

Arrival guide

1 After clearing immigration at Baltra's Seymour Airport (GPS) you will proceed to collect your checked luggage.
Important reminder: Please make sure you keep all papers that were given to you by the local Galapagos authorities. These will be requested when departing the archipelago.



2 Upon exiting the airport, hand your luggage to our ship's staff who will take care of transferring it to your vessel and cabin.
Important reminder: Make sure you carry the following with you for the day in a small backpack: comfortable closed-toe shoes, long socks, and the essentials listed previously.



3 A bus will take you across Baltra's arid landscape to the Itabaca Channel. This bus is a basic official airport shuttle which you may need to share with other passengers. Sometimes, we must wait a while for the next available bus.



About 10 minutes

4 At the Itabaca Channel, we will take a ferry across to Santa Cruz Island. Our staff will pay for the ferry.



About 15 minutes

5 We will be picked up on the northern side of Santa Cruz by a chartered bus that will take us to the highlands where we will have the chance to explore the beautiful natural scenery and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant



6 According to your itinerary, after lunch you will have the opportunity to see giant tortoises up close in the highlands.
Recommended items: closed-toe shoes and long socks (in case your visit requires the use of boots that will be provided when necessary).



7 Once in Puerto Ayora, you will have a brief opportunity to purchase last-minute items.
Note: Our on-board boutique carries a broad range of reasonably-priced products, many of which support socially-responsible Ecuadorian suppliers. Our vessel also has a doctor on board who has a limited supply of common medications.



8 Following this, we will be picked up in an inflatable landing craft (our staff may refer to them as pangas) that will take you to your vessel. Life jacket use is required.



9 Once aboard the ship, check in with the Hotel Manager. This will be the time to hand in the cruise voucher.



10 An emergency boat drill is carried out within the first 24 hours of embarkation



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