

GALAPAGOS ISLAND ADVENTURE CRUISE TOUR

**Departure from San Francisco:
Jun 29 – Jul 11, 2026 (13 Days)**

Galapagos Legend

Cities Covered: Quito, Otavalo, Baltra, Santa Cruz Island, Santiago Island, Rabida Island, Isabela Island, Fernandina Island, North Seymour Island, Bartolome Island, San Cristobal Island, and Papallacta



Galapagos Islands

Tour Package Includes

- * Roundtrip International Flight from San Francisco with American Airlines
- * Roundtrip Ticket from Quito to Baltra and San Cristobal back to Quito
- * 4-Day 3-Night Pre-Cruise Stay with Sightseeing in Quito, Ecuador
- * 2-Day 1-Night Post-Cruise Stay with Sightseeing in Quito, Ecuador
- * 8-Day Galapagos Island West & East Expedition Cruise with Galapagos Legend
 - 7-Night Shipboard Junior Suite Cabin Accommodations
 - All Meals as Stated, plus Welcome & Farewell Cocktails and 24/7 Self-Service Coffee, Tea & Snacks
 - All-Inclusive with Two Daily Excursions to the Islands led by Naturalist Guides
 - Briefings, Lectures, and Activities on Board
- * Quito Local Market Visit
- * Hot Spring Experience in Papallacta
- * Gratuities for Local Tour Guides and Drivers

Price per person :

from \$ 9,888

Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge

Single Supp: from \$ 3,500



Quito

Day 1 Jun 29**

San Francisco → Quito

We begin our vacation with an international flight from San Francisco to **Quito** via Miami. Upon arrival at **Mariscal Sucre Quito International Airport**, we will proceed through immigration and customs. Afterward, we will meet our Air & Sea Travel representative for a transfer to the hotel. **Quito**, the capital and second-largest city of Ecuador, is renowned for its well-preserved historic center, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Situated at a high altitude in the Andes Mountains, it offers stunning views, rich culture, and vibrant markets. We will have the rest of the day to explore and enjoy at your leisure.

Day 2 Jun 30**

Quito

(B, L, D)

Quito was the first UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in Ecuador, declared in 1978. It features the largest colonial town in the Americas, showcasing eclectic architecture that ranges from modern quarters to varied colonial facades on churches and private residences, all adorned with balconies built over the last five centuries. First, we can visit the **Gothic Basilica del Voto Nacional** and **Independence Square**, which is flanked by the Presidential Palace and the Archbishop's Palace, dating back to the 17th and 19th centuries. Share the spirit of Quito by walking to the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, which contains excellent examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture. Explore the so-called Street of the **Seven Crosses** and pass by the **Jesuit convent** and **El Sagrario Church**, which features a unique Orthodox cross from the 17th century. Don't miss **La Compañía de Jesús**, a Jesuit temple known as the jewel of baroque architecture in Quito. Continue to the **Plaza of San Francisco**, a temple and convent that displays a rich sample of artistic and cultural heritage. After a typical lunch, we will head approximately 11 miles (18 km) north of the city to the **Middle of the World Complex**, which holds the Equator Monument situated at 0°0'0" latitude. In the 18th century, the French Geodesic Expedition erected one of three pyramids as landmarks to commemorate their calculation of the Earth's midpoint. The complex replicates Spanish colonial architecture, complete with a central plaza, a church, and a bullfighting ring. We will enjoy dinner at the Hotel.

Day 3 Jul 1**

Quito – Otavalo – Quito

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will depart from Quito to the north, we will travel through the **colorful valleys** of **Guayllabamba** and **Cayambe**. The breathtaking Andean scenery offers fantastic photo opportunities. After two hours of traversing the captivating countryside, we will arrive in the province of Imbabura. We will walk through the famed **craft market** of **Otavalo**, the most famous and picturesque market in South America. This experience allows us to engage with Ecuadorians on a more personal level as you negotiate prices for a variety of woven goods, bags, hats, flutes, or simply appreciate the skillful and generous artisans responsible for the elegance and beauty of the clothing and handicrafts. The tour also provides alternatives for visiting nearby towns, such as **Peguche**, known for its traditional looms and Andean wind instruments workshop, or Cotacachi, which is famous for leatherwork, including bags, jackets, hats, belts, and more. We will conclude the day with dinner before return to our hotel.

Day 4 Jul 2**

Quito → Baltra Island – Galapagos Cruise – Santa Cruz Island

(B, D)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Quito airport for a flight to **Baltra Island**. Upon arrival in the **Galapagos Islands**, our knowledgeable guides will greet us at the airport and accompany us on a short ten-minute bus ride to the pier, where we will board the **Galapagos Legend**. The Galapagos Legend is an expedition vessel designed for those seeking a unique and profound experience in the breathtaking Galapagos Islands. Accommodating 100 guests, it features boutique details that enhance comfort and style. The ship emphasizes local flavor, offering curated experiences that connect travelers with the islands' rich natural and cultural heritage. As the fastest ship in the archipelago, it ensures swift journeys between destinations. Its array of features, including a fitness center, sun deck, and gourmet dining options, provides an

exceptional onboard experience after a day of exploration. In the afternoon, we will arrive at **Bachas Beach** on **Santa Cruz Island**. Named after some wrecked World War II barges whose ribs are still visible in the sand, this visitor site offers excellent swimming, a lovely walk along the shore, and a visit to a lagoon behind the high tide line, where we may see wading birds, marine iguanas, and sometimes even flamingos. The two beaches are also favorite nesting sites for green turtles, often leaving tractor-like tracks in the sand.

Day 5Jul 3**

Santiago Island & Rabida Island

(B, L, D)

This morning, we will arrive at **Egas Port** on **Santiago Island**. The black volcanic sand sets this landing apart from most, and it's best known for its dramatic shoreline, where we encounter a variety of species that thrive between land and sea. Among these are the endemic Galapagos fur seals, which maintain a small colony at the end of our walk. In the afternoon, we will arrive at **Rabida Island**. Located at the heart of the archipelago, this striking island features a distinctive red-sand beach and is home to sea lions, mockingbirds, finches, endemic Galapagos doves, and vermilion flycatchers. A walk will take us through a forest of palo santo and cacti, leading to a beautiful overlook of the bay.

Day 6Jul 4**

Isabela Island

(B, L, D)

In the morning, we will arrive at **Isabela Island**, specifically at **Urbina Bay**. After a long, level hike, we will reach a fascinating phenomenon where large blocks of coral lie completely exposed, a result of dramatic geological uplift in 1954. Located at the western base of Alcedo Volcano, we hope to encounter impressive land iguanas and possibly some of the endemic Galapagos giant tortoises during the wet season. In the afternoon, we will visit **Tagus Cove**, a historic pirate hideout and anchorage that was visited by Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle in 1835. Our hike will take us past Darwin Lake and through stunning volcanic landscapes, revealing Isabela Island's dramatic northern volcanoes. We'll have the opportunity to snorkel along a submerged wall, where we might see turtles, fish, penguins, and flightless cormorants. For added excitement, we can enjoy a panga ride or kayak.

Day 7Jul 5**

Fernandina Island & Isabela Island

(B, L, D)

In the morning, we will arrive at **Punta Espinosa** on **Fernandina Island**, known as the marine iguana capital. This pristine location features a desolate volcanic backdrop that hosts a massive concentration of these enigmatic reptiles. Surprisingly, Galapagos penguins share the same shoreline. Snorkeling here offers an exciting opportunity to witness marine iguanas feeding underwater, alongside penguins, turtles, and unique flightless cormorants. In the afternoon, we will arrive at **Punta Vicente Roca** on **Isabela Island**. This spectacular site is surrounded by immense cliffs of an eroded volcano and is studded with resting seabirds like brown noddies and Nazca boobies. The snorkeling experience is superb, with unique fish species, and we may even swim alongside penguins and green turtles.

Day 8Jul 6**

Santa Cruz Island & North Seymour Island

(B, L, D)

In the morning, we will arrive at the **Highlands** of **Santa Cruz Island**. This area offers our best opportunity to interact closely with the wild Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these massive, 600-pound reptiles will also allow us to observe various highland species, particularly several types of the famed finches. In the afternoon, we will visit the **Charles Darwin Research Station** on Santa Cruz Island. Here, we will learn about the Galapagos giant tortoise breeding program, part of ongoing efforts to preserve the fragile Galapagos environment. Next, we will explore North Seymour Island. This flat, uplifted island is an important location for observing both magnificent and great frigatebird males courting females. We will also likely see blue-footed boobies engaged in their courtship displays. The visit will be enhanced by the presence of sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls, crashing surf, and distant views of the Daphne Islands.

Day 9** Jul 7

Bartolome Island & Santiago Island

(B, L, D)

In the morning, we will visit **Bartolome Island**, renowned for its iconic landscape within the archipelago. The view from the top offers a stunning overlook of the famous Pinnacle Rock and the austere Santiago Island. During our subsequent snorkel, we may encounter Galapagos penguins, whitetipped reef sharks, and playful sea lions up close. In the afternoon, we will explore **Sullivan Bay** on **Santiago Island**. Visitors are always captivated by the remarkable beds of pahoehoe lava from the island's recent flows. This landscape is a dream for landscape and macro photographers. As we hike over the lava, we will discuss the significance of pioneering plants, such as the tiny Mollugo.

Day 10** Jul 8

San Cristobal Island

(B, L, D)

In the morning, we will arrive at **Punta Pitt** on **San Cristobal Island**. This unique location offers the chance to see all three species of boobies in one place: red-footed boobies perched on Cordia lutea and small trees, Nazca boobies near the cliff edge, and blue-footed boobies a bit further inland. Frigatebirds will be soaring around, and the views are absolutely breathtaking. In the afternoon, we will visit **Cerro Brujo** on **San Cristobal Island**. As we approach the shore on our dinghy, we will be awed by the immense cliffs of Sorcerer's Hill. Here, you can enjoy sharing the beach with sea lions, snorkeling from the shore, or taking a walk to a hidden lagoon, where you might spot black-necked stilts, ruddy turnstones, whimbrels, and white-cheeked pintails.

Day 11** Jul 9

San Cristobal Island → Quito

(B)

In the morning, we will visit **Cerro Colorado** on **San Cristobal Island**. In the moist highlands, we will explore the giant tortoise breeding center, "La Galapaguera," where we can witness the most iconic creatures of the archipelago in various life stages. The aim of the reserve is to help restore the populations of the threatened San Cristobal tortoise back into the wild. After our visit, there will be time to explore the town, where you can shop for local handicrafts and souvenirs. Following this, we will transfer to San Cristobal Airport for our return flight to Quito. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at our leisure.

Day 12** Jul 10

Quito – Papallacta – Quito → Miami

(B, L)

After breakfast, we will transfer to **Papallacta Hot Springs**, a water resort and spa located in the highlands on the way to the Amazon. Here, we can relax in the thermal pools, rich in minerals and offering varied temperatures. Additional activities include spa treatments and massages, dining at the restaurant, or hiking through the surrounding moorlands to explore the local flora and fauna. We will enjoy lunch here before transferring to the airport for your international flight.

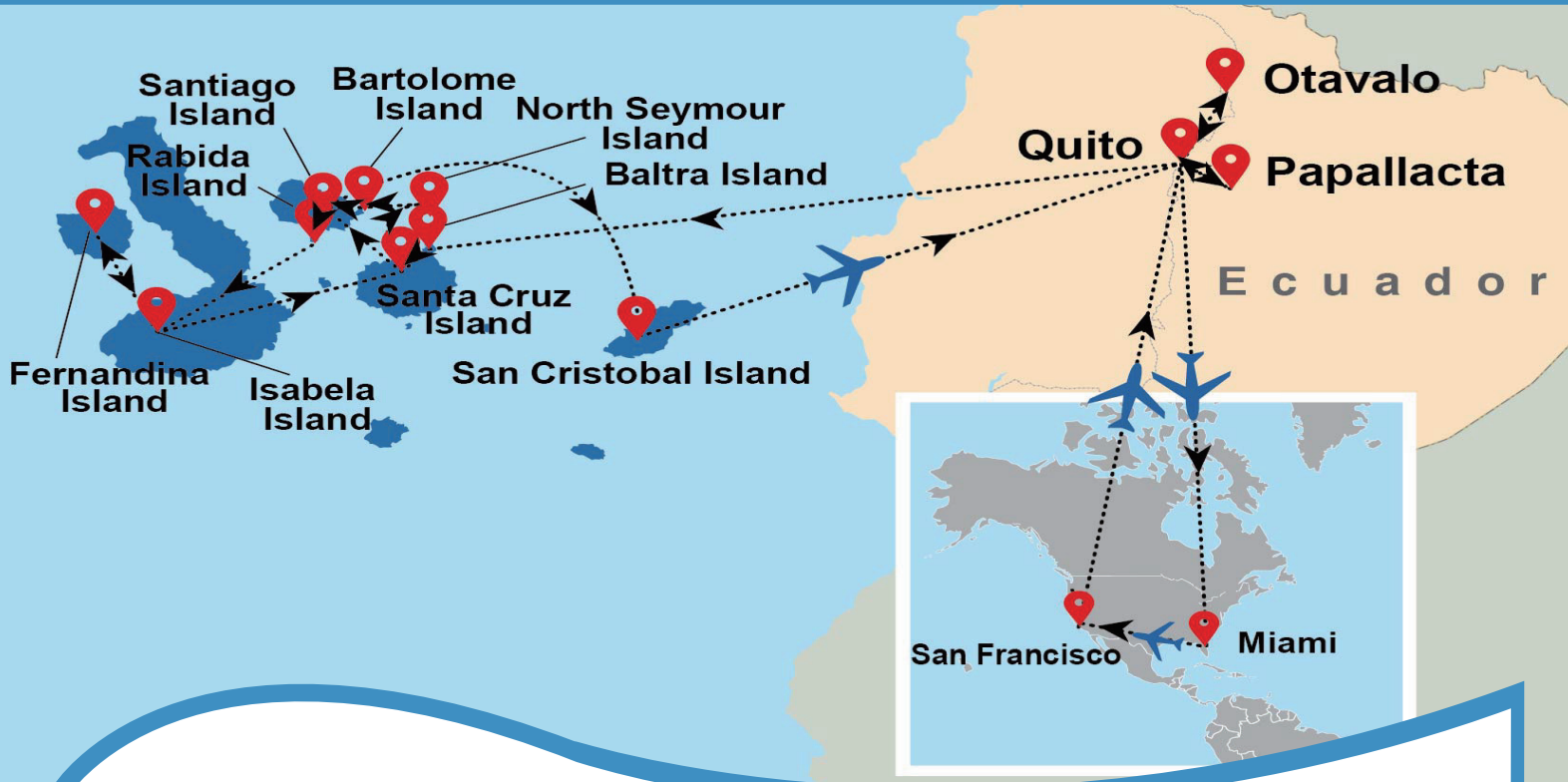
Day 13** Jul 11

Miami → San Francisco

We will take flight back to San Francisco, taking home lasting memories of a magnificent trip to Galapagos Cruise.

We wish you a safe journey and have many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner



Remarks:

- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Business class is available, please call your agent for price
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Gratuity for Quito local tour guides and drivers is included. However, gratuity for the cruise crew, shore excursion tour guides, and city guide services is not included. It is recommended to budget approximately USD 30 per person per day for these services
- ✦ Tour cost is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Oct 10, 2025
- ✦ It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
- ✦ All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
- ✦ As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$ 2,000 per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due on **Feb 20, 2026**. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

- **Feb 21, 2026 – Mar 20, 2026: \$2,000 deposit per person is non-refundable
- **Mar 21 – Apr 20, 2026: 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- **From Apr 21, 2026 to departure or withdrawal during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted.

*****Also we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation*****