

EQUINOX

Galapagos for Wildlife Lovers



Day 1

San Cristóbal

Morning: Arrival, transfer from the airport to the hotel, lunch.



Afternoon: Travel by car to *Laguna del Junco*. This hike passes through a miconia forest where frigate birds and pintails peacefully feed. On the way you'll be able to observe agricultural areas and wind turbines.

Next visit *The Cerro Colorado Breeding Center* to see San Cristobal tortoises. Finally, head to *Puerto Chino Beach* to see blue footed boobies and sea lions. Dinner and return to the hotel.



Day 2

San Cristóbal/Santa Cruz



Morning: Breakfast, visit the *San Cristóbal Visitor's Center* to learn about the formation, climatic patterns, ocean currents, history, and conservation challenges of the archipelago.



A brief hike will take you to *Cerro Tijeretas* with a spectacular view of the port. Continue on to *Bahia Darwin* to snorkel and swim with sea turtles and playful sea lions.

Afternoon: 3:00
boat transfer to *Isla Santa Cruz*, hotel, dinner.





Day 3

Santa Cruz/Isabela
/Tintorettes

Morning: 7:00 boat transfer from *Santa Cruz* to *Isabela*, breakfast en route. Your transportation will bring you to the *Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center* where we can check out the native tortoises of Isabela. Continue on to *The Flamingo Pool* and wetlands. Lunch

Afternoon: After lunch head to the pier to begin a 2 hour tour of the bay, then take a small open boat to *Tintorerias Islet*. The trail and canal are great places to spot sharks, sea lions, marine iguanas, and more. On the way back to *Isabela*, stop to see penguins, blue footed boobies, and go snorkeling. Dinner.

Day 4

Isabela



Morning: First thing, head to *Sierra Negra* (1,124m), the largest and oldest volcano on the island. The trail will take you from the area known as “La Cura” to the rim of the crater and you will be able to observe flora typical of the higher altitude areas of the island. Box Lunch. If time permits, continue on to *Volcan Chico*.



Afternoon: Visit the spectacular *Laguna de Concha Perla*, notable for its incredible number of marine species, where you can snorkel and enjoy a refreshing afternoon at the beach with the animals. Dinner and return to the hotel.

Day 5

Isabela/Santa Cruz

Morning: 6:00 departure for for *Santa Cruz*, breakfast en route. Arrive at the hotel. Next visit *The Charles Darwin Nature Center*, which is the primary center for scientific investigation, conservation of marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and breeding, as well as a conservation oriented education center. Lunch.



Afternoon: A short hike will bring us to the magnificent *Tortuga Bay Beach*, which is known for its white sand and a longitudinal dune that divides the beach into two contrasting beaches. One side has calm waters perfect for kayaking, while the other has strong currents, large waves and is known for surfing. This beach is a nesting site of the marine black turtle, from which it takes its name. Dinner and return to the hotel.

Day 6

Isabela/Baltra/Mainland
Breakfast, transfer to Baltra
Island for flight Quito

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