



**TRIP TO GALAPAGOS  
COMBINED TOUR 4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS**

**SEPTEMBER: PRE OR POST TOUR. (For Buyers & Suppliers)**

**ITINERARY**

- DAY 1: Transfer in + Gemelos + Charles Darwin Research.
- DAY 2: Navigation, subject to availability, options: Bartolome, Seymour, Santa Fe or Plazas
- DAY 3: Highlands / Half Day – Free afternoon.
- DAY 4: Transfer Out

**DESCRIPTION**

**DAY 1 \_\_\_\_\_ GALAPAGOS (B/L/D)**

Transfer Out to the airport in order to take your flight to Galapagos Island.

Your flight will land on Baltra Island where our guide will be waiting to accompany you from the airport to our hotel in Puerto Ayora. The journey takes approximately 1 hour, and requires several changes before arriving at the Itabaca channel, where onward transport to Puerto Ayora will be waiting.

During the journey, you will make a stop at the Cráteres Gemelos (Twin Craters) which are found on either side of the road leading to Puerto Ayora. These impressive formations were formed when underground magma chambers collapsed, leaving two large craters. The craters lie within lush Scalesia cloud forest, a high-altitude plant species that is endemic to the Galapagos. This area is also home to the Carpenter Finch, which uses tools to search for food.

Lunch in the Aqua Restaurant – Hotel Silberstein.

In the afternoon, your guide will lead a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, which was home of the famous hundred-year-old tortoise. Solitary George came from Pinta island and died in June 2012.

The Station has a visitor center where you will learn about the history of the islands, as well as various enclosures with information detailing conservation programs for the wildlife of the Galapagos.

Overnight at Silberstein Hotel.

**DAY 2, \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATION SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY (B/L/D)**

**OPTIONS OF NAVIGATION:**

**1. BARTOLOME (B/L/D)**

Prepare for a very early start - 5.00-5.30 am The bus departs from the Hotel Silberstein to take guests to the Channel of Itabaca, where the yacht awaits, ready to depart.

Experience a day in a paradise with beautiful white beaches, outer space ambient, clear water, and observe as many native animals start their day.



On the two hour boat trip you may have breakfast while watching the sunrise at sea. There is also an opportunity to experience dolphins and other marine residents very close to our boat in the early hours.

Landing at Bartolome, approximately 300 steps follow their way up through the moon-like ambient to the highest point of the volcano island. The reward is an amazing view over the islands Santiago, North Seymour, Baltra, Santa Cruz and Rábida. Also in view is the Chinese Hat, as well as the well-known Pinnacle Rock which consists of remains of an ancient volcano, made of black lava. It is the home of thousands of sea birds, and is the most famous photographed portrait of the Galapagos Islands.

Shortly after changing clothes for the beach visit, the dinghy-ride will provide guests with an amazing impression of the only 50 cm tall Galapagos Penguin. See him standing on the cliff or shoot like a bullet through the clear waters. Further, arriving at the shore, a short walk through the dunes takes visitors to the northern beach. Here the pelicans have their nesting area. Just a step to the inside the bay, small white-tip reef sharks swim in their territory and can be observed. Back at the southern beach, the shallow sea invites to go swimming and snorkeling along with the cozy Galapagos penguins, sharks, starfish, rays, sea turtles and plenty of other exotic and colorful fish. Enjoy the diversity of native residents such as marine iguanas, sea lions, pelicans, and many more.

After this amazing adventure, lunch is served on the boat. The day trip ends with the return in the late afternoon to the Hotel Silberstein.

Again, there is some leisure time to stroll over the mole of Puerto Ayora, before dinner is served at the Hotel Silberstein.

**2. SOUTH PLAZAS (B/LA/D)**

The group departs at 8 AM from the hotel, leaving towards the north to the channel of Itabaca, followed by hopping on the yacht to cruise to Plaza South Island. It is one of the smaller islands of the Galapagos which visitors are able to reach, located close the eastern coast of Santa Cruz. After 1 ½ hours, Plazas welcome travelers with a bright colorful red and green carpet of Sesuvium, an endemic plant, spread over the Island, joined with the loud, friendly barking of several sea lion families which have settled down on the shore of the channel between North and South Plazas where the yacht anchors. The turquoise water of the ocean



jars perfectly with the white shining beaches and the black lava rocks of the coast.

The hike is easy and goes alongside relaxing sea lions and Land Iguanas which are a round most of the Island. This leads to the highest cliff where swallow-tailed gulls cross the air screaming, and here lie the sea lions which could not persist against their competitors climbing up the almost vertical wall. At the same time, tropical birds, blue-footed boobies, and other marine frigate birds glide gently in the wind. We suggest you bring along binoculars in order to get an extraordinary close view of these animals, as well as the other marine life. The view from the highest point over the ocean and the powerful waves breaking at the cliffs is an experience that visitors will not forget.

Afterwards the trip continues to Punta Carrion where lunch is served on board the ship. This is a great spot to snorkel and swim among rays, sharks and hundreds of colorful tropic fish.

Overnight at Silberstein Hotel.

### 3. SEYMOUR (B/LA/D)

This day trip starts at 8 am and offers the golden chance to get to know the northern island Seymour and Bachas beach.



The bus takes guests to the yacht at Itabaca Channel, and afterwards the awakening of the archipelago can be noticed during the approximate one hour cruise to Seymour Island.

The disembarkation takes place from the Dinghy straight to the rocky coast near a small forest consisting of gray and silver trees the Palo Santo (Holy Stick), which is without leaves for most of the year.

Seymour is famous for its large colonies that are fluent with different kinds of birds. The very special male frigate birds with their red pouch attract females in breeding time, and the famous Galapagos blue-footed boobies can be observed. These seabirds have a wedge shaped tail, long pointed wings and for courtship, the males lift first one, then the other blue foot into the air and dance to impress the female. Other highlights of this excursion are a beach with small cliffs, the observation of seagulls, many sea lions, marine iguanas and pelicans, most are almost an arm length away.

The freshly cooked lunch consists of two courses, and is served on the yacht. The return to Puerto Ayora is approximately at 16:30h. Here it is possible to have a walk at the pier, shop for some souvenirs, or enjoy the sunset from the hotel roof before the day ends with a lovely dinner at our restaurant "El Pelicano".

### 4. Or SANTA FE (B/LA/D)

This tour leaves at 8h00 and you might board the boat in Puerto Ayora or the Channel of Itabaca, depending on the yacht you will be taking that day. The trip to Santa Fe takes about 2 hours. This island is the home to several land iguana species, as well as one endemic type of this specie, the Conolophus Pallidus, that only inhabits Santa Fe and has a pale yellow color and is of a bigger size than other land iguanas. You can also find four different types of endemic rodents, but being night active, they will probably not show themselves during the tour.



Nevertheless, they are of great importance for the proper function of the food chain. Several studies talk about Santa Fe as one of the oldest islands of the archipel, being over 3 million years old. The turquoise water around the island is perfect for snorkeling and known as one of the best spots for this activity with a high probability of seeing sea turtles, sea lions, tropical fish and squids.

You will return to the hotel at around 17h00.

**DAY 3, \_\_\_\_\_ HIGHLANDS (B/L/D)**

The local guide leaves with the group in the morning towards the Highlands of Santa Cruz.

Driving through the rural area of the island, travelers can experience the agriculture of the archipelago, as well as the diversity of its surface. Surrounded by wild landscape and different species of the flora and fauna, it is possible to glance at finches that are famous for being the basis of Darwin's theory of evolution.

Watch the famous Galapagos land tortoises in their natural environment and learn how the private ranches aid



to protect these special animals and their habitat. You can hear their sounds while they are trying to eat the leaves of the trees or while they are searching for delicious nourishment. Tortoises of all different ages and sizes are gathering here: Small young ones with shining carapaces, and older ones which are a little bit more laggard and partly with cracked carapaces – showing tracks of a long life.

The well-known Lava Tunnels are another amazing experience! Formed by the lava floods of the volcanoes, they range from the highlands down to the sea level. The track is collapsed on several spots. Nevertheless, a track of about 30 minutes hike is intact and gives the observer an impression of their formation where the tunnel gets too small to pass or the collapsed rock averts... as if they still hold many undiscovered mysteries. The personalized guide will share in detail the story, of the origin of these tunnels.

The town at sunset shows the contrasts of the Island and invites you to a pleasant dinner back at the hotel.

Free afternoon. Overnight at Silberstein Hotel.

**DAY 4 \_\_\_\_\_ TRANSFER OUT (B/-)**

After breakfast, according to the flight schedules, we coordinate transfer to the airport of Baltra with our hotel staff. Our service does not end until our guests have checked in with full satisfaction, many photographs, and uncountable, unforgettable memories in their luggage.

## END OF SERVICES

	DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
SPECIAL PRICE FOR BUYERS & SUPPLIER	725.00	1029.00

*Note: Navigations are subject to change and availability.*

*If you require more days in Galápagos just email us and know the supplement cost, or if you prefer an Island Hopping we can help you also.*

### Included services:

- Accommodation option is with Silberstein Hotel, the availability is subject to confirmation at the time of reservation. In case of no availability, there may be the need to book another hotel category at a higher cost. In this case, the client will be contacted immediately.
- English speaking guide
- Meals mentioned in the program
- 10% of service
- Transfers

### Excluded services:

- Flights and airport taxes as well as other surcharges for flights, GYE-GPS-GYE USD 390.00approximately, UIO-GPS-UIO USD 400.00 approximately.
- Entrance fee to National Park USD 100.00
- Migration Control Card USD 20.00
- Optional excursions
- Tips of any kinds (restaurants, hotels, guides, drivers, etc.)
- Personal expenses
- Drinks

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