



5 common mistakes

WHEN PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO GALAPAGOS

1. Buying flights before the cruise.



This is one of the most important mistakes that should be considered. Many times we expect to travel to Galapagos with the desire to **explore on our own or find a last-minute cruise deal** that will save us a few dollars. In Galapagos, the control of tourist traffic is something that is taken very seriously in order to **preserve the islands in their natural state**, therefore spaces on cruise ships tend to be somewhat limited in the short term, so if you come to Galapagos looking for a last-minute promotion on a cruise, the closest option may be **at least 1 or 2 months after your arrival**.

**WASTING THE LITTLE TIME YOU
HAVE IN GALAPAGOS IS UNFORGIVABLE!**

2. Believing that you can get to know Galapagos in a short time.

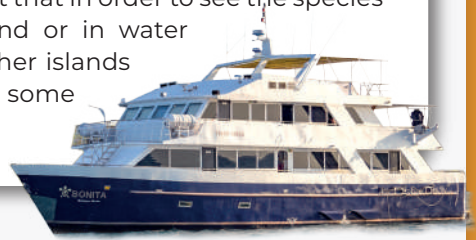
If you thought that only a couple of days were enough to get to know Galapagos, you are wrong. The Galapagos National Park has **15 main islands, 3 small islands and 107 islets** in a 95% protected area of 8010 km², **full of wildlife, adventure and underwater activities**. You will probably need more than 1 month to see it on your own, but on board a cruise ship, you will need **at least 5 days** to enjoy some of these activities on board a cruise ship.

It is necessary to mention that in order to visit the protected areas, where most of the wildlife is found, **it is mandatory to do it in company of a certified guide**.



3. Believing that you can experience the same things both on land and on a cruise ship, or that the activities are the same.

Galapagos is full of wildlife, but there are also some populated cities like Santa Cruz, Isabela and San Cristobal, which is where the hotels and accommodations are located, but at the same time wildlife is scarce, **the species relocated with the arrival of man** to the archipelago to be in their natural habitat. While it is true that there are some birds, sea lions and iguanas that coexist with man without problem, Galapagos has hundreds of species to see. In addition, as a national park, **there are regulations that must be followed to avoid problems**, preserve the species and the place where they live. Therefore, it must be taken into account that in order to see the species in their natural state, whether on land or in water activities, it is necessary to travel to other islands or specific points and this takes time, in some cases up to 8 hours of navigation.



4. Not being properly informed about what can and cannot be done in each itinerary.

Each boat in Galapagos has an itinerary designated by the National Park authorities, so it is necessary to know the places to visit and what each of them offers, in some cases will be **unique species of the place** or activities allowed only on site, such as snorkeling.



**SOME SPECIES CAN ONLY BE SEEN
IN SPECIFIC PLACES AND SOME
ACTIVITIES AS WELL.**

5. Not planning correctly the choice of boat size based on personal preference:

Everyone has different tastes and preferences, so we must know what we are looking for when we travel to Galapagos. In the national park there are **several categories of boats**, before purchasing a cruise, you must make sure that it meets your expectations and travel needs, you should also take into consideration that **there are boats from 16 passengers, up to 100 passengers**, this will surely affect your travel experience.

IT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW WELL THE CRUISE SHIP TYPE, CAPACITY AND CATEGORY.



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