

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS EXTENSION

EQUADOR

8TH MAY - 16TH MAY 2025



Join us on this optional extension as we embark on a remarkable 6-night journey to the stunning Galapagos Islands, fully hosted and tailored for adventure. This bucket-list destination, home to over 2,900 marine species, invites you to explore its unique wildlife and breathtaking landscapes. Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and discover the magic of one of Earth's most extraordinary natural wonders.



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Overview

Amazing wildlife, both on land and under the water, is the main drawcard of the remote Galapagos Islands.

You'll explore those otherworldly archipelago on foot and by boat with an expert guide. Swim with sea turtles, watch giant tortoise and sea lions lounge in the sun up close. Learn about conservation efforts on Isla Santa Cruz, take a cooking class to make a famed Ecuadorian soup and enjoy multiple snorkeling opportunities, along with cruising and exploring by day and relaxing on land by night, with all the logistics taken care of for you.

- This trip includes a 17km hike (approx. 6-7 hours) on rocky terrain. We recommend you bring sturdy hiking or trail shoes.
- This trip also includes snorkelling on multiple days. Confident swimming skills are required to take part.
- The Galapagos is a great place to switch off and take a break from your mobile phone, as internet access can be patchy and wi-fi is not always available or reliable.



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Itinerary

7TH MAY 2025

Depart Cusco to Lima. 1 night airport hotel with breakfast included.

8TH MAY 2025

Depart Lima to Quito. 1 night Quito hotel with breakfast.

9TH MAY 2025

Depart Quito to San Cristobal for start of 8 Day Island Hopping Tour.

Bienvenidos! Welcome to San Cristobal in the Galapagos Islands. After meeting your naturalist guide, you'll heads head to La Loberia and put your snorkelling gear on for the first time. Go for a swim among the sea lions and maybe even spot sea turtles. Return to town for a free evening.

- There are no meals included on this day.



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10TH MAY 2025

ISLA SAN CRISTOBAL

Take a 45 minute boat ride to Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock) this morning. On the way, you might be able to spot nesting frigates and blue footed boobies. At Leon Dormido, you can snorkel and look for sea turtles, manta rays and the harmless Galapagos shark. Eat lunch on the boat, then head to the Interpretation Center. Learn about the history of the "Enchanted Islands" and the conservation projects that seek to preserve them. Continue to Frigatebird Hill (Cerro Tijeretas) for amazing views of the bay then return to town for a free evening.

- Meals include Breakfast & Lunch

11TH MAY 2025

ISLA FLOREANA/ ISLA ISABELA

Take an early morning boat ride to Isla Floreana and look for dolphins and whales along the way. Snorkel in the clear blue waters and then break for lunch. After, venture to the black sand beach belonging to the Witmers - descendants of some of the first settlers on the Galapagos. The town here - Puerto Velasco Ibarra - has about 150 residents and an intriguing history involving deaths, disappearances and murders. Later in the afternoon we depart to Isla Isabela.

- Meals include Breakfast & Lunch



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12TH MAY 2025

ISLA ISABELA

This morning, you'll hop on a small Zodiac boat and cruise to Las Tintoreras (Shark Alley), looking out for the blue footed boobies and the famous Galapagos penguin. Take a short walk on this isolated islet and popular iguana nesting site, then snorkel in a calm inlet with colourful fish and winding underground lava tubes. This area is also frequented by green sea turtles that like to rest on the calm, sandy bottom. Return to Isla Isabela and visit the Arnaldo Tupiza Tortoise Breeding Centre, where you will observe giant tortoises in all stages of development. After learning about the thousand turtles that prepare for life here, you'll head to a brackish lagoon, to observe flamingos. Later today, take a kayak around the inlet and spend your evening resting in the sand and soaking in your first Isabela sunset-arguably the most beautiful of the islands!

- Breakfast provided today

13TH MAY 2025

ISLA ISABELA

Start your last day on Isla Isabela by heading towards the Sierra Negra Volcano - one of the Galapagos' most active volcanoes and the world's second largest crater. Weather permitting you will take a hike of around 17km up the rocky mountain. After, make your way back to town for some free time to curl up with a book, soak your tired muscles or venture down to the water for a relaxing swim before dinner.

- Meals include Breakfast & lunch



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14TH MAY 2025

ISLA ISABELA/ ISLA SANTA CRUZ

Jump aboard a private speed boat this morning and head to Isla Santa Cruz. When you arrive, leave your bags at the hotel and head to Santa Cruz Highlands. Your first stop is a local farm, where giant tortoises roam the grounds freely. Here, you'll meet with an expert chef for a cooking class to make the famed encebollado - a local tuna soup that's widely considered one of best in the world! This hearty dish uses slow cooked albacore tuna and a savoury broth made of onions, cilantro and spices. The dish is traditionally served with yuca (a starchy root vegetable) and garnished with lime and green onions. After lunch, you'll visit an organic sugar cane farm run by a local family for a tour of their trapiche (a sugar cane mill used in artisanal sugar production).

- Meals include breakfast

15TH MAY 2025

ISLA SANTA CRUZ

Take a morning walk in Tortuga Bay after breakfast. Along the way, keep an eye out for eagle rays, sea turtles and blue footed boobies. Later, you'll head to the local fish market for a dose of local life on the way to The Galapagos Conservancy, who help protect the Galapagos' unique biodiversity and visit the Charles Darwin Research Station.

- Meals include Breakfast & Lunch

16TH MAY 2025

SANTA CRUZ, GALAPAGOS

Your trip comes to an end after breakfast. We fly from San Cristobal to Quito for an overnight stay.

17TH MAY 2025

We depart Quito flying via Lima- Santiago to Auckland. Note we arrive into Auckland Monday 19th May.



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Trip costs

TOTAL PACKAGE COST

NZD \$6,817

Based on Twin Share Accommodation

Single Supplement Cost	NZD \$7,967
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Inclusions: All accommodation throughout, return flights, meals as specified, full hosting throughout, all guides and tours.

Exclusions: Personal travel insurance, meals in transit, personal snacks and beverages, tips for guides.

PAYMENT DATES

In order to meet the necessary arrangements and preparations with our travel partners and agents we request the following payment schedule:

Deposit Payment:

NZD \$3,000

At time of registration

Balance Payment Due:

Friday 21st February 2025

NOTE: Each participant will need to take USD\$210 for payment to the Galapagos National Park & Port fees which are paid in cash and individually on arrival.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Account details for payment are as follows:

Dream It NZ

02-0492-0136659-00

Invoices will be sent to you via email.

REQUIRED NEXT STEPS

Upon receipt of your deposit payment we will require the following to confirm your booking:

- Scanned copy of your Dream It Client form. This will be emailed to you.
- Scanned copy of your passport. Please ensure your passport is valid at least 6 months from the start of your trip.
- Scanned copy of your travel insurance cover.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This package is based on the following terms and conditions.

1. Group departures are based on reaching the minimum number of 10 participants being reached. Maximum group size of 12.
2. Inclusions as specified.
3. All prices are subject to change until paid in full and prices are all subject to availability. Prices are for cash or bank transfer. There will be a 2.5% surcharge for Visa/Mastercard payments and a 3.5% surcharge for Amex/Diners. Your name on the electronic ticket must be the same as on your passport upon your return to prevailing travel pricing conditions in May 2025.
4. Prices are quoted for economy return airfare and twin share accommodation. Single supplement and flight upgrades are available upon request.
5. Itinerary subject to change.



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NO REGRETS

For Dream It to succeed, so must you. Our ultimate goal is to give you an amazing and epic Dream It adventure in the best possible way with no regrets. At Dream It, our no regrets policy is all about ensuring you get the most out of your adventure by being well prepared and informed.

We will prepare a pre departure event for our Dream It family so we all get the chance to meet one another before we depart. We will also set up a closed facebook group specific for this trip to provide regular travel updates and information plus advice and guidance leading into our epic trip.

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