore visit, you will have time to snorkel and enjoy an amazing white sand beach where you will observe many different species of fish, some turtles, sea lions, and eventually Galapagos penguins.



Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch



Accommodation: Galapagos Native

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Day



Sunday, July 13th/ Visit Cerro Puntudo



El Puntudo and Cerro Crocker, are the highest elevations of Santa Cruz Island, where you can enjoy a fantastic view of the island and its surroundings, it is surrounded by meconium vegetation, which grows only in this part of the island. These mountains are the nesting place of the Galapagos Petrel, which is a marine bird that only visits the island when it is in its nesting stage and can only be seen while feeding in the ocean during the day, so it is necessary that, during the tour, the visitor remains within the trail to avoid destroying the nests that are at ground level.

It is of utmost importance that the visit of these places is done through a tour with its respective guide because it is a long way to go and you run the risk of getting lost.



Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch



Accommodation: Galapagos Native

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Day



Monday, July 14th /Transfer to Isabela by Ferry /Visit Tintoreras



After breakfast, we will go to the port to take our boat to Isabela Island in approximately 2 hours and a half. We will visit three main points among these: Tintoreras, where we can do snorkeling and hiking on the path of tintoreras, we will also visit the breeding center to learn how turtles reproduce in their natural habitat, we will also visit the lodge of flamingos. The order of visits will depend on the option that we are given for the visit to Tintoreras.



Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch



Accommodation: Hotel la Laguna



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Tuesday, July 15th/ Visit Volcano Sierra Negra


We recommend wearing comfortable hiking shoes, waterproof poncho, a jacket, sun protection, water bottle, sun hats and store any electronics in holsters in case of rain. The 16 km hike takes about 3 hours. The hike is done on a medium-difficulty trail with a gentle slope. Sierra Negra Volcano has the second longest crater in the world, approximately 6 miles in diameter and 300 feet deep and is one of the most spectacular sights in Galapagos.


Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel la Laguna

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Day


Wednesday, July 16th/ Visit to Cabo Rosa (Tunnels) / Transfer a Santa Cruz


Early in the morning you will be picked up for your tour to the Inicia tunnels heading to a rock called La Union, a small islet located in the open sea where you can observe Pelicans, Nazca boobies and blue footed boobies and some sea lions resting on the rocks.

After this short stop we sail for about 45 minutes approx. to reach rocky lava formations in the form of tunnels, since, in ancient eruptions, lava passed under the earth forming tunnels that later collapsed and gave rise to these arches over the water where you can clearly see vegetation coming out of the rock, crystal clear water, sea lions and penguins stroll among the arches. And you will be taken to Santa Cruz to rest. We will also visit the point called Finados, which is a mound of rocks that houses a large amount of biodiversity and at this point we will snorkel.


Meals : Breakfast/ Box Lunch

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Day



Thursday, July 17th/ Transfer to the Airport /Flight Back to Guayaquil



You will be picked up from your hotel in time for your flight to Guayaquil. Transfer airport -hotel.



Meals : Breakfast



Accommodation: Hotel Palace or Similar

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Day



Friday, July 18th/ Transfer to the Airport /Flight back home



You will be picked up from your hotel in time for your international flight to get back home.

ENJOY YOUR TRIP 

NB: Please read all itineraries as a guide only. All routes and programs may change without notice due to National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes, safety reasons and wildlife encountered during the trip. Flexibility is key to the success of any expedition. However, the safety and interest of our passengers is always the first priority.

Included:

- Domestic airfare (Guayaquil-Galapagos-Guayaquil)
- Entrance fee to the Galapagos National Park (200 USD)
- Control Card (20 USD)
- 12 nights of lodging in tourist category hotels (including nights in Guayaquil).
- Full meals: according to the itinerary (B=breakfast, B= Box lunch, L=lunch, D=dinner, D=dinner)
- Transfer in and out in Galapagos and Guayaquil
- Bilingual and certified local naturalist guide (Spanish - English)
- Navigable excursions and land visits according to itinerary
- Snorkeling equipment (mask, snorkel)
- Assistance in all activities according to the itinerary.

Not Included:

- International airfare
- Wetsuit
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Entrance to Isabela Island 10 usd per person
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions



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HOTELS

Guayaquil .-

Palace Hotel .-



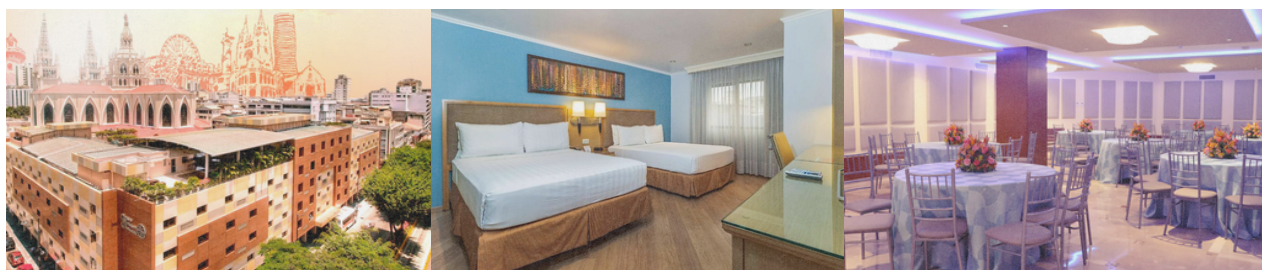
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Grand Hotel Guayaquil .-



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GALAPAGOS

San Cristobal .-

Algarrobo Hotel .-



Algarrobo Hotel

Hotel Los Algarrobo is located in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, just 100 meters from Mann Beach. It offers a free daily breakfast and free WiFi.

The rooms feature a TV, closet, air conditioning, tiled floors, and a private bathroom with shower and toilet.

Hotel Los Algarrobo has a 24-hour reception, tropical gardens, a games room with pool table and a shared terrace overlooking the village. There is also a small 24-hour snack area where coffee, tea, water, chocolate and flavored water are served.

Hotel Los Algarrobo is less than 5 minutes' walk from several restaurants and stores and only 1.5 km from San Cristóbal Airport.

Santa Cruz .-

Galapagos Native .-



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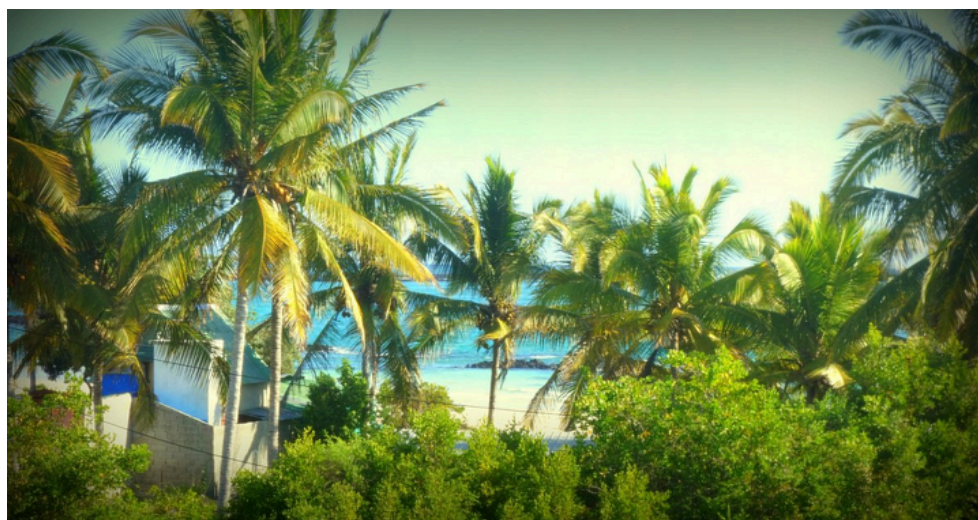



Welcome to Hotel Cally

The Jaramillo Sinche family has dedicated their life and work to make thousands of tourists fully enjoy the Galapagos paradise, Isabela in particular.

The company has several years of history and experience. Cesar Jaramillo owner of the hotel and former fisherman, clinging to the sea and the charm of the island, decided to build an elegant building with a modern style, complementing their tourism activities, as several years ago gave his life to tourism, investing in cars and boats that would facilitate the arrival of passengers to this beautiful place.

As time went by, he realized that it was necessary to provide comfortable lodging and quality service, so he decided to increase excellent adaptations to the hotel and always provide the best service for guests to have a pleasant experience.



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