



## Itinerary

Galapagos Island hopping 3 Islands: Santa Cruz, Bartoleme, Isabela  
October 5-11, 2013

COST: \$1975.00 per person twin sharing

### HOTELS

Moderate

Santa Cruz - Galapagos Suites

Isabela Island- Casa Marita

### Included in Prices:

- Hotels (double occupancy)
- Breakfasts
- Tours
- Lunches included with specified tours
- Inter island transport by boat

### Not Included in Prices:

- Inter-island flights (instead of ferries)
- Humboldt Explorer
- Isabela Island Exit Tax (\$20)
- Dinners or lunches except where specified
- Transfer hotel to pier/water taxi Santa Cruz
- Breakfast on day of return from Isabela

Note: Isabela activities may be rearranged according to flight times, tour times and tides.

### **Sunday October 5**

**Transfer from Humboldt Explorer to hotel Galapagos Suites after completion of visit to the highlands of Santa Cruz to see the giant tortoises(Primisius or El Chato)**

### **Monday October 6**

**Tour of Bartolome (breakfast included)**

*(boat leaves 6:00 AM - returns late afternoon)*



- *Moderate to Strenuous - wooden boardwalk with 300+ stairs to summit, snorkeling optional*
- 30-45 ft. boat - maximum capacity 16-20 passengers
- \*Bus or taxi transfer to Baltra Island about 1 hour
- \*Boat transfer to Bartolome Island (approx. 2-3 hours)
- \*Visit Pinnacle Rock, an impressive lava formation that towers high above the water
- \*See our very small species of Galapagos penguins resting on the rocks, swimming and fishing.
- \*Lunch included
- \*Snorkeling offer the possibility of close encounters with white tip sharks, friendly sea lions, sea turtles and a variety of fish
- \*Enjoy a beautiful pink and white sand beach where sea turtles lay their eggs, generation after generation
- \*Hike on a well-developed trail with wooden boardwalks and (more than 300) stairs to the summit

- \*From the summit see Pinnacle Rock and the beach far below, and Santiago Island in the distance
- Night at hotel in Santa Cruz

### **Tuesday October 7**

Free morning to walk to Tortuga Bay Beach

2 p.m. Transfer to Isabela Island by boat(included)

- Transfer to hotel

OR

7 a.m. Transfer to Isabela-free day in Isabela (suggested)

### **Wednesday October 8**

Tour to **Volcano Sierra Negra**(8:00 AM - about 2pm)

*Strenuous - hiking over uneven terrain*



- transportation to the highlands
- three hour strenuous hike to the world's second largest volcanic crater
- on a clear day enjoy the view of the northern volcanoes of Isabela and Isla Fernandina from Volcan Chico
- Hike back down to the bus

**Tintoreras/Bay Tour of Isabela** (3:00 PM depending on tide)

*Easy to Moderate - even terrain, snorkeling*

*Small 15 - 20 ft. fishermen boats - maximum capacity varies*



- look for the small Galapagos penguins on the rocks or fishing
- snorkel in the bay with sea lions, white-tip sharks, rays, sea turtles and reef fish (snorkeling is a very small part of the tour)
- take an easy hike through lava formations that are other-worldly
- visit a marine iguana colony and a sea lion colony near by

**Thursday October 9**

**Tour to Los Tuneles**

*(time of day depends on tide)*



- \*Boat transfer to Los Tuneles (approx. 45-60 min.)
- \*Tour the interesting rock formations by boat to see blue-footed boobies, penguins, turtles. Enjoy the arches, overhangs and other unique topography of this area
- Optional snorkeling to see seahorses, turtles
- \*By most visitors to Isabela this is rated the best day tour - a "hidden gem"

**Free afternoon on your own - suggestions:**

- visit the tortoise breeding center
- walk back to town on a boardwalk through the wetlands



- look for flamingos feeding in the lagoons
- Visit the Wall of Tears

**Friday October 10**

**6:00 a.m. boat to Santa Cruz**

**Free day to enjoy Santa Cruz island, visit Tortuga Bay Beach or Charles Darwin Centre**

**Saturday October 11**

**Transfer to Baltra**

**to connect with flight to mainland Ecuador**