

# DIVING AND TOURS PACKAGE ON THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



ITINERARY  
12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS

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## WHY TRAVELLING WITH US

Before departure, Aqua-Mundo Travel will provide you with all the information necessary for the smooth running of your trip. Thanks to an in-depth knowledge of this destination, the team will be able to advise you in the preparation of your dream trip!

You can rest assured that the quality of the service providers has been validated and that you will enjoy the best quality at the best price! Aqua-Mundo works directly with local suppliers, which makes it possible to provide fair price, fair tours and eco-responsible.

Your safety is also at the heart of our concerns! Since diving conditions in Galápagos can be difficult at times, you will be accompanied by at least one English-speaking scuba diving guide and Galapagos naturalist guides, all experienced PADI professional divers, who will ensure your safety throughout your stay.

We are the benchmark in North America for trips to the Galapagos Islands!

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Plongée Aqua-Mundo is a PADI 5\* Dive Center located in Sherbrooke, Quebec, CA.

Aqua-Mundo Travel works in close collaboration with this dive center with which it shares its commercial premises.

Plongée Aqua-Mundo provided the experienced diving guides who know the destination very well.





## GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

The Galapagos Islands are an isolated archipelago comprising around 125 islands and volcanic islets stretching over nearly 225 km (from north to south). The archipelago is located about 1,000 km from the coast of Ecuador and has a population of over 25,000.

Known for its large shark population, including hammerhead sharks, Galapagos sharks, and white tip sharks, the nutrient-rich waters also attract manta rays, sea lions, eagle rays, dolphins, sharks whale and many more! Some sites are so rich in marine life that you won't even know where to look!

Even if the quality of the diving is incomparable, the diving conditions are very variable depending on the season. The water temperature generally varies between 13 and 22°C (56 and 72°F), but can reach up to 28°C (82°F), depending on the season and the year (for example during an El Niño year). The currents are changeable and can sometimes be very strong. Diving in the Galapagos is recommended for experienced divers.

In addition to world-famous diving sites, the Galapagos Islands offer a multitude of land and water activities allowing you to discover this mysterious archipelago. The flora and fauna of the land are just as intriguing and unique as those seen underwater. You will be fascinated by the different species of giant tortoises, the marine iguanas basking in the sun and the sea lions occupying all the public benches of the city!

Whether underwater or on land, the Galapagos Islands will amaze you! Without a doubt, a trip of a lifetime!











## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

The Galápagos archipelago is made up of islands whose fauna, flora and atmosphere are very different from each other. Therefore, a trip to the Galapagos would not be complete without visiting several of these islands.

This package is specially designed to give you the best of what the Galapagos Islands have to offer! Among other things, you will have the opportunity to visit and sleep on 3 of the 4 inhabited islands of the Galapagos, namely Isabela, Santa Cruz and San Cristobal, in addition to visiting several other islands and islets as part organized activities (diving or others activities). You will have the opportunity to dive the world famous dive sites and see all the landscapes seen on the postcards.

This package can be adjusted at any time according to your needs. It is, for example, possible to withdraw activity days and replace them with free days or extend your stay on the islands or on the Ecuadorian mainland. The Aqua-Mundo Travel team is at your service to make your stay up to your expectations!

Do not hesitate to let us know your preferences and your projects!

An additional brochure is available for non-diving travelers who wish to have an overview of the alternative activities offered in the archipelago.



## ITINERARY

- Day 1** – Arrival at *Baltra* airport\* – Transportation to *Isla Isabela* – Free activity
- Day 2** – Dives #1 and #2\*\* – *Isla Isabela*
- Day 3** – Land-based activity\*\*\* – *Isla Isabela*
- Day 4** – Dives #3 and #4\*\* – *Isla Isabela*
- Day 5** – Transfer to *Isla Santa Cruz* – Activities near *Puerto Ayora*
- Day 6** – Dives #5 and #6\*\* – *Isla Santa Cruz*
- Day 7** – Land-based activity\*\*\* – *Isla Santa Cruz*
- Day 8** – Dives #7 and #8\*\* – *Isla Santa Cruz*
- Day 9** – Transfer to *Isla San Cristóbal* – Activity near *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno*
- Day 10** – Dives #9 and #10 \*\* – *Isla San Cristóbal*
- Day 11** – Dives #11 and #12\*\* – *Isla San Cristóbal*
- Day 12** – Flight back to Quito/Guayaquil\* from *San Cristóbal* in the afternoon

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\*We can help you book international / domestic flights to the Galápagos.

\*\*Alternative activities are offered for non-diver travelers.

\*\*\*Refer to this document for activities details.

The itinerary may vary slightly depending on Galápagos National Park regulations and requirements or on navigation and diving conditions at time of travel.



## DAY 1 ISLA BALTRA - ISLA ISABELA

### AM

- Arrival at Seymour - *Baltra* airport on the Galápagos Islands;
- All visitors must pay the entrance fee to the Galápagos National Park upon arrival. Payment of 100 USD must be made in cash.
- After picking up your luggage, a private transport (plane or boat) awaits you for the transfer to *Isla Isabela*;

### PM

- Transfer by taxi from *Isabela* airport to our hotel in *Puerto Villamil*;
- Late lunch in *Puerto Villamil* (not included).
- An optional snorkeling activity is offered in the surroundings of *Puerto Villamil* (*Concha y Perla*);
- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Villamil* (not included) during which we will give you all information regarding activities on *Isla Isabela* (diving and other land-based activities);
- If necessary, stop at the dive center to try on rental equipment;
- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Villamil*.



## DAY 2

### DIVES #1 AND #2 - ISLA ISABELA

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am.

A taxi transfer is provided to the port for divers. For non-divers, transport will also be provided and the departure time will depend on the chosen activity.

- 2 dives at *Isla Tortuga* or neighbor islands depending on diving and navigation conditions.

*Isla Tortuga* is located 2 km from *Isabela*. It is a half-crater of an ancient volcano. You can spot hammerhead sharks, manta rays, turtles, eagle rays, etc.

- Lunch is served after the 2nd dive, just before resuming navigation to *Puerto Villamil*.

#### PM

- Return to *Puerto Villamil* in the middle of the afternoon;

Depending on the chosen activity, non-divers will also come back in the middle or at the end of the afternoon.

- Free time in the afternoon;  
An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.
- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Villamil* (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Villamil*.





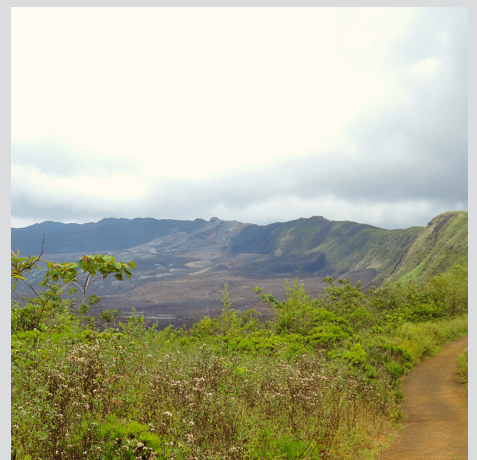
## DAY 3

### LAND ACTIVITY - ISLA ISABELA

*Isla Isabela* is the largest island in the archipelago, but is sparsely populated. Its population is mainly concentrated in the southern part of the island, in the town of *Puerto Villamil*. *Isabela* is still an active volcanic island, with a chain of 5 young active volcanoes. Several species of tortoises and birds can be seen there.

During this day you will have the opportunity to go hiking and/or horseback riding in the spectacular landscapes of *Isabela*. You will visit the south-central part of the island and climb the *Sierra Negra* and *Chico* volcanoes, from where you will have a breathtaking view of a large part of this vast island.

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am
- Lunch will be served during the tour;
- Tour includes private guide from the Galápagos National Park (mandatory);
- Return to the hotel at the end of the afternoon;
- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Villamil* (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Villamil*.



## DAY 4

### DIVES #3 AND #4 - ISLA ISABELA

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am.

A taxi transfer is provided to the port for divers. For non-divers, transport will also be provided and the departure time will depend on the chosen activity.

- 2 dives at *Isla 4 Hermanos* or neighbor islands depending on diving and navigation conditions.;

*4 Hermanos* is a site located northeast of *Puerto Villamil*. This site has a depth of up to 40 m. There is a small cave where you can spot seahorses, nudibranches and white tip sharks. You can also see manta rays, sea turtles and more.

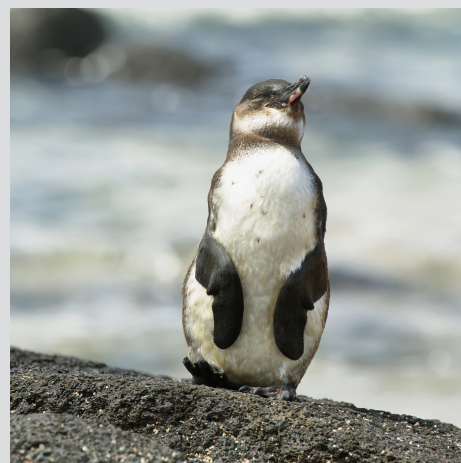
- Lunch is served after the 2nd dive, just before resuming navigation to *Puerto Villamil*.

#### PM

- Return to *Puerto Villamil* in the middle of the afternoon;

Depending on the chosen activity, non-divers will also come back in the middle or at the end of the afternoon.

- Free time in the afternoon;  
An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.
- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Villamil* (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Villamil*.





## DAY 5

### ISLA ISABELA - ISLA SANTA CRUZ

#### AM

- Breakfast at hotel and early departure for *Puerto Villamil* port to take a speed boat transfer to *Isla Santa Cruz*;
- Arrival in *Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz* in mid-morning;
- Transfer to the hotel and time allowed to settle in your room;
- Lunch in a restaurant in *Puerto Ayora* (not included);

#### PM

- Free time in the afternoon;

An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.

- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Villamil* (not included) during which we will give you all information regarding activities on *Isla Santa Cruz* (diving and other land-based activities);
- If necessary, stop at the dive center to try on rental equipment;
- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Ayora*.



## DAY 6

### DIVES #5 AND 6 - ISLA SANTA CRUZ

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am.

A taxi transfer is provided to the port for divers. For non-divers, transport will also be provided and the departure time will depend on the chosen activity.

- 2 dives at Isla Seymour Norte (sites to be determined depending on conditions);

*Isla Seymour Norte* is located in the north of *isla Baltra*. Nearby sites are a combination of sandy bottoms, reefs and walls. You can observe different types of eels, turtles, rays, hammerhead sharks, Galapagos sharks, white tip sharks, etc.

- Lunch is served after the 2nd dive, just before resuming navigation to juste *Baltra* and road back to *Puerto Ayora*;

#### PM

- Return to *Puerto Ayora* in the middle of the afternoon;

Depending on the chosen activity, non-divers will also come back in the middle or at the end of the afternoon.

- Free time in the afternoon;

An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.

- Dinner in a restaurant in Puerto Villamil (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – Puerto Villamil.





## DAY 7

### LAND ACTIVITY - ISLA SANTA CRUZ

*Isla Santa Cruz* is located in the center of the archipelago and is the heart of its administrative and tourist activity. It is the second largest island in the Galápagos and above all the most populated. This day will allow you to visit several attractions of the island and see the different landscapes that can be found here.

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am;
- Visit of the Charles-Darwin research center in *Puerto Ayora*;

#### PM

- Transport to the highlands;
- Visit of the giant tortoises reserve;
- Lunch at the tortoises reserve (included);
- Transport to *Los Gemelos* follow by a short trek in the highlands;
- Return to the hotel and free time for the rest of the day;
- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Ayora* (not included);
- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Ayora*.



## DAY 8

### DIVES #7 AND #8 - ISLA SANTA CRUZ

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am;

A taxi transfer is provided to the port for divers. For non-divers, transport will also be provided and the departure time will depend on the chosen activity.

- 2 dives at *Gordon Rock*;

*Gordon Rock* is located on the east coast of *Santa Cruz*. This site is an ancient volcano from which there are only three rocks emerging from the surface. The current is often very strong there, which brings a diversity of fauna. It is possible to spot schools of hammerhead sharks, eagle rays, sea lions and with a bit of luck, *Mola Mola* (sunfish).

- Lunch is served after the 2nd dive, just before resuming navigation to *Isla Baltra* and road back to *Puerto Ayora*;

#### PM

- Return to *Puerto Ayora* in the middle of the afternoon;

Depending on the chosen activity, non-divers will also come back in the middle or at the end of the afternoon.

- Free time in the afternoon;

An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.

- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Ayora* (not included);

- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Ayora*.





## DAY 9

### ISLA SANTA CRUZ - ISLA SAN CRISTOBAL

#### AM

- Breakfast at hotel and early departure for *Puerto Ayora* port to take a speed boat transfer to *Isla San Cristóbal*;
- Arrival in *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal* in mid-morning;
- Transfer to the hotel and time allowed to settle in your room;
- Lunch in a restaurant in *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* (not included)

#### PM

- Free time in the afternoon;  
An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.
- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* (not included) during which we will give you all information regarding activities on *Isla San Cristóbal* (diving and other land-based activities);
- If necessary, stop at the dive center to try on rental equipment;
- Night in 3-star accommodation - *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal*.



## DAY 10

### DIVES #9 AND #10 - ISLA SAN CRISTOBAL

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am;

A taxi transfer is provided to the port for divers. For non-divers, transport will also be provided and the departure time will depend on the chosen activity.

- 2 dives at *Punta Pitt*;

The *Punta Pitt* site is at the northeastern end of *Isla San Cristóbal*. This is the only place in the archipelago where it is possible to observe the 3 species of boobies found in the Galápagos. The dive site is located along an eroded rock. It is possible to observe different pelagics, turtles, etc.

- Lunch is served after the 2nd dive;

You will also have some time to explore the land portion of *Punta Pitt*.

#### PM

- Return to *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* in the middle of the afternoon;

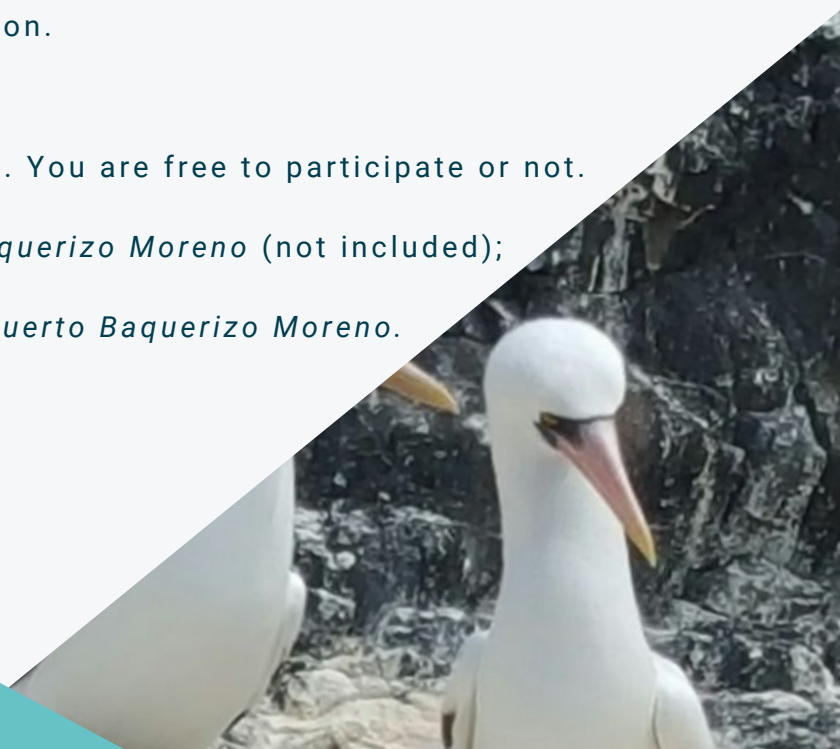
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- Free time in the afternoon;

An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.

- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* (not included);

- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno*.





## DAY 11

### DIVES #11 AND #12 - ISLA SAN CRISTOBAL

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and departure around 8:00am;

A taxi transfer is provided to the port for divers. For non-divers, transport will also be provided and the departure time will depend on the chosen activity.

- 2 dives à *Leon Dormido (Kicker rock)* ;

*Leon Dormido* is a site west of *San Cristóbal*. The rock gets its name from the fact that, from a certain angle, it looks like a sleeping lion. The site is made up of 2 giant monoliths, which offer a wall dive where it is possible to observe large pelagics, schools of fish and sharks, sea turtles and much more!

- Lunch is served after the 2nd dive, just before resuming navigation to *Isla San Cristóbal*;

#### PM

- Stop on a beach on the way back (place to be determined (depending on the authorization by the National Park));

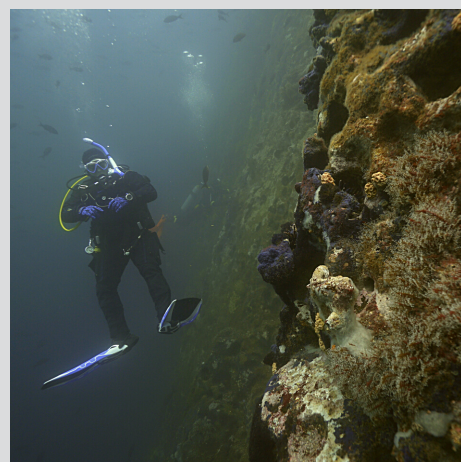
- Return to *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* at the end of the afternoon;

- Free time in the afternoon;

An optional activity will be offered. You are free to participate or not.

- Dinner in a restaurant in *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* (not included);

- Night in 3-star accommodation – *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno*.



## DAY 12

### ISLA SAN CRISTOBAL - DEPARTURE

#### AM

- Breakfast at the hotel and luggages preparation;
- You will have the opportunity to enjoy the city of *Puerto Baquerizo Moreno* one last time in the morning before taking the plane to Quito in the early afternoon;
- Transfer to the airport;

#### PM

- Flight back to Quito\*.

\*Not included, we can help you book international and domestic flights to the Galápagos.

Depending on the return flight schedule from Quito to Montreal, a hotel night in Quito could be expected. This night at the hotel is not included in the package. Affordable hotels near the airport can be suggested.





## INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

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- 12 dives (the equivalent of 6 days of excursions for non-divers);
- One private transportation between Isla Baltra and Isla Isabela (by plane or boat, depending on availabilities);
- 2 boat tranfers between Isla Isabela, Santa Cruz and San Cristóbal;
- All land transfers;
- 11 nights accommodation on the Galápagos Islands;
- 11 breakfast and 8 lunches (19 meals);
- All excursion mentionned in the itinerary;
- French and English speaking guide;
- Certified Galápagos national park guide.

### EXCLUSIONS

- All flights, internationals and domestics not mentionned in the itinerary;
- INGALA immigration card 20 USD and 10 USD airport tax\*;
- 100 USD Galápagos National Park entry fee\*;
- Other meals not mentionned in the itinerary;
- Nights accommodation in Quito\*\*;
- Private guide during diving or other excursions;
- Nitrox (not available on the islands);
- Travel and diving insurances;
- CFCTA contribution from clients;
- Gratuities.

\*These fees are payable directly at Quito and Baltra (Galápagos) airports and are subject to change without notice.

\*\* If needed, depending on flighth schedules.





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