



Tuesday · August 1st, 2023 - Monday · August 7th, 2023

## Galapagos Island Hopping Tour

### Multisport Adventure - Sample Itinerary

<b>Tuesday · August 1st</b>	Flight from Quito to Guayaquil Flight from Guayaquil to San Cristobal AM: Transfer from San Cristobal Airport to your hotel Golden Bay Hotel (2 nights) PM: San Cristobal Island : Interpretation Center/ Tijeretas
<b>Wednesday · August 2nd</b>	FD Kayak and Snorkel in San Cristobal's Northern Coast
<b>Thursday · August 3rd</b>	Flight from San Cristobal to Isabela AM: Transfer from Isabela Airport to your hotel Iguana Crossing Boutique Hotel - Isla Isabela, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador (2 nights) Isabela Island: Bike the Coastline/ Explore Tintoreras Islet
<b>Friday · August 4th</b>	Isabela Island: Sierra Negra Volcano Hiking
<b>Saturday · August 5th</b>	Santa Cruz Island: Hike the Highlands Finch Bay Eco Hotel - Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador (2 nights)
<b>Sunday · August 6th</b>	Santa Cruz Island: Kayak in Lava Wall Channels, Hike to Tortuga Bay
<b>Monday · August 7th</b>	Transfer Out to Airport in Baltra Flight from Galapagos Islands to Guayaquil Flight from Guayaquil to Quito

Tuesday · August 1st

## Quito, Mariscal Sucre International Airport to Guayaquil, Jose Joaquin de Olmedo Airport

LATAM Airlines (LA)

<p><b>LA</b> Carrier / Flight</p>	<p>Depart UIO •</p>	<p>Arrive GYE •</p>
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## Guayaquil, Jose Joaquin de Olmedo Airport to San Cristobal, San Cristobal Airport

LATAM Airlines (LA)

<p><b>LA</b> Carrier / Flight</p>	<p>Depart GYE •</p>	<p>Arrive SCY •</p>
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AM: Transfer from San Cristobal Airport to your hotel



### Golden Bay Hotel

Calle Charles Darwin Lote 3, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno 200150, Ecuador

<p><b>Aug 01</b> Check-in</p>	<p><b>Aug 03</b> Check-out</p>	<p><b>2 nights</b> Duration</p>
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Golden Bay Galapagos is situated in privileged location on the Playa de Oro (Beach of Gold) on San Cristobal Island, directly in front of the sea, where sea lions, blue-footed boobies, and other animal citizens of Galapagos are seen. We are the only hotel on the island registered and approved by Ecuador's Ministry of Tourism and awarded five stars. We are located less than ten minutes from the archipelago's best airport.



## PM: San Cristobal Island : Interpretation Center/ Tijeretas

The Interpretation Center has been open to the public since 1998, offering extensive knowledge about the history of Galapagos. San Cristobal is also the island where Charles Darwin first landed on. It is now home to the capital of Galapagos and houses many government offices, as well as part of the Ecuadorian Navy.

After our visit, we hike to Tijeretas along natural trails formed of lava rocks. The path is surrounded by native plants like Galapagos cotton, palo santo, acacia, and cacti, and we will spot blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, pelicans, herons, gulls, warblers, mockingbirds, and finches in the vegetation and sea cliffs. Our guides interpret this amazing flora and fauna in the context of the natural history we just learned. We also enjoy scenic views of the rugged coastline and the tranquil town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

We cool off from our hike with a refreshing snorkeling session at postcard-worthy Carola Beach, surrounded by sea turtles, sea lions, and marine iguanas, and bask in the setting sun. After dinner, we'll explore the friendly, laidback beach town and stroll down the boardwalk to visit the neighboring colony of Galapagos sea lions

## Wednesday · August 2nd



## FD Kayak and Snorkel in San Cristobal's Northern Coast

Our second day begins with a morning of kayaking along the coastal bays and coves of San Cristobal's north coast, full of bluefooted boobies, frigate birds, sea lions, and sea turtles. We may visit Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock) or Punta Pitt. The visiting site will depend on the week day and Galapagos National Park regulations. We'll put on snorkels and fins to interact with sea

lions, as well as marine iguanas and countless reef fish. We'll swim with spotted eagle rays, golden rays, Galapagos sharks, starfish, clams, and fish of every shape, size, and color. With luck, we might even see some menacing but harmless hammerhead sharks!

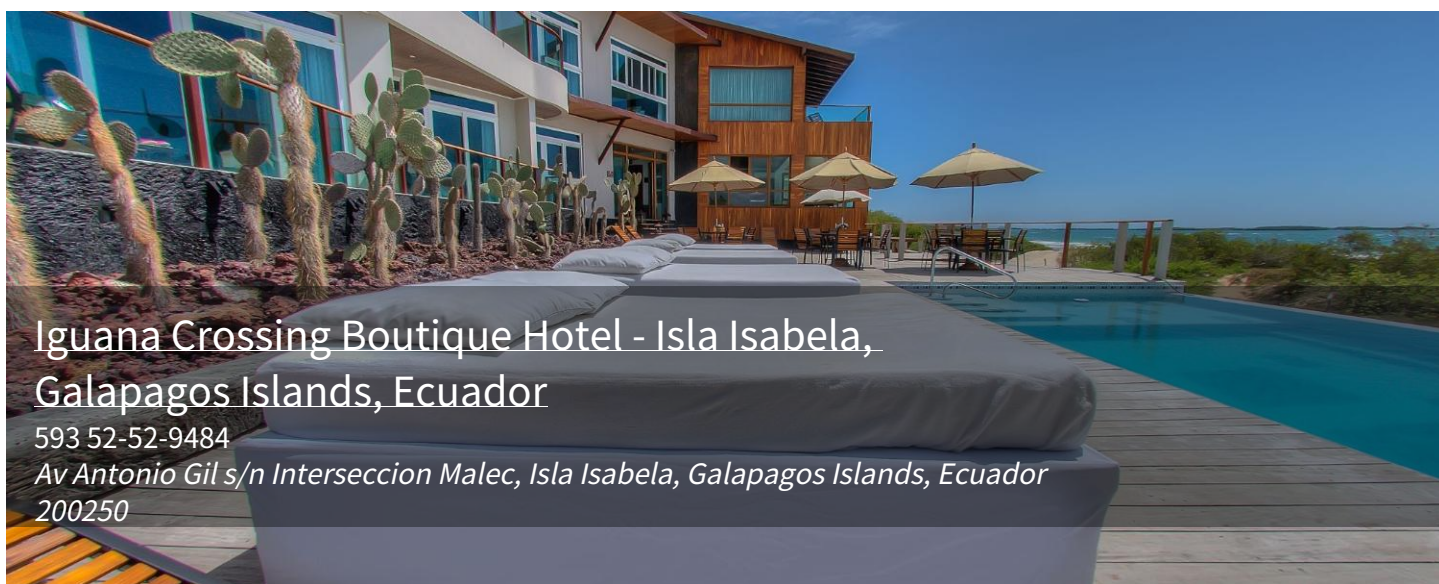
Thursday · August 3rd

## San Cristobal, San Cristobal Airport to Isabela

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<p><b>EMT</b> Carrier / Flight</p>	<p>Depart SCY •</p>	<p>Arrive •</p>
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### AM: Transfer from Isabela Airport to your hotel



Iguana Crossing Boutique Hotel - Isla Isabela,  
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

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Av Antonio Gil s/n Interseccion Malec, Isla Isabela, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador  
200250

<p><b>Aug 03 · 1:00 PM</b> Check-in</p>	<p><b>Aug 05 · 10:00 AM</b> Check-out</p>	<p><b>2 nights</b> Duration</p>
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## Isabela Island: Bike the Coastline/ Explore Tintoreras Islet

AM: In the morning, we take a short inter-island flight to Isabela island, the largest island in the archipelago, formed by six active shield volcanoes. In fact, Isabela is one of the most Volcanically active spots on the planet. Upon arrival, we embark on a bike ride that will take us through a wide variety of environments and ecosystems. Along the way, we'll pass through white sand beaches, mangrove forests and brackish lagoons, and a lava tube cave. As we ride, we'll pass giant tortoises, flamingos, and other wildlife. At the end of our ride, we arrive at el Muro de las Lagrimas (the Wall of Tears). When Isabela was used as a penal colony, prisoners were forced to construct this towering wall of lava rocks for no other reason than to keep them distracted from the madness of isolation.

PM: After lunch, we explore Tintoreras, a set of small islets filled with hidden coves and beaches. Here, we will find the peculiar, endemic Galapagos penguin and other marine life. At the end of the day, we retire to our hotel and after a delicious dinner, we can enjoy the well-appointed lounge or wander the idyllic sand streets of Puerto Villamil.

## Friday · August 4th



## Isabela Island: Sierra Negra Volcano Hiking

AM: This morning, we'll drive up the flanks of the Sierra Negra volcano until the road ends. Here, we continue on foot and hike into a surreal world of geological history. On the hike up, we can admire incredible views of the surrounding volcanoes and sea, as well as the distinctive highland ecosystem around us. But the real prize is at the top - when we arrive at the rim of the Sierra Negra volcano, we are treated to a truly breathtaking vista. Sierra Negra is the second largest active caldera on the planet, over six miles at its widest point. We'll hike the rim of this enormous crater and, if we feel energetic, continue to the caldera of Volcan Chico, an otherworldly landscape of vibrant hues created by sulfur deposits. Here we can explore spectacular lava formations and fumaroles.

PM: After a stop at an idyllic tortoise reserve for lunch, we'll head back to the lowlands in time to spend our last afternoon on Isabela relaxing on the perfect beaches and soaking up the island-life atmosphere.

Saturday · August 5th



Santa Cruz Island: Hike the Highlands

Wake up with the sea breeze as we travel by speedboat or internal flight to Santa Cruz Island, keeping an eye out for whales and dolphins along the way. After checking in at the hotel we head to El Chato in the Santa Cruz highlands to find the famous giant tortoise in its natural habitat. It is truly an honor to walk in the stately presence of these gentle giants, who can live to be over 175 years old. We will also see pintail ducks, Darwin's finches, frigate birds, egrets, and the vermilion flycatcher.

Our next stop is the incredible lava tunnels, which formed an ideal hideout for the pirates that once frequented the Galapagos. Legend has it that they were also used to hide Inca gold stolen from Spanish ships. We then hike on to Los Gemelos, two deep volcanic sinkholes at the top of the island, with rocky cliffs surrounding the huge pits of empty magma chambers. Our path takes us through a forest of endemic Scalesia trees, where we will be on the lookout for the elusive short-eared owl. The trees are covered with ferns and epiphytes, and lend the forest a quiet, eerie feel



Finch Bay Eco Hotel - Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

593 9-8601-6610

Barrio Punta Estrada S/N, Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Aug 05 · 2:00 PM

Check-in

Aug 07 · 1:00 PM

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

Beachfront eco hotel situated on the south side of the Santa Cruz Island - 6 suites feature private balcony with ocean views.

Sunday · August 6th



## Santa Cruz Island: Kayak in Lava Wall Channels, Hike to Tortuga Bay

AM: This morning, we'll head back to sea in kayaks to explore the unique landscape of Punta Estrada and Divine Bay. As we paddle through towering lava channel walls, we can see rays and white-tipped reef sharks below us in the serene, clear water. We can also paddle right up to the fearless blue-footed boobies, lava gulls, herons, sally lightfoot crabs, and marine iguanas perched along the cliffs.

PM: After lunch, we'll take a short hike through a distinctive dry forest to Tortuga Bay. Along the hike, we find many interesting birds and plants. We emerge from the forest onto Tortuga Bay, one of the most beautiful beaches in the Galapagos, with soft, fine sand and pristine turquoise waters, perfect for a relaxing afternoon. As evening comes, we'll return to our hotel to celebrate a wonderful trip and enjoy our last evening in the Galapagos.

If there is enough time we'll stop for a visit at the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn from local scientists about the ongoing conservation efforts on these enchanted islands. The Research Station rears endemic plants, land iguanas, and giant tortoises for educational, scientific, and conservation purposes. Here, we can learn more about the diverse evolutionary paths and characteristics of the animals and plants that we just met.

Monday · August 7th

## Transfer Out to Airport in Baltra

Early pickup at Finch Bay hotel for transfer to Baltra Airport

## Galapagos Islands, Baltra Airport to Guayaquil, Jose Joaquin de Olmedo Airport

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# Guayaquil, Jose Joaquin de Olmedo Airport to Quito, Mariscal Sucre International Airport

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ECUADOR (updated February 17th, 2023)

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Maite Paz / Contact for any emergency you might have: + 593 99 992 5147

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS:

As of February 17th, 2023

We would like to let you know the good news that the Ecuadorian authorities have relaxed the rules and paperwork for passengers arriving in the country from today. The rules are now:

- Passengers **do not** have to fill out the Health Declaration form before or on arrival.
- Only passengers with the following symptoms need do so: high temperature, cough, general malaise, loss of smell or taste, or cutaneous eruptions. The form can be filled in online (<https://declaracionsalud-viajero.msp.gob.ec/>) or on arrival on paper.

As a reminder, it is **not necessary** to present proof of vaccinations, or any COVID-19 test certificates, to enter Ecuador.

Furthermore, **mask wearing is no longer mandatory anywhere in Ecuador**, except in hospitals and medical centers. We recommended guests wear masks when using transport services such as vehicles or airplanes.

Notes for Galapagos entry:

- A Galapagos Transit Control Card will need to be completed online (or at the airport) before the flight (we have already taken care of this for you)
- A travel insurance certificate is required.

### PACKING LIST:

**Long pants** trousers that are suitable for trekking. Ideally, they should be of lightweight and quick-dry material. Pants with zip-legs that convert to shorts are especially handy in all weather.

**Shorts** for everyday use when the sun is shining in Galápagos.

**T-shirts** quick-dry sports t-shirts are ideal, otherwise cotton is fine too.

**Long sleeve light shirt** something light to protect from the sun and/or mosquitos or cover you up at night.

**Light sweater and fleece** for the chilly evening, Nights can get a bit colder.

**Underwear & Socks** no explanation needed, I hope

**Waterproof Jacket** protection from Galapagos and Amazon showers

**Swimsuit** suitable for swimming / snorkeling and sun-bathing. It's worth bringing along a spare too as you'll be in the water every day while in Galapagos.

**Sun hat** nothing spoils a vacation more than red sunburn. The Andean and Galapagos sun burns skin quickly, even on cloudy days, so wide-rim hats offer the best protection.

**Smart evening wear** this one's optional.

**Shoes** – a pair of either hiking or tennis shoes are fine. They should be comfortable for trekking, and in sturdy condition to tackle rough terrain. **Walking Sandals** for me these are indispensable! Flexible and comfy for both trekking and the beach. They also keep air flowing to keep your feet nice and cool.

**Extra Cash:** There may be costs that you will have to pay in cash. You will also need cash for tipping your guides and crew and for buying souvenirs. You will have access to ATM machines but as a backup we also recommend bringing a debit card, some extra cash and a credit card.



**Others** – Sunglasses, camera, sun protection cream (very important), insect repellent, toiletries, passport, any medicine you might be taking. Small water-resistant daypack to carry camera gear and other equipment during Amazon and island walks.