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## CHARTING THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

9 or 12 days | Ecuador

The Galápagos Islands are most famous for the profound discoveries of Charles Darwin. Carry on that scientific tradition as you learn about the unique species that call the islands home. On mainland Ecuador, experience the local culture in Quito. Independence Plaza and the Intinan Museum provide social context to the biological wonders of this fascinating country.

### EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director; Comprehensive sightseeing of natural attractions
-  **Entrances:** Santo Domingo Monastery; Intinan Museum; Charles Darwin Research Station
-  **weShare,** our online platform that taps into each student's interests for a more engaging learning experience
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Internal flights; Boat; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (11 with extension); Breakfast and dinner daily; 3 meals on Days 3-6
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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 online learning platform, **weShare**, 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 of 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*

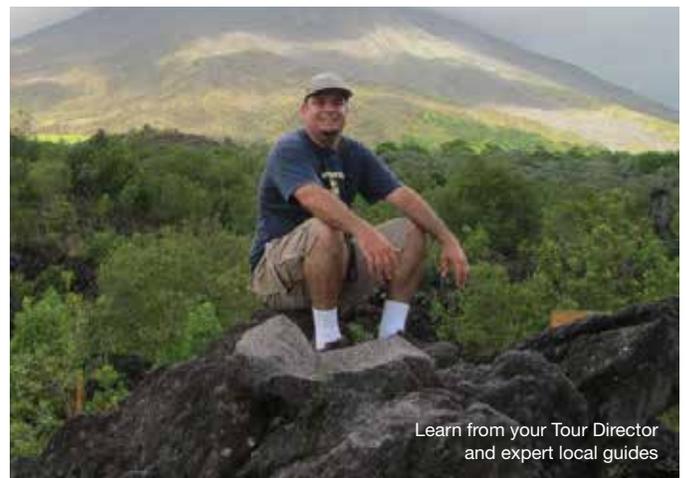
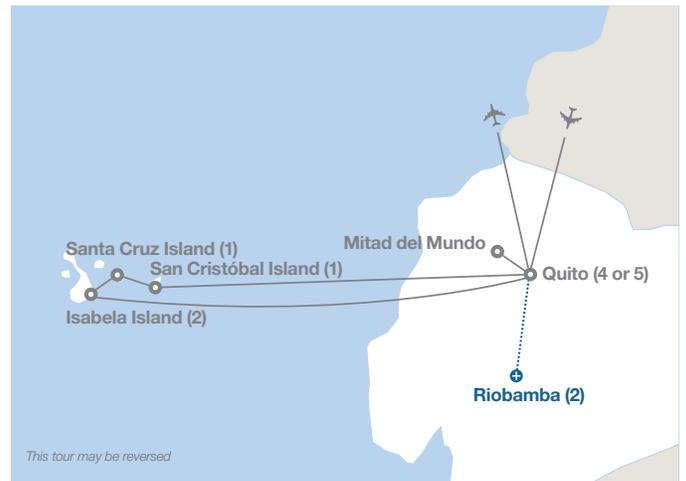
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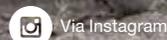
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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Ecuador

– Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Quito, the Ecuadorian capital carved into a narrow plateau high above the Andean valleys, beneath the peaks of the Pichincha Volcano. Here you'll explore the colonial quarter, where wrought-iron balconies and majestic stone pillars grace 300-year-old plazas, churches and palaces. The area was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. At the Intinan Museum, discover how the Incas determined the middle of the Earth. Pose for a photo on the equator, the namesake of Ecuador. If you've ever wanted to stand in both hemispheres at the same time, this is your chance.

### Day 2: Quito

– Take a tour of Quito: Independence Plaza; Government Palace  
– Visit the Santo Domingo Monastery  
– Take an excursion to the equatorial line  
– Visit the Intinan Museum

### Day 3: Baltra | Isabela Island

– Fly to Baltra  
– Continue on to Isabela Island, the largest of the Galápagos Islands. In 1959, the archipelago was declared a national park in order to protect the flora and fauna that Charles Darwin observed while formulating his theory of evolution. Critical to his studies were the islands' iguanas, penguins, flightless cormorants and 13 species of finches, whose beak sizes and shapes provided invaluable insights into the process he called natural selection. At the Charles Darwin Research Station, see the breeding center for the giant tortoises from which the islands took their name. Discover the unique wildlife of neighboring islands on boat excursions. Photo opportunities will be endless, but please remember that the islands' ecosystems are fragile. Park regulations are designed to protect the area for future generations.

### Day 4: Isabela Island

– Participate in a volcano walk  
– Take an excursion to a pink flamingo habitat  
– Enjoy a snorkeling activity where you'll see penguins, flamingos, sea lions, and iguanas.

### Day 5: Santa Cruz Island

– Travel to Santa Cruz Island  
– Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and see tortoises in the wild.  
– Visit the Santa Cruz Highlands

### Day 6: San Cristobal Island

– Travel to San Cristobal Island  
– Hike up Tijeretas Hill  
– Visit the San Cristobal Interpretation Center  
– Enjoy a snorkeling activity  
– Take a costal walk along La Loberia beach

### Day 7: San Cristobal Island

– Enjoy morning activities on San Cristobal Island  
– Fly to Quito

### Day 8: Otavalo

– Visit the market town of Otavalo. Surrounded by the Imbabura, Cotacachi and Mojanda volcanoes, Otavalo is a small farming town known for its textiles. Otavaleña women traditionally wear lace blouses with dark skirts and a colored band around their waists. 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. Later, visit a local community.

### Day 9: Depart for home

### 🔗 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 9-11: Riobamba | Guamote | Quito

– Travel to Riobamba  
– Participate in cultural immersion activities in Guamote  
– Return to Quito

#### Day 12: Depart for home

*Please note: The itinerary on the Galápagos Islands is subject to change based on government regulations.*



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

– CAMERON, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

*This trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos 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, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014

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