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**THE GALÁPAGOS LOOP
SHORT VERSION
5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS**

A FULL EXPERIENCE TO ENJOY THE ISLANDS

Galapagos Island Hopping programs are a great way to experience the enchanted islands. This travel model adapts to every passengers' wants and needs, giving several alternatives for their tours while also providing flexibility catering to everyone's wishes for their Galapagos adventure. It allows passengers to see a wide variety of wildlife and landscapes, while also contributing to the local community. Island Hopping provides overnight stays in hotels on the different inhabited islands, with accommodation categories from 3-stars and up. But the most important factor this sort of Galapagos visit provides, is the personalization of services we give our passengers which guarantees a high quality of products and services; from the moment they begin quoting their package with us, until the moment they go back home, Geo Boutique will accompany them throughout their unforgettable journey and make sure they have the best services and attention on the Enchanted Galapagos Islands.

BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	SERVICES / ITINERARY	CITY / ISLAND	HOTEL	MEALS
1	vie/13-sep-24	Transfer in Santa Cruz - Highlands and Lava Tunnels - Brewery experience	Santa Cruz	Ikala Galápagos or similar	(L)
2	sáb/14-sep-24	Charles Darwin Station - Transfer in private speed boat to Isabela.	Isabela	Albemarle or similar	(B)
3	dom/15-sep-24	Tintoreras -Breeding Center and Flamingos Lagoon	Isabela	Albemarle or similar	(B, L)
4	lun/16-sep-24	Sulfur Mines of Sierra Negra Volcano - Transfer to Santa Cruz in private speed boat	Santa Cruz	Ikala Galápagos or similar	(B, L)
5	mar/17-sep-24	Transfer out Galapagos.			(B)

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - TRANSFER IN SANTA CRUZ – HIGHLANDS – LAVA TUNNELS (L)

Your journey begins upon arriving at the Baltra airport, where you will be met by a member of our staff. From the airport, you'll be transported by shuttle to the Itabaca Channel, and, after a short ferry ride, you will arrive on Santa Cruz Island.



Once on Santa Cruz, we journey across the island into the highlands, experiencing the island's variety of wildlife and landscapes along the way. In the highland area, we'll make a stop at one of the ranches where we will have the chance to have lunch surrounded by the archipelago's iconic giant tortoise species, which are easily observable in the area. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to visit, and walk

through, a tunnel formed by lava flows after a volcanic eruption.

Later on, we will have time to visit the Santa Cruz Brewery, a small business that produces one of the local artisanal draft beers. Here, we will have the opportunity to understand the complex and delicate processes that the brewery applies to get delicious and unique types of beers on the isolated Galapagos Islands. We'll then have time to taste some of the beers before continuing the journey to Puerto Ayora, where we will have the rest of the day off for leisure. Accommodation will be at the selected hotel.



DAY 2 – MONDAY: CHARLES DARWIN STATION - TRANSFER TO ISABELA ISLAND (B)

After breakfast, we will have a short visit to the Charles Darwin Station. The center is a reservoir of information on habitats and local conservation as well as other fascinating relevant statistics. The most striking attraction of this station is certainly the Tortoise Breeding Center, where it is possible to view tortoises of different shapes and sizes. Additionally, in order to fully take advantage of our visit to the Galapagos Islands, we will be able to visit the station where legendary "Lonesome George" is exhibited as the last of his species. In 2012, after his death, he was shipped to New York to the American Museum of Natural History in order to start an embalming process for his conservation. Lonesome George was exhibited in the museum for one year. Now Lonesome George is back in the Charles Darwin research station, as a "symbol" of conservation.



After this visit, we will head to Puerto Ayora's pier where we'll take our private speed boat to Isabela Island; After two and a half hours of navigation, we will be transferred to our selected hotel and have the rest of the afternoon free. Accommodation at selected hotel.

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY: TINTORERAS – BREEDING CENTER – FLAMINGO LAGOON (B)

After having breakfast, we will visit the Tintorera Islets located a short distance from Puerto Villamil and home to a great variety of wildlife. The turquoise, crystalline waters are inhabited by white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, sea turtles, and sea lions, It is also one of the few sites where marine iguanas can reproduce successfully. Once we reach the Tintoreras islets, we'll get to know a lot of these species. As well as the biodiversity, this area of the island has a very rugged volcanic landscape, which changes as you travel to each island.

In the afternoon, we'll have a short ride to the Isabela Breeding Center, where we'll learn more about the efforts taken to preserve and promote the reproduction of some of the Giant Tortoise species found in the Galapagos. Later on, we will continue through a mangrove path that connects with a series of lagoons where flamingos rest and feed. This walk is ideal for understanding Galapagos' biodiversity, and how local species have adapted to the Enchanted Islands' harsh conditions. Today, lunch will be your choice and on your own.

Accommodation at the selected hotel.

DAY 4 – THURSDAY: SULFUR MINES OF SIERRA NEGRA – TRANSFER TO SANTA CRUZ (B, BL)

In the morning, we will drive to the highlands of Isabela and the Sierra Negra Volcano, one of the island's active volcanoes, which also happens to possess one of the largest volcanic craters in the world. The volcano is host to many sulfur mines along its western slopes.



During our visit, we'll drive to the edge of the volcano's crater and hike along a mile long trail where we will encounter an alien landscape surrounded by the sights and sounds the area's sulfur mines. After our rest, we will continue our hike until reaching Sierra Negra's furthest lookout point. Later on, we'll return to Puerto Villamil, to have lunch and then board our private speedboat, and continue our journey back to Santa Cruz Island.

Once we arrive at Puerto Ayora, we will be free to enjoy and explore this iconic town for the last night on the Enchanted Islands. Accommodation at the selected hotel.

DAY 5 – FRIDAY: TRANSFER OUT (B)

After breakfast, transfer back to the Baltra airport to take your international flight.

END OF SERVICES



NET RATE PER PERSON

PROGRAM	CATEGORY	HOTEL	NET RATE PER PERSON	
			DBL	SGL
Galápagos Island Hopping 5 Days / 4 Nights	First Class	Santa Cruz: Ikala or similar Isabela: Albemarle or similar	\$ 950	\$ 1.150

INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED:

- Transfer Airport - Hotel - Airport
- Accommodation in the selected hotel with breakfast
- Meals noted (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, BL: Boxed Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Excursions mentioned in the itinerary
- Bilingual Naturalist Guide in all Excursions (English/ Spanish)
- Private speed boat for passengers
- Snorkeling equipment
- Contribution to the local community

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare to/from Galapagos
- Entrance fee to the Galapagos National Park (US\$ 200 per person) *Subject to change
- Galapagos Migration Card / Ingala (US\$ 20 per person) *Subject to Change
- Isabela dock fee entrance (UDS 10 per person) *Subject to change
- Optional excursions as a supplement
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips (not mandatory)
- Travel insurance
- Extra expenses

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