

## GALAPAGOS MULTISPORT ADVENTURE TOUR



### 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

Spend a week exploring the Galapagos Islands! Kayak the pristine waters alongside sea turtles, hammerhead sharks and sea lions. Hike up active volcanoes and mountain bike across sprawling coastline. Snorkel in tropical lagoons full of colorful fish or sunbathe on the sandy beaches - home to playful sea lions and marine iguanas. Return from adventure-packed days to eco-friendly boutique hotels for splendid meals and exceptional hospitality. The Galapagos Multisport Adventure Tour is the perfect combination of adventure, comfort and wildlife interaction.

<p>FROM <b>\$3300</b> per person</p>	<p><b>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6-nights in eco-friendly boutique hotels</li><li>• All tours and transfers</li><li>• All adventure excursions</li><li>• Professional local guides and certified naturalists</li></ul>	<p><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• San Cristobal Island</li><li>• Isabela Island</li><li>• Santa Cruz Island</li><li>• Tijeretas</li><li>• Tintoreras Islets</li><li>• Volcan Chico</li><li>• Tortuga Bay</li><li>• Hiking, Kayaking &amp; Snorkeling Excursions</li></ul>
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## Day 1

### **INTERPRETATION CENTER, HIKE & SNORKEL TIJERETAS**

Upon arrival at San Cristobal Island, enjoy a delicious lunch and receive a quick introduction to your new home. Then journey to the Galapagos Interpretation Center. While here, learn about the unique wildlife, geology and history of the Galapagos.

In the afternoon, hike to Tijeretas along natural trails formed of lava rocks. Native plants like Galapagos cotton, palo santo, acacia and cacti surround the trail. While walking, prepare for sightings of blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, pelicans and finches. Scenic vistas of the coastline and the charming town of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno are also enjoyed along this popular hiking trail.

Later, cool off with a refreshing snorkeling session at Carola Beach. Say hello to the sea turtles, sea lions and marine iguanas nearby. In the evening, stroll through the friendly laid-back beach town and reflect on your first day in the Galapagos.



## Day 2

### **KAYAK & SNORKEL IN SAN CRISTOBAL'S NORTHERN COAST**

Start the morning off right with a kayaking adventure along the coastal bays and caves of San Cristobal's northern coast. Spot blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, sea lions and sea turtles. Depending on the weekday and Galapagos National Park regulations, there may be an opportunity to visit Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock), Punta Pitt or Cerro Brujo.

Later, put on snorkels and fins and get ready to interact with sea lions, as well as other friendly Galapagos wildlife. Swim with spotted eagle rays, golden rays, Galapagos sharks, starfish, clams and other fish. The harmless hammerhead sharks might even say hello! After a full day of exploring the seas, head back to town for a delicious dinner and well-earned rest.



## Day 3

### **BIKE THE COASTLINE & EXPLORE TINTORERAS ISLETS**

Enjoy breakfast and then wave goodbye to San Cristobal. Take a short plane ride to Isabela Island. Isabela Island is the largest island in the Galapagos and is still being formed by six active shield volcanoes.

Upon arrival, head out for a bike ride through a variety of environments and ecosystems. Pass by white sand beaches, mangrove forests and lagoons. Arrive at el Muro de las Lagrimas (the Wall of Tears) where the history of the island can be learned. Later, explore Tintoreras - a small set of islets filled with hidden coves and beaches. Here learn and see up-close the beauty of the marine life of the Galapagos.

Return to the hotel for a dinner of local cuisine and relax in the lounge or wander the streets of Puerto Villamil.



## Day 4

### **VOLCANO HIKING IN ISABELA'S HIGHLANDS**

Drive up the flanks of the Sierra Negra volcano until the road ends. Here, continue on foot and hike into a world of geological history. Appreciate the panoramic views of the surrounding volcanoes and sea, as well as the highland ecosystem. It is at the top of the hike where the ultimate vista is offered.

Continue to the caldera of Volcan Chico and explore the fantastic lava formations and fumaroles. Then stop at an idyllic tortoise reserve for lunch. Then return to the lowlands just in time to spend the last afternoon on Isabela, soaking up the island-life atmosphere.



## Day 5

### HIKE THE SANTA CRUZ HIGHLANDS

Travel by speedboat or internal flight to Santa Cruz Island. Check in at the hotel and then hike to El Chato in the Santa Cruz highlands. Spot the famous giant tortoise in its natural habitat. These gentle giants can live up to be 175 years old! Sightings of pintail ducks, Darwin finches, egrets and the vermilion flycatcher might also be possible.

Later stop at the incredible lava tunnels, which were once used as a hideout for the pirates that frequented the Galapagos Islands. Legend has it that they were also used to hide Inca gold stolen from Spanish ships. Continue to Los Gemelos where two deep volcanic sinkholes rest at the top of the island. Then finish the hike through a forest of endemic Scalesia trees where the elusive short-eared owl can be spotted.



## Day 6

### KAYAK IN LAVA WALL CHANNELS & HIKE TO TORTUGA BAY

The morning calls for another kayaking adventure! Explore the unique landscape of Punta Estrada and Divine Bay. Paddle through the towering channel walls, watch as rays and white-tipped reef sharks swim below in the serene, clear water.

After lunch, take a short hike through a distinctive dry forest to Tortuga Bay. Along the hike, discover many interesting bird and plant species. Then emerge from the forest onto Tortuga Bay - one of the most striking beaches in the Galapagos. Its soft sand and sparkling turquoise waters makes for an ideal spot to spend a relaxing afternoon. As evening comes the urge to return to the hotel will be at an all-time low, but will have to be done as it is the last evening spent in the Galapagos.

If time permits, stop for a visit at the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn from local scientists about the ongoing conservation efforts on these enchanted islands. While here, learn about the diverse evolutionary paths and characteristics of the animals and plants that you have just met.



Day 7

## **TRANSFER TO BALTRA'S AIRPORT**

Transfer to Baltra Island for a return flight to the mainland. Bid a fond farewell to the Galapagos & all the friends that were made during the week-long stay.