

**PROJECTS
ABROAD.**

Conservation & Environment

Galapagos Islands

**Giant Tortoise protection, island
exploration, and cultural immersion**

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



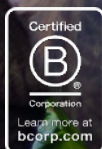
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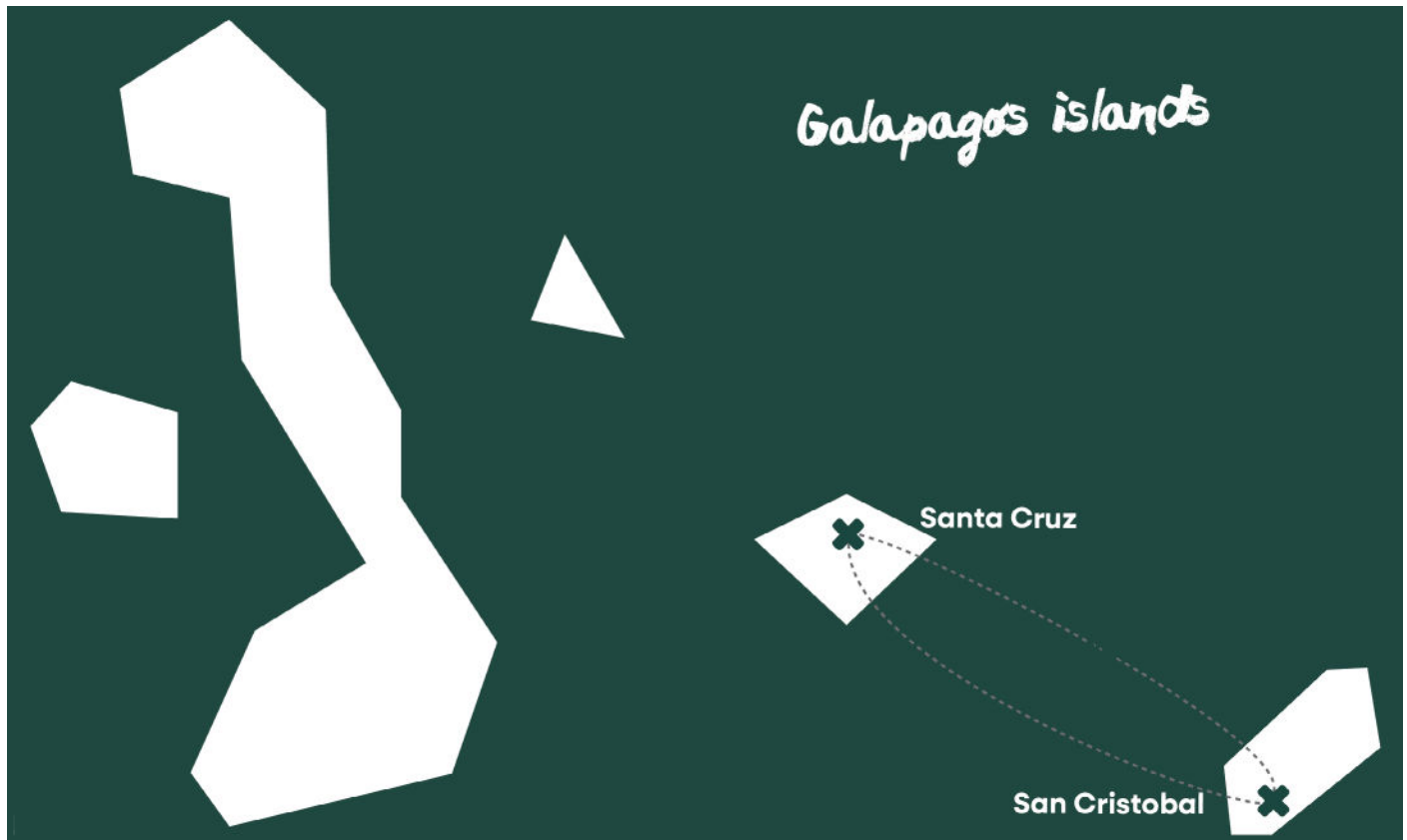
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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



 **LENGTH**
14 Days

 **ACCOMMODATION**
Guesthouse, Hotel

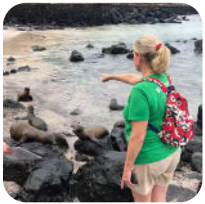
 **TRANSPORT**
Minibus, Boat

Trip highlights:

-  Protect the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, working alongside expert conservationists with exclusive access to the National Park.
-  Contribute to local children's education by delivering fun and engaging lessons at a community centre.
-  Explore Santa Cruz Island and visit El Chato Tortoise Reserve, Charles Darwin Research Station, and the iconic Tortuga Bay.
-  Develop your confidence, independence, and global perspective as you immerse yourself in a new culture.

Overview

The following is included in the cost of your trip (subject to change).



Service & Learning

Conservation:

- Tortoise breeding centre
- Feed Giant Tortoises
- Enclosures maintenance
- Conduct sea lion surveys
- Survey seabirds and marine iguanas
- Remove invasive plant species
- Plant and look after indigenous flora
- Play and walk with shelter dogs
- Clean-up the coastline

Community Development

- Run lessons at a community centre
- Play games with the children
- Design and paint a wall mural

Culture & Leisure

- Charles Darwin Research Station tour
- El Chato tortoise reserve visit
- Tortuga Bay swim
- Traditional dance lesson
- Visit the island's Interpretation Centre
- Snorkelling at Loberia Beach
- Explore San Cristobal

Logistics

- Airport transfers in the Galapagos
- Orientation and tour of cities
- Travel in country
- Pre-departure support
- 24/7 support from local staff
- Emergency assistance

Food/Accommodation

- Three meals a day (all diets catered for)
- Drinking water
- Guesthouse, hotel





Day 1



SLEEP
Hotel



TRAVEL
Minimal

Arrival & induction

Welcome to the Galapagos!

Arrive at San Cristobal Airport, where our local team will welcome you before driving you to your accommodation.

Once settled in, head out for a guided tour of the local area to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and pick up snacks or any essentials.

Your first day concludes with an orientation session to meet the team, review your upcoming schedule, and learn about local cultural rules before enjoying dinner.

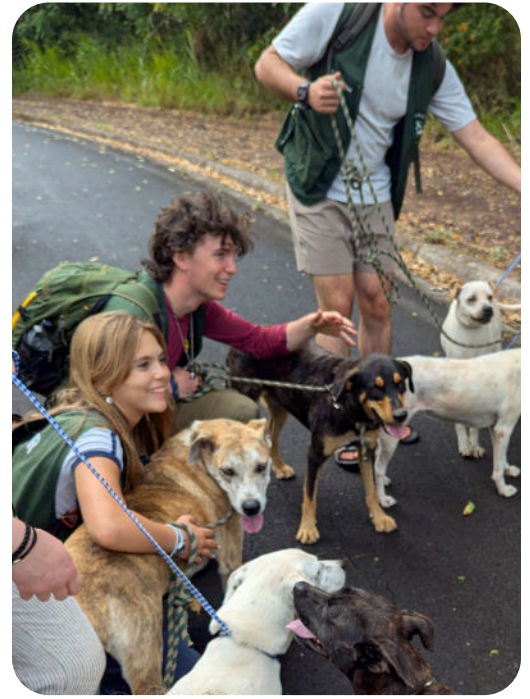


Island history & coastline protection

Start your second day by visiting the Interpretation Centre to learn about the history of the Galapagos Islands across natural, human, and conservation contexts. In the afternoon, head to the conservation reserve to cut away invasive plants that threaten endemic species.

The next day, take part in a beach clean-up at Opuntia Bay to protect the coastline, taking time for a swim in the sea. In the afternoon, work at the plant nursery to transplant indigenous saplings, followed by a walk through town to see local sea lions coexisting with the community.





Days 4-6



SLEEP

Guesthouse



TRAVEL

Minimal

Giant Tortoises, wildlife surveys & dog shelter

The focus shifts to wildlife conservation over the next few days as you immerse yourself in the protection of the island's unique fauna. You'll join the team at the Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre to feed the tortoises, assist with enclosure maintenance, and gather ottoy plants, taking an active role in their daily care.

Alongside your work at the centre, you'll assist National Park rangers with tracking and recording sea lion behaviour, which includes setting out early at dawn to count numbers along the nearby beaches.

You will also visit a local dog shelter to discover how community efforts are managing domestic animal populations to protect endemic wildlife, taking time to walk and play with the dogs.

In the afternoons, enjoy a conservation lecture detailing island initiatives, relax on sun-soaked beaches, and take a traditional dance lesson. In the evenings, you'll dine in town and explore the vibrant seafront by night.



Santa Cruz Island

On Saturday, take a two-hour speedboat ride to Santa Cruz Island. Head straight to the El Chato Tortoise Reserve to observe wild giant tortoises roaming freely and explore natural underground lava tunnels.

In the afternoon, visit the world-renowned Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about historic giant tortoise breeding programmes before exploring the shops and markets of Puerto Ayora to browse the stalls for unique souvenirs.

Spend Sunday morning at the breathtaking Tortuga Bay, swimming in the sea while observing marine iguanas and sea turtles. After lunch at a restaurant, travel by speedboat back to San Cristobal to relax and enjoy dinner at your accommodation.





Days 9-13



SLEEP

Guesthouse



TRAVEL

Minimal

Community engagement, wildlife monitoring & Snorkelling

Back in San Cristobal, your final week balances community initiatives with vital, hands-on species monitoring. Begin by learning basic Spanish and participating in a lesson planning session. You'll then head to a local community centre to run interactive games and educational activities for local children.

Over the following afternoons, work together as a team to design and paint a colourful environmental mural in town, leaving behind a lasting educational message for the community.

In the mornings, build on last week's knowledge and skills as you return to the Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre to cut otoy and maintain enclosures, and head out early at dawn to conduct a sea lion survey along the coast, monitoring the behaviour and number of different colonies.

You'll also visit the dog shelter to spend hands-on time with the animals and join National Park rangers on field surveys tracking local seabird and iguana populations.

Celebrate the end of your journey by spending your final afternoon snorkelling in the clear waters of Loberia Beach alongside sea turtles, marine iguanas, and playful sea lions, concluding your experience with a festive group farewell dinner.



Departure

As you fly home, look back on the incredible work you've done over the last two weeks.

Think about your newfound confidence, skills, and cultural understanding gained during your journey; these are experiences that will stay with you for the rest of your life.



Destination Info

The Galapagos Islands are a “living laboratory” and world-famous biodiversity hotspot. Located 1,000 km west of mainland Ecuador, their isolation has resulted in unique species found nowhere else on Earth. A real “Bucket List” destination.

With no natural predators, the animals show almost no fear of humans. Get ready for up-close encounters with incredible creatures like Galapagos Giant Tortoises, Marine Iguanas, and Blue-footed Boobies.

LANGUAGE

Spanish

CURRENCY

US Dollar

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POPULATION

25,000

TIMEZONE

GMT -6

NATIONAL ANIMAL

Giant Tortoise

CAPITAL

San Cristobal

COUNTRY CODE

+593

NATIONAL BIRD

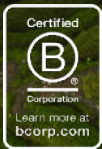
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A sustainable adventure

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By travelling with us, you're making positive contributions to people and planet, aligned with the UN SDGs.

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**CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN**



**FAIR & ETHICAL
WAGES**



**SUPPORTING
THE UN SDGs**

Learning Outcomes



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Our programme is designed to immerse students in diverse cultures, engage with real-world challenges, and gain an understanding of their role in a global community. They will develop intercultural competence, broaden their perspectives, and actively contribute to sustainable development initiatives.



LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK

Through stepping outside their comfort zone, students will build resilience, confidence, and adaptability. By taking on new challenges and working collaboratively in teams, they will strengthen their leadership skills, decision-making, and capacity to guide and inspire others.



EMPOWERMENT

Students are empowered to develop the confidence and independence needed to think critically, challenge the status quo, and take ownership of their choices, creating a mindset for transformative decision-making.

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