

Galapagos Safari Camp SET DEPARTURES

In their own words

Galapagos Safari Camp's set group options are a combination of land activities with boat excursions to neighboring islands. These are fixed departure dates, it is a shared group trip, and there is no room for changes.

Group Itinerary Option #3: 3 Nights Thursday - Sunday

DAY 1, Thursday: Arrival & Highlands

Welcome to the Galapagos! An English-speaking naturalist guide meets you at the VIP lounge at Baltra Airport to escort you on your excursion of the highlands of Santa Cruz Island.

Enjoy a delicious, locally-sourced lunch at a farm in the western hills. Take in the area's natural beauty, pit craters, lava tunnels, and learn more about the Scalesia and Guayabillo forests.

At the Tortoise Reserve share some time in the giant tortoises' natural habitat, surrounded by the abundant bird life of the area.

End this day at Galapagos Safari Camp with a sunset cocktail followed by dinner.



DAY 2, Friday: Boat trip to South Plaza

Drive with your group to the Itabaca Channel for the 1-hour boat trip to South Plaza. The dry landing is on a dock often overrun with sea lions and their young, so the guide has to shoo them away before you can disembark. South Plaza is home to a large Opuntia cactus forest, and land iguanas usually lounge among the vegetation. A variety of Darwin finches live on this island, while offshore you can spot red-billed tropicbirds, shearwaters, swallow-tailed gulls, and brown noddy terns.



Out to sea you might spot dolphins, manta rays, or even killer whales. The island boasts one of the largest sea lion colonies in the central region of the archipelago, and watch for migratory waders such as sanderlings, knots, plovers, and kelp gulls. Snorkeling is optional.

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4-day 3-night Thursday-Sunday
Small group program

DAY 3, Saturday: Boat trip to Bartolomé Island

Drive with your group to the Itabaca Channel for the 2.5-hour boat trip to Bartolomé. This island is one of the smallest in the archipelago, with two very different visitor sites.

The first landing is wet, followed by a ten-minute walk across a sand dune that takes you to the southern beach, where black tip reef sharks and rays are often seen in the shallow water. Ghost crabs creep over the sand and disappear as you approach. Between January and March, marine turtles come ashore to nest in the sand.

The second site is a dry landing for a trek up to the island's summit, from which there are spectacular views. The hike is better before 10h00 or after 16h00, when the light is softer. If you look carefully you can make out sunken craters in the sea below. In the distance you can see most of the central islands, the peaks of Isabela to the west, and on a clear day Marchena and Pinta to the north. Here you have the opportunity to snorkel with penguins and tropical fish.



DAY 4, Sunday: Departure

On your last day you can tour Galapagos Safari Camp at leisure or enjoy the sunrise from our viewpoint before your airport transfer.

Included:

- Accommodation
- All meals
- Transfers & ground transportation on a shared basis
- Boat excursions with snorkeling on a shared basis
- Wetsuits and snorkeling equipment
- Shared English-speaking naturalist guide
- Activities and visits detailed in the itinerary

Not Included:

- Flights (Please note that set departures are operated with designated flights, please check with us should you prefer to buy your own flight)
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee
- Tourist transit card
- Beverages
- Laundry service
- Insurance (prior to your journey please ensure your travel insurance is valid in your country of origin)
- Gratuities