



# THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

**A visit to the spectacular Galapagos Islands** is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. So it is worthwhile ensuring that you are booking with a reliable company with knowledgeable guides who will help you get the very best out of this unique experience.

**Yanapuma recommends land-based tours over cruises for several reasons:**

- *They put more money directly into the local economy for the benefit of Galapagos residents*
- *You will spend less time at sea motoring slowly between destinations, instead taking high-speed launches to each site. This gives you more time to relax on land with greater freedom to decide what you would like to do*
- *You sleep in a bed that is not moving and will suffer much less from motion sickness*
- *You will have much greater freedom to decide what you would like to eat in the evenings*
- *You will have the opportunity to use the internet every night*
- *Land-based tours offer more flexibility all around*
- *Land-based tours are less expensive than the cruises*

**Yanapuma has teamed up with a local operator in the Galapagos** to offer a variety of exciting land-based tours of different durations, each with a different focus. You can read about these options and see pricing on the following pages.

**We can also help book Galapagos cruises**



for our Spanish students and volunteers at some of the best prices in Quito through reputable and responsible agencies if you are set on a cruise.

**We recommend Galapagos tours** based on our experience with a variety of tour providers, yachts and cruise/tour operators, in an effort to promote companies that offer the best value and the best overall experience while operating with integrity and respect for the environment. Because of the popularity of the islands, it is recommended to book these trips well in advance, although during the low season it is also possible to pick up reasonable last-minute offers (but be advised that these are never huge reductions in price).

**Prices for an 8-day boat trip** range from about \$1400 on up to over \$4000 depending on the level of luxury you desire. Generally, a safe and comfortable boat (tourist superior) costs between \$1400 and \$1800 for 8 days. 4 and 5-day cruises are also available for a couple of hundred dollars less, but bear in mind that you spend about a day and a half getting there and back. In addition to the cost of the cruise, you need to figure about \$450-\$550 for airfare (varies with season) and \$110 for park admission.

**We can help you purchase the air tickets** to the Galapagos, but we also recommend that you search online as sometimes there are special deals available through your preferred airline or using air miles that can result in a better price. We will be happy to offer you a quote for comparison.



## Galapagos Island Information

### San Cristóbal

This is the first island in the Galapagos Archipelago Charles Darwin visited on the Beagle. This island hosts frigate birds, sea lions, giant tortoises, blue- and red-footed boobies, tropicbirds, marine iguanas, dolphins and swallow-tailed gulls. The largest freshwater lake in the archipelago, Laguna El Junco, is located on San Cristóbal. Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, lies at the southern tip of the island.

### Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz hosts the largest human population in the archipelago, the town of Puerto Ayora. The Charles Darwin Research Station and the headquarters of the Galápagos National Park Service are located here. The GNPS and CDRS operate a tortoise breeding center here, where young tortoises are hatched, reared, and prepared to be reintroduced to their natural habitat. The Highlands of Santa Cruz are famous for the lava tunnels. Black Turtle Cove is a site surrounded by mangroves, which sea turtles, rays and small sharks sometimes use as a mating area.

### Isabela

The island's seahorse shape is the product of the merging of six large volcanoes into a single land mass. On this island, Galápagos penguins, flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, pelicans and Sally Lightfoot crabs abound. At the skirts and calderas of the volcanoes of Isabela, land iguanas and Galápagos tortoises can be observed, as well as Darwin finches, Galápagos hawks, Galápagos doves and very interesting lowland vegetation. The third-largest human settlement of the archipelago, Puerto Villamil, is located at the southeastern tip of the island.

### Santiago

The island is also known as San Salvador, after the first island discovered by Columbus in the Caribbean Sea. Marine iguanas, sea lions, fur seals, land and sea turtles, flamingos, dolphins and sharks are found here. Darwin finches and Galápagos hawks are usually seen, as well as a colony of fur seals. At Sullivan Bay, a recent (around 100 years ago) pahoehoe lava flow can be observed.



### Genovesa

This island is formed by the remaining edge of a large caldera that is submerged. At Darwin Bay frigatebirds and swallow-tailed gulls, the only nocturnal species of gull in the World, can be seen. Red-footed boobies, noddy terns, lava gulls, tropic birds, doves, storm petrels and Darwin finches are also in sight. There is a large Palo Santo forest.

### Floreana

Floreana is one of the islands with the most interesting human history, and one of the earliest to be inhabited. Flamingos and green sea turtles nest on this island. The patapegada or Galápagos petrel, is found here. At Post Office Bay, since the 18th century whalers kept a wooden barrel that served as post office so that mail could be picked up and delivered to their destinations. At the "Devil's Crown", an underwater volcanic cone and coral formations are found.

### Española

Española is the oldest island at around 3.5 million years, and the southernmost in the group. Due to its remote location, Española has a large number of endemic species. It has its own species of lava lizard, mockingbird, and tortoise. Española's marine iguanas exhibit a distinctive red coloration change during the breeding season. Española is the only place where the waved albatross nests. Española's steep cliffs serve as the perfect runways for these birds, which take off for their ocean feeding grounds near the mainland of Ecuador and Peru.

### Baltra

Also known as South Seymour, Baltra is a small flat island located near the centre of the Galápagos. It was created by geological uplift. The island is very arid, and vegetation consists of salt bushes, prickly pear cacti and palo santo trees.

### North Seymour

This island is home to a large population of blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls. It hosts one of the largest populations of frigate birds. It was formed from geological uplift.



# LAND BASED TOURS



## #1: Discover Galapagos 8 Days/7 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel with Highland Tour en route.

PM: Los Gemelos, Tortoise Reserve, Lava tunnels with guide.

**Mon:** AM: Scuba Diving or Santa Fe snorkel tour  
PM: Tortuga Bay—self guided

**Tue:** AM: Depart for Isabela  
PM: Bay Tour (Tintoreras & snorkel)

**Wed:**AM: Tour Volcan Sierra Negra  
PM: Free time

**Thu:** AM: Return to Santa Cruz  
PM: Free time to visit Charles Darwin Research Station

**Fri:** AM: All day tour to Floreana  
PM:

**Sat:** AM: All day tour to North Seymour, Bartolomé, Plazas or Santa Fe\*  
PM:

**Sun:** AM: Transfer to airport for departure to

\* Depending on available spaces

*This **Discover Galapagos Package** Gives You A Taste Of Everything The Islands Have To Offer. During Your 8 Days You Will Have The Opportunity To Explore Above And Below The Water And Come Up Close And Personal With Many Of The Endemic Species Of Galapagos. From Your First Day With The Giant Tortoises*

### Program #1 Prices:

One person \$ 1299.00  
Two persons \$ 1243.00 pp  
Three persons \$1073. pp

## #2: Isabela & Galapagos 8 Days/7 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel  
PM: Free time to visit Charles Darwin Research Station

**Mon:** AM: Depart for Isabela at 7:00 am  
PM: Bay Tour (Tintoreras & Snorkel)

**Tue:** AM: Tour Volcan Sierra Negra  
PM: Free time

**Wed:**AM: Tour Los Tuneles (snorkel)  
PM: Concha Perla—self-guided tour

**Thu:** AM: Return to Santa Cruz  
PM: Tortuga Bay —self-guided tour

**Fri:** AM: All day tour to Santa Fé (snorkel)  
PM:

**Sat:** AM: All day tour to North Seymour, Bartolomé, Plazas or Santa Fe\*  
PM:

**Sun:** AM: Departure to Quito

\* Depending on available spaces

***During This Tour** You Will Have Time to Explore Isabela and other islands. Isabela Is A Beautiful Island With Excellent Snorkelling, And Your Trip To Los Tuneles Is Sure To Amaze You! On Arrival Back To Santa Cruz You Will Take 2 More Day Tours To Other Islands To Finish Off And Leave With Unforgettable Memories.*

### Program #2 Prices:

One person \$ 1308.00  
Two persons \$ 1243.00 pp.  
Three persons \$1209.00 pp

## #3: Galapagos from Santa Cruz 7 Days/6 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel  
PM: Charles Darwin Research Station—self-guided visit

**Mon:** AM: Day tour Santa Fé — snorkel

**Tue:** AM: Tortuga Bay —self-guided tour or OPTIONAL Diving (add \$170)  
PM: Academy Bay Tour

**Wed:** AM: Day Tour—Isabela Island

**Thu:** AM: Free time or OPTIONAL diving  
PM: Highland Tour with guide

**Fri:** AM: Day Tour— Floreana, North Seymour or Plazas\*  
PM:

**Sat:** AM: Transport to airport

\* Depending on available spaces

***Not Everyone Likes Boats** And Changing Hotels Every Night. But You Don't Need To! You Can See The Best Of The Islands From Santa Cruz. This Tour Will Amaze You With The Flora And Fauna And Will Have You Back In Your Hotel Every Afternoon. The Range Of Snorkelling And Land Tours Will Impress You!*

### Program #3 Prices:

One person \$ 1166.00  
Two persons \$ 1098.00 pp.  
Three persons \$1022.00 pp

*Upgrades to Tourist Superior hotels are available for all tours. Contact us for more information.*





## #4: Shark Encounters 8 Days/7 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel with Highland Tour.

PM: Visit Los Gemelos, Tortoise Reserve and Lava Tunnels with a guide.

**Mon:** AM: Diving (2 dives) and check dive  
PM: Tortuga Bay—self guided

**Tue:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Charles Darwin Research—self guided

**Wed:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Free time to relax

**Thu:** AM: All day tour to Seymour, Bartolomé, Plazas or Santa Fe\*  
PM:

**Fri:** AM: Depart for Isabela  
PM: Bay Tour (Tintoreras & Snorkel)

**Sat:** AM: Tour Volcan Sierra Negra  
PM: Free time to explore Isabela

**Sun:** AM: Depart Isabela at 6am return to Santa Cruz. Transfer to airport.

\* Depending on available spaces  
*This Package Will Take You To Shark Sites Around Santa Cruz. To Dive With Hammerheads ,Black &White Tipped Reef Sharks, And Galapagos Sharks, As Well As Sea Lions Schools Of Reef Fish, Turtles Schools Of Eagle Rays, Golden Rays, Mobula Rays And The Majestic Manta - Something For Everyone!*

### Program #4 Prices:

One person \$1579.00  
Two persons \$ 1498.00 pp.  
Three persons \$1391.00 pp

## #5: The Ultimate Galapagos Diving—8 Days/7 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel with Highland Tour.

PM: Free time

**Mon:** AM: Diving (2 dives) and check dive  
PM: Tortuga Bay—self guided

**Tue:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Charles Darwin Center- Self-guided

**Wed:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Free time to relax

**Thu:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Free time to explore

**Fri:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Free time to relax or visit las Grietas

**Sat:** AM: All day tour to Seymour, Bartolomé, Plazas or Santa Fe\*  
PM:

**Sun:** AM: Transfer to airport for departure to Quito

\* Depending on available spaces

*This Package Will Immerse You In The Amazing Marine Life Galapagos Has To Offer (Hammerheads ,Black &White Tipped Reef Sharks, And Galapagos Sharks, Sea Lions, Reef Fish, Turtles, Eagle,, Golden, Manta Rays) As Well As Give You A Taste Of The Islands Themselves.*

### Program #5 Prices:

One person \$1955.00  
Two persons \$1851.00 pp.  
Three persons \$1804.00 pp

## #6: Short & Sweet 5 Days/4 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel with Highland Tour.

PM: Visit Los Gemelos, Tortoise Reserve and the Lava Tunnels

**Mon:** AM: All day tour to Santa Fe or Pinzon snorkel  
PM:

**Tue:** AM: Tortuga Bay self-guided or OPTIONAL Scuba Diving (add \$170)

PM: Academy Bay Tour

**Wed:** AM: All day tour to Seymour, Plazas, Bartolomé or Santa Fe\*

PM:

**Thu:** AM: Transport to airport to return to Quito or Guayaquil

\* Depending on available spaces

*In 5 Days You Will See, Be Amazed By And Never Forget The Magic That Is Galapagos. We Have Land Tours And Snorkelling To Make Sure You Will Meet The Most Diverse Range Of Galapagos Inhabitants, As Well As Giving You The Option To Scuba Dive To Broaden Your Horizons Just A Little More.*

### Program #6 Prices:

One person \$864.00  
Two persons \$ 819.00 pp.  
Three persons \$756.00 pp





## #7: Learn to dive in Galapagos 8 Days/7 Nights

### Sun: Santa Cruz

AM: Transfer from Baltra to hotel  
PM: Meet instructor for orientation and training.

**Mon:** AM: Pool Session and Theory  
PM: Theory and free time to explore

**Tue:** AM: Open Water Dive 1 & 2  
PM: Theory and Free time to relax/explore

**Wed:** AM: Open Water Dive 3 & 4  
PM: Theory, Exam and Celebrate!

**Thu:** AM: Diving (2 dives)  
PM: Charles Darwin Research Center-self-guided tour

**Fri:** AM: Diving - 2 dives or day tour to Floreana\*  
PM:

**Sat:** AM: All Day Tour to Floreana, North Seymour, Plazas or Bartolomé\*  
PM:

**Sun:** AM: Transfer to airport for return flight to Quito

\* Depending on available spaces

*The Learn To Dive Package Is Perfectly Suited To Enthusiastic Snorkelers Ready To Take The Next Step. A 3-Day PADI Open Water Dive Course. You Will Not Only Learn About Scuba, But About The Amazing Underwater World In Galapagos, Learning And Diving With The Local Resident Sea Lions, Turtles, Fish And Most Likely Sharks.*

### Program #7 Prices:

One person \$1872.00  
Two persons \$1799.00 pp.  
Three persons \$1752.00 pp

### Included in all tour prices:

- All-Day and Half-Day Tours
- Lunch on Tours
- All meals on Isabela
- Snorkel equipment on Tours
- Hotel accommodation & breakfast
- Transport in the Galapagos
- Scuba diving equipment (where applicable)
- Airport transfers

### Additional Costs:

Flights \$400-\$550. Seasonal pricing  
INGALA card: \$10  
Park Entry Fee: \$100

Drinks and meals not specified  
Meals on Santa Cruz: \$15.00 per day and upwards (lunch from \$5, dinner from \$6)

Tours marked as OPTIONAL - they incur an extra cost (Diving \$170)

**Hotel Upgrades are available for all tours.  
Contact us for prices**

