

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Galapagos Voluntour 10D/9N

Volunteer / Voluntour

10 Days / 1 Country

Ecuador

Departure city: **Quito, Ecuador**

End city: **Quito, Ecuador**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteer to preserve plant species in the Galapagos
- Visit the equator line on a day trip from Quito
- Enjoy a free day to discover the Galapagos on your own

Volunteer in the Galapagos Islands to help preserve native plant species and spend a few days in Quito to see the city and the equator line.

MAP



What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 9

- Mixed accommodation 7N Galapagos
- 2N Quito



Transport: 3

- Quito airport pick-up & drop-off All transport per itinerary
- Galapagos airport pick-up & drop-off



Guides:

- English-speaking coordinator

What is not included

- *Meals (Please be sure to bring cash to purchase food)
- *Galapagos National Park entrance fee (\$100 USD)
- *INGALA migration control card (\$20 USD)
- *Flights Quito - San Cristobal Island (SCY) - Quito (available at an extra cost, please inquire)
- *Transfer between & Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and volunteer project
- *Optional activities
- *Personal expenses
- *Tips

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Itinerary

Day 1: Quito, Ecuador

Quito Airport Pick-Up & Accommodation Transfer

Today you will be picked up upon arrival to the Quito airport and transferred to your accommodation in a shared room at a hostel. Get settled in and have free time to enjoy the beautiful city of Quito on your own. Get a good night's sleep at your accommodation.

Day 2: Quito, Ecuador

Daytrip to the Equator Line

Today you will receive a briefing on your volunteer project with all of the important details on the program. Feel free to ask as many questions as you want so you can fully understand your responsibilities. In the afternoon, you will take a tour to see the equator line which divides our planet in half "la mitad del mundo". Get ready for your exciting trip to the Galapagos islands tomorrow and make last minute preparations. Overnight in a hostel.

Day 3: Quito - San Cristobal Island, Ecuador

Flight to San Cristobal Island (Galapagos National Park)

Today you will be transferred to the Quito airport for your flight to San Cristobal Island (SCY) in the Galapagos (flight not included). Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hostel shared accommodation. Enjoy the rest of the day to get settled in.

Day 4: Galapagos National Park, Ecuador

Volunteer Project in Galapagos National Park

Enjoy a week working on your project and giving back to the community where you are located. You will share a hostel room with other volunteers at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. Start out with an introduction to the program by the leader.

Day 5: Galapagos National Park, Ecuador

Continue in your chosen volunteering program.

GALAPAGOS PRESERVATION PROGRAM:

Our local partner is located in the highlands (approx. 20-30 min. from town) and works closely with the Galapagos National Park to replace invasive plant species with endemic plants on both private and public lands. Volunteers will help with challenging yet rewarding field work like removing invasive plants, replacing them with endemic species, working in the nursery and preparing soils.

Day 6: Galapagos National Park, Ecuador

Continue in your chosen volunteering program.

The program's goals are to:

- Help to eliminate introduced or invasive plant species.
- Improve trails and paths around the plots of the lands.
- Care and nurture native plants in the nursery and then move them to their permanent locations.
- Help to grow and cut down plants used as food for the Galapagos National Park tortoise breeding centers.
- Teach volunteers about the flora and fauna from Galapagos and the importance of cultivating native plants and removing introduced invasive plants

Day 7: Galapagos National Park, Ecuador

Continue in your chosen volunteering program.

Even if this is a private initiative, with living in a local farm, the program cooperates with the Galapagos National Park, when trying to destroy invasive species on both private and national park lands and replacing them with endemic plants. You will sometimes be working side by side with the giant Galapagos tortoises.

Day 8: Galapagos National Park, Ecuador

Continue in your chosen volunteering program.

Enjoy your last day giving back to the local community. Say goodbye to the giant tortoises and get ready for your free day in Galapagos.

Day 9: Galapagos National Park, Ecuador

Galapagos Free Day

Enjoy a free day in the Galapagos and take an optional activity of your choice on your own at an extra cost. Enjoy your last night in the Galapagos, pack up your belongings for your return flight to Quito tomorrow and rest up at your accommodation.

Day 10: San Cristobal Island, Ecuador

San Cristobal Island Airport Drop-Off

Today you will take a transfer to the San Cristobal airport (SCY) in time to catch your flight to the mainland where your trip will come to an end (flight not included). We wish you safe travels for your onward journey.

