



## **GALÁPAGOS BIRDING JOURNEY NIGHTS**

**5 DAYS/4**

**SANTA CRUZ + THREE DIFFERENT ISLANDS (Level Adventure)**

Mockingbird & lens

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<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<b>FINAL PRICE/PAX</b>	<b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT</b>
Twin Lodge Galápagos (Comfort Class Hotel)	<b>USD \$ 1137,75</b>	<b>USD \$ 204,00</b>

The Island Home (Tourist Class Hotel)	<b>USD \$ 1000.00</b>	<b>USD \$ 164.75</b>
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## PROGRAM INCLUDE

- 5 days / 4 nights tour excursion (see itinerary below)
- Personalize assistance 24 hours
- Accommodation in economic class hotel
- Transfer and out service
- Transportation in the Islands and during the tours
- Free swimming pool and distraction garden
- Meals: breakfast, lunch daily (local menu)
- Naturalist guide accredited by the Galápagos National Park
- Snorkel equipment (mask, tube, and fins)
- Wetsuit
- Unlimited coffee and pure water in the hotel
- **Service 10% and Ecuadorian TAX 12%**

## PROGRAM NOT INCLUDE

- **International flights**
- Flight from/to Baltra Airport (we will help organize it according to the itinerary, contact us)
- Galápagos National Park entrance fee USD 100,00
- Immigration Galápagos Visitors Card USD 20,00
- Entrance fee at Isabela Island USD 10,00
- Bus ticket Baltra Island in USD 5,00 – out USD 5,00
  - Ferry Itabaca Channel in USD 1,00 – back USD 1,00
- Alcohol beverages or food, unless specified
- Travel and medical insurance
- Personal souvenirs
- Other services not describe on this program
- Tips

## ITINERARY: GALÁPAGOS BIRDING JOURNEY 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS (Level Adventure)

### DAY 1: Arrival in the Galápagos Island (Transfer in: Baltra Airport) – Charles Darwin Research Center Station – Hotel

At the Baltra Airport the naturalist tour guide accredited by Galápagos National Park is going to welcome to our guests, he is going to be waiting with the paper signboard at the passenger principle hall meeting. The naturalist guide is going to assist to all our adventurers and he will share whole information about the Galápagos Islands. At the most comfortable and ecological and sustainable Hotel, Twin Lodge Galapagos (in fact, the only hotel builds up over the lava tube in all Puerto Ayora) our guests will be welcome by the hotel´s staff with fresh juice and they will get the briefing about hotel and the Galápagos Islands. After the succulent lunch the adventurers will be taken to the **Charles Darwin Research Center** in order to know deeply the Galápagos Islands land and marine wildlife. At this scientific place passengers are going to be able to know a lot about the numerous baby and adult Galápagos Giant Tortoises that are currently being raised in captivity, so visitors can observe a variety of tortoises, including hatchlings, juveniles, and full-grow individuals. Guests will also learn about land iguana´s life, see several kinds of birds including Darwin´s finches, watch endemic flowers and plants. And, it is possible to visit the George Tortoise museum in order to overserve and learn about the life of the last giant turtle specimen.

The sunny afternoon and the friendly Puerto Ayora city population will welcome to the travelers at their attractive and touristic destination. So, visitors can explore the Puerto Ayora pier where is common to enjoy watching sea lions resting on the pier and city park chairs, another beautiful place is the fisher market which is a small-scale fishier market, so the excursionist can see the biggest lobsters and different kind of fishes ready to take to the different city restaurants, and the adventurers can walk on the whole Charles Darwin Avenue getting memories at the local shopping.

After the gourmet dinner the comfort or tourist class hotel will amaze to our guests making their rest a pleasant experience surrounded by the mist tropical forest of the volcanic highland.

### DAY 2: Full Day Tour Isabela Island (walking & snorkeling) -speed boat-

The departure is going to be at 6H30 am from the Puerto Ayora Pier, our guests´ tour experience is going to be amazing wondering marine and land wildlife in **Isabela Island** which is the largest island of the Archipelagos. First able, passengers will spot the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center where the naturalist will explain and show closely five different species of tortoises from the different volcanoes on Isabela, it is also possible to see different kind of tropical birds. Then, Flamingo lagoon will be visit where all the visitors have chance to see hundreds of sea lions, obviously

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the pinks flamingos. In order to finish the tour, Las Tintoreras is the last spot, which is the paradise of the tipped reef sharks and it is a small bay where the Galápagos penguins like to frequent, also it is possible to observe playful lava heron and gull birds. This place is magic in order to snorkeling, so the adventurers have to be quick to get a glimpse of the penguins underwater. The biggest island journey offers the opportunity to watch closely several species of finch. The hot lunch will be enjoyed at the town's restaurants.

It is recommended to wear wetsuit in order to neutralize the sea cold because it falls under 20°C on September to December and it is up of 27°C on January to August.

### **DAY 3: Full Day Tour Floreana Island (walking & snorkeling) -speed boat-**

Very early in the morning, at 7:30 am, after the fresh delicious breakfast start the trip to **Floreana Island** which is very famous because the small group of families have preserved Patrick Watkins and baroness' stories, so these two stories have become part of their culture. Both, people's stories and island's wildlife are going to make a magic visit time in Floreana island. The trip consists to visit the pirate caves created by pirates seeking water and shelter, the giant tortoises and Larga de Aki. A beautiful lookout over the island and the bay permit to wonder red-billed tropicbirds nesting in the crevices. Snorkeling on the black beach is possible to swim next to the sea lions, also with many green marine turtles and possibly next the cute Galápagos penguins. Devil's Crown crater which has been eroded away by the waves is haven for seabirds such as boobies, pelicans, and frigatebirds. Red-billed Tropicbirds nest in the crevices. Birdwatch travelers will be wondering learning Campion and Gardner-by-Floreana, the last refuges for the Floreana Mockingbird, are two small, pristine islets. Hot lunch will be provided on the island's restaurant or aboard.

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### **DAY 4: Yacht Excursion North Seymour Island**

The journey starts with 40 minutes ride by bus from the hotel until the Itabaca Chanel. Then, a comfortable yacht is going to pick up until **North Seymour Island**, where the adventurers will be wondering with the unique wildlife flora and fauna on natural state. The tour consists approximately two- and half-hour trail where guests can shoot the best pictures. It is common to observe the largest colony of magnificent frigatebirds, swallow tailed gull, blue-footed boobies, and land iguanas, as well as sea lions and marine iguanas along the coast. The trip will take to travelers to be amazed in Mosquera, this small, flat, and sandy islet offers to the adventurers the perfect lion behavior. It is also possible to observe lava gulls, coastal birds, and Sally lightfoot crabs. While enjoy the hot lunch in the deeply cabins of the yacht, passengers will be taking to the Bachas Beach. The beach is paradisiacal place to take relaxing walk, swim and enjoy the sun. Snorkeling time will wonder with colorful reef fish, various rays, white tip reef sharks, and green turtles. The trip takes until the Chanel, then a bus transport back to the hotel.

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### **DAY 5: "The Twins" (Los Gemelos) Excursion - Transfer out (hotel – Baltra Airport)**

Often mistaken for volcanic craters, Los Gemelos – or "The Twins" in English – are actually sinkholes. When the volcanoes on the islands were still active, lava flows would roll down the hills to get to the sea. So, the lava run at different speeds under the ground for several days becoming big lava tunnels and magma chambers. The outer lava cools faster than the middle and starts to dry, allowing for the formation of lava walls that enclose the hotter lava within. These geological formations remain underground for thousands of years until their roofs collapse due to erosion, which is the case with Los Gemelos.

After this amazing excursion, our guests are going to keep with their transfer out until the Airport by private transportation. Our adventurers will be assisted whole the time until the check in-point at Baltra Airport where hotel stay island hopping tour ends.

### **PAYMENT POLICY**

- In order to confirm the tour space, you have pay USD 100,00 (no refundable)
- The group of passengers have to complete 100% of payments 45 days before trip, there isn't exception

### **CANCEL POLICY**

- 60 to 45 days before trip USD 100 deposit is not going to be refundable
- 44 to 30 days before trip Fine 50% of program cost
- 29 until the last day of trip Fine % of program cost 100

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- **Tour prices are subject to changes with no previous information.**
- **A minimum of 2 persons is needed to operate this program.**
- Free under 2-year-old kids; discount 10% until 5-year-old; 6+ year old kids' normal rate.
- There is not discount for retirees.
- The tour is subject to the hotel room space; it means if the hotel is full the tour agency is going to take passengers to the different same category hotel.
- The prices are according to the double/triple/quadruple room.

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- In order to confirm the tour reservation, you need to deposit USD 100 per each passenger (no refundable).
- In order to avoid disappointment, it is best to reserve your fly ticket ahead of time.
- The itineraries are subject to changes and modifications without previous announcement, depending on the climate conditions, Galápagos National Park permits, operational reasons or passenger security.
- The described species in the program can be encountered during the tours but it is not guaranteed that always will be encountered as it depends on natural factors, climate, seasons, and marine currents.
- Always take with you sun cream, repellent, non-slip shoes, water proof jacket, hat, camera and cash.

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