

# NATURE & ADVENTURE GALAPAGOS HIGHLIGHT TOURS

*Prepare to be amazed with this unique experience on the Islands that fascinated CHARLES DARWIN!*



## ITINERARY

DAY 1. - Arrival at **SAN CRISTOBAL**-La Lobería.

DAY 2. - San Cristobal: Kicker Rock

DAY 3. - Floreana-Isabella

DAY 4. - Isabella: Volcán Sierra Negra-Concha & Perla (OPTIONAL, CABO ROSA)

DAY 5. - Isabella-Santa Cruz: Tortuga Bay beach

DAY 6. - **BALTRA**

### **The program include:**

- Sharing basis accommodation
- Double or triple rooms
- All meals in the island
- Galapagos National Park naturalist bilingual guide
- Snorkel gear
- ISABELLA port fee
- Itinerary subject to change without previous notice
- Taxes included.

### **The program does not include:**

- Air ticket to and from Galapagos
- US\$ 20,00 CONTROL TRANSIT CARD -cash payment only
- US\$100,00 Galapagos park fee, 50% off for children
- Personal expenses and tips
- Medical and travel insurance
- Single room with supplementary rate
- Soft and alcoholic drinks.



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## DATES AVAILABLE

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	06-11	20-25
<b>OCTOBER</b>	11-16	25-30
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	08-13	22-27
<b>DECEMBER</b>	06-11	20- 25**

### RATES 2016

BASIC HOTELS	US\$ 1623, 00	Single supplement US\$ 228, 00
SUPERIOR HOTELS	US\$ 1885, 00	Single supplement US\$ 399, 00
CHRISTMAS TIME**	US\$ 86, 00	Supplement for this date, per passenger.
OPTIONAL TOUR	US\$ 140, 00	CABO ROSA-Cash payment please.

**REMARKS:** Original documents are needed.

### HOTELS OF THIS PROGRAM:

*Tourist class hotels (or similar)*

Pimampiro <http://hosteriapimampiro.com/>

La Gran Tortuga <http://www.hotelgrantortuga.com/>

Déjà Vu <http://dejavugalapagos.com/>

*Tourist superior class hotels (or similar)*

Casa Playa Mann <http://www.casaisabelaonthebeach.com/>

Casita de la Playa <http://www.casaplayamann.com/>

Villa Laguna <http://www.villalaguna.com.ec/>

If these options are not available at the time of booking, we will find similar hotel and give you the name of the hotels so you can valid our choice.

### Booking Confirmation Policy:

In order to confirm your trip a deposit of 50% of the tour is required and final payment with 60 days prior to tour start.

### Cancellation policy:

More than 90 days before departure of your program: \$ 50 administration fee  
89-60 days before departure of your program: 20% of penalty of total amount  
59-30 days before departure of your program: 60% of total amount  
29 days or less before departure of your program: 100% of penalty of total amount.



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## DESCRIPTION

**Day 1: SAN CRISTOBAL:** Meet at San Cristobal airport & transfer to the hotel. Get settled and enjoy a nice Ecuadorian lunch.

PM: Visit **Lobería Beach**: A beautiful beach with great snorkeling! During the snorkel you may find sea turtles, rays, sea lions and many species of colorful fish. There is also a nice hike (optional) to a cliff where you can see many birds such as, blue footed boobies and frigate birds, fishing during the evening. After that we go back to the hotel to get ready for dinner.

**Meals included:** -/L/D

**Difficulty:** EASY

## Day 2: SAN CRISTOBAL

**Kicker Rock**, aka *Leon Dormido*: A great snorkeling site, famous because we can spot rays, reef sharks, and if lucky, hammerhead sharks! Back onboard we will reach a nearby beach; we'll have lunch on board and then time to relax before we navigate back to port around 2PM. The rest of the afternoon free until dinner.

**Meals included:** B/L/D

**Difficulty:** MEDIUM (snorkeling in open water)

## Day 3: FLOREANA

Breakfast at 6AM; at 06:30 we meet at the pier and at 7AM we depart for Floreana. The ride lasts 2h30. Upon arrival, we will snorkel at **Loberia beach** and then visit the highlands, a place called "**Peace Asylum**" where the first colonists of the islands settled. The guide will tell you about the history of the colonists. We will also spot Galapagos giant tortoises on the way. Lunch will be served in the small village of Velasco Ibarra.

Afterwards we will continue to Isabella island– 1h30 ride. **Isabella** is a beautiful island with its port located near a clear bay and a long White Sandy beach. At arrival the bus will pick us up and we will reach the flamingo lagoon to spot these beautiful animals at sunset.

**Meals included:** B/L/D

**Difficulty:** EASY

## Day 4: ISABELA: Options: By land or by sea

**Cabo Rosa** (with a supplement, look at the *Price* section) (best season December–May)

Isabella is the biggest island but only a really small part of it can be visited, the rest is entirely protected by the National Park and visits are forbidden.



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**Option 1 - VOLCANO HIKE:** Early in the morning we will reach by bus the highlands: we will begin a trekking (6 hours!) to the **Sierra Negra** and **Chico volcano**. Sierra Negra has the second largest active crater in the world: 10km round. We will continue to Chico volcano, which is a cone of Sierra Negra. We will walk through moon-like sceneries and have great views of nearby Fernandina Island and the north of the island. This gives us an idea of how the islands looked at their creation. Lunch will be served in a local farm which is also a tortoise reserve. We will be back around 3:30PM and we will end the day with a nice swim and snorkel at Concha de Perla lagoon.

**Difficulty:** MEDIUM

**Option 2 - CABO ROSA TUNNELS:** *THIS OPTION HAS AN EXTRA COST.* If you are okay with another boat ride (1 hour each way) you can take the excursion to Cabo Rosa tunnels. This is an amazing place where the volcano activity created lava tunnels going under and over the sea level. We can spot penguins, blue footed boobies, and we will have great snorkeling too! Back to port at around 2PM, late lunch and then meet the other group at around 3:30PM to swim/snorkel at Concha de Perla lagoon.

*Why is this tour not included?* Because you will go apart from the rest of the group that will go to the volcano. Not everybody wants to ride a boat every day and people also like a full land day so we opt for the volcano as the main guided excursion. So you pay for the boat tour to the Tunnels and go with another group of people. You'll meet with your group again for the afternoon excursion to Concha de Perla. Cabo Rosa is a great excursion but limited to 10 people per boat so we cannot include it for our 16 people group.

**Meals included:** B/L/D

**Difficulty:** EASY

#### **Day 5: ISABELA-SANTA CRUZ**

In the morning we will have a great **kayak** ride in the bay. There will be single or double kayaks (mainly double kayaks) and it will be an easy ride. Kayak is the perfect way to observe the small penguins, the turtles, the rays as you go silently on the water. Back to port and at around 11h30 departure to Santa Cruz by boat. Arrival at 2PM, lunch and hike the **Tortuga Bay** beach to enjoy a last swim into the Galapagos waters and spot a huge iguana colony. The walk to Tortuga Bay is 3km each way, passing through a giant endemic cactus and sandalwood forest.

**Meals included:** B/L/D

**Difficulty:** EASY TO MEDIUM DIFFICULTY

#### **Day 6: BALTRA**

In the morning we will reach the airport passing by a **lava tunnel** that we will visit going entirely through it. We can spot there sometime an owl.

**Meals included:** B/-/

**Difficulty:** EASY



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