



Galapagos Xpedition Guide*



STEP BY STEP SUMMARY OF 10-NIGHT GALAPAGOS XPEDITION PACKAGE

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL INTO QUITO AIRPORT, ECUADOR

Note: Elevation is 9,500 ft and visitors will likely feel effects upon exiting the plane

- Proceed through immigration
- Collect bags from carousel, \$1US Cash for luggage cart
- Go through Customs, x-ray bags
- Enter arrival area, uniformed Celebrity staff with Celebrity XpeditionsSM sign waiting with directions for motorcoach transfer
- Provide names to the meet and greet staff and board the air conditioned motorcoach
- Accepted currency: US Dollar
- 10-15 minute drive to hotel from airport
- Celebrity XpeditionsSM staff speak English and are very knowledgeable

Hotel Information

- JW Marriott, 5 year old hotel
- Executive Club available to Captain's Club[®] members by invitation
- 235 rooms and 17 suites
- Business center open 6am-11pm, Internet access 20 cents per minute
- Gym facilities, free access 24 hours per day with key
- 2 outdoor pools (1 cold water and 1 heated) and Jacuzzi

Hotel Arrival

- Check in done in private library and includes complimentary juice
- Bags delivered to room from motorcoach
- Rooms have satellite TV, large bathrooms
- Hospitality desk in hotel includes Celebrity XpeditionsSM staff

DAY 2 – QUITO, ECUADOR

- 6-8am full complimentary buffet breakfast (fruits, omelettes, cereal, fresh juices, breads, hot food)
- 9am – 5pm City Tour of Quito on motorcoach. Choose from lunch menu (3 choices: chicken, shrimp, or sea bass)
- Free bottled water on motorcoach
- Drive through town and stop at Mirador for view of city
- 1.5 hours in "Old Town" to visit plaza, church, cathedral
- Visit Statue of Virgin on top of the city and shopping
- 1 hour drive to San Antonio for lunch
- Beautiful view of the valley at the restaurant which is exclusively reserved for XpeditionsSM group
- Lunch includes 1 alcoholic beverage (beer or wine) or juices, 1 appetizer, soup, main course and dessert
- Visit the Equator for 1 hour, shopping opportunities

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DAY 2 – QUITO, ECUADOR Cont...

- Return to hotel
- 1 dinner included at hotel on pre-package, choice of 3 restaurants: sushi, continental or upscale
- Leave bags outside hotel room at 5am for pick up and delivery to your stateroom on the ship

DAY 3 FLIGHT TO BALTRA & EMBARKATION

- Starting at 4:30am full complimentary buffet breakfast (fruits, omelettes, cereal, fresh juices, breads, hot food)
- Transfer to airport at 6:15am
- Permitted 1 carry on bag per person
- Proceed through security
- 30 min. flight from Quito to Guayaquil and 30 min. stop (no plane change) and 1hr. 40 min. flight to Baltra (Tame Airlines, Airbus 320)
- Arrive in Baltra airport
- Proceed through immigration, provide national park entrance fee (included in documentation) and security check of bags
- Provide shoe and wet suit size to Celebrity XpeditionsSM staff
- 5-10 minute motorcoach ride to dock

Celebrity XpeditionTM Ship

- Take zodiac to ship (lifejackets must always be worn on zodiacs)
- Board ship, welcomed with a glass of champagne and cold towels, meet hotel director, quick check-in at guest relations
- Escorted to stateroom by room attendant with explanation of facilities
- 2pm Talk with Cruise Director
- General Emergency and Life Boat Drill

Stateroom Amenities

- Complimentary bottled water in staterooms
- Hair Dryer
- Bathrobes
- Shampoo, Cotton Swabs, Cotton Balls, Lotion
- 220V and adapters available at Guest Relations
- Refrigerator, TV, Safe
- Beach Towels

On Board Facts

- No smoking on ship except on outer decks
- 6-7 naturalist guides (approximately 12 guests per naturalist)
- 5 zodiacs
- High/Medium/Low Intensity Tour Options Daily
- Option for Scuba Diving on Wednesday AM \$120 US pp (must be have proof of certification)

Services On Board

- Always greeted with cold towels, glass of juice and snack after tours on back deck
- Walking sticks available for guests at no extra charge used mainly for tours
- Staterooms cleaned 3 times daily
- Wet suits and snorkeling equipment provided at no extra charge

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DAY 3 (DAY 1 OF CRUISE) – SUNDAY PM VISIT NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

- Starting at 4:30am full complimentary buffet breakfast (fruits, omelettes, cereal, fresh juices, breads, hot food)
- 3 tour options: low intensity zodiac tour, medium intensity zodiac with island walking tour and a high intensity island walking tour
- Species observed: marine and land iguanas, mating frigates, blue footed boobies, mockingbirds, sea lions, sally lightfoot crabs
- Captain's Welcome on Board Cocktail Party

DAY 4 (DAY 2 OF CRUISE) – MONDAY AM KICKERS ROCK & SAN CRISTOBAL - PUERTO BAQUERIZO MORENO

- 7am optional zodiac ride around Kickers Rock
- 9am tour to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno to human history museum and shopping or 10am "advanced" snorkeling tour off zodiac. species observed: playful sea lions, mackerels, turtles, angel fish, large schools of sardines

DAY 4 (DAY 2 OF CRUISE) – MONDAY PM ESPANOLA ISLAND

- 2 tour options: low or high intensity
 - High intensity: walking tour of Espanola to view Blow Hole, marine iguanas, sea lions, pups, mating albatrosses depending on season
 - Low intensity: zodiac ride along coastline

DAY 5 (DAY 3 OF CRUISE) – TUESDAY AM SANTA CRUZ ISLAND & PUERTO AYORA

- 3 Tour Choices: Turtle Beach and Swim, Highland Activity or Charles Darwin Research Station
 - Turtle Beach: hike to a beach for swimming
 - Highland Activity: bus ride to Santa Cruz to observe giant tortoises in the wild and walk through lava tunnel
 - Charles Darwin Station – short walk to station to observe large tortoises, breeding of turtles, "Lonesome George", iguanas and walk through town for shopping

DAY 5 (DAY 3 OF CRUISE) – TUESDAY PM CERRO DRAGON

- 2 Tour Choices: Low and High Intensity
 - High intensity: hike inland to search for land iguanas, flamingos and snorkeling
 - Low intensity: coastal zodiac ride. species observed: sea turtles, sharks, sting rays

DAY 6 (DAY 4 OF CRUISE) – WEDNESDAY AM BACHAS BEACH

- 8am Scuba Diving Option to Major and Minor Daphne Islands
 - \$120 US pp, (must have proof of certification)
- 9am Tour to Bachas Beach
 - Beautiful pristine white sand beach with clear blue water
 - Species observed: flamingos and several sally lightfoot crabs
 - Snorkeling on beach available
 - Nice opportunity to relax and walk on the beach, least intense morning.

DAY 6 (DAY 4 OF CRUISE) – WEDNESDAY PM BARTOLOME ISLAND

- 2 Tour Options: Low and High Intensity
 - High intensity: long walk to the top of the hill for views of the islets
 - This is where “Master and Commander” was filmed
 - Low intensity: Zodiac ride along coast
 - Species observed: Penguins, large sea turtle, manta ray and many different species of fish
 - Option to snorkel on both tours

DAY 7 (DAY 5 OF CRUISE) – THURSDAY AM ISABELA ISLAND & TAGUS COVE

- 2 Tour Options: Low and High Intensity
 - High intensity: Steep climb for views of Darwin’s lake, followed by zodiac ride along coast
 - Low intensity: zodiac ride along coast
 - Graffiti dated back to the 1800s at Tagus Cove
 - Species observed during zodiac ride: blue footed boobies, turtles, and herons. First sighting of penguins.
 - Snorkeling for 40 minutes, species observed: marine iguanas, sea lions and sea turtles

DAY 7 (DAY 5 OF CRUISE) – THURSDAY PM FERNANDINA ISLAND

- 3 Tour Options: Snorkeling, Low and High Intensity
 - Snorkeling: along Fernandina coast to see turtles, penguins, iguanas and flightless cormorants
 - Low intensity: zodiac ride along coast looking for penguins, pelicans and flightless cormorants
 - High intensity: zodiac ride along coast looking for penguins, pelicans and flightless cormorants
- 1.5 km walk to Pahoe-hoe lava flows

DAY 8 (DAY 6 OF CRUISE) – FRIDAY AM SANTIAGO ISLAND & EGAS PORT

- 3 Tour Options: Low and High Intensity or “Survival of the Fittest”
 - Low intensity: animal observation at Santiago Island in beach vicinity
 - High intensity: 2 hour coastal walk, observed: sea lions, fur lions, sally lightfoot crabs, herons and red beaked birds
 - “Survival of the Fittest”: 4 km walk inland to an eroded cinder cone
- Swimming and snorkeling available after all tours at Black Sand Beach, many sea lions on beach and in water playing

DAY 8 (DAY 6 OF CRUISE) – FRIDAY PM RABIDA ISLAND

- 2 Tour Options: Low and Medium Intensity
 - Low intensity: zodiac coastal ride, species observed: sea lions, boobies, pelicans, sally lightfoot crabs, iguanas and turtles. Optional swimming and snorkeling
 - Medium intensity: beach walk to observe sea lion colonies, flamingo lagoon and inland walk
- Swimming and snorkeling at Red Sand Beach. Great photographic and walking opportunities the entire trip.

DAY 9 (DAY 7 OF CRUISE) – SATURDAY AM FLOREANA ISLAND & POST OFFICE BAY

- 2 Tour Options: Low and Medium Intensity
 - Low intensity: Post Office-Barrel and zodiac coastal ride
 - Medium Intensity: “Baroness Program” hike to Baroness Hillock, zodiac ride to view sea lion colonies and visit to Post Office Bay

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DAY 9 (DAY 8 OF CRUISE) – ONBOARD EVENING ACTIVITIES

- Buffet dinner on outer deck
- Slide show and farewell cocktail party
- Local Folkloric Show

DAY 10 – SUNDAY AM DEBARKATION & FLIGHT TO QUITO

- Breakfast in dining room on board ship begins at 6:30 am
- Pay bill at Guest Relations Desk
- Zodiac ride to Baltra, departures begin at 8:45 am
- Motorcoach to Airport from port
- Suitcases delivered directly from ship to plane
- Proceed through a manual security bag check and into VIP lounge
- Complimentary beverages and snacks
- Boarding passes distributed in VIP lounge
- 1 hr. 40 min. flight to Guayaquil, 30 min. stop, 30 min. flight (same plane) from Guayaquil to Quito
- Collect bags in Quito Airport and transferred onto motorcoach and to hotel room

DAY 10 – SUNDAY PM QUITO

- Greeted in hotel lobby by Celebrity XpeditionsSM and Marriott Staff
- Juice and hotel room keys provided to guests
- 4pm Shopping Tour to outdoor market
- Farewell Dinner at Historic Theatre Restaurant at 6:30pm with set menu

DAY 11 – TRANSFER TO AIRPORT AND FLIGHT HOME

- Full complimentary buffet breakfast begins at 4 am (fruits, omelettes, cereal, fresh juices, breads, hot food etc)
- Transfer from hotel to Quito Airport
- Pay \$25 US airport tax in cash
- Proceed through Immigration