

## Abenteuer auf den Galápagos-Inseln - Schnorcheln & Seelöwen - SEQC

9 days: Quito nach Quito

### What's Included

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- Dein Big-Night-Out-Moment: - San Cristóbal Island, San Cristóbal Island
- Besuch im Interpretations-Zentrum (San Cristóbal)
- Schnorchelausrüstung und Aktivitäten in Tijeretas (San Cristóbal)
- Wanderung zum Vulkan Sierra Negra (Isabela)
- Besuch der Charles-Darwin-Forschungsstation (Santa Cruz)
- Hafensteuer Isabela
- Möglichkeiten zum Schnorcheln, Schwimmen und für unglaubliche Tierbeobachtungen
- Inlandsflüge
- Alle Transfers zwischen den Reisezielen sowie zu unbegriffenen Aktivitäten und zurück

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**VALIDITY:** Gültig für alle Reiseternine nach Januar 2nd, 2024

### Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

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#### Tag 1 Quito

Ankunft zu jeder Zeit möglich.

Falls du nicht am Begrüßungstreffen teilnehmen kannst, hinterlässt unser Repräsentant alle wichtigen Informationen an der Rezeption deines Hotels, damit du weißt, zu welcher Zeit du dich am nächsten Tag bereithalten musst. Falls es bei der Ankunft irgendwelche Unklarheiten gibt, kannst du die in diesen Unterlagen angegebene Telefonnummer anrufen.

Wir empfehlen dir, vor oder nach der Reise einen zusätzlichen Aufenthalt in Quito zu buchen, um auch ihre zahlreichen Sehenswürdigkeiten und die Ausflugsziele rund um die Stadt kennenzulernen.

#### Anreisetag und Begrüßungstreffen mit dem G Repräsentanten

Heute Abend startet das Abenteuer! Sieh dich nach Lust und Laune hier um — sei nur rechtzeitig wieder zurück, um die Gruppe zu treffen. Dein G Repräsentant wird die Details der Reise mit euch durchgehen.

#### Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 1 Stadttour in Quito und Äquator

Quito

50-60USD pro Person

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## **Tag 2 Quito/Santa Cruz Island**

Flug zu den Galápagos-Inseln. Fahrt über die Insel Santa Cruz in der Stadt und Führung am Nachmittag in der Charles-Darwin-Forschungsstation, wo du die berühmten Riesenschildkröten aus der Nähe sehen kannst.

### **Flugzeug**

Quito – Santa Cruz Island 3h

Schau! Da am Himmel! Ist es ein Vogel? Ist es ein Flugzeug? Es ist... ein Flugzeug! Was sonst?

### **Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück**

#### **Unterbringung**

#### **Hotel Brisas del Pacifico (oder Ähnliche)**

Hotel

## **Tag 3 Santa Cruz Island/Isabela Island**

Hop on a speedboat and head to Isabela Island. Soak up the views around you — you might even see dolphins or whales alongside the boat! After dropping your stuff at the hotel, get up close and personal with a volcano as you hike the Sierra Negra. Explore the incredible landscape and admire spectacular views from above.

Please note that travel between islands is done by speedboat. The ride can be quite rough, especially from July to December. Make sure to bring sea sickness medication if you are prone to sea sickness.

### **Boot**

Santa Cruz Island – Isabela Island 2h

Jump aboard this speedy vessel, keep your eyes peeled for dolphins or whales en route to the next island.

### **Sierra Negra Vulkanwanderung**

Isabela Island 1h-2h

Wandere zum 10 km breiten Krater des Vulkans Sierra Negra, die größte Basalt-Caldera des Galápagos-Archipels. Wandere über die mondähnliche Landschaft der Lavafelder und Fumarolen und genieße die spektakuläre Aussicht nach Norden in Richtung der Insel Fernandina und über Isabela. Der Vulkan brach zuletzt im Juni 2018, der jüngste Ausbruch auf Galapagos. Diese Wanderung beträgt 7 km (3,5 km in jeder Richtung).

### **Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück**

#### **Unterbringung**

#### **Hotel Iguana (oder Ähnliche)**

Hotel

## **Tag 4 Isabela Island**

Take advantage of a full free day on Isabela Island where optional activities abound to do as much or as little as you like. Choose to take an excursion to Los Tuneles, go snorkelling at Tintoreras, take a surf lesson or just laze on the beach.

Please note that space may be limited for optional activities during high season, these activities are operated by third-party operators and will be subject to availability.

### **Zeit zur freien Verfügung**

Isabela Island Ganztägig

Enjoy a free day on Isabela Island to lounge on the beach or try out some of the many optional activities available in the area.

## **Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 4**

### **Wall of Tears Bike Visit**

Isabela Island 1h-2h

20USD pro Person

Cycle to the 'Wall of Tears' and tour this sombre historical site that pays homage to the prisoners of an on-island penal colony, who were forced to build a wall out of huge blocks of lava. Many prisoners died during the wall's construction between 1946 and 1959.

### **Concha de Perla Schnorcheln**

Isabela Island

5USD pro Person

Genieße einen Schnorchelausflug in der ruhigen Bucht Concha de Perla. Schnorchle zwischen bis zu 20 verschiedenen Vogelarten, tropischen Fischen, Seelöwen und vielleicht sogar Pinguinen.

### **Schnorcheln**

Isabela Island 4h-5h

140-150USD pro Person

Schnapp dir deine Badesachen und einen Schnorchel und begib dich aufs Wasser, um zu erkunden, was unter dem Meer lebt. Fahre nach Los Tuneles, etwa 40 Minuten Bootsfahrt von Puerto Villamil entfernt. Die Lavaformationen und Mangroven machen es ideal zum Schnorcheln. Halte Ausschau nach Adlerrochen, Meeresschildkröten und großen Schwärmen von bunten Fischen.

### **Schnorcheln auf der Isote Tintoreras**

Isabela Island 2h-2h30m

45-50USD pro Person

Gehe auf der kleinen Insel Las Tintoreras südlich von Puerto Villamil schnorcheln. Es ist der perfekte Ort, um den Zauber der Unterwasserwelt aus nächster Nähe zu erleben. Genieße eine ruhige, kleine Bucht mit türkisgrünem Wasser, in der du Weißspitzen-Riffhaie beobachten kannst, die in diesem Archipel recht häufig vorkommen. (Der Ort verdankt seinen Namen diesem Hai, der auf Spanisch Tintorera genannt wird.) Halte Ausschau nach Seelöwen, Meeresschildkröten, Meerechsen und Rochen sowie Haien.

### **Surfstunde**

Puerto Ayora – Santa Cruz Island 2h-2h30m

120USD pro Person

Schnapp dir deine Badesachen und bereite dich vor, dich den Wellen zu stellen. Lerne bei einer Surfstunde mit einheimischen Experten, wie du die richtige Welle findest und auf ihr surfst. Genieße die frische Seeluft und das Wasser und halte Ausschau nach den vielen Meeresbewohnern.

### **Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück**

#### **Unterbringung**

#### **Hotel Iguana (oder Ähnliche)**

Hotel

### **Tag 5 Isabela Island/Santa Cruz Island**

This morning enjoy a snorkelling excursion at Concha de Perla. Travel by speedboat back to Santa Cruz Island and enjoy a free afternoon exploring the town. Later, head out to explore Puerto Ayora town, time for shopping or enjoy a bite to eat.

### **Concha de Perla Schnorcheln**

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### **Boot**

Isabela Island – Santa Cruz Island 2h

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### **Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 5**

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### **Ausflug zur Flamingo Lagune**

Isabela Island

Verbringe einige Zeit damit, die Naturschönheiten auf Isabela zu erkunden. Genieße einen Spaziergang zur größten Küstenlagune der Galápagos-Inseln, die auch eine wichtige Brutstätte für Flamingos ist. Halte auf dem Weg an einem Aussichtspunkt und besuche Naturbecken zum Schwimmen, Strände und Mangrovensümpfe.

### **Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück**

#### **Unterbringung**

#### **Hotel Brisas del Pacifico (oder Ähnliche)**

Hotel

### **Tag 6 Insel Isabela**

Take another speedboat to San Cristóbal Island and visit the Galapagos National Park Interpretation Center near town to learn about the unique history of the ecosystems, flora, and fauna of the islands.. Later, go snorkelling at Tijeretas to look for wildlife like sea lions, rays and marine iguanas before wandering along the malecón to look for a place to grab a drink with friends in a local place and watch the sunset, continue on to another bar or to get your drink (and dance!) on.

Please note, the accommodation for the night is multi-share in a hostel.

### **Boot**

Santa Cruz Island – San Cristóbal Island 2h

Jump aboard this speedy vessel, keep your eyes peeled for dolphins or whales en route to the next island.

### **Besuch des Interpretationszentrums**

San Cristóbal Island 1h-2h

Lerne die Geschichte der Galápagos-Inseln kennen, von den vulkanischen Anfängen bis zu den aktuellen Naturschutzbemühungen. Sieh dir die Menschheitsgeschichte-Ausstellung an, bei der du mehr über die Entdeckung und Kolonisierung der Inseln erfährst, und entdecke die einzigartige Naturgeschichte und Vielfalt der Pflanzen- und Tierwelt, die die Galápagos-Inseln so faszinierend machen.

### **Tijeretas Snorkelling Excursion**

San Cristóbal Island

Enjoy a snorkelling excursion at Tijeretas, which happens to be one of the best places to search for underwater life in the Galapagos. As you move through the water be on the lookout for sea lions, rays, and marine iguanas, and sea turtles.

### **Dein Big-Night-Out-Moment: - San Cristóbal Island**

Whether it's a pub crawl, drink specials or a bonfire on the beach, celebrate late into the night with your new best friends. Start by sampling a drink at a local brewery on the island and watch sunset on the waterfront. Enjoy good beer and fresh air in a relaxing setting as the day turns to an evening of much anticipated fun!

### **Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück**

#### **Unterbringung**

#### **Casa de Laura Hotel (oder Ähnliche)**

Hotel

### **Tag 7 Isabela**

Tag zur freien Verfügung auf der Insel San Cristóbal. Du kannst bei Kicker Rock oder Isla Lobos schnorcheln, den weißen Sandstrand Playa Mann besuchen oder bei La Lobería den Seelöwen Hallo sagen.

### **Optionale Aktivitäten - Tag 7**

#### **Puerto Chino Beach Visit**

San Cristóbal Island

Head to this white-sands of Puerto Chino beach and go for a swim or lounge in the sun.

### **Besuch des Strandes La Lobería**

Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

8USD pro Person

Am Strand La Lobería wirst du von einer Kolonie Seelöwen begrüßt. Halte die Augen offen nach Meeresschildkröten, die sich auf den schwarzen Felsen sonnen, und nach Meeresschildkröten im flachen Wasser der Bucht.

### **Besuch am Playa Mann**

Playa Mann

Besuche diesen weißen Sandstrand, der nur einen kurzen Spaziergang von der Ortschaft entfernt ist. Gehe schwimmen oder beobachte dösende Seelöwen.

### **Schnorcheln (Isla Lobos)**

Isla Lobos

90-110USD pro Person

Schnorchle direkt vom Strand der verträumten Isla Lobos los, inmitten von Seelöwen und ihren neugierigen und verspielten Jungen. Beobachte am Ufer nistende Fregattvögel und die berühmten Blaufußtölpel. Nimm auf jeden Fall deine Kamera mit, um dieses wunderbare Wildtierparadies auf Fotos festzuhalten.

### **Schnorcheln (Kicker Rock)**

Kicker Rock 2h-3h

125-135USD pro Person

Begib dich auf ein Schnorchelabenteuer bei Kicker Rock, eine der beeindruckendsten Sehenswürdigkeiten der Galápagos-Inseln und dank des Nahrungsreichtums im Wasser hier die Heimat einer unglaublichen Vielfalt von Meerestieren. Erkunde diesen Felsen, der sich 150 m über die Meeresoberfläche erhebt und von einem schmalen Kanal, der von kleinen Booten befahren werden kann, geteilt wird. Das Wasser rund um den Felsen zieht zahlreiche Haie und andere Fische an, die für eine einzigartige und aufregende Schnorchelerfahrung sorgen.

### **Inbegriffene Mahlzeiten: Frühstück**

#### **Unterbringung**

#### **Casa de Laura Hotel (oder Ähnliche)**

Hotel

### **Tag 8 San Cristóbal Island/Quito**

Heute heißt es „Adios!“ sagen zu den Galápagosinseln. Am Morgen geht der Rückflug nach Quito. Nach der Fahrt zum Hotel kannst du dich ein wenig entspannen, bevor ihr abends in der Stadt noch mal ausgehen könnt.

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San Cristóbal Island – Mariscal Sucre International Airport

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### **Highlights**

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Schnorchle mit Seelöwen, Erkunde die Galápagos-Inseln mit öffentlichen Schnellbooten, Besuche die Charles-Darwin-Forschungsstation, Erklimme den Vulkan Sierra Negra.

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

### **Important Notes**

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#### **ADD-ON**

1) This trip can be booked on its own or as an add-on to many of our Galápagos Islands yacht based adventures. Please speak to your sales GCO about how you can mix and match with other programs.

#### **2) ITINERARY**

The itinerary is subject to further changes dependent upon new regulations made by the Galápagos National Park or seasonal points of interest.

#### **3) GALÁPAGOS ISLAND PARK ENTRY FEE**

The Ecuadorian government currently levies a Galápagos Islands Park entry fee of \$100 USD per person. This is payable at the airport upon arrival in the park. It is not included in the cost of the tour, and must be paid in CASH. This fee funds Park maintenance and supervision in Galápagos, as well as ecological study, conservation and infrastructure development in Ecuador's other National Parks. Entry fees and the funds they generate for the National Park System are among measures taken by the Ecuadorian government to protect its natural heritage.

#### **4) TRANSIT CONTROL CARDS**

The Consejo de Gobierno (local government council) have implemented a system of Transit Control Cards at a fee of \$20 USD per person. This card is to be purchased in CASH at a counter in the Quito airport before boarding the flight to the Galapagos. Please retain this card along with your passport as you will be required to present this upon arrival to the Galapagos Islands. Please note that this applies to all tourists entering the Galapagos Islands and is a supplement to the existing entry fee to the National Park and is not controlled by tour operators or travel agencies. It is the first of a number of initiatives to track, control and maintain the sustainable tourism targets set out by the Galapagos National Park and the Ecuadorian government in an attempt to preserve the fragile environment of the archipelago.

5) All travellers are required to pay the tax on domestic flights in Ecuador. Foreign travellers are exempt from this, and proving you are indeed a foreign traveller can be done by providing us with your international ticket number (ITN). Travellers who do not submit international ticket numbers at least 30 days prior to Day 1 of their tour will be required to pay the domestic tax on all included flights.

#### COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

### Group Leader Description

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All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds. For the Galápagos, our CEOs are naturalists certified by the Galapagos National Park.

### Group Size Notes

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Max. 16, im Schnitt 12.

### Meals Included

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8 Frühstück

### Meals

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Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your leader will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

### Transport

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Flugzeug, öffentliches Schnellboot, Minibus, öffentlicher Bus.

### About our Transportation

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We will travel via both public and private speedboats between the islands. This is a fun way to travel but those who experience motion sickness may want to ensure they bring any medications or use preventative measures against an upset stomach.

### Local Flights

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All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

#### BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS TO/FROM THE GALAPAGOS:

Maximum one piece of luggage per person weighing a maximum of 23 kilograms (50 pounds), plus one carry-on piece weighing a maximum of 10 kilograms (22 pounds).

### Solo Travellers

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We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining this group trip will be placed in either twin-share accommodation with someone of the same sex, or single if you book My Own Room for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

### Accommodation

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Einfache Hotels (8 Nächte).

## **My Own Room**

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Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

## **About Accommodation**

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Twin accommodations are used for the duration of this trip. Please contact your travel agent to request private accommodation.

## **Joining Instructions**

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For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Excess luggage can be stored free of charge at the joining hotel during your tour if desired.

Getting from Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport to the city centre:

The Quito International Airport is approximately one hour outside of the city centre where your joining hotel is located. The easiest and cheapest way to get there is by organizing a taxi at the desk within the airport (approximately \$30 USD). Immediately after the customs and immigration area, as you head to the exits, you will find a taxi stand. We strongly recommend you pay for the car at set rates from the taxi stand and therefore won't need to worry about sorting out a ride outside the airport facilities, where the situation tends to get more chaotic with many drivers vying for few clients. The taxis outside the airport area do not belong to the Taxi Airport Union and may charge higher fares.

There is also a shuttle available with the bus company Aeroservicios. Aeroservicios charges 8 USD to board a bus which will take you from the new airport to the old airport. The buses are new, comfortable, and often include wifi. From the old airport, a taxi to get to your hotel would generally cost \$5 USD depending on the distance and location.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Once you arrive at your Joining Hotel, look out for a Welcome Note which will be left at reception with all of the necessary information regarding your Welcome Meeting, along with the meeting time (usually between 5pm and 7pm). This is when you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, receive information about any general and specific aspects of the trip and learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you arrive late, s/he/they will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## **Arrival Complications**

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We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## **Emergency Contact**

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Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### **AIRPORT TRANSFER**

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**



G Adventures Office Lima, Peru.

During office hours (Weekdays, 9-6pm Local Time): +51 1 241 1650

After hours Emergency number: +51 99 758 2712 (WhatsApp Available)

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What to Take

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We recommend the use of a duffel bag or backpack (whichever you find easiest to carry). A good size daypack is also essential. If you don't wish to take all of your luggage with you to Gálapagos, please ensure you have an extra bag you can leave behind at hotel storage and pickup on your return.

Please note that Galápagos is a protected National Park so your luggage will be checked before arrival and departure to and from the islands. Don't bring any food, seeds or other organic material that could affect the delicate ecosystem of the islands.

## Packing List

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Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Hand sanitizer (required)
- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)
- Quick Covid Test/Antigen Test

Marine:

- Drybag (Will help keep cameras and essentials dry)
- External battery pack
- Motion sickness tablets
- Sarong
- Snorkel gear (optional) (Only if own equipment is preferred.)

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

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## **Laundry**

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Laundry availability is dependent on the location you're in or the amount of time spent in that location.

We suggest packing enough clothing in case laundry is not available and/or packing laundry soap so you can wash things if needed.

## **Visas and Entry Requirements**

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All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

\*\* Please note that by February 2nd 2018, it will be mandatory for every traveler to show proof of insurance (covering medical, accident, death) to the immigration authority at the airport or border crossing into Ecuador. This insurance must cover the traveler for their entire length of stay in the country.

If you do not carry proof of insurance and/or an insurance assistance card that satisfies this requirement, it is possible that your entrance into Ecuador could be denied.

## **Spending Money**

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Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Due to the remoteness of the Galapagos islands, onboard our vessels, there is no credit card machines therefore only cash is accepted. It is important that you withdraw enough cash for the duration of your trip. Once in the islands, ATM machines are extremely limited and unreliable. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip. We would also recommend to contact your local bank prior to your departure to see if international withdrawals can be done with no issues.

## **Money Exchange**

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Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available some may not accept all international credit or debit cards. You may need to try at more than one machine if the first does not accept your card. You should also check with your bank before leaving to ensure that your card works internationally. You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies. Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds. Please bring USD banknotes in denominations smaller than 100, as they can be hard to exchange in Ecuador. 100 dollar bills of certain series (e.g. CB B2) can be especially hard to cash!

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent). As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

Please note that ATMs are located on Puerto Ayora but nowhere else this tour visits in the Galápagos.

## Emergency Fund

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Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Tippling

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Tippling is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. At the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline a per traveller tip of 5-10 USD, per day for your CEO.

## Optional Activities

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### Quito

- Teleférico (9USD pro Person)
- Stadttour in Quito und Äquator (50-60USD pro Person)

### Cotopaxi

- Cotopaxi Volcano - Full Day Trip (50-100USD pro Person)

### Isabela Island

- Wall of Tears Bike Visit (20USD pro Person)
- Schnorcheln (140-150USD pro Person)
- Schnorcheln auf der Islote Tintoreras (45-50USD pro Person)
- Ausflug zur Flamingo Lagune

### Isabela Island

- Concha de Perla Schnorcheln (5USD pro Person)

### Puerto Ayora

- Surfstunde (120USD pro Person)

### San Cristóbal Island

- Puerto Chino Beach Visit

### Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

- Besuch des Strandes La Lobería (8USD pro Person)

### Playa Mann

- Besuch am Playa Mann

### Isla Lobos

- Schnorcheln (Isla Lobos) (90-110USD pro Person)

### Kicker Rock

- Schnorcheln (Kicker Rock) (125-135USD pro Person)

## A Couple of Rules

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Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Travel Insurance

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Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt

of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## **Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures**

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Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## **Feedback**

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After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## **Newsletter**

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Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation - Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## **Minimum Age**

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Mindestalter für diese Reise sind 18 Jahre.

## **International Flights**

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Check-in-Zeiten und Freigepäck/Einschränkungen können je nach Fluggesellschaft variieren und sich jederzeit ändern. Für die aktuellsten Informationen zu deinem Flug wende dich bitte an deine Fluggesellschaft. Wir empfehlen Online-Check-in, um mögliche Verzögerungen am Flughafen zu vermeiden.