

## [Gold] Ecuador+ Santa Cruz Island 4-Day Tour



Product information			
<b>Tour No.</b>	GPSGPS4		
<b>Departure city</b>	Santa Cruz Island		
<b>Destination</b>	Santa Cruz Island	<b>Way location</b>	Charles Darwin Research Station、Tortuga Bay
<b>Travel days</b>	4 Day 3 Night	<b>Transportation</b>	Vehicle
<b>Airport pick-up/drop-off</b>	Airport pick-up Airport drop-off	<b>Currency</b>	USD

Product price	
<p><b>Single occupancy:</b> \$1999 / Person</p> <p>Exist mandatory fee: Estimated total cost 2019</p> <p>Number of rooms: 1; The number of tourist: 1;</p> <p>Basic price[The number of tourist]: 1 x 1999 = 1999</p> <p>Transportation Surcharge[The number of tourist]: 1 x 20 = 20</p>	<p><b>Double occupancy:</b> \$1599 / Person</p> <p>Exist mandatory fee: Estimated total cost 3238</p> <p>Number of rooms: 1; The number of tourist: 2;</p> <p>Basic price[The number of tourist]: 2 x 1599 = 3198</p> <p>Transportation Surcharge[The number of tourist]: 2 x 20 = 40</p>

Departure date
<p>Tuesday, Saturday</p> <p>Please confirm the resources and prices again</p>

Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Santa Cruz Island is surrounded by warm seawater, with endless golden beaches and blue water, hiding various rare animals and plants. Its beauty and tranquility will make you forget all your troubles and immerse yourself in the embrace of nature.</li> <li>· Visit the Charles Darwin Center, watch cute turtles, and learn about the diversity of South American flora and fauna;</li> <li>· Go to the Tortuga Bay to relax.</li> </ul>

## Join / leave point

### Boarding location

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Galapagos Ecological Airport (GPS)(Airport); Suggest booking flights departing before 12:00. Our staff only provide one pick-up service. Guests approaching the flight will be transported to the hotel by the same shuttle bus, and you may need to wait at the airport for a while.

### Drop-off location

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Galapagos Ecological Airport (GPS)(Airport); For detailed information, please refer to the last day's itinerary.

## Tour introduction

### Day 1

### Home - Airplane - Santa Cruz Island

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All day

With a relaxed and happy mood, you will be taking a flight to Santa Cruz, the second largest island in the Cologne Islands. The first stop is at 'Los Gemelos' (The Twins), two immense craters located in the middle of the island. These giant holes are actually not real craters; they are the remains of volcanic magma chambers that collapsed and are now covered with vegetation. Next, we will visit the Primicias Ranch. Here, giant tortoises wander around freely at their own, very slow, pace. It is a unique experience to see this ancient animals in their natural habitat. You can also explore a beautiful lava tunnel located close to the ranch.

#### Itinerary:

**Santa Cruz Island → Los Gemelos → The Primicias Ranch → Hotel**

All day

#### Los Gemelos

Los Gemelos (Twin Craters) are located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. They are not actual craters caused by impact, but are sink holes that were created when the volcanic roof of empty magma chambers collapsed from tectonic shifts and erosion over time.

#### The Primicias Ranch

One of the Galápagos Islands' most well-known creatures is the giant tortoise, and one of the region's best places to see them is at Rancho Primicias. Located on Santa Cruz Island roughly 13 miles away from Puerto Ayora, this privately-owned animal sanctuary is filled with giant tortoises. The site also features empty tortoise shells to climb into and tunnels made of cooled, hardened lava to walk through, plus facilities like a restaurant and restrooms.

Night

Hotel: Ikala Galapagos Hotel; Or similar;

## Day 2

### Santa Cruz Island

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All day

Today, you will visit Charles Darwin Research Station. Founded in 1959, it has an interpretation center where you can learn more about the ecosystems and species of the archipelago, as well as the conservation efforts of the government and NGOs. Also, you can admire the tortoises, land iguanas, and other species that are part of the programs of the research station. Then we will visit one of the most beautiful beaches in the Archipelago: Tortuga Bay. You can get there by foot. The walk in the sun is rewarded with a spectacular white sand beach stretching across the southern coast of Santa Cruz. Tortuga Bay beach is famous for its expansive and pristine shoreline that gradually descends into the sparkling Pacific Ocean.

#### Itinerary:

**Charles Darwin Research Station → Tortuga Bay → Hotel**

All day

#### **Charles Darwin Research Station**

The Charles Darwin Research Station in Galapagos is a biological center for the study and conservation of numerous species of Galapagos flora and fauna. It is run and operated by the Charles Darwin Foundation. The mission of the Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) is to help investigate the local environment and biodiversity, all in the name of science.

#### **Tortuga Bay**

Tortuga Bay is located on the Santa Cruz Island, about a 20-minute water-taxi ride from the main water taxi dock in Puerto Ayora. There is always a large variety of small fish, birds, including the brown pelican and gigantic galápagos tortoise.

Night

Hotel: Ikala Galapagos Hotel; Or similar;

## Day 3

### **Bartolome Island Or Santa Fe Island Or South Plaza Island Or North Seymour Island (Please select the option when you book the tour)**

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All day

Today you can choose any island for sightseeing, hiking, snorkeling, swimming, and relaxing.

#### **Bartolome Island**

At Bartolome, this fantastic visitor site will allow you to see spectacular volcanic landscapes and experience excellent snorkeling. The first, of the two main visitor sites, provide the possibility to climb to the summit of the island, from where visitors can observe a variety of volcanic formations including lava bombs, spatter and cinder cones, lava flows, and lava tubes. Then we will have the chance to relax on a beautiful beach, which offers great snorkeling opportunities. Multi-colored fish and occasionally penguins and sea turtles have been seen at the base of the tall pinnacle rock, which dominates Bartolome's landscape. At a short walk across to Bartolome's second beach, in which swimming is strictly prohibited, we can see white-tipped reef sharks swimming along the shoreline.

#### **Santa Fe Island**

Santa Fe Island is located southeast of Santa Cruz. The island was formed from an ocean floor uplift and not a volcanic eruption, and therefore, giving it its mostly flat shape. The small bay on Barrington's northeastern coast is extremely picturesque. One trail leads to a scenic viewpoint on top of a cliff where it is possible to find the Santa Fe land iguana, endemic to the island. The other trail is near the beach and is a short circular trail where it is possible to find another colony of land iguanas. A particular attraction is the unusually tall forest of prickly cactus.

#### **South Plaza Island**

Plazas are two small islets that were uplifted a short distance from the East Coast of Santa Cruz. The unusual vegetation and location of the island create an interesting landscape in which the fauna and flora of Galapagos are enhanced. Moreover, despite its small size, some of the most interesting and outstanding species of the archipelago occur here. It is possible to guarantee the observation of land iguanas that often are in the shade of a cactus. Nesting on the rugged southern cliffs, are usually swallow tailed gulls, along with various other sea birds. The main attractions of Plazas Island include the land iguanas, the sea lions and the swallow tailed gulls as well as yellow tailed mullets, Audubon's shear waters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate birds, and brown pelicans gliding past the cliff.

#### **North Seymour Island**

This island is a natural haven for blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, land iguanas, marine iguanas and sea lions. A nature trail meanders leisurely through large colonies of nesting frigate birds and blue-footed boobies, which can be seen nesting closely to one another. Depending on the time of year, this is the most excellent place to witness the thrilling mating rituals both species of birds are known for. Also depending on the season, you can intimately observe the fascinating dynamics between a mother and it's chick. Just off shore you can frequently see sea lions riding the waves or lazing around on the beach. The visit also includes snorkeling in the blue waters along the jagged edges of the island, as well as a visit to Bachas Beach.

Night

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#### Day 4

**Santa Cruz Island** - Airplane - **Baltra** - Airplane - **Home**

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All day

After breakfast, we will take you to Galapagos Ecological Airport (GPS) to end your pleasant journey.

Our staff only provides drop-off service from the hotel at 8:00 in the morning. If the guest has an early flight and needs to leave the hotel before 8 o'clock to the airport, the guide can help the guest take a taxi.

#### Cost Description

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##### Cost includes

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1. Transportation is provided on the days mentioned. (The type of vehicle used will be based on the number of guests attending that day).
2. English-speaking driver/guide or driver and guide on the days mentioned.
3. Accommodations are based on double occupancy.
4. Hotel breakfast.

##### Cost excludes

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1. Food and beverage.
2. Air ticket, ferry, and shuttle transfer in some attraction areas/national parks.
3. Attraction admission fee (Prices are subject to change without prior notice; Tickets should be purchased from the tour guide).
4. Service fee ( Suggest USD\$8/person/day, any child and Infant reserving a seat has to pay that service fee as well).
5. Personal expenses (such as food & beverage, telephone surcharge, etc.).
6. Any expenses are not listed in Fee Included.

## Know Before You Book

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1. Customer under 18 years old MUST be accompanied by at least one adult. In consideration of the guest safety, pregnant women are only allowed to join the tour if pregnant for 24 weeks or less by the end of the trip.
2. Please be sure to provide accurate and complete information upon booking. This includes name, gender, valid contact information (preferably a mobile phone), accurate flight information, tour location, etc., This helps to avoid any errors upon the reservation because errors affect travel. Any losses due to inaccurate or invalid information will be at your own cost and the company will not be held responsible.
3. Hotels have different room types, such as a King/Queen size beds or two double size twin beds. The maximum number of people who can legally stay in a room is 2 to 4 people. In addition, each hotel has a different method of charging the deposit, which requires the cooperation of the guests according to regulations. Please be noticed that most of the deposit collection and refund is handled by credit card. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL guarantee the number of rooms for guests but does not guarantee the specific room type and location. Hotel check-in time is usually after 15:00.
4. This tour does not accept any City Pass or your own tickets for any of the attractions. Tour attraction admission charges and meal expenses are subject to change at any time without notification. Any purchased ticket cannot be refunded for lower prices.
5. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL have the right to make appropriate adjustments to the itinerary under the conditions of facilitating the operation for the tour group. This, however, will not reduce the items that should be included in the itinerary.
6. During the actual trip, the tour guide or driver has the right to appropriately adjust the tour sequence, stay time or assembly time of scenic spots according to the weather, traffic, and other conditions to ensure the smooth progress of the trip.
7. If the scenic spots are temporarily closed or closed on a particular holiday, etc., the tour guide will adjust the appearance according to the actual situation or replace the location with another scenic spot to ensure the richness of the itinerary. The opening hours and capacity limits of certain attractions and national parks will be subject to change from time to time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the operating hours and capacity restrictions have an impact on the itinerary, it shall be regarded as force majeure. Thank you for your understanding.
8. Children under the age of 8 require a booster seat in order to participate in the tour group. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL provide the rental service for \$10.00/person/day. Please make a request when booking the itinerary so that we may have the booster seat ready in advance. Please understand that the violations and fines are borne by the guests themselves. There is no need for a booster seat for bus travel on the day of travel, and the fee can be refunded to the guest.
9. Normal health conditions are required to participate and enjoy our full itineraries. Contact us for specific policies or information regarding passengers with disabilities and the handicapped who do need to provide advance notification to make a reservation. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL do not guarantee a wheelchair lift-equipped bus and/or seating availability to disabled passengers without prior notification and approval.
10. We may alter these terms and conditions from time to time and post the new version on our agents' website. It is

your responsibility to check the [\[Terms & Conditions\]](#) on their website regularly and prior to making a reservation. Unless specifically stated otherwise herein or required by law, ALL AMERICA TRAVEL shall not be liable for any consequential, compensatory, indirect, incidental or punitive damages arising out of or in connection with the performance of its obligations under these terms and conditions.

11. Due to the oil price soar and the cost of vehicle greatly increased, starting April 1, 2022, please be advised that all bus tours will be subject to an additional transportation surcharge of \$5 per person per day, which will be paid together with the tour fees when you place the order.

### **Know Before You Go**

1. The maximal waiting time for any late passengers is 10 minutes beyond the meeting time announced by the Tour Guide. While ALL AMERICA TRAVEL makes every effort to provide on-time service, it does not guarantee to arrive at or depart from any point as a specific time, which may be affected by any number of factors including weather, traffic, strikes, government shutdowns, war or terrorist attacks, or mechanical problems. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL is not liable for any inconvenience or expense caused as a result of such a delay, not liable for the expense of connecting air or train or bus service missed as a result of a delay and not liable for any other travel expense caused as a result of a delay.
2. ALL AMERICA TRAVEL reserve the right, when operating conditions require, transferring passengers from one vehicle to another en route.
3. The following documents are recommended to make your check-in process smooth: A valid photo ID is required to board the bus; We recommend you bring a copy of the email confirmation to board the bus.
4. This product is a group activity. If you choose to leave the group, please inform in advance, and obtain the consent of the tour guide. You need to sign the departure agreement form and the unfinished part will be regarded as your own abandonment. The group fee will not be refunded.
5. Gift items in the itinerary that cannot be given away due to force majeure factors such as traffic and weather conditions or personal reasons may be subject to change. Please understand that the fees will not be refunded.
6. Smoking is prohibited aboard the bus in accordance with Federal law and prohibited in most hotel rooms. Customers are responsible for any penalty charged by the hotel in a non-smoking room at least \$250 per night.
7. Pets and animals are not allowed on the vehicle.
8. Only for products with airport pick-up service: only one pick-up service within the free pick-up time range is provided for each order. If it is impossible to arrange due to weather and flight delay, etc., please pay for your own transportation costs.