

GALAPAGOS ISLAND HOPPING

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

► Guayaquil, Santa Cruz, Floreana, Isabela

Day 1, Saturday - Miami/Guayaquil

Depart Miami via Avianca Airlines flight to Guayaquil. On arrival, transfer to hotel. (Wyndham Garden)

Day 2 - Sunday - Guayaquil/Santa Cruz, Galapagos

Today, transfer to airport for flight to the Galapagos Islands. Arrive in Baltra and take a shuttle to Santa Cruz island, journeying across the island into the highlands. Beginning at the coast and traveling north along the road to Puerto Ayora, the road climbs through the agricultural zone and into the mist-covered forests of the highlands. Santa Cruz possesses all of the various life zones present on the archipelago, with wonderful birding opportunities. Whether it's the bright red feathers of a vermilion flycatcher or one of Darwin's finches, almost every land bird present on the islands can be found here. Stop at one of the ranches for lunch and to explore the grounds in search of tortoises. After lunch, continue to Puerto Ayora for some leisure time this afternoon. (Fiesta/Acacia) (B/L)

Day 3, Monday - Santa Cruz/Floreana

After breakfast, take a speed boat to Floreana island (about 2-1/2 hours). Floreana was the first island to be colonized by Ecuadorians in 1832. Arriving on the island, visit a local farm and learn about the Floreana lifestyle. Also, visit a lagoon where it is possible to observe frigate birds. After lunch, prepared with foods harvested from the farm, continue to Asilo de la Paz, a 45-minute ride from town, where you can view a pirates' cave and the fresh water spring. Along the path, see giant tortoises, a species that has been recently re-introduced after being considered extinct. This evening have a barbecue on the beach and enjoy the peacefulness of Floreana. (Santa Maria) (B/L/D)

Day 4, Tuesday - Floreana/Isabela

Begin the day with an excursion to La Loberia, a sea lion

breeding area. Take a short walk along the shore after the interpretation and view the landscape of this visitor's site. Then start a marine excursion in the bright turquoise water, where you might be able to swim with sea lions, sea turtles, manta rays and a variety of colorful coral fish. After lunch, take the speed boat to Isabela island (about 2-1/2 hours) and have a chance to enjoy the island on your own. (Volcano/Casa de Marita) (B/L)

Day 5, Wednesday - Isabela

After breakfast, travel by car to the mountainsides of Sierra Negra Volcano. Then walk (about 2 hours) to reach the crater of the volcano, where you may see the Galapagos sparrow hawk. Become familiar with the geology of the volcano. After a box lunch, return to the town. Afternoon, visit the Tintorerias Islet, a short distance from Puerto Villamil, home to a great variety of wildlife. Its waters are inhabited by white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, marine turtles and sea lions. One of its beaches, surrounded by mangroves, is one of the few sites where marine iguanas can reproduce successfully. (B/L)

Day 6, Thursday - Isabela/Santa Cruz

After breakfast, start out for the Flamingo Lagoon. Along the trail (about 1.2 miles), learn about the vegetation and geology of Isabela island. Arriving at the lagoon, you may see flamingos feeding in the lake. Continue on to visit the Tortoise Breeding Center, where you learn more about the reproduction and breeding of the tortoises. Back at Puerto Villamil, take a boat to Santa Cruz Island. On arrival, head to the Charles Darwin Station. The center is a font of information on habitats and local conservation. At the Tortoise Breeding Center, it is possible to view tortoises of different shapes and sizes. Travelers here can freely walk and get their pictures taken with the tortoises. (Fiesta/Acacia) (B)

Day 7, Friday - Santa Cruz/Guayaquil/Miami

After breakfast, briefly visit Los Gemelos, two large pit craters along the road from Puerto Ayora to Baltra. Afterward, transfer to the airport for your international flight back to Miami via Guayaquil. (B)

Departures	Land & Air	Land Only	Single Supplement
Mar 1 - Jun 13	\$3960 S	\$3220 S	\$620 S
Sep 1 - Dec 9	\$4245 FC	\$3510 FC	\$810 FC
Jan 11 - Mar 31 '21			
Jun 14 - Aug 31	\$4340 S	\$3220 S	\$620 S
Dec 10 '20 - Jan 10 '21	\$4630 FC	\$3510 FC	\$810 FC

Land & Air prices include government taxes and fees. For details, refer to the Tour Features on page 2. Hotels are \$ (standard) and FC (first class), as indicated.

Land & Air prices are per person based on double occupancy via Avianca Airlines from Miami. Land Only prices include internal airfares.

Rates are not valid for Easter, Christmas, New Year, or some other holidays.

