

Eco-Zone Explorer Galapagos: Tours & Cruises

Snorkeling with sea turtles really beats everything. Gentle giants, old as trees. Seal lions, penguins, swimming iguanas, blue footed boobies, red footed boobies, gulls and flamingoes, this place is like Noah's Ark.

Eco-Zone Explorer Galapagos Detailed Itinerary from Quito Daily Year Round

This is an interactive land based expedition developed in participation with the local community. Isabela is the largest island and contains over 60% of the flora and fauna of the archipelago and is located right on the equator. Amongst Isabela's attractions you will find five active volcanoes, the most extensive wetlands on the archipelago and a three kilometre beach. You can also enjoy trekking with giant tortoises, snorkelling with marine turtles, kayaking amongst flamingos.

Day 1: Quito

Upon arrival, we'll meet and transfer you to hotel.

Day 2: Isabela

Transfer to airport and flights to Isabela. After some time to settle into your rooms on our beach from hotel our journey will begin with a relaxing walk on the 1.2km boardwalk to the Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre where the endangered giant tortoise population of the Galapagos Islands

is presently recovering. On our way we will pass by three lagoons where we will likely see Flamingos. (B)

Day 3: Sierra Negra

The highlight of today's activities is a visit to the world's second largest volcanic crater, Sierra Negra by horseback and on foot, located in the highlands. Here you will also be able to enjoy a spectacular view of the southern part of Isabela. Along the way you will be able to detect the marked changes in the vegetation. After the visit, late in the afternoon, returning from the volcano we will visit a project that aims to support the national park efforts to recover the giant tortoises with a local environmentalist that has adopted several giant tortoises with the idea of reintroducing them into the wild again. (B)

Day 4: Tintoreras

Your first marine experience starts at the white tip shark canal and a tour around the small island of Tintoreras. Here you'll see the diversity of the Galapagos Islands:



seals and various species of sea birds around the harbour, perhaps a ray or turtle, penguins, sharks and marine iguanas (in nesting season). (B)

Day 5: Isla Roca Unión

Today starts with a visit to Isla Roca where you can snorkel amidst clouds of brightly coloured fish, and watch sea lions and boobies from the surface. At Turtle Cove, a secret spot used by fisherman, today considered one of the island's major attractions, we will have plenty of opportunities to snorkel through a maze of small islands and arches (and for the experts, tunnels) in the company of fish, sea turtles and occasional white tipped sharks and rays. (B)

Day 6: Quito

Return transfers and flights to Quito (Trip can be extended up to 2 more nights on Isabela, with other day trips). (B)

Day 7: Transfers to airport. (B)

Daily Year Round Includes:

6 nights accommodation, Guided walks and tours as described. All transfers, meals as noted (BLD = breakfast, lunch, dinner), all local taxes. Itineraries may vary. Airfares not included. There will be 2 local flights required, from the mainland to Baltra and a connector from Baltra to Isabela. These will cost approximately \$600-\$700 USD. There is also a Galapagos Park Fee collected locally of \$100.

**Price Per Person Twin Sharing
Daily Tour From \$2169**

Galapagos Cruises Itinerary from Quito Daily Year Round

We are happy to help you arrange a Galapagos yacht cruise. There are many small ships all leaving different on days and all with different classes of service and itineraries. Once you have your dates planned, we will search for a suitable ship for you and create a firm package price. The table shows examples of different price points, subject to availability. Typical Basic Cruise Itinerary: Each Ship Follows a slightly varied itinerary according approved by Galapagos National Park authorities. Ships depart on various days of week.

Day 1: Arrival from Quito or Guayaquil, transfer to ship, meet other passengers and crew, start cruise overnight.

Day 2 and 3: Touring Islands with naturalists and small group.

Day 4: Touring Islands (3 night passengers disembark mid cruise passengers join)

Day 5, 6 and 7: Touring Islands with naturalists and small group.

Day 8: Touring island AM and disembarkation for flight to mainland.

Day 9: Flight to Quito, overnight hotel.

Day 10: Transfer out.

Includes: accommodation, Guided walks and tours as described. all transfers, meals as noted (BLD = breakfast, lunch, dinner), all local taxes. Can be modified to suit your time and interests. Not included: Island airfare approximately \$420 and Galapagos National Park Fees \$100.

**Price Per Person Twin Sharing
Cruise and Land From \$3545**

