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Day 1: US / Baltra Island, Galápagos

Meals: D

Arrival Airport: Baltra International Airport (GPS)

Traveler Name:

Flight Number:

Arrival Time:

In-Country Coordinator:

Secondary Contact:

Dietary Restrictions:

Health items to note:

Important Airport Information:

Please remember that you should be at the airport two hours before the departure time. BEFORE you can check in, you must first buy a **'CONSEJO DE GOBIERNO'** migration card and secondly have your bag inspected by The **'GALÁPAGOS QUARANTINE SERVICE'**.

First, at the Ingala migration counter where you will buy your **'CONSEJO DE GOBIERNO'** you will have to give your passport number, nationality, age, and other personal information, then you will have to pay \$20.00 per person for the Ingala migration card, which contains details about your visit. (Please check well in advance of your trip that your passport will still be valid for at least six months).

After this, you need to go through the quarantine and inspection system, the **'GALÁPAGOS QUARANTINE**



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SERVICE' or Siggal. They will x-ray your luggage checking for any organic product (soil, seeds, plants, food or any animals). If you are bringing any of these, please declare them to the quarantine inspector and he/she will tell you if they are allowed into Galapagos. Before packing, please give your clothes, shoes, and other luggage a good cleaning.

Once you have completed these two stages, you will be able to check in. As your flight ticket is an e-ticket, you just need to present your passport and your reservation code and a copy of your reservation (if you have it). The person at the counter will give you your boarding pass.

Once you arrive you will have to go through customs procedures. Please show the customs staff your migration card. You will need to pay a **Galápagos National Park entrance fee of \$100.00 CASH, per person**. You may need to show your luggage tickets to withdraw your bags from the baggage area. **DO NOT BUY THE BUS TICKET AS YOUR DRIVER WILL ALREADY HAVE DONE SO.**

If you are flying from Quito, the plane might stop in Guayaquil first before proceeding to Baltra, Galápagos. Total travel time from Quito – Guayaquil – Baltra is approx 3 hours. If you fly directly from Quito or Guayaquil to Galápagos, you will arrive in Baltra approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes after take-off.

*Remember to adjust your watch when you arrive - Galápagos time is one hour earlier than mainland Ecuador.

You have a private transfer to Semilla Verde, and our driver will be waiting for you after the luggage check, right outside the airport. Please do not get on the bus without him. You will have to wait up to 30 minutes whilst the bags are offloaded, then take a 15 minute bus ride from the airport to 'Itabaca Canal' that crosses to Santa Cruz via ferry, 10 minutes. Then, a car ride takes you 30km to the Semilla Verde, another 35 mins.

Afternoon: After arriving at the Galápagos Islands, you will be met at the airport by your private transfer. Check-in to your boutique hotel, and enjoy a free afternoon (we suggest visiting the nearby Charles Darwin Station), before settling down for a delicious welcome drink and dinner at the hotel. The Galápagos consists of 13 major islands and 6 smaller ones, and you will explore many of them over the course of your stay.

Dinner: Welcome to the Galápagos! Enjoy a late lunch or early dinner at Semilla Verde Hotel as you enjoy your first evening in the Galápagos.

Accommodation: Semilla Verde Boutique Hotel

Address: Km 12 via a Baltra, Puerto Ayora, Puerto Ayora 200350, Ecuador

Phone: +593 5-301-3079

Day 2: Bartolome, Galápagos Islands

Meals: B, L

Breakfast: Enjoy an early breakfast at the Boutique Hotel

Morning, Lunch, Afternoon: At 7:00 in the morning you will be picked up at your hotel and will depart by boat to Bartolome island (enjoying your breakfast on the boat). Bartolome Island has a spectacular volcanic landscape and great snorkeling! Climbing up a long staircase to the view point on the summit offers breathtaking views over the surrounding islands. Bartolome is famous for its Pinnacle Rock – probably the most famous volcanic landscape in Galápagos. This beach is great for swimming and snorkeling with the



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opportunity of seeing many different reef fish, penguins, rays and white-tipped reef sharks. Enjoy a full day on Bartolome Island (with both a land visit and snorkel activities). Return to Semilla Verde around 5:00 in the evening.

Boat Charter: Sea Finch or similar (based on availability)

Dinner: Return to Semilla Verde to enjoy a relaxing evening and delicious dinner.

Evening: Overnight at Boutique Hotel

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Day 3: North Seymour, Galápagos Islands

Meals: B, L

Breakfast: Enjoy an early breakfast at the Boutique Hotel

Morning, Lunch, Afternoon: At 8:00 in the morning you will be picked up at your hotel and will depart on a day trip to North Seymour Island where you explore the island by both land and sea. Located slightly to the north of Baltra, North Seymour is a low, flat island, formed as a result of the uplift of a submarine lava formation. It is covered with low, bushy vegetation and contains the largest colony of Magnificent frigate birds in the Galápagos. Land iguanas are common here too. There is also a population of blue-footed boobies that perform an amusing courtship dance when nesting conditions are right. This goofy stride, picking-up their blue feet in a slow motion, wing spreading, whistling and honking is one of the highlights of a visit to this island. Snorkeling and swimming from the beautiful and sandy Bachas beach follows the walk. You will return to Semilla Verde around 4:30 in the evening.

Boat Charter: Sea Finch or similar (based on availability)

Dinner: Return to Semilla Verde to enjoy a relaxing evening and delicious dinner.

Evening: Overnight at Boutique Hotel

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Day 4: Santa Cruz, Galápagos Islands

Meals: B, L

Breakfast: Enjoy an early breakfast at the Boutique Hotel



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Morning: At 8:30 in the morning you will be picked up at your hotel and depart out on a Highland Tour of Santa Cruz island (cloud forest, pit craters, lava tunnels, wild tortoises). Return to Semilla Verde around 2:00 in the afternoon.

Lunch: Return back to the hotel for lunch at Semilla Verde, followed by a free afternoon and evening.

Afternoon: In the late afternoon visit the nearby Tortuga Bay Beach for swimming and optional kayaking!

Dinner: Enjoy a free evening to explore the nearby town and eat dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

Evening: Overnight at Boutique Hotel

Accommodation: Semilla Verde Boutique Hotel

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Day 5: Santa Fe, Galápagos Island

Meals: B, L

Breakfast: Enjoy an early breakfast at the Boutique Hotel

Morning, Lunch, Afternoon: At 7:30 in the morning you will be picked up at your hotel and embark on a day trip to South Plazas or Santa Fe Island (land visit and snorkel activities). One of a pair of small uplifted islands a short distance from the east coast of Santa Cruz, South Plaza has a unique landscape of colourful Sesuvium plants and Opuntia cacti and provides some of the most interesting wildlife observation spots in Galápagos. Land iguanas are easily seen from the trail. Swallow-tailed gulls, Pelicans and Shearwaters, along with other sea birds use the rising air to glide effortlessly over the escarpment. The protected rocky seashore is prime habitat for a large colony of playful sea lions. Located south of Santa Cruz Island, Santa Fe Island offers the chance of spotting the Santa Fe Land Iguana, which only exists here. Arriving on the sandy beach of a protected bay you will be greeted by tens of sea lions and lava lizards. A short circular trail takes you along the cliff edge where you can most likely spot the iguanas. Snorkeling in the beautiful bay here offers playful sea lions, colorful reef fish and occasionally sea turtles and rays. You will return to Semilla Verde around 4:30 in the evening.

Boat Charter: Sea Finch or similar (based on availability)

Dinner: Return to Semilla Verde to enjoy a relaxing evening and delicious dinner.

Evening: Overnight at Boutique Hotel

Accommodation: Semilla Verde Boutique Hotel

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Day 6: Baltra Island / Airport

Meals: B



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Breakfast: Enjoy a breakfast at the Boutique Hotel

Morning: After we check out of our hotel we will travel to the airport to catch our International flights back home or to our onward destinations.

Departure Airport: Baltra International Airport (GPS)

Traveler Name:

Flight Number:

Departure Time:

Optional 5-Day Extension to Ecuador

Day 6 / Day 1 Optional Extension to Quito, Ecuador

Meals: D

Arrival Airport: Quito International Airport (UIO)

Traveler Name:

Flight Number:

Arrival Time:

Afternoon: Welcome to Ecuador! We'll meet our guide at the Quito International Airport, check into our hotel, and enjoy a relaxing evening at our hotel.

Dinner: We'll finish off the day with a relaxing welcome dinner as we brace ourselves for the adventures ahead of us in mainland Ecuador over the course of the next several days!

Evening: Overnight in Hotel

Accommodation: Casa Joaquin or similar

Address: Joaquín Pinto, Quito 170118, Ecuador

Phone: +593 2-222-4791

Day 2: Quito to Cotopaxi

Meals: B, D

Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel

Morning: This morning we'll take a day tour of Cotopaxi, an active volcano in the Andes Mountains. For those early birds who would like to hike the mountain, please inquire about arriving one day early to add this to your itinerary.



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Lunch: Enjoy lunch at a delicious local restaurant

Afternoon: In the afternoon, we'll spend the morning touring the Old Town. We'll visit the magnificent Iglesia de San Francisco, Compañía de Jesús, and Plaza de la Independencia. In the afternoon, we'll hike up to El Panecillo, with its unparalleled, sweeping view of the city below. The rest of the evening will include visits to other iconic locations, such as Fundación Guayasamín and Plaza Foch, before ending at Zazu—the hippest dining spot in Quito.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel or a restaurant of your choice (not included)

Accommodation: Casa Joaquín or similar

Address: Joaquín Pinto, Quito 170118, Ecuador

Phone: +593 2-222-4791

Day 3: Quito - Otavalo

Meals: B, L

Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel

Morning: This morning we'll drive deep into the highlands of the Northern Sierra.

Lunch: We'll stop along the way at the Andean village of San Clemente to meet the community and enjoy a local lunch.

Afternoon: We'll also visit Mitad del Mundo, where we'll have our photos taken with one foot in the Northern hemisphere and the other in the Southern hemisphere. Afterwards, we'll continue on to the indigenous town of Otavalo. After a jam-packed day, get some shut-eye at a historical hacienda.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant near your hotel (not included)

Accommodation: Casa Joaquín or similar

Address: Joaquín Pinto, Quito 170118, Ecuador

Phone: +593 2-222-4791

Day 4: Quito - Otavalo - Quito

Meals: B, L

Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel

Morning: This morning, we'll explore Otavalo's renowned artisan market—South America's largest outdoor market. With colorful, handmade goods at every turn, it's the perfect place to pick up some souvenirs.

Lunch: Enjoy lunch at a delicious local restaurant

Afternoon: In the afternoon we'll visit Peguche Waterfall, Cuicocha Lake, and take photos in front of Imbabura Volcano—the stunning backdrop of Otavalo. Return to Quito in the evening.



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Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel or a restaurant of your choice (not included)

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Day 5: Quito

Meals: B

Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel

Morning: After we check out of our hotel we will travel to Quito International Airport to catch our International flights back home or continue onwards to the Galápagos!

Departure Airport: Quito International Airport (UIO)

Traveler Name:

Flight Number:

Departure Time: