



QUITO & GALAPAGOS ISLAND HOPPING ESCAPE 5-DAYS





ITINERARY

DAY BY DAY



Discover Ecuador through a travel experience that unites Quito's historic colonial beauty with the natural wonders of the Galápagos Islands. This experience combines modern comfort with cultural elements and natural surroundings. The itinerary provides an exceptional travel experience that combines UNESCO-listed Quito with Galápagos island exploration for travelers who seek genuine luxury experiences.

DAY 1- FRIDAY. ARRIVAL IN QUITO.

Upon arrival at Quito airport, you will meet with your guide, who will transfer you to your hotel.

Situated in a circle of Andean peaks, **Quito** is the world's second-highest capital, with arguably one of the finest settings in the world. Originally settled by the Quito tribe in the first millennium, Quito was an important part of the Inca Empire before being destroyed and re-founded by the Spanish conquistador Sebastián de Benalcázar in 1534.

The colonial center, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1978, is one of the largest and best-preserved in Latin America. It is home to excellent museums, churches, and art galleries.

Overnight Wyndham Garden or similar

DAY 2 - SUNDAY. QUITO - SANTA CRUZ

After breakfast, flight from Quito to Baltra's airport, where a naturalist guide will transfer you to Puerto Ayora. On the way, the guide will make a stop to visit the highlands and the giant land tortoises. Here, you would have time for lunch and enjoy the view. Afterwards, you will continue with the transfer to the hotel.

In the afternoon, the guide will take you to enjoy Tortuga Bay. Here, you walk for approximately 45 minutes through a cactus trail onto the first beach, which is called Playa Brava due to its strong currents. On this beach, you would see a lot of marine iguanas, marine birds, and pelicans. After visiting Playa Brava, we continue with an additional 15-minute walk to reach Playa Mansa. This second beach is a natural lagoon visited by blue-footed boobies and pelicans. It is also a beautiful place for swimming and relaxing on the beach.

You will be walking the same distance to return to the hotel.

Note: To execute this itinerary, it is important to choose an early flight that arrives a maximum of 10 am at Baltra

(B/L/-)

Overnight: Capitan Max or similar

DAY - 3 FULL DAY NAVIGATION (BARTOLOME OR NORTH SEYMOUR OR PLAZAS OR SANTA FE)

We will be visiting only one island per day today.

After breakfast, the guide will meet you at the hotel's lobby to take you to the dock and start the tour. Lunch will be included on board the small yet comfortable and beautiful yacht. After concluding our tour in the afternoon, we will return to the port.

North Seymour Island is a spectacular place to hike, swim, and enjoy snorkeling. The main attractions are: frigates, boobies, gulls, hawks, green sea turtles, and the famous Galapagos Sharks. Likewise, Bartolome Island is the most attractive landscape of the archipelago. This island is undoubtedly the most photographed in all the **Galapagos Islands**. You can appreciate a spectacular view of two beautiful bays and observe the fascinating formations of lava and volcanic cones.

Two islands form Plazas. The turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava coast. It is a wonderful spot to observe marine life, including manta rays. Coasts are a perfect spot for snorkeling.

Santa Fe Island (Spanish: Isla Santa Fe), also called Barrington Island after Samuel Barrington, is a small island of 24 square kilometres (9.3 sq mi) that lies in the centre of the Galapagos archipelago, south east of Santa Cruz Island.

Geologically, it is one of the oldest, since volcanic rocks about 4 million years old have been found. The vegetation of the island is characterized by brush, palo santo trees, and stands of a large variety of the prickly pear cactus, *Opuntia echios*.

After completing our tour, we will return to the hotel.

*The island will be chosen according to available spaces

(B/L/-)

Overnight: Capitan Max or similar

DAY 4- AT LEISURE IN SANTA CRUZ WITH FAREWELL DINNER

Enjoy a relaxing day at your own pace in Santa Cruz. You can explore Puerto Ayora's waterfront, visit local shops and cafés, or take a peaceful walk to nearby attractions like Tortuga Bay or the Charles Darwin Research Station. This free day gives you time to unwind, enjoy the island's warm atmosphere, and reflect on your Galápagos experience.

In the evening, you'll gather for a special farewell dinner, the perfect moment to share memories, celebrate your journey, and enjoy one last taste of the islands before your departure.

(B/-/D)

Overnight: Capitan Max or similar

DAY 5 - SANTA CRUZ QUITO

Today you will enjoy a spectacular breakfast in the morning.

Afterwards, our guide will be waiting for you in the hotel lobby to take you to Baltra Airport and assist you with the flight.

(B/-/-)

RATES

From \$1987
per person



Includes

- Transfer in/out
- Accommodations in double rooms
- Guided tours
- Indicated Meals
- Transportation
- Bilingual naturalist guide
- Activities mentioned in the itinerary
- Emergency contact 24/7



Not Includes

- Tips
- Wet suits
- Domestic Flights
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses
- Meals not described in the program
- Galapagos Islands fees (TCT and National Park Entry)

Hotels:

Quito: Wyndham Airport or similar

Galapagos: Galapagos Suites or similar

Quito: Holiday Inn Airport Quito

Galapagos: Capitan Max or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the perfect balance of culture, comfort, and nature in one journey from Quito and Galapagos
- Close encounters with wildlife in the Galápagos Islands
- Discover Uninhabited Islands and pristine beaches

TRAVEL TIPS

- Adjust to Quito's altitude gradually, stay hydrated and rest upon arrival.
- Pack lightweight, breathable clothing and layers for varying climates.
- Bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and a reusable water bottle.
- Respect local customs and wildlife, observe but never disturb.
- Prepare waterproof gear for rainforest and island excursions.

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

- **Quito & Andes:** Cool to mild temperatures (50–70°F); chilly evenings.
- **Galápagos:** Warm and sunny (70–85°F); sea breezes can feel fresh.

Pack versatile layers and quick-dry clothing to adapt to the changes.

Fitness Requirements

Moderate fitness is recommended. The itinerary includes walking tours, short hikes, light kayaking, and optional spa treatments. Participants should be comfortable with humidity and occasional uneven terrain. The wellness therapies focus on relaxation rather than strenuous activity, suitable for travelers seeking a mindful yet active experience.

FAQS

1. When is the best time to visit Ecuador and the Galápagos?

Ecuador serves as a travel destination that remains accessible throughout the entire year. The Galápagos provides year-round wildlife observation.

2. The package contains what types of domestic flights?

The package doesn't include your round-trip flights from Quito to the Galapagos Islands.

3. Is this tour suitable for first-time travelers to Ecuador?

Yes, it offers a balanced introduction to Ecuador's key ecosystems, Andes, and Galapagos, while maintaining a relaxing pace.

4. What kind of activities are included?

Transfers and transportation during the tour, City Tour, museum visits, and activities inside of the cruise.

5. Will I encounter wildlife up close?

Yes, in the Galápagos, you will see diverse species in their natural habitats under the guidance of expert naturalists.



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