

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ARE READY EVEN FOR ADVENTURERS



The Galapagos Islands are one of the most interesting archipelagos on the face of the earth. In addition to exquisite sights there are also numerous activities that tourists can take part in for everyone to have a good time.

Cruises

This is one of the best options for viewing the islands. There are different types of boats available where you can choose the one that you are most comfortable with. Tourists spend a considerable amount of time on the boats. Some of the options you have include small yachts that are for the tourists who are looking for a more intimate experience. Large cruise ships on the other hand are more comfortable, spacious, have extra security, amenities, and are more stable.

Scuba diving and snorkeling

Galapagos offer some of the best diving and snorkeling spots in the world. These are ideal for both seasoned tourists and the ones who do not have any experience as there are professionals who offer training. The sites that you should look out for when you are here include the Wolf and Darwin islands.

Fishing

Fishing is one of the most popular activities on the islands. Tourists can fish for wahoo, tuna, marlin and many other fish species in the Reserve. It is however important to note that you can only use a boat that has "Artisanal Vivencial Fishing" as a prerequisite. This is because sport fishing is not allowed. You can get a list of all the operators that have the required license if you want to engage and have fun with fishing. All the marlins however have to be released back to the water unharmed.

Hiking

This is normally included in organized highland tours and cruises in Galapagos. You might not see a lot of animals during these tours but you will definitely get a deeper understanding of the differences in vegetation and terrain as well as how the islands were formed. There are a number of sights that have been set aside for hiking like San Cristobal, Cerro Tijeras, and the Wall of Tears that is located in Isabela.

Biking

This is one of the activities that enable tourists to access the sites that are a bit far from the ports easily. There are numerous spots where you can hire/rent the bike at around \$15 a day.

Surfing

Many locals make this a daily activity because of the good waves that the islands provide. There are numerous spots where surfing boards can be rented out either for a day or for the entire month.

Volunteering

There are a couple of companies that have organized conservation based volunteering programs as a means of minimizing the impact of sightseeing on the ecosystem as well as mitigate issues when it comes to introduced species.

Kayaking

This allows tourists to navigate more water without using a boat. It also allows for the viewing of sea turtles and fish.

Horseback riding

This can be organized for tourists who want to get a deeper view of the highlands.

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