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Learning Service

Galapagos

**Conservation, biodiversity and
sustainable tourism**

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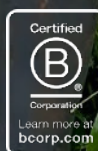
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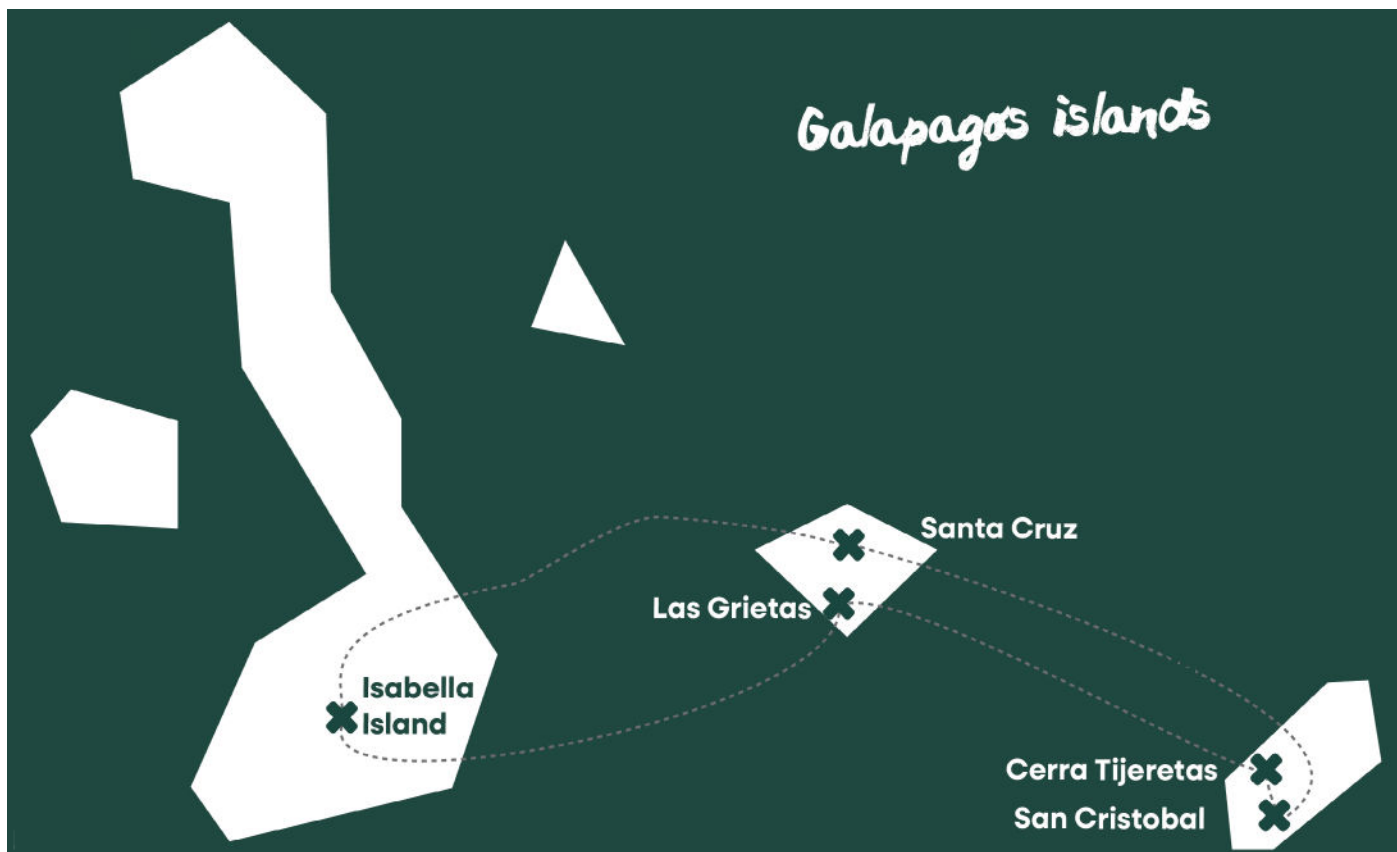
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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



 **LENGTH**
14 Days

 **ACCOMMODATION**
Hotel, Lodge

 **TRANSPORT**
Private Bus,
Boat

Trip highlights:

-  Collaborate on conservation efforts to protect indigenous and endemic flora and fauna, preserving habitats and maintaining the islands' unique biodiversity.
-  Learn from conservationists as you care for tortoises at the Tortoise Research Centre, research sea lions, and explore a variety of habitats.
-  Participate in workshops and lectures to better understand the history of the Galápagos, its wildlife, challenges, and vital research conducted there.
-  Explore Santa Cruz, San Cristóbal, and Isabela Island as you snorkel beneath the water's surface and venture through lava tunnels!



Days 1-2



SLEEP
Lodge



TRAVEL
Minimal

Arrival

Welcome to one of the most biodiverse places on Earth! You'll land at San Cristóbal Airport, the gateway to the enchanting Galápagos archipelago, where our local team will welcome and drive you to our dedicated conservation lodge. Settle in before heading out on a guided tour of San Cristóbal in the evening to get familiar with your surroundings and spot some wildlife. Your first night will conclude with a delicious welcome dinner for a first taste of the local flavours.

Start the following day by diving straight into the vital work of local environmentalists as you engage in an interactive conservation workshop to learn more about the initiatives in place to preserve the delicate Galápagos ecosystem.

After lunch, head to the Interpretation Centre and delve deeper into the islands' fascinating human and natural history. To help you work effectively within the community, you'll develop essential communication tools and discover the differences between cultures during a cross-cultural collaboration workshop.

End the day with a walk through town, immersing yourself in the unique rhythm of island life.

Conservation initiatives

Over the next few days, you'll get hands-on with vital park preservation efforts working within the Galápagos National Park in direct contact with the archipelago's world-famous biodiversity. As the park is often understaffed due to limited government funding, your presence is essential in supporting conservationists with daily tasks and ensuring that vital research projects stay on track. Assist in the care of the iconic giant tortoises, plant native flora to support reforestation, harvest otoy plants and conduct sea lion surveys.

You'll also engage with the local community to ensure your efforts will continue long after you leave the island. Run educational activities for children and teenagers at the community centre, and work with them on the park's reforestation initiative.

Between service tasks, you'll explore the island and engage in cultural activities alongside the community. You'll hike Tijeretas Hill for panoramic bay views and birdwatching, then loosen up with a traditional dance lesson that brings Galapagueño heritage to life. You'll also embark on a coastal trek to Opuntia Bay to lead a beach clean-up. By removing litter and discussing the global origins of marine debris, you'll see the direct impact of pollution on the islands' wildlife, highlighting exactly why your conservation role is so essential.



Day 7



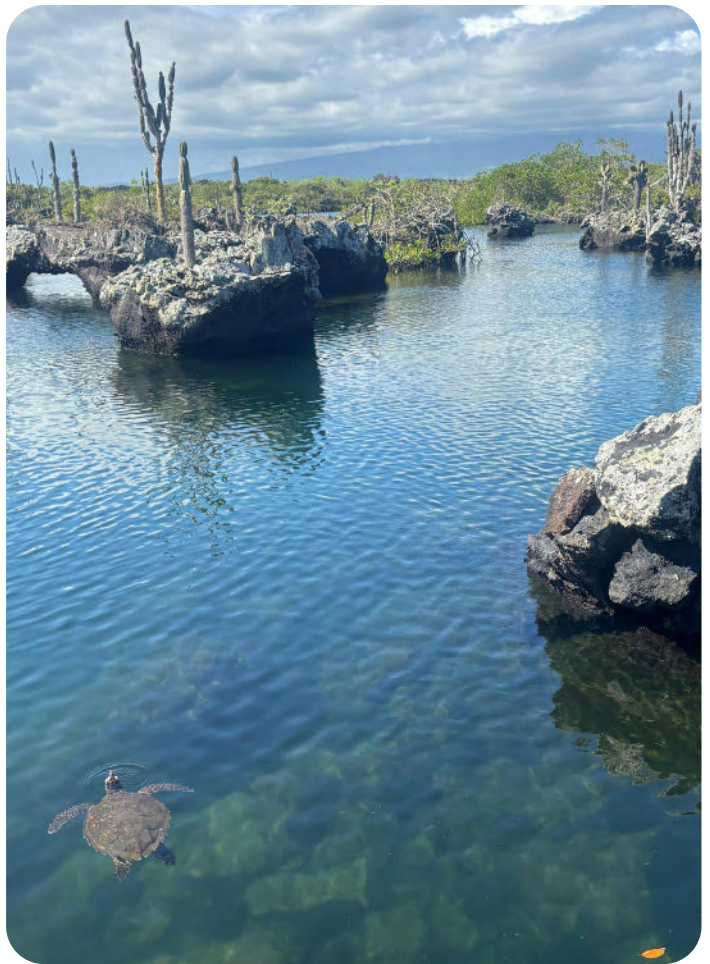
SLEEP
Hotel



TRAVEL
2 hours

Lava Tunnels

Board a speedboat for Santa Cruz island for a day of geological and wildlife discovery. You'll start by venturing underground to explore the fascinating lava tunnels of the El Chato Tortoise Reserve – ancient volcanic conduits formed by prehistoric eruptions. Once back to the surface, you'll have the rare opportunity to see wild giant tortoises roaming free in their natural highland habitat. In the afternoon, gain a unique look at the groundbreaking conservation efforts and evolutionary research used by the archipelago's conservationists.



Day 8



SLEEP
Hotel



TRAVEL
Minimal

Tortuga Bay

After a busy week of service and discovery, spend your final day recharging at the stunning Tortuga Bay. Named for the black sea turtles that nest on its shores, this beach is the perfect place to unwind.

Relax on the white coral sands, swim in the turquoise waters, or spot marine iguanas, and take time to reflect on your journey so far, from your contribution to the National Park to the incredible biodiversity that you're helping protect.



Day 9

 **SLEEP**
Hotel

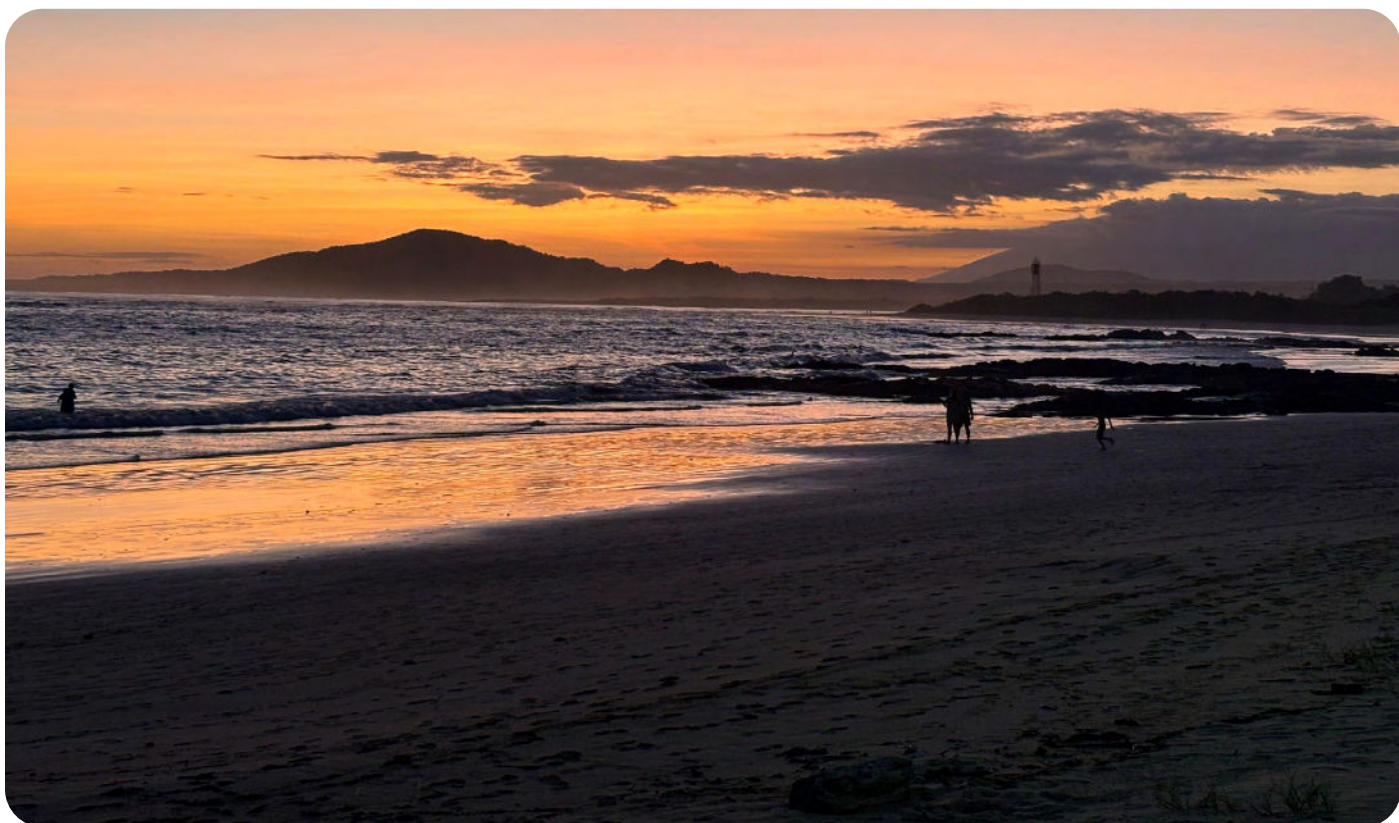
 **TRAVEL**
2 hours

Isabela Island

Travel by boat to Isabela Island to explore its unique coastal landscapes and diverse marine life. You'll spend the day snorkeling through the lava tunnels, and might encounter sea turtles, sharks, penguins, and seahorses. As you explore, you'll see how Isabela's ecosystem differs from San Cristóbal and Santa Cruz, noting the specific geological features that allow such a variety of species to thrive here.

In the evening, attend an interactive workshop on the Pacific Ring of Fire to learn about its volcanoes.





Day 10

 **SLEEP**
Hotel

 **TRAVEL**
Minimal

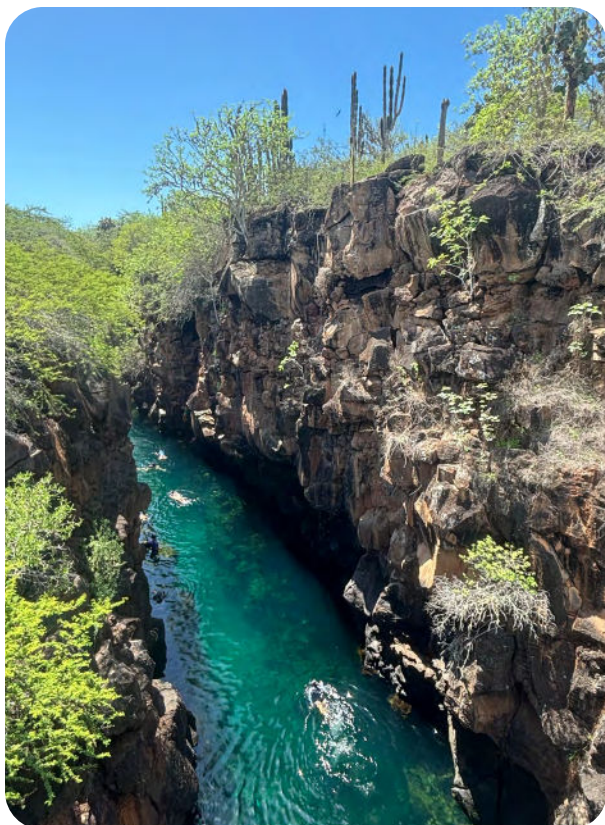
Volcano Chico

Embark on a full-day tour of Volcán Chico! You'll hike across vast lava fields and past active steam vents, and discover the resilient flora that thrives in this volcanic soil.

In the afternoon, transition from the highlands to the coast as you visit local flamingo habitats and engage in a beach activities.

The day concludes with an evening lecture on the history of Isabela, comparing its endemic species and geological age to other islands while discussing the modern challenges of managing human-wildlife habitats.





Day 11

 **SLEEP**
Hotel

 **TRAVEL**
4 hours

Las Grietas

On your way back to San Cristóbal, enjoy a final stop on Santa Cruz to explore one of the archipelago's most striking geological features: Las Grietas. Soak in your surroundings with a swim and snorkel in emerald-green pools surrounded by unique formations of volcanic rocks, and observe the local wildlife.

After a relaxing afternoon on the nearby beach, board the ferry for the final leg of your journey back to San Cristóbal.





Day 12



Conservation initiative

Return to the Tortoise Breeding Center for a final morning of conservation work before heading out to the local shops of San Cristóbal to find unique souvenirs while supporting the island's economy and artisans.

Later, engage in talks with the mayor or a conservationist to discuss the delicate balance between human development and wildlife preservation. This exchange will highlight the vital role of sustainable tourism and responsible practices in safeguarding the archipelago's future.

You'll spend your final afternoon planning and running games, sport and other activities with children and teenagers at the community centre.

Cerro Tijeretas

Start your final full day with a snorkeling adventure at Cerro Tijeretas. Here, the turquoise waters are home to a variety of colourful tropical fish, vibrant coral reefs, and inquisitive sea turtles.

When you get back to dry land, take a moment to reflect as a group on the interconnectedness of the global challenges you've witnessed throughout your stay, and the steps you can take back home to continue preserving our planet's incredible biodiversity.

To conclude your journey on the archipelago, you'll join our team and your host to celebrate your last night together with a farewell dinner, and and make some final memories before your flight home tomorrow.



Departure

It's time to head home!

Check in, sit back, and let the trip of a lifetime sink in. You'll leave the Galápagos with more than just souvenirs; you carry home a newfound confidence, a deeper sense of self, and the knowledge that you've contributed to one of the most important conservation efforts on the planet. The experiences and skills you've gained will help you throughout your future, regardless of your path.



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

NATIONAL DISH

Encebollado

POPULATION

25,000

TIMEZONE

GMT -6

NATIONAL ANIMAL

Giant Tortoise

CAPITAL

San Cristóbal

COUNTRY CODE

EC / 593

NATIONAL BIRD

Andean Condor

A sustainable adventure

We're dedicated to protecting both people and the planet, treading lightly as participants of global travel.

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

Don't just take our word for it, we're B Corp certified!



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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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