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# CRUISING THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

8 days | Quito | Baltra Island | North Seymour Island | Bartolomé Island | Santiago Island | San Cristóbal Island | Otavalo

Journeys on lunar-like landscapes. Walks over solidified lava. Underwater interactions with incredible creatures. As you explore the geologically diverse Galápagos Islands via your boutique expedition ship, you just might find yourself wondering if you've somehow sailed off to an entirely different planet.

## YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; Galápagos Islands exploration (land and sea) with expert naturalists
-  **Entrances:** Church of la Compañía de Jesús; Intiñan Museum; poncho weaving demonstration; Peguche Waterfall
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; 2 internal flights;
-   3 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 3 nights cabin accommodations; breakfast and dinner daily; 3 meals daily and soft drinks package during cruise



Wave hello to sea lions on the beach



Learn from your Tour Director and expert local guides

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# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

*@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday*

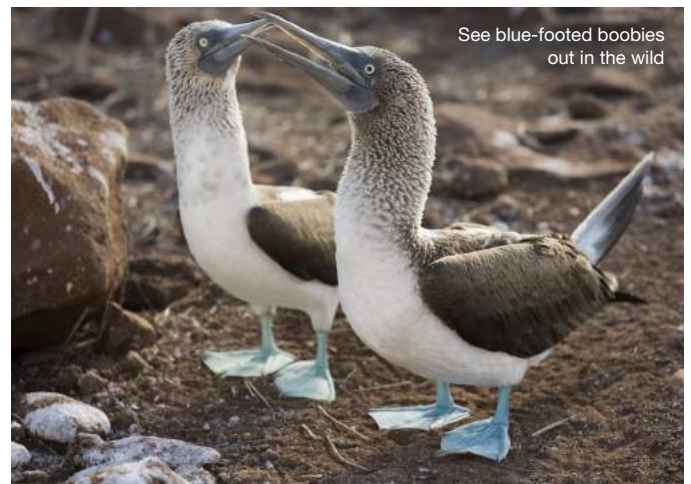
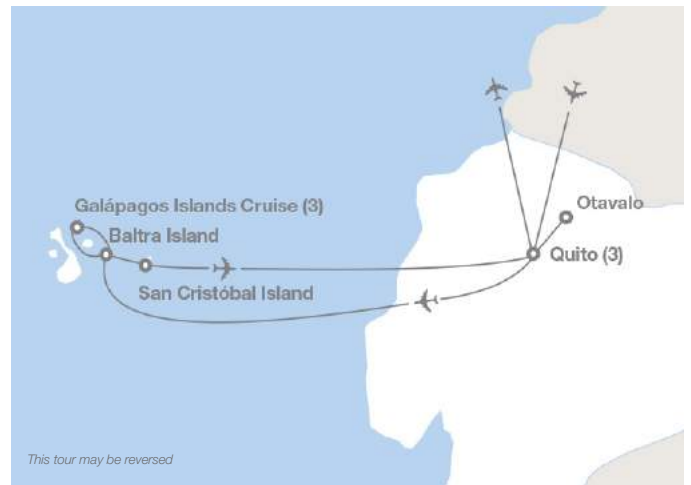
– MELISSA, TRAVELER



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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Ecuador

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Quito. The Ecuadorian capital is carved into a narrow plateau high above the Andean valleys, beneath the peaks of the Pichincha Volcano.

### Day 2: Quito

- Take a tour of Quito: Independence Plaza; Government Palace.
- Visit the Compañía de Jesús church.
- Travel to the equatorial line. If you've ever wanted to stand in both hemispheres at the same time, this is your chance.
- Visit the Intiñan Museum, where you'll discover how the Incas determined the middle of the Earth.

### Day 3: Quito | Baltra Island | North Seymour Island

- Fly to Baltra Island, where you'll board the Galápagos Legend cruise ship and set off for North Seymour Island.
- Explore North Seymour Island, keeping an eye out for magnificent frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, sea lions, and swallow-tailed gulls as you hike and snorkel.
- Return to the cruise ship for the night.

### Day 4: Bartolomé Island | Santiago Island

- Travel by cruise ship to Bartolomé Island. This islet is known for its gorgeous panoramic views and is home to the distinctive Pinnacle Rock, a volcanic cone that's made up of many thin layers of basalt. This unique locale has often been likened to a lunar landscape.
- Head to Sullivan Bay, an area that is located at the southeastern portion of Santiago Island and is covered in solidified lava flows known as *pahoehoe*.
- Get to know the island better as you hike, snorkel, and enjoy beach time. If you're lucky, you might end up face-to-face with wildlife like the famous Galápagos penguins.
- Get a good night's sleep aboard the cruise ship.

### Day 5: San Cristóbal Island

- Travel by cruise ship to San Cristóbal Island.
- Hike up one of the island's tuff cones—a.k.a volcanic structures formed when boiling lava meets a cold ocean. From this vantage point, you might be able to see all three of the Galápagos Islands' booby species (the blue-foot, red-foot, and Nazca) in the same place.
- Go snorkeling or kayaking with your group.
- Head to Cerro Brujo, a white sand beach with an impressive volcanic landscape, via an inflatable, motorized dinghy known as a *panga*. During your brief ride, you'll get to take in the stunning cliffs of Sorcerer's Hill.
- Enjoy a nature walk.
- Go snorkeling again, looking out for animals like sea lions, marine iguanas, and sea turtles.
- Return to the cruise ship for your final night at sea.

### Day 6: San Cristóbal Island | Quito

- Visit the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve in the highlands of San Cristóbal. While here, you'll visit the tortoise breeding center to witness the archipelago's most iconic creature in its various life stages. You'll also have free time to explore the surrounding town.
- Fly back to Quito.

### Day 7: Quito | Depart for home

- Visit the market town of Otavalo. Surrounded by the Imbabura, Cotacachi, and Mojanda volcanoes, Otavalo is a small farming town known for its textiles. You'll have the opportunity to shop for handmade goods and other souvenirs crafted by the area's local residents at one of the largest craft markets in the country. And don't think that handicrafts are the only thing you will find here—you can purchase anything from musical instruments to a meal. Plus, the market offers a unique glimpse into traditional Andean culture, as locals have frequented the markets for hundreds of years.
- Learn how local families create ponchos during a demonstration of the craft.
- Enjoy a waterfall hike at Peguche Waterfall.
- Travel to the airport for your overnight flight home.

### Day 8: Arrive home

*This trip made me infinitely more confident about my Spanish speaking and listening capabilities. Seeing Ecuador and the Galápagos like this is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.*

– CAMERON, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

*This trip to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands was unexpectedly amazing. Our Tour Director was excellent and handled all aspects of our trip with grace and expertise. I loved trying new foods thanks to our tour guides who helped us select new fruits and other items.*

– KRISTEN, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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*My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.*

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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