

UNCHARTED GALAPAGOS 2025



OVERVIEW

Galapagos is a natural paradise, and there's nothing quite like gliding at our own pace on its turquoise waters, silently paddling along the coastline. Traveling slowly encourages us to contemplate the formation of these islands and how plant and animal species have adapted to each unique ecosystem.

We feel fortunate to break away from conventional travel and explore these wondrous places. Along our serene journeys, we'll encounter sea lions, turtles, frigatebirds, and blue-footed boobies. Perhaps the most astonishing experiences lie beneath the surface, reminiscent of great explorers like Jacques Cousteau. Snorkeling with hammerhead sharks, vibrant tropical fish, and the monolithic walls of Kicker Rock adorned with sea urchins and seahorses, including vivid orange cup corals, will leave an indelible impression.

Strolling on pristine white beaches and along trails with breathtaking vistas, enjoying 12 hours of daylight year-round, savoring sunsets, and gazing at star-filled skies, this is sure to be the journey of a lifetime.

DAY 1:
HOME - QUITO:
Welcome to Quito

Upon your arrival in Quito, one of our local staff members will welcome you to Ecuador, assist you with your luggage, and transfer to the hotel.

Meals included:
Accommodation: Wyndham Quito Airport

DAY 2:
QUITO - SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND:
Flight to SCY - Kayak to Manglecito Beach

Today, your Galapagos Adventure begins! One of our assistants will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the airport in Quito to catch your flight to the Galapagos Islands. You will take a domestic flight to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (SCY) on San Cristobal Island the capital of the province of Galápagos. Upon arrival, you will meet your guide and you will be transferred to a local restaurant for lunch and orientation. Then, we will try out our equipment before loading our luggage onto our support boat. We will paddle from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno to Manglecito Beach.

It will take us 2.5 to 3 hours to cover 6 nautical miles. Along the way, we will pass near Lobos Island, where it will be quite easy to approach the local fauna as they rest on the rocks close to the coast. Kayaking gives us a vantage point, as it is common to spot sea turtles taking their heads out of the water to breath.

Afterward, you will arrive at our eco-lodge, a unique place with a white-sanded beach where curious sea lions get close to peek at their new visitors while the sun slowly dips into the turquoise water horizon. Our team will have already prepared everything, tents set with air®pads, sheets, and pillows and dinner will be a buffet with a variety of foods accompanied by a starry sky and a glass of wine.

Meals included: B,L, D
Accommodation: Eco - lodge South Expeditions



DAY 3:
SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND
Manglecito - Boat ride to Wizard Hill Beach - Kicker Rock/Leon Dormido -
Snorkeling - Sea Kayaking in the bay

One thing you will quickly notice about being on the equator is that both day and night each lasts 12 hours. Early risers witness the island coming to life as light wakens a multitude of animals. Soon after breakfast, we'll take a boat ride towards Cerro Brujo or Wizard Hill where we will disembark in a beautiful, white-sanded beach with the opportunity to see sea turtle nests that lay their eggs every 2 years.

Here we commune with large black iguanas, playful sea lions, and a wide variety of birds ranging from brown pelicans and brown noddy terns to blue-footed boobies all dive-bombing for food. Afterward, we will continue to Kicker Rock– also known as León Dormido for its resemblance to a sleeping lion. This iconic rock formation is in fact the eroded remnants of a volcanic tuff cone and is a popular perch for blue-footed and masked boobies and frigate birds. On the shore, barking or basking sea lions can often be observed.

We'll take full advantage of the biodiversity here and check out the underwater world with a snorkeling excursion. Galapagos and white-tipped reef sharks are found in this area—sometimes hammerheads too! Be on high alert for the elegant swim-by of eagle rays, curious green sea turtles, the colorful blur of reef fish, and sea stars too! In the afternoon, we will return to our eco-lodge at Manglecito.

Meals included: B, BL, D
Accommodation: Eco - lodge South Expeditions



**DAY 4:
SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND**

Return by boat to Puerto Baquerizo - Hike to El Junco - La Galapaguera Tortoise Reserve - Puerto Chino

This day we will take a boat back to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno very early in the morning. Our breakfast will be in port. The trip continues in the highlands of San Cristobal, where you will visit El Junco, the only freshwater crater in the Galapagos Islands.

Afterwards, navigate downhill along a farmer's track. You pass through local orchards and fields of tropical fruit, taking in splendid views of the Pacific Ocean along the way. Your next stop will be the La Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve, built to help conserve the population of the island's Galapagos Tortoises. Here you can observe and learn about this incredible species that the Galapagos Islands are named after. They are the world's largest tortoise and some of the longest-living wildlife in the world. Finish your day with a visit to Puerto Chino, a picturesque and relaxing white-sand beach.

**Meals included: B, L
Accommodation: Casa Opuntia**



DAY 5:
SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND - SANTA CRUZ ISLAND
Highlands of Santa Cruz

This morning you'll board a motorboat for a 2 to 3-hour ride towards Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island. Once you arrive, you will leave your luggage at the hotel and get ready to visit the highlands of Santa Cruz to get up close and personal with the giant Galapagos Tortoise where farms conserve pristine, native, and endemic vegetation for the habitat of these magnificent creatures. As you follow the trail winding through this landscape, you'll get plenty of chances to marvel at the Galapagos Tortoise in its entire splendor— don't forget your camera! These majestic giant tortoises of Santa Cruz— part of a family best known for their dome-shaped shell and gigantic form —are often found partly submerged in mud ponds to combat skin parasites or to regulate their body temperature on warm and sunny days. After becoming acquainted with your new hard-backed friends, continue to explore the volcanic origins of the island by journeying through the intriguing Lava Tunnel.

Meals included: B, L
Accommodation: Angermeyer Waterfront Inn

DAY 6:
SANTA CRUZ - CUENCA
Flight to Cuenca

In the morning, we will be transferred to Baltra to catch a flight to Guayaquil.

Meals included: B
Accommodation:

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PRICES IN USD PER PERSON (BASED ON DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION)

DESCRIPTION	9 - 10 GUESTS	6 - 8 GUESTS	4 - 5 GUESTS	Single Sup.
6 Days / 5 Nights	\$2659	\$2999	\$3379	\$450 <i>Applies only to a passenger who requests a single room.</i>

What IS included?	What is NOT included?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities as per itinerary • Accommodation based on double or triple occupancy rooms • Alcoholic beverages at the eco-lodge • Meals as per itinerary • Transportation as per itinerary • Galapagos Naturalist Guide (1 per island) • Sea kayaking & eco-lodge equipment • Snorkel equipment and wetsuits at navigable tour. • Snacks and purified water • Carbon Footprint Charge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galapagos National Park Fee • Air ticket Quito/Galapagos/Cuenca + Migration Control Card • Tips & Gratuities • Insurance of any type • Alcoholic Beverages • December Surcharge

*The funds raised from the Carbon Footprint Charge will be used for the purchase of primary forest in Ecuador to preserve its biodiversity and prevent further deforestation due to cattle ranching in the country.

OTHER COSTS (IN USD)

DESCRIPTION	PER PERSON
Air ticket Quito / Galapagos / Cuenca + Migratory Control Card	\$675 <i>Subject to change</i>
CO2 charge for International flights (Carbon Footprint)	\$24

*Galapagos Entrance Fee: \$200 per adult - \$100 per child under 12. Subject to change. To be paid directly (cash) by guests upon arrival to Galapagos.

COMMENTS

- Minimum 4 passengers to operate this tour.
- Each day has a small description, meals included on that day (MEALS: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner). Detailed as ACCOMMODATION is the hotel included
- Standard rooms (no ocean view) are booked for this itinerary.
- Kicker Rock navigable tour in shared bases.
- Regarding camping, the GNP approved the following options for passengers' accommodation: 6 double tents or 4 double tents + 2 single tents. We can only accept a maximum of 2 single tents at the campsite in San Cristobal.
- The program includes one Galapagos Naturalist Guide per island.
- These prices may increase due to possible changes in the Special Law for Galapagos National Park.
- All the other costs values will be charged on the invoice once a group confirms depending on the number of passengers.
- These rates are subject to change.
- Suggested tip for Naturalist Guide to be paid directly: USD 10 per guest per day.