

❖ **Name of Tour:**

**THE BEST OF GALAPAGOS** 5 Day / 4 Night

❖ **Duration of Tour: 5 Days**

**Starts:** 14/Sep/2019      Quito, Hotel pick up 8am

**Ends:** 18/Sep/2019      Quito, Hotel drop off

❖ **Description:**

Discover the enchanted volcanic Galapagos Islands through this island-hopping tour! The islands offer endless opportunities to explore and witness a unique abundance of wildlife in a setting unlike any other on the planet. Be part of an educational and inspirational journey of a lifetime in one of the most fiercely protected marine wilderness' in the world!

**Day1:** Isabela Sep 14

We will board a morning flight from Quito to the island of Baltra. Once we arrive, we head to the town of Puerto Ayora, the largest town in the Galapagos. From here we will take a quick boat to the largest island in the archipelago and where the most of the volcanic activity in the Galapagos is reported.

**Accommodation:** Cormorant Beach House

**Day2:** Lava Tunnels Sep 15

Explore the amazing formations of lava created by the last eruptions of the volcanic island along the seashore. "Los Tuneles". Here, we will have the best snorkeling opportunity with all these beautiful animals, including the curious Galapagos penguins playing around.

**Accommodation:** Cormorant Beach House

**Day3:** Sierra Negra & Tintoreras Sep 16

After driving up from Puerto Villamil to the trail head, we will prepare our backpacks for the hike into a young forest ecosystem, a world of recent geological history. Our destination is the rim of Sierra Negra Crater, an active volcano which last erupted in June 2018. In the afternoon we will visit Tintoreras Islet by kayak, located at a short distance from Puerto Villamil and home to a great variety of wildlife.

**Accommodation:** Cormorant Beach House

**Day4:** Charles Darwin Station Sep 17

In the morning, traverse from Isabela to Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. During our island crossing, we will be on the lookout for dolphins and whales (July to October). Once we arrive, we will check in at the hotel. We will then visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to Learn more about many of the endemic species seen in the wild, as well as the ongoing conservation and management efforts on the Galapagos Islands. In the afternoon, we will head to the 'El Chato' reserve in the highlands of Santa Cruz, home to the famous Galapagos tortoises. Hiking through El Chato's beautiful landscape with these lumbering giants is an unforgettable experience.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Silberstain

**Day5:** Back to Quito Sep 18

❖ **Available to Buyers & Suppliers**

❖ **Price:**

**Buyers:** COMPLIMENTARY available on double or single occupancy

**Suppliers:** USD 1000.00 (Based on double accommodation) Single supplement: USD 260.00

❖ **Includes:**

- Transportation: Comfortable land and sea transportation.
- Accommodation: 4-star hotels in Galapagos.
- Activities: Snorkeling in the Lava Tunnels, Trekking to the top of Sierra Negra active volcano, snorkeling, and kayaking in Tintorerías, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, hiking in Santa Cruz highlands.
- Meals: 4 Breakfasts & 2 lunches, allow USD 180 for meals not included.
- Gear: Snorkeling mask and fins, life vest
- Staff & Trip Leader: Certified AJ expert English-speaking adventure leader and local guides.

❖ **NOT Included:**

- Airfare Quito - Galapagos - Quito round trip USD 480.00 (must be paid/issued with us at confirmation)
- International flights
- Airport transfer (international flights)
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Meals not described in the itinerary - estimated budget USD \$180
- INGALA transit card: USD \$20 per person, cash only (subject to change)
- Galapagos National Park fee: USD \$100 per person, cash only (subject to change)
- USD \$10 pier-use fee at Puerto Villamil
- Snorkeling gear (mask and fins) for optional activities: USD \$8 per day per person
- Wetsuit for rent: USD \$10

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