

WONDERS OF GALAPAGOS

Itinerary

Day 1: Santa Cruz Island

After arrival in Baltra's airport, transfer to Santa Cruz Island, to your hotel in Puerto Ayora.
**Flight not included in this quote.

Night at Galapagos Magic.

Included: transport, bedroom



Day 2: Santa Cruz Island

Daily Tour on board a motor yacht (sharing basis)

Embark our motor yacht and enjoy of a daily excursion with a welcoming crew members and knowledgeable naturalist guide, and experience the remote islands in comfort and style.

Our daily excursions will take you to experience the Galapagos Islands in a safe and comfortable manner. Check the boat's weekly itinerary: Mondays and Thursdays visit to North Seymour and Bachas. Tuesdays and Fridays visit to South Plazas. Wednesday visit to Santa Fe Island. Saturdays visit to Bartolome and Sullivan Bay. Sundays visit to Bartolome.

*** These excursions are subject to availability and change without prior notification*

Overnight at Mainao hotel (Standard room)

Included: excursion, , bedroom and breakfast



Day 3: Santa Cruz Island

Today we have multiple choices of activities available (organized at additional cost or self guided) or if you feel like unplugging from the world and relaxing completely at our Giant Tortoise Sanctuary enjoying the views, walk to the Lava Tunnels or simply enjoy of the peacefulness.

Optional tours:

1. Walk to Las Grietas & Kayak at Tortuga Bay (private basis)

From Puerto Ayora main pier we take a water taxi to the "Other Side Pier". At this point we start an easy walk for about 1 Km (~0.6 mile) until we reach Las Grietas. This is a stunning geological formation named as fissure where we can see two impressive rock walls with an elongated crystal clear water pond ideal for snorkeling. The Research Center offers a brand new Interpretation Center with some of the most important samples of the Center Collection.

Later, visit to Tortuga Bay. After walking through a deciduous forest for 2.5 Km (~1.5 miles) we will reach one of the most beautiful beaches in the archipelago. We will continue walking along this white sand beach for another 1 Km (~0.6 mile) until we reach the Playa Mansa where we can enjoy a special kayaking ride around the Bay.

2. Cerro Meza & Kayak at Garrapatero (private basis)

Visit Cerro Mesa viewpoint from where we can admire the whole southern shore of Santa Cruz. Continue towards one of the iconic formations in Galapagos resembling a



crater from where we will start a hike downhill for about 30 minutes to the bottom of this collapsed crater. Explore the area, recover energies and start the hike uphill for about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Excellent opportunities to find endemic species such as the Woodpecker Finch and being very lucky giant tortoises.

Later, kayaks at Garrapatero. Walk for about 500 mts (~0.3 mile) on a flat and easy terrain through a deciduous forest until we reach El Garrapatero beach. Kayaking activity takes place from the beach along the bay for about 45 minutes. We can make a short walk to the brackish lagoon where we have high possibilities to find pink flamingos.

4. Coffee farm and Sugar Cane mill & Highlights of Puerto Ayora (private basis)

In the morning, visit Organic Coffee Farm & Sugar Cane mill. Departure from your hotel towards the farming area of El Cascajo. Visit one of the most traditional farms in the area where we can find real organic coffee and sugar cane plantations. We will learn about all coffee and sugar cane growing and production process including a handcrafted sugar cane mil and distillery where the farmers produce a traditional sugar cane liquor.

Later, visit to Charles Darwin Research Station. The Charles Darwin Research Center is the matrix of all the scientific researches in the Galapagos Islands. It is from these headquarters from where all the most sensitive conservation projects are being directed. The conservation and preservation of giant tortoises, marine iguanas among others are some of the examples of the Center labor. We can walk along the core of the Research Center where we can find the corrals where the giant tortoises are being bred as well as the corrals where the land iguanas are being studied. The Research Center offers a brand new Interpretation Center with some of the most important samples of the Center Collection.

Afterwards, visit to wooden workshops in Galapagos. Inspired by the unique beauty of the islands and using cedrella's wood; one of the introduced species in Galapagos several years ago; galapagueños artists have dedicated their lives to capture in this wood images of fauna and flora of the archipelago. Their pieces are full of creativity and details that reflect the naturalness of the enchanted islands. During this visit we will know more about these skilled hands.

5. Navigable Tour to neighbor islands (sharing basis)

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Discovery or Advanced Diving full days are also available with extra cost and previous reservation.

Return to Galapagos Magic lodge in the afternoon.

Overnight at Mainao hotel (Standard room)

Included: bedroom and breakfast

Day 4: Santa Cruz Island

Transfer from hotel in Puerto Ayora to Baltra's airport to take flight back to continent.

Included: breakfast, transport

hotels

Galapagos Magic

Hotel Galapagos Magic
Galapagos, galapagos, Ecuador

Galapagos Magic is a million miles from the world's hustle and bustle. Set in the highlands of Santa Cruz (and away from the waterfront crowds), this totally unique property surprises and delights. All six safari tents have gorgeous views, and guests are surrounded by nature as they sleep. Galapagos Magic is a place to relax, walk the beautiful mountainside, turn your gaze to the beautiful heavens and to admire nature. Giant tortoises call Galapagos Magic their home much of the year, and guests might see a handful slowly moving through the grounds or many dozens dotting the meadow.

Sunsets from Galapagos Magic are, well, magic! Enjoying the last light of day with a cocktail on the meadow deck is a relaxing pastime, as is sharing stories of the days' adventures in front of the open-air main lodge's crackling fire. Magic serves sumptuous, three course dinners. The chefs use their culinary skills in the open kitchen to turn local ingredients into creative and elegant dishes. An after dinner stroll to the 'Lava Lounge' for a nightcap is the perfect way to end the day.

Capacity – 20 people
4 elevated tree houses
6 raised, walk-in tents
Hot water
Wireless Internet
Laundry service



Mainao

Hotel Mainao
Isla Santa Cruz, Ecuador

Welcome to the best relaxing place in Puerto Ayora, in a comfortable family environment.

Originally – like 10 years ago – the hostel was a house for my 2 daughters, Mailé and Naorí. There were 6 rooms and the idea was to have a place to share holiday times with them. As time passed by, they became more independent and the house grew quiet and empty.

This led to the idea of a place to accommodate the Santa Cruz' growing tourist population. Making the most of its strategic location, the Mainao offers a comfortable stay, away from the downtown's hustle and bustle.

Throughout my experience as a tour guide, I have come to understand the tourist's expectations in terms of service and infrastructure, and have applied these to the hotel. Little by little, it has grown to 19 rooms.

I decided on Arabic-Moroccan construction, with peaceful gardens and patios, making it the ideal place for resting and relaxing.

The name was inspired in my 2 daughters: Mailé and Naorí. Welcome to the MAINAO



Not Included: Flights (all flights from mainland Ecuador to the Galapagos Islands can be arranged upon request), Galapagos National Park entrance fee (US \$100 per adult/\$50 per child under 12), tourist transit card (US \$20 per person), Beverages, Laundry service, Insurance (prior to your journey please ensure your travel insurance is valid in your country of origin), Gratuities