GALAPAGOS NAVIGABLE LAND TOUR

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Visiting 4 Islands: ***SANTA CRUZ + 3 NAVIGABLE ISLANDS***

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CODE: GN003

** Hotels depend on the category you choose – see alternatives bellow **
Hotels are subject to availability

IN SUMMARY

Day 1 Arrive at Baltra Airport – Transfer to Santa Cruz Island: Highlands (Giant Tortoise)

Day 2 **Navigable Day Tour** to either ***ONE*** of these islands: *Plazas, Bartolomé North Seymour* **OR** *Santa Fe* (box lunch)/ overnight at Santa Cruz **

Day 3 **Navigable Day Tour** to either ***ONE*** of these islands: *Plazas, Bartolomé North Seymour* **OR** *Santa Fe* (box lunch)/ overnight at Santa Cruz **

Day 4 **Navigable Day Tour** to either ***ONE*** of these islands: *Plazas, Bartolomé North Seymour* **OR** *Santa Fe* (box lunch)/ overnight at Santa Cruz **

Day 5 Transfer out to **Baltra Airport** (Visit "The Twins" on way out) / *Goodbye Galapagos!*

** *Navigable sites and schedules are established by the Galapagos National Park. Let us know what site you want to visit and* ***we will advise on availability****!*

NAVIGABLE DESTINATIONS
BARTOLOME & SULLIVAN BAY
SEYMOUR & PLAYA BACHAS
PLAZAS & PUNTA CARRION
SANTA FE

NOTE: *destinations are subject to availability and/or changes due to Galapagos National Park dispositions and/or circumstances beyond our control.*

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DAY-BY-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

DEAR TRAVELER: *Please take the time to read thoroughly the following itinerary as many important details and recommendations about the program are explained here. If you should have any questions or concerns after reading this itinerary, please do not hesitate in contacting one of our travel specialists, we will gladly provide you with further information and make any recommendations to make your trip the most suitable possible.*

DAY 1 — Arrival at **Baltra Airport** / Transfer to **Santa Cruz Island**: Giant Tortoise Reserve

You can arrive to the Galapagos Islands only by flight from either Quito or Guayaquil (air ticket not included). Your English speaking guide will be waiting for you at the Baltra Airport in Galapagos and will then lead you to the port of **Puerto Ayora** (Santa Cruz Island).

Afterwards, we will take a short rest before making our way to the **Highlands of Santa Cruz.** Here you will have the great opportunity to observe the famous Galapagos **Giant Tortoises** in their natural environment**.** The Islands themselves were named after these species. You will also be able to see the famous Galapagos Finches, Bird Wizards, as well as endemic vegetation such as Escelacias forests and Matazarnos. After this encounter with the Giant Tortoises, we will return to Puerto Ayora.

Meals included: None
Accommodation: Hotel of the chosen category

DAY 2 — **Full Day Navigable Tour** to: Plazas Is. **OR** Seymour Is. **OR** Santa Fe Is. **OR** Bartolomé Is.*

**** NOTE:*** *Depending on availability, you may choose **ONE** of these sites.*

Depending on the navigable site available, pick-up from the hotel will be early in the morning (either 5 or 8 AM) to take you to the small vessel (16 passenger motor yacht) at the embarkation point (either Puerto Ayora dock or Itabaca Channel). The destination will be any of these islands; all of the sites below are inhabited and offer a unique close-up with wildlife and endemic vegetation.

The destination can be Santa **Fe, South Plazas, North Seymour or Bartolomé**. The activities will include hiking, snorkeling, swimming and breathtaking sightseeing. After land and sea excursion, we will return back to the hotel in Santa Cruz where you can relax.

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Meals included: Breakfast or Box Breakfast, Box Lunch
Accommodation: Hotel of the chosen category

DAY 3 **Full Day Navigable Tour** to: Plazas Is. **OR** Seymour Is. **OR** Santa Fe Is. **OR** Bartolomé Is. *

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DIA 5 Transfer to **Baltra Airport** – Adios Galapagos!

On the final day we recommend waking up early to have enough time to get ready for the transfer-out from Puerto Ayora to **Baltra** where you will catch your return flight to either Quito or Guayaquil

Meals included: Breakfast

NOTE: *Itinerary subject to change without prior warning depending on seasonal changes, weather conditions, and adjustments in policies set by the Galapagos National Park, and other unforeseen circumstances that may arise.*

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **HOTEL SELECTION:** The hotel selection depends on the category of hotel that you choose. Once you choose the hotel class of preference, we will specify which hotels are available for the dates of your trip. Hotels are categorized in the following classes: **Standard Class**, **Tourist Superior Class**, and **First Class**. All the hotels we work with have been carefully chosen by us after close inspection.

- **AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED:** The price of the tour does not include air tickets. We will gladly help your with the booking of the ticket from Quito or Guayaquil to Galapagos. You may also book the flights on your own if cheaper. PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT which island you will arrive and leave from, and if you choose to book your own flight please try to book your arrival in the morning (before 11 am) and your departure in the afternoon (12 PM or after) so that you don't miss any part of the tour. You can book your flight either through AVIANCA or LATAM (recommended).

- **RESTAURANTS:** We work with both hotel and local restaurants alike for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. This also depends on the chosen hotel class, as some hotels have restaurant services, **in which case food will be served on the hotel restaurant**. Meals are served in the "meal of the day" style. In case food is not served at the hotel, the guide will specify the chosen restaurant **(no transfers to and from the restaurants to the hotels are included in the cost of the program. However, distances are all at a minimum walking distance in Galapagos).**

- **LUNCH AND DINNER** during our tours consist on the meal of the day (not a la carte). Most provisions are bought in form the mainland to Galapagos, hence, a limited variety of food can be found. If you require vegetarian or vegan meals, let us know ahead of time so we can make all arrangements necessary within the possibilities.

- **GUIDES:** We organize excursion with local naturalist guides for each island (and sometimes for each activity). The guides will accompany you throughout all excursions, give explanations of the islands (flora and fauna) and coordinate the activities each day. Regarding lunch and dinner, the guide will specify the restaurant designated but he will not accompany you during this time. The guide's activities will start and end with each daily excursion. The guide will not go with you on the speedboats between islands either. The guides are certified by the Galapagos National Park - if you feel that their guidance does not meet your expectations, feel free to leave a complaint at the National Park Direction to help improve the quality of service in the islands.

- **PUBLIC SPEEDBOATS:** We recommend that you take a seasickness pill before each ride between islands if you are prone to seasickness. It is also recommended that you carry small plastic bags with you in case of seasickness. The speedboats are not completely covered so please make sure that valuable objects and electronics are stored in a plastic bag. The **guide will not go with you on the speedboats** but a new guide will greet you on the other side. There are no services onboard as the speedboat space is limited and the journey is relatively short. A water taxi ride is sometimes required (depending on the tide) from the dock to the speedboat; the cost is **1 USD** per person and **per ride**. Please, make sure you bring cash in small denominations in case this expense is needed. ***This is a public service out of our control.***

- **SCHEDULE OF EXCURSIONS:** The schedule of the excursions will be coordinated and determined locally through the guide and those responsible for the operations. The guide will indicate what time each activity will start. The transfers between islands on the public speedboats are the only activities that have fixed departure times.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

THE RATE INCLUDES:

- ✔ Accommodation in selected class hotels and rooms
- ✔ Breakfast or Box Breakfast
- ✔ Box Lunch (only during navigable excursions on Days 2, 3 and 4)
- ✔ All land and sea transportation within the Galapagos during the program
- ✔ Bilingual naturalist guides for each island and all activities
- ✔ Excursions and visits during the program
- ✔ Snorkeling Equipment (mask, fins, tube)
- ✔ Transfer Baltra – Puerto Ayora – Baltra (by truck or by bus depending on group size)
- ✔ Transportation Baltra Airport – Itabaca Channel - **USD 5,00 per person** (subject to change).
- ✔ Transportation Itabaca Channel – Baltra Airport - **USD 5,00 per person** (subject to change).

THE RATE EXCLUDES:

- Air Ticket
- Lunch nor Dinner
- Galapagos National Park Entry Fee - $200.00 US pp.
- Cost of the transfer between the hotels and the restaurants for the meals.
- Migratory Control Card - $20.00 US pp.
- Water taxi from dock to speedboat (depending on the tide) - **$ 1.00 US per person per ride**
- Wetsuits or Neoprene suits
- Soft-drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Travel Insurance
- Tips.

Note: Ask about rates with full meals or breakfast only.