

GALAPAGOS OCEAN EXPERIENCE

Island hopping program

-GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - Itinerary 12D/11N

2024



Día 1: San Cristobal Island

Arrival and exploration the wildlife by the shore

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Upon arrival at the Galapagos Islands, once the entry process has been completed at the airport on San Cristóbal Island, you will be greeted outside by our representative, who will be the person who will welcome you to the islands and will later transfer you to the hotel for check-in. in on it.

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In the afternoon you will enjoy your first visit to the Interpretation Center that will take us to know the history and development of the islands. There are exhibitions of natural and human history and also where the current problems and reality of Galapagos for its conservation are described.

Later we will take a walk with a wonderful landscape to Cerro Tijeretas to snorkel and see sea lions, sea turtles, fish, etc.

Hotel (tourist type 3*)
Zayapa hotel:
https://www.lazayapahotel.com/
or similar

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	Time of the tour	2h30
	Difficulty	Easy

Includes:

Naturalist guide, transportation, snorkel and mask for the snorkel. Here the wetsuit is not included.













Día 2: Kicker Rock - San Cristobal Island

Full day diving



Kicker Rock ranks as the second most renowned dive spot across the entire archipelago, closely trailing behind the exclusive liveaboard adventures at Darwin and Wolf's islands.



This site stands among the world's finest dives and holds a coveted position on the bucket list of numerous underwater enthusiasts.

Participants can explore vibrant underwater ecosystems teeming with diverse marine life, including colorful fish, sea turtles, and possibly even sharks. The unique rock formation provides an intriguing backdrop for underwater adventures, making it a must-visit destination for diving enthusiasts.

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	Full day diving	7h aprox.

You will have lunch on board and 2 immersions.

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Includes:

Diving guide, transportation, diving equipment, lunch on board, snacks.











Day 3: Isabela Island

The paradise of Galapagos



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Travel to Isabela Island observing the wonderful landscape that offers the volcanic escenario of the island and the flight above the islands. Within 45 min you will be in the west part of the Galapagos, the island with espectacular wildlife.

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This bay tour consists of a short walk to observe the species, a boat ride to see the penguins and birds, and finally the snorkeling activity where you can observe sea lions, sea turtles, marine iguanas, rays, and whitetip sharks, fish, etc.

	Time
Small plane	45 min aprox.
Tintoreras tour	3h

Includes:

Flight ticket to Isabela Island, transfer, transportation, naturalist guide for the tour, snorkeling equipment (snorkel, mask, wetsuit).

Hotel (tourist type 3*)
Coral Blanco Hotel (few meters from the beach).
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Día 4: Isabela Island

Sulfur fumaroles inside of an active caldera in Sierra Negra Volcano

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Visit the active zone. The tour consists of a walk to observe the majestic 9x7 km diameter caldera of the active volcano with the third largest active caldera in the world, you will be able to observe sulfur fumaroles, sulfur crystallization, lava fields.

Upon return, a pause is taken to rest in the picnic area, contemplating the panoramic beauty of the volcano from this point, with a delicious lunch box.

	Time
Sulfur fumaroles	5h

Incluye:

Naturalist guide, box lunch, transportation, face masks.

Hotel (tourist type 3*)
Coral Blanco Hotel (few meters from the beach).
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Day 5: Isabela Island

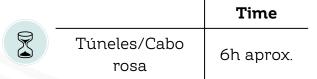
Tour Túneles-Cabo Rosa

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One of the most spectacular places in Galapagos for snorkeling and appreciating the landscape. After approximately 40 minutes of navigation, we will arrive at the place where the water is shallow, calm, and very clear to observe the rock formations that a series of arches and tunnels has produced from volcanic eruptions, where nowadays a large number of Galapagos endemic species inhabit.

During this tour, you can observe: whitetip shark caves, blue-footed boobies with their chicks, penguins, sea lions, seahorses, rays, a variety of fish, and along the way, manta rays are also often spotted.



Hotel (tourist type 3*)
Coral Blanco Hotel (few meters from the beach).
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Incluye:

Guía naturalista, transporte, lunch box.





Day 6: Tortuga Islet - Isabela

Full day diving



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Diving at Tortuga Island, near Isabela Island in the Galapagos, offers a remarkable underwater experience with a diverse array of marine life. The island's clear, calm waters provide an ideal environment for encountering various species.

Divers can observe graceful sea turtles gliding through the water alongside playful sea lions, while keeping an eye out for different species of sharks, including white-tip reef sharks and hammerheads. Colorful tropical fish dart among vibrant coral gardens, while larger pelagic species add excitement to the dive.



Full day diving 7h aprox.

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Includes:

Diving guide, transportation, diving equipment, lunch on board, snacks







Day 7: Santa Cruz Island

Charles Darwin Station / Giant tortoises breeding center

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You will wake up early to take the early morning ferry to Santa Cruz Island, the most populated island of the archipelago and enjoy life and culture there

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In the afternoon you will have a visit to Charles Darwin Station to observe the giant tortoise breeding center and programs of restoration of ecosystem and conservation.

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Ocean Dreams Hotel
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or similar

	Tiempo
Ferry trip	2h15 aprox
Visit Charles Darwin	2h

Includes:

Ferry ticket, assisted transfer, guided excursion to the Charles Darwin station.





Day 8: North Seymour Island

Full day diving



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Diving experiences at North Seymour and Mosquera Island in the Galapagos offer distinct yet equally captivating encounters with marine life. North Seymour boasts rocky reefs teeming with colorful fish like surgeonfish, snappers, and grunts, alongside rays, reef sharks, and sea turtles.

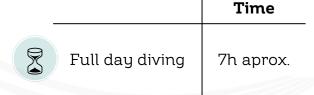
Navigating through underwater canyons adds excitement to the dive, providing opportunities for thrilling encounters with diverse marine species. In contrast, Mosquera Island's sandy bottoms host playful sea lions, while sightings of whitetip reef sharks and vibrant reef fish are common.

Despite their differences, both sites promise unforgettable underwater adventures in the unique ecosystems of the Galapagos.

The guide will pick you up at the hotel or show you the meeting point so then you will go with the group to Itbaca channel where the tour starts in a private transportation.

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Includes:

Diving guide, transportation, diving equipment, lunch on board, snacks







Day 9: Gordon Rocks diving

Full day diving



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Diving at Gordon Rocks in the Galapagos offers an exhilarating and challenging experience for divers of all levels. Renowned as one of the top dive sites in the archipelago, Gordon Rocks is known for its strong currents and diverse marine life.

The submerged volcanic pinnacle attracts an abundance of marine species, including schools of hammerhead sharks, eagle rays, and Galapagos sharks. Divers can also encounter sea turtles, barracudas, and various species of reef fish.

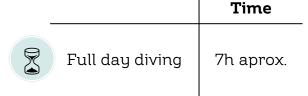
Exploring the rocky formations and underwater caves around the pinnacle provides opportunities for up-close encounters with fascinating marine creatures.

However, the challenging conditions at Gordon Rocks **require advanced diving skills**, making it a thrilling destination for experienced divers seeking adventure in the depths of the Galapagos Marine Reserve.

The guide will pick you up at the hotel or show you the meeting point so then you will go with the group to Itbaca channel where the tour starts in a private transportation.

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Includes:

Diving guide, transportation, diving equipment, lunch on board, snacks







Day 10: Floreana Island

Full day visit - snorkel

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The tour to Floreana Island in the Galapagos, including visits to the Caves of the Pirates and the Black Sand Beach, promises an enchanting and immersive experience. Departing from neighboring islands, visitors embark on a scenic boat ride to Floreana, where they are greeted by the island's rugged and captivating landscapes.

Exploring the Caves of the Pirates offers a journey into the island's intriguing history, as guides share tales of legendary pirates who once sought refuge within these ancient caverns. Visitors have the opportunity to venture deep into the caves, marveling at the geological formations and imagining the adventures of centuries past.

Afterwards, the tour continues to the striking Black Sand Beach, where volcanic sands contrast against the azure waters of the Pacific Ocean. Here, visitors can stroll along the shoreline, soaking in the dramatic scenery and observing the unique wildlife that calls this pristine coastline home.

The guide will pick you up at the hotel or show you the meeting point so then you will go with the group to the ferry for the trip.

Floreana Island 7h aprox.

Time

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Includes:

Naturalist guide, transportation, snorkeling equipment, lunch on board, snacks.





Day 11: Santa Cruz Island

Giant tortoises reserve

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In El Chato Ranch in the Galapagos, besides encountering giant tortoises in their natural habitat, visitors can discover a variety of other fascinating wildlife and landscapes. The ranch offers opportunities to spot iconic Galapagos species such as the Galapagos finches, mockingbirds, and other native birds.

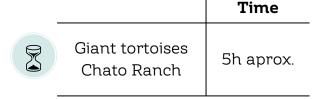
Additionally, visitors may encounter lava tunnels, geological formations created by ancient volcanic activity. Exploring the lush vegetation of the highlands, visitors can also observe endemic plants and possibly glimpse other wildlife such as lava lizards and even the elusive short-eared owl.

El Chato Ranch provides a holistic experience of the Galapagos Islands' unique biodiversity and geological features, making it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts.

Aterwards you will have a free afternoon to do some shopping and explore around the little town of Puerto Ayora.

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Includes:

Naturalist guide, transportation, , lunch on the ranch.







Day 12: Transfer to Baltra Island

Airport back to the mainland

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This day you will get ready to travel to the mainland, you will have a transportation that will go through Santa Cruz Island until arriving to Itabaca Channel and thn cross it to take another bus towards the airpot located in Baltra Island.

During this process you will be able to see the magnificent land iguanas endemic species from the Galapagos Islands.

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	Baltra Island	lh30 aprox.

Includes:

Assistance, transportation.







EXPERIENCE GALAPAGOS OCEAN

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Includes

- 11 nights hotel accommodations in tourist-class hotels on 3 inhabited islands.
- Visiting a total of 6 islands and 2 islets.
- The itinerary includes scuba diving at 5 different spots, including Kicker Rock, Tortuga Islet, Seymour & Mosquera, Gordon Rocks, and Floreana.
- Interisland transportation is provided via plane and ferry,
- Transfers and hotel pick-up/drop-off.
- · Lunch specified in the program.
- · Certified naturalist guides accompany all excursions,
- Snorkeling equipment (mask, fins, wetsuit (except some days)) as well as scuba diving equipment are included.
- Taxes and service fees for hotels and land tours are also covered.

No inclusive

- Flights from and to Galapagos Islands
- Entry fee to the Galapagos National Park: \$100 foreigners.
- Water taxis: \$1 por ruta
- Pier taxes \$1
- Beverage and food not specified in the program
- Tax to Isabela Island: \$10 foreigners y \$5 Ecuadorians.

GALAPAGOS OCEAN EXPERIENCE ISLAND HOPPING	Price in USD (American dollars) per person in double accomodation
12D/11N	\$3802 USD

For booking please contact: reservas@coralblancogalapagos.es +593991121291

For booking your space is important to make initially the 50% deposit and then 50% 30 days before the arrival.

Note that diving tours can vary upon availability.



GALAPAGOS HOTEL & TOUR OPERATOR