

December 3 - 10, 2027

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

# Ecuador + Galapagos Island

(TRADITIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE)

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## Traditional Travel with Sisters Traveling Solo

Sisters Traveling Solo traditional trip experiences are fun and experiential tours that are designed for those sisters wanting to visit popular tourist destinations. These tours are great for beginners to the most experienced travelers. Be sure to bring your camera, because we plan these trips to be packed with post worthy instagram moments.

Be sure to tag us @sisterstravelingsolo on Instagram.

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## Country Overview



### **Quito, Ecuador (3-nights)**

Set high in the Andes, Quito blends dramatic mountain views with one of the best-preserved historic centers in Latin America. Its colonial architecture, churches, and plazas reflect the city's rich cultural and religious history, offering a deeper look into Ecuador's past. From panoramic views atop the Pichincha Volcano to standing directly on the equator line, Quito delivers a unique mix of culture, geography, and history that sets the tone for the journey ahead.

### **Santa Cruz (4-nights)**

Santa Cruz is the main hub of the Galápagos, offering access to the islands' most sought-after experiences while maintaining a vibrant coastal town atmosphere. From the white sand beaches of Tortuga Bay to encounters with giant tortoises in their natural habitat, this island introduces you to the wildlife and landscapes that define the region. Serving as your base, Santa Cruz allows for a balance of guided excursions, yacht experiences, and time to take in the natural beauty of the Galápagos at your own pace.



## General Information:

<b>CURRENCY:</b>	Dollar (USD)
<b>CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE:</b>	1 USD = 1 USD
<b>AIRPORT CODE(S):</b>	<b>Arrive:</b> Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO) <b>Depart:</b> Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO) - <b>Trip Ends At The Airport</b>
<b>PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Passport valid for duration of stay. Refer to U.S. State Department for full requirements.
<b>VISA REQUIRED?</b>	No (for U.S. Citizens). All other country residents should check visa requirements prior to travel.
<b>VACCINE(S) REQUIRED FOR ENTRY?</b>	Refer to CDC.gov for updated recommendations.
<b>HISTORICAL WEATHER TEMPERATURE</b>	Quito: 50°F – 70°F Galápagos: 75°F – 85°F

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## Tentative Itinerary - **This trip contains several boat rides.**



### **DAY 1 - ARRIVAL**

Upon arrival into Ecuador, you will be transported via one of our group transfer times to our hotel. Look for our driver in the arrivals hall after collecting your luggage. After check-in, take the rest of the afternoon at leisure to unwind from the long flight, explore the area around the hotel, or enjoy your first evening. In the evening, we will gather for a Welcome Dinner to officially begin the trip and connect as a group.

**Meal(s) Included:** Dinner

**Hotel Check-In:** 3 PM local time

### **DAY 2 - Ecuador City Tour**

Today we explore Quito.

Ride the cable car to the foothills of Pichincha Volcano for panoramic views of the city and surrounding volcanoes. Continue to the Pululahua Geobotanical Reserve for crater views and a traditional drink.

Visit the Middle of the World, where you'll stand on the equator line, before exploring Quito's historic center, including Plaza de la Independencia and La Compañía de Jesús.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch



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## **DAY 3 - Fly to Santa Cruz Island**

This morning we take a domestic flight from Quito to the Galápagos Islands, arriving at Baltra Airport.

Upon arrival, we transfer across the channel and into the highlands of Santa Cruz, where you'll see giant tortoises in their natural habitat—your first real introduction to the wildlife that makes the Galápagos so unique.

Continue to Puerto Ayora for hotel check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the town, or relax after travel.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch



## **DAY 4 - SANTA CRUZ**

Today we explore Santa Cruz Island with a full-day Highlands experience. Begin at El Chato Reserve, located in the upper part of the island, where you'll see giant land tortoises roaming freely in their natural habitat among lagoons and open landscapes.

Continue to the lava tunnels, where you'll walk through volcanic caverns formed by ancient eruptions, followed by a visit to Los Gemelos (the Twin Craters), surrounded by a Scalesia forest and home to native bird species. After the highlands, we head to El Garrapatero Beach, a more secluded beach known for its white sand and calmwaters. Enjoy lunch and time to relax, with opportunities to spot flamingos and other wildlife in the nearby lagoon.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

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## **DAY 5 - NORTH SEYMOUR & BACHAS BEACH**

Today we head out on a yacht excursion to North Seymour Island. After a **45-minute boat ride** one way, explore the island on foot along its natural trails, one of the best places in the Galápagos to observe nesting bird colonies.

Here, you'll see blue-footed boobies and frigate birds, along with land iguanas and other native species.

We then continue to Bachas Beach, known for its white sand and nearby lagoons where flamingos and other birds can be seen. Enjoy time here to swim, snorkel, walk, or relax before returning by boat.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch





## **DAY 6 - TINTORERAS ISLET & WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE**

Travel by **boat (approximately 2 hours each way)** before arriving in Puerto Villamil to begin the day's experience.

Continue by boat to Tintoreras Islet, where you'll walk along natural volcanic paths and observe lava crevices that are home to white-tip reef sharks, along with marine iguanas and coastal birdlife. The experience continues with snorkeling in the surrounding waters, where you may see sea lions, sea turtles, fish, and, on a good day, Galápagos penguins. Later, visit a nearby lagoon to observe flamingos and continue to the Giant Tortoise Breeding Center to learn about conservation efforts on the island.

Return by speedboat to Santa Cruz in the late afternoon.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

## **DAY 7 - DEPART GALAPAGO ISLAND**

Today we depart the Galápagos Islands and return to Quito. After an early transfer to Baltra Airport, we take our domestic flight back to the mainland. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax before we gather in the evening for a Farewell Dinner to close out the experience.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

## **DAY 8 - DEPART ECAUDOR**

After breakfast, transfer to Mariscal Sucre International Airport for your departure flight. As your journey comes to an end, depart with a deeper appreciation for Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This itinerary includes multiple boat transfers and yacht excursions, including rides of up to 2 hours each way in open water. This trip is not recommended for travelers who experience motion or sea sickness. Travelers who are sensitive to boat movement should plan accordingly.

## What's Included:

Here's your **Ecuador + Galápagos version** in the same format and tone:

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### What's Included:

**4-Star Accommodations:** All bookings include standard single and double rooms. Each room includes (1) queen or (2) twin beds.

**3-nights in Quito:** Begin in Ecuador's capital, set high in the Andes, where you'll explore its historic center, experience panoramic views from the cable car, and stand on the equator line at the Middle of the World.

**4-nights in Santa Cruz:** Stay in the main hub of the Galápagos, offering access to the islands' top experiences, coastal town atmosphere, and surrounding wildlife and landscapes.

**Quito City & Equator Tour:** Explore the historic center of Quito, ride the cable car to the foothills of Pichincha Volcano for panoramic views, visit the Pululahua Geobotanical Reserve, and stand on the equator line at the Middle of the World.

**Santa Cruz Highlands Tour:** Visit El Chato Reserve to observe giant tortoises in their natural habitat, walk through lava tunnels formed by volcanic activity, and explore Los Gemelos (Twin Craters) surrounded by endemic Scalesia forest. Continue to El Garrapatero Beach for a more secluded coastal experience.

**North Seymour & Bachas Beach Yacht Tour:** Travel by boat to North Seymour Island to observe nesting bird colonies including blue-footed boobies and frigate birds. Continue to Bachas Beach for time to swim, snorkel, or relax along its white sand shores and nearby lagoons.

**Isabela Island Day Trip (Tintorerías):** Full-day excursion by speedboat to Isabela Island, including a visit to Tintorerías Islet where you'll explore volcanic formations and observe wildlife such as white-tip reef sharks, marine iguanas, and coastal birds. Includes snorkeling with opportunities to see sea lions, sea turtles, and more.

**Domestic Flights:** Round-trip domestic flights between Quito and the Galápagos Islands. Economy class. Does not include baggage fees.

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**Meals** - Meals as included in the trip itinerary.

**Airport Transfers** - Round trip airport transfers on the start and end dates of a tour.

**Tours & Activities** - Tours and activities as listed in the trip itinerary

**What's NOT Included:** International flights, gratuity, travel visa, travel insurance, or any other cost not listed in the "what's included" section