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# Impressions of the Galápagos Islands

Quito | Santa Cruz Island | San Cristóbal Island

From the mainland to the islands, this week-long tour is brimming with unforgettable experiences. Stroll through Independence Plaza, find your center at the equatorial line, and experience the vibrant culture of Ecuador's capital city in Quito. Take a turn for the tropical as you head to the Galápagos Islands—an iconic archipelago where nature, wildlife, and Darwin's theories come into focus. Don't forget to wave "hello" to the giant tortoises!



## Get even more bang for your bucket list

Designed with school calendars in mind, this flexible, highlight-rich tour lands in the sweet spot between a long weekend and a lengthier getaway—so you can focus less on scheduling and more on exploring.

**Your experience includes:** Full-time Tour Director; 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; comprehensive sightseeing of natural attractions; entrance fees for Church of la Compañía de Jesús, Intiñan Museum, local market, Charles Darwin Research Station; personalized learning; round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; boat ride; 5 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily; lunch included days 3-5

Anyone can see the world.

# 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.

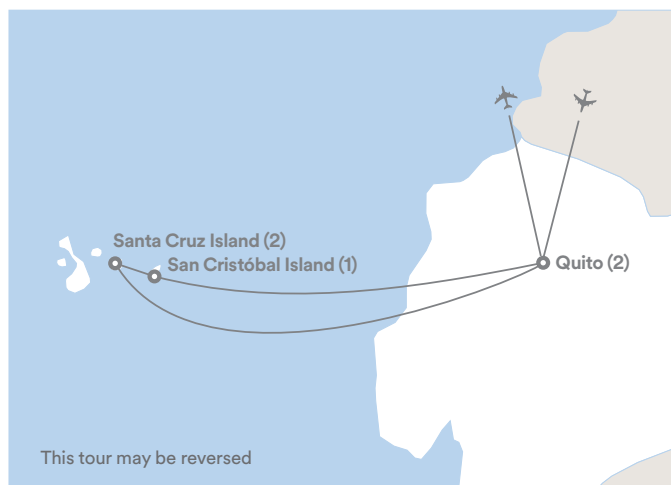
And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized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

**“As a teacher, it's an amazing feeling to see my students light up and get excited about ‘that thing we talked about in class.’ Not only do they have a rich educational experience, they transform into young adults who are eager to take on more travel.”**

**Bobby, Group Leader**





## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Ecuador

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Quito. This capital city is carved into a narrow plateau high above the Andean valleys and situated beneath the peaks of the Pichincha Volcano.

### Day 2: Quito

- Take a tour of Quito, where you'll see Independence Plaza and Government Palace.
- Visit the Compañía de Jesús church.
- Take an excursion 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 location of Earth's center.
- Shop for handmade goods and other souvenirs crafted by the area's local residents at one of the largest craft markets in Quito.

### Day 3: Quito | Baltra Island |

#### Santa Cruz Island

- Fly to Baltra Island.
- Travel to Santa Cruz Island.
- Explore the Twin Craters and the Lava Tunnels.
- See wild tortoises at a tortoise ranch in the Santa Cruz Highlands.

- Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn more about the giant tortoises from which the islands took their name.

### Day 4: Santa Cruz Island

- Hike to Tortuga Bay.
- Go swimming in the water-filled canyon of Las Grietas.
- Visit the Playa de los Alemanes Beach.

### Day 5: Santa Cruz Island |

#### San Cristóbal Island

- Travel by boat to San Cristóbal Island.
- Visit the San Cristóbal Interpretation Center.
- Hike up Tijeretas Hill.
- Enjoy a snorkeling activity and take a coastal walk on La Lobería beach.

### Day 6: San Cristóbal Island | Quito |

#### Depart for home

- Enjoy free time on San Cristóbal Island.
- Fly to Quito.
- Travel to the airport for your overnight flight home.

### Day 7: Arrive home



Spot colorful birds in their natural habitats

**“I will confidently book with EF knowing that they truly have the infrastructure to handle a crisis, that they care deeply for the students, and that they remain committed to sharing the wonder of travel.”**

**Jennifer, Parent**

**“Seeing Ecuador and the Galápagos like this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”**

**Cameron, Student**

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**“My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.”**

Charlotte, Parent



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- **We always offer the lowest prices** so more students can travel.
- **We're fully accredited**, just like your school, so you can earn credit while on tour.
- **We include experiential learning activities** and visits to the best sites on all of our educational tours.
- **We're completely committed to your safety.** We have more than 600 schools and offices in over 50 countries around the world, so local EF staff members can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.
- **We provide a full-time Tour Director** who's with your group every step of the way on tour, providing insight about your destinations as well as great local tips.



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