

## 6-Day Galapagos Islands Isabela & Santa Cruz



Walk over volcanic trails, snorkel in search of turtles, sharks, manta rays, penguins, sea lions, fish and many more species. Visit the volcano mines and explore the famous Cabo Rosa tunnels on Isabela Island. An ideal adventure if you are a traveler who likes to know each place in depth. Six days of exploring, adventurous activities and special contact with natural encounters.



### **Day 1: Arrival in Galapagos Islands and exploring the Highlands**

Welcome to Baltra airport. Our Guide will pick you up from the Ecological airport of Galapagos Island. Transfer to Santa Cruz Highlands from the airport we will take the bus and then we will cross the canal by boat together with our support staff.

After crossing the Itabaca channel you will find yourself in Santa Cruz and be ready to start the first activities.

#### **Visit to Rancho Primicias or El Chato to observe giant tortoises.**

Our first activity begins in the upper part of the island of Santa Cruz, we will visit the Ranch where the turtles walk free and you can observe the giant tortoises in their natural habitat. We will also be able to see the underground tunnels, tour them and learn more secrets about these incredible islands.

#### **Visit to the Twins (Gemelos)**

On our way to the hotel we will make a stop to observe "Los Gemelos", they are two craters of volcanic formation now covered with a lot of nature, it is common to see birds, butterflies and a large amount of vegetation in the area.

#### **Afternoon at leisure**

In the afternoon, we recommend walking through the streets of Santa Cruz, there are a wide variety of restaurants, art galleries, crafts and viewpoints to visit.

### **Trip briefing:**

Our tour leader will give you the most detailed explanations about the activities that will take place in Galapagos. Here you can clear up your doubts about the secrets or trivia of the volcanic islands.

### **Day 2: Transfer by ferry from Santa Cruz to Isabela**

The adventure begins early at the dock to take the boat to Isabela Island, this tour lasts approximately two and half hours. We recommend you bring a snack since the trip starts very early. When you arrive at Isabela Island you must pay the entrance fee is \$10 per person.

Check in at the Isabela hotel Our staff will pick you up from the dock and take you to the hotel so you can leave your belongings and be ready for your activities.

Leisure time until 1:30 p.m. We recommend renting a bicycle and taking a ride around Puerto Villamil, you will see that it is very easy to get around and you will be able to see the main places on the Island.

### **Walking to Tintoreras**

The transportation will pick you up from your hotel to take you to the pier where the adventure begins. On the Tintoreras tour we will take a short walk in a very special landscape.

The islet we will visit is named after the white-finned sharks known as Tintoreras, this is considered one of the most fascinating species in the Galapagos. Here we will also find: sea lions, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, crabs, sea turtles, pelicans and penguins. of Galapagos. After the walk on the islet we will snorkel in search of sea turtles. Return to the hotel and free night.

We recommend you walk to the boardwalk and try the typical food of the Island.

### **Day 3: Adventure in Cabo Rosa Tunnels, Isabela Island**

Enjoy breakfast and get ready for a day of great adventure. Our vehicle will pick you up from the hotel to take you to the pier where we begin our adventure to the Cabo Rosa tunnels.

### **Birdwatching in Union Rock**

The first stop is made on the boat next to Roca Unión, a small islet located in the open sea where you can see Pelicans, Nazca Boobies and Blue-footed Boobies.

## **Navigation to Tunnels - Cabo Rosa**

After a navigation of approximately 45 minutes we will arrive at one of the most beautiful landscapes of the Galapagos, the tunnels. These tunnel-shaped rock formations were created after ancient eruptions when lava collided with water and formed this unique landscape.

Here you can see the tunnels surrounded by crystal clear water and it is very common to see turtles and sea lions crossing between them, as well as we can enjoy the vegetation that has been coupled to this ecosystem. We will take a walk on search of blue-footed boobies, sea turtles and take incredible photos in this place.

## **Snorkeling time in Finados**

After the walk, we will go to a site known as Finados to snorkel with sea turtles, sharks, manta rays, seahorses and a wide variety of fish.

This is one of the most famous snorkels since several species can be observed in the same place.

The tour includes lunch on board the boat, we will eat in the middle of the sea surrounded by the best possible landscape. After lunch, we begin our return to Isabela, disembarking at the hotel. Afternoon and night free.

## **Day 4: Volcano Mines in Isabela Island**

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### **Volcano mines**

Our transportation will pick you up from your hotel to start the activity. The transportation for this tour is a traditional chiva-bus without windows, so you can always enjoy the landscape.

The first stop will be at the entrance to the volcano to register and then you can admire the vegetation of the area from the chiva-Bus.

We will make a stop to observe the crater of the Sierra Negra volcano, from this privileged point you can see its magnitude and you can also see the mines from afar.

To get to the mines we will take an approximate walk of 2 hours one way and 1-hour with 30-minute return. When you arrive at the mines you will be able to see how the landscape has been transformed and it would seem that you are on the moon next to large colored rocks and sulfur fumaroles.

Enjoy the walk through this lunar landscape and marvel at the fumaroles that come from the volcano.

Finally, the chiva-bus will leave you at the hotel to prepare your luggage and leave for the dock.

### **Ferry from Isabela to Santa Cruz**

The adventure begins early at the dock to take the boat to Isabela Island, this ride lasts approximately two and a half hours. We recommend you bring a snack since the trip starts very early.

### **Day 5: Navigation to Santa Fe or Pinzon Islands**

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#### **Full day of your choice**

We have two options for you, you can choose to visit Santa Fe Island or Pinzon Island, the main difference is that in Santa Fe you will do combined activities between hiking and snorkeling and in Pinzon you will have more snorkeling activities and less walking.

This tour departs in the morning from the pier and lasts approximately 6 to 7 hours. On these excursions, you will be able to observe birds along the way and in the snorkeling activities in the crystal-clear waters you will be able to see: sea turtles, sea lions, iguanas and a wide variety of times.

Lunch is included in this one-day adventure, at the end we will return to the dock and you can enjoy a free afternoon in Santa Cruz. Try the local food on the street at the kioskitos.

### **Day 6: Departure day and transfer to Baltra Airport**

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#### **Transfer out to Baltra airport**

We will pick you up from your hotel to take you back to the Itabaca canal located in the upper part, from here we connect with the boat and the Lobito bus to take you to the airport. End of services.

**The tour includes:**

- Transfer in/out to Baltra airport
- Shared visits or activities according to the program
- 3-night accommodation in Santa Cruz - tourist class hotel
- 2-night accommodation in Isabela – tourist class hotel
- 4\*\*\* breakfasts
- Cabo Rosa tunnels tour with snorkeling equipment, includes lunch
- Volcano Mines Tour
- Tour to Santa Fe or Pinzon, includes lunch
- Ferry ticket Santa Cruz – Isabela
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**The tour does not include:**

- Air ticket from Quito or Guayaquil to Galapagos Islands (\$500pp)
- Transit control card \$20pp
- Entrance fee to the Galapagos National Park \$200pp. Children pay 50% of the corresponding value.
- Isabela pier fee \$10pp.
- Lobito ticket bus \$5pp for each route, total 2 routes
- Lunches not describe in the program
- Dinners
- Optional activities not described in the program

**Itinerary subject to change due the clime conditions or Galapagos National Park regulations without prior notice.**

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