

SOFT TREKKING PROGRAM

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: BALTRA (Airport) – SANTA CRUZ (Highland)

Flight from Quito via Guayaquil to Baltra airport, where your guide will receive you and take you to the main town of Santa Cruz Island, Puerto Ayora. Today you will explore the natural habitat of the giant Galapagos turtles in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. On the way to the highlands the vegetation changes considerably and turns humid and green. You will visit Primicias Ranch, a reserve for turtles where you will observe the animals in their natural habitat and also have a beautiful view over the island. In the volcanic formation of the highlands you will also discover ancient lava tunnels. **Lunch at Primicias.** Return to the hotel and leisure time in the afternoon. Dinner at a Restaurant in Puerto Ayora. Overnight at Hotel in Puerto Ayora in double accommodation (-/L/-).



DAY 2: BARTOLOMÉ OR SANTA FE

West of Santiago Island. Its surface is 1.2 Km², and its height is 114 meters over the sea level. It is very young. It has a very special colored due to the different lava types and ages it has. Of course, it is a lot more interesting being there than admiring it from the top. This last is because it is next to hundreds of craters found both in the Bartolomé Island and in the Santiago Island. A narrow canal separates them.



Bartolomé barely has vegetation, and the existing one is the fresh lava pioneer; but there are endemic species from the Galapagos Islands too. It is an excellent place to take pictures of natural sculptures made by the sea and wind erosion. It is a safe place to look at penguins and

fishes while you swim under water with your snorkeling equipment; you can get fun at the beach and take sun. In another place of the Bartolome Island, you can see without getting into the water-, sharks, mantas, sea turtles and other animals. Bartolome has two visit places: By dry landing, which has access to the highest part of the island; or by wet landing, with access to the southwest and northwest part. (B/L/-).

DAY 3: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND - BAY TOUR - ISABELA ISLAND - FLAMINGOS LAGOON

In the morning we will take a tour around the bay. We will visit Punta Estrada, the Germans' Beach, Channels of Love and the Grietas. During this trip, you will be able to watch seabirds and sea lions and you can surface dive. Lunch in Puerto Ayora. In the afternoon, a speed boat will take us to Isabela island, one of the most beautiful islands in the Archipelago.



After a cruise of 2,5h, we will reach this corner of paradise where a local transfer will take us to the hotel. After the check-in we will take a walk around the Flamingos Lagoon. Return to the hotel and lodging. (B/L/-)

DAY 4: SIERRA NEGRA VOLCANO - CAMPO DURO FARM - TINTORERAS

Today our guide will meet you at the hotel and take you to one of the most beautiful volcanoes in the world - Siena Negra. Its crater is approximately 7 kilometers wide. We will take a 4h trekking tour to enjoy this wonderful and unique scenery.



Lunch in a local farm called Campo Duro where we will also watch Isabela Giant Tortoises. Back to Puerto Villamil town, we will visit Tintoreras

Islets. Herds of white -tip sharks can often be seen here, resting around the lava canals. You can also observe hundreds of marine iguanas, as "Las Tintoreras" are one of their main breeding sites. On the nearby sandy beaches, sea lions play and relax in the sun. Afterwards we will have an opportunity to snorkel. Return to the hotel and lodging. (B/L/-)

DAY 5: THE TUNNELS OF CAPE ROSA - WALL OF TEARS CENTER- ORCHILLA VIEWPOINT – BREADING CENTER

Prepare yourself for one of the best days of this trip! After sailing for 45 minutes from Puerto Villamil, we will reach Cape Rosa on the western side of the island. This is one of the most beautiful and amazing places nature has bestowed upon mankind. Here we can walk over the connected lava tunnels surrounded by the crystal sea waters. From the surface, you will be able to see dozens of sea turtles, penguins and rays. You can also snorkel or simply swim along this rich marine fauna.



As we sail to and from Isabela, we might be able to see manta rays of different sizes - a truly unique experience. And if it is their mating season, we will watch them floating upside-down on the surface, waiting to have their pictures taken. In the afternoon we 'will drive towards the "Wall of Tears". This historical place was built by the prisoners of the Ecuador's first jail. On our way back v/e will stop at the Orchilla viewpoint. From the top you can see the entire coastal wetland system including Poza de los Diablos, Puerto Villamil, the beaches, the volcanoes and the islets to the south-east of Isabela. It's a great location for panoramic photos on clear days.



If we still have time, we might visit the Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre where you will be able to observe tortoises of all ages and sizes. We will also learn about the breeding and farming of giant tortoises and see all the work that is being done to help recover the wild populations of these species. Return to the hotel and lodging. (B/L/-)

DAY 6: ISABELA ISLAND - SANTA CRUZ ISLAND CHARLES DARWIN SAN CRISTOBAL

We are going to depart early to take a speed boat back to Puerto Ayora. Visit to Charles Darwin Research Station which gives you information about the evolution of the islands and hosts a breeding center of giant turtles. Here you will visit one of the largest

Galapagos tortoises and land iguanas breeding center and you can see different generations of turtles. After lunch transfer with speedboat to San Cristobal. Transfer in to your hotel (B/L/-)

DAY 7: JUNCO - GALAPAGUERA – PUERTO CHINO

Junco Lagoon is the biggest fresh water reservoir of the archipelago, where you can watch the huge diversity of birds, go mountain biking, or just enjoy the magnificence of the water. It is also a great place to see dark – rumped petrels.

Galapaguera Center is a very ambitious project carried out by the Galapagos National Park in order to re-populate the natural area of this island. As well, this is a breeding center of giant tortoise in San Cristobal Island. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are the days of feeding, however it is open every day of the week. After this activity, you will go to Otoy Farm. This place is responsible to produce food, such as: fruits and vegetation for giant tortoise. There, you can enjoy a delicious lunch.



Puerto Chino Beach, the access is overland. There is a 15 minute walk that would take you to the beach. Its fine white sand makes this site a great place for recreation and relaxation.

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DAY 8: SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND – AIRPORT

After breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight back to Guayaquil or Quito.

The operator reserves the right to change the itinerary without previous notice due to the weather, National Park regulations or notifications and unforeseeable circumstances
Efective rates: 01.11.18-31.10.19

NET PRICE PER PERSON 2018-19 WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE:	Rate based on 2 pax	Rate based on 4 pax
Price per Person in Double Room	USD 1930,-	USD 1676,-
Single Supplement	USD 424,-	USD 424,-



*Daily Bookings up 2 passengers

TOURIST CLASS HOTELS

San Cristobal Island: Hotel Casa Opuntia: www.opuntiagalapagostours.com

Santa Cruz Island: Hotel Fiesta: www.galapagoshotelfiesta.com

Isabela Island: Hotel Cally www.hotelcallygalapagos.com

NET PRICE PER PERSON 2017-17 WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE:	Rate based on 2 pax	Rate based on 4 pax
Price per Person in Double Room	USD 2040,-	USD 1787,-
Single Supplement	USD 400,-	USD 400,-

*Daily Bookings up 2 passengers

SUPERIOR TOURIST CLASS HOTELS:

San Cristobal Island: Hotel Casa Opuntia: www.opuntiagalapagostours.com

Santa Cruz Island: Hotel Villalaguna Deluxe Rooms: www.villalaguna.com.ec

Isabela Island: Hotel Casa de Marita: www.galapagosisabela.com

*****Hotel Category as Confirmed or in a similar Hotel with the same category according to availability.***

THE GALAPAGOS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ❖ Accommodation in double or triple room
- ❖ Breakfast and lunch as details in the program
- ❖ Public speed boat for navigation (open boats)
- ❖ Bilingual English speaking local guide during excursions
- ❖ Private land transportation
- ❖ Snorkel equipment
- ❖ Flights confirmation

THE GALAPAGOS PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- ❖ Airfare round trip (rate to be confirmed at reservation)
- ❖ Galapagos National Park entrance fee USD 100 subject to change
- ❖ Galapagos migration control card USD 20 subject to change
- ❖ Dinner
- ❖ Wet suits



- ❖ Drinks
- ❖ Tips
- ❖ Others not specified

PAYMENT POLICY:

- 20% down payment of the total amount up to 5 days after booking.
- Full payment 30 days before the start of the journey.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Up to 60 days before arrival, no cancellation charges and deposit will be refunded.
- 59-30 days before arrival: 50% of the total amount as cancellation charge
- 29-0 days before arrival: 100% of the total amount as cancellation charge