

San Cristóbal land based extension

4 Days / 3 Nights

Day	Itinerary	Meals
1	Accommodation: Casa Opuntia**	None
2	Island-Hopping: Kicker Rock, 360°, Española excursion (subject to availability) Accommodation: Casa Opuntia	B / BL
3	Island-Hopping: Kicker Rock, 360°, Española excursion (subject to availability) Accommodation: Casa Opuntia	B / BL
4	Transfer out: Hotel – San Cristóbal airport	B

B: Breakfast / L: lunch / BL: Box Lunch / D: Dinner

Itinerary Details

DAY 1: LOBERIA EXCURSION



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Your guide will pick you up at your hotel, or from the harbour and escort you to Playa Loberia. Just 10 minutes from the San Cristóbal town centre, it is a 2.5 km coral sand beach named 'La Loberia' because of the resident Galápagos Sea Lions which can be found basking on the rocks and sand. Take a walk along the 900 metre coastal nature trail where we can see marine iguanas and marine turtles as well as button mangrove, white mangrove and Palo Santo trees.

Accommodation: Casa Opuntia

Meals: None

DAY 2 / DAY 3: ISLAND HOPPING TOURS

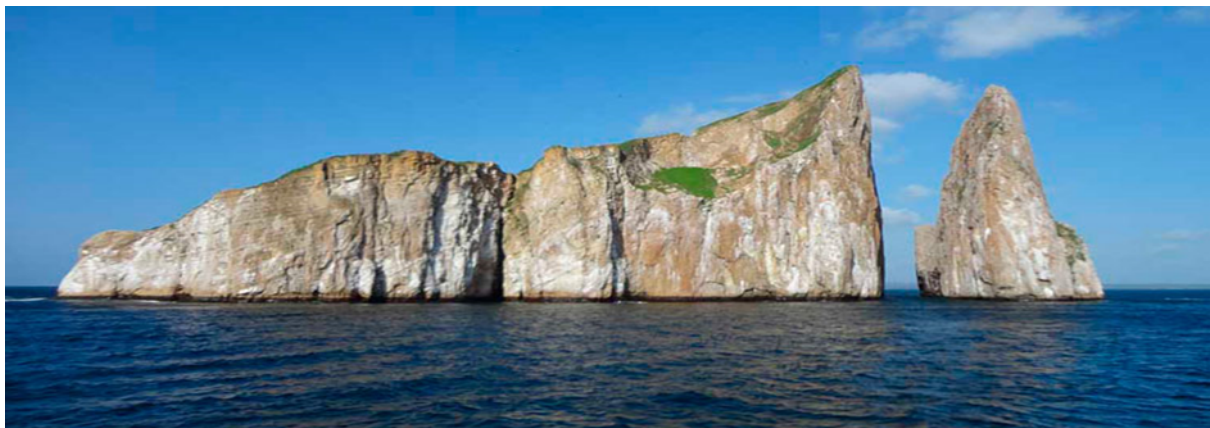
Kicker Rock, 360° Tour, Española excursion (subject to availability / day of the week)

Accommodation: Casa Opuntia

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

KICKER ROCK

This great trip is a must-do when visiting the Galápagos!



Depart from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno in the morning at 07:30 or 09:00. Kicker Rock is a famous volcanic rock formation, approximately 2 hours boat ride west of San Cristóbal which, because of its characteristic shape, is also called 'Leon Dormido' meaning Sleeping Lion. In the channel between the rocks you can find Galápagos and Whitetip sharks, rays, sea lions, sea turtles and a variety of pelagic and reef fish, which makes it an excellent place for snorkelling and diving. Currents around the rocks and in between the rocks are quite mild, making it a safe place for snorkelling. You will be accompanied in the water by experienced snorkel guides who will help you to find the best spots to see marine life. Back on the boat a delicious packed lunch is served while the captain takes you to a beautiful beach location. Bottlenose dolphins can often be seen in the area surrounding Kicker Rock so keep your eyes on the water while enjoying the cruise.

Once at the beach you can enjoy the clear blue water and colourful reef fish, aquatic birds such as pelicans and blue footed boobies, and the plant species of the coastal zone and the mangrove. Return to the dock at approximately 15:00 and transfer back to your hotel.

ESPAÑOLA

Located approximately 35 km (22 miles) from San Cristóbal, Española Island is the most southerly island of the Galápagos archipelago and, being one of the most isolated, has a large number of endemic species such as the Española mockingbird, the Española lava lizard, and the waved albatross, to name a few.



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The day starts early in the morning at the Puerto Baquerizo Moreno Dock, and here the adventure begins. You will be picked up from your hotel at 06:15 and accompanied by a bilingual guide who will board a zodiac dinghy that will take you to the catamaran yacht.

After sailing approximately 2.5 hours, you will arrive at Española Island, considered a crown jewel of the Galápagos archipelago where you will enjoy a full day of activities taking in the two main visitor sites: Punta Suarez and Gardner Island.

At **Punta Suarez**, located at the northeast end of the Española, you will encounter nesting Nazca Boobies as well as the famous blue-footed boobies, Darwin's finches and Galápagos Doves while playful Sea lions, Española Lava Lizards and Godzilla-like marine iguanas can all be seen sunbathing on the beach or going about their business amongst the rocky tidal waters.

You will have the opportunity to enjoy the amazing landscape dominated by cliffs and an amazing blowhole that gives quite a show as the waves come in. Because this side of the island is rocky terrain and involves a 2 hour hike, participants should only wear comfortable walking shoes or trainers (no sandals). Be sure to bring plenty of drinking water with you, and if you want, you can also bring trekking poles.

If you are travelling between May and December, we will be able to visit the world's entire population of Waved Albatross, also known as the Galápagos albatross, as they only nest on this island.

Later in the day you will visit **Gardner Island** at the northeast side of Española Island where you can go snorkelling among the friendly and playful sea lions, and be astonished by the colourful fish within the turquoise water of the bay.

As soon as you board the Galápagos Hopper Catamaran you will be greeted with a refreshing and delicious snack and, for lunch, enjoy a three-course meal with soft drinks, coffee, tea and infusions available onboard.

360° TOUR



Departure time: 07:30

Return: 16:30 approximately

On the 360° Tour you will get to visit different locations around the shores of San Cristóbal Island, such as Rosa Blanca, Sardine Bay, Punta Pitt and Kicker Rock or Punta Puccuna, and enjoy various activities and animals in each spot.

The tour begins with a relaxing sail around the southern end of San Cristóbal Island then up to Bahía **Rosa Blanca** on the east coast. Rosa Blanca is a small bay with a large, fine white sand beach at its centre surrounded by lowlands and unique geological formations. While snorkelling in the bay's pristine blue water you are likely to encounter small sharks, sea turtles, and rays as well as a variety of reef fish .

From Rosa Blanca, the tour continues around the north and along the west coast of the island to Bahía Sardina to do some more snorkelling. **Sardine Bay** has two beaches whose attractions are its small white sand dunes and crystal-clear waters. Sea lions, turtles, lobsters, octopuses, and sardines are just some of the creatures which you can find in the water here.

Enroute from Rosa Blanca to Sardine Bay, the tour makes a brief stop at **Punta Pitt** off the northern-eastern tip of San Cristóbal where you can do some fishing or simply enjoy the stunning scenery and birdlife.

For the final stop, you will visit either Kicker Rock **or** Punta Puccuna, based on your choice:

Kicker Rock is made up of remnants of an ancient volcanic cone. It is a favourite place for various seabirds like blue-footed boobies, frigates, and more. This rock formation consists of two vertical walls with a canal in the centre that offers a paradise for a variety of sharks and other fish species, such as barracudas, rainbow fish, octopuses. You can also find other marine creatures like turtles, stingrays and sea lions.

If you choose to visit **Punta Puccuna**, you will head there instead of Kicker rock. Located in the north-western part of San Cristóbal Island, it is a unique and paradisiacal place formed by a small bay that consists of three beaches. The presence of lava cones behind the beaches and the spectacular views of Cerro Brujo and Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock) make this place an ideal site for photography.

DAY 4: TRANSFER OUT

Enjoy your last look at these "enchanted islands", a unique and wonderful paradise! Then they will accompany you to the Baltra airport to take your flight back to Quito.

Accommodation: None

Meals: Breakfast

Price per person:

Program	2 pax	4 pax	8 pax	12 pax	16 pax
4 days / 3 nights	1,377 USD	1391 USD	1,313 USD	1,281 USD	1,266 USD

** Selected hotels or similar

Inclusions:

- Accommodations in a double room (San Cristóbal Island)
- Private transportation
- Professional bilingual (English/Spanish-speaking)
- All excursions within itinerary
- Meals, as indicated in the itinerary
- Snorkelling equipment

Not included:

- Domestic flights (Quito – San Cristóbal - Quito)
- Galápagos Park Entrance fee: \$100 USD for adults
- Tourist Transit Card: \$20 USD per person.
- Alcoholic Beverages/ Additional drinks
- Wetsuit
- Travel Insurance
- Personal Expenses
- Tips /Gratuities

Looking for a longer or shorter extension?

Each of the day tours listed above are also available to book separately. If you would like to arrange a shorter or longer tour package, please contact our reservations team who will be happy to help tailor an itinerary to meet your preference.