



GALAPAGOS ISLAND FIELD COURSES

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Galapagos Islands



OUR FIELD PROGRAMS WILL IMMERSE YOU IN THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE GALAPAGOS, EXPERIENCING THE INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND NATURE WHILE COLLABORATING WITH SCIENTISTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENTS IN RESTORATION ACTIONS



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Galapagos at glance: The Galapagos Islands are a world-renowned archipelago off Ecuador's coast, and the surrounding waters are protected as the Galapagos Marine Reserve. These dramatic islands and waters are home to fascinating birds, abundant marine life, active volcanoes, and emblematic species like the giant tortoise and Darwin's finches.

Your Field Work: With ECOS, you will participate in regeneration and sustainability actions as part of a collaborative effort with Galapagos' conservation agencies. You will help control invasive species, participate in agro-ecological conservation work with local farmers, and be part of our "Litter Science" program while cleaning bays and beaches.

Cultural Exchange: Your Galapagueño are excited to meet you!. During the time you spend with the Mola Mola Eco Club, they'll give you a firsthand look at their community and ecosystem.

Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience: Connect with nature: After finishing your fieldwork, you will visit Isabela Island, a snorkeling, hiking, and kayaking paradise. The island's wildlife on land and the waters of the marine reserve will be your classroom.

Learning in the Galapagos National Park is a unique and enriching experience that you won't forget.

HIGHLIGHTS



Species monitoring



Observe animals found nowhere else on earth



Bays and beaches clean-ups

LENGTH	12 days
RESEARCH & SERVICE HOURS	20
COURSEWORK HOURS	30
FOCUS	Citizen Science Galapagos Wildlife Sustainability



SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Arrive in Quito & Travel to the Galapagos.

- Arrive in Quito, meet with an ECOS representative, and head to a local hotel for a good night's sleep.
- Catch an early morning flight to the Galapagos, then travel by chartered bus to the highlands.
- Arrive to Galapagos islands and get accommodated in a camping site.

Days 3-4: Highland Regeneration actions

- Study tortoise biology, anatomy, and ecology.
- Locate wild Galapagos tortoises.
- Control invasive species and restore habitat for native plants & animals.
- Build your scientific skills by collecting data on tortoise diet.

Day 5: Highlands Sustainability initiatives

- Visit an agro-ecological farm and support local farmers with their best practices.
- Learn about island biogeography, natural selection, and other important Galapagos ecology concepts.

Days 6-7: Explore Santa Cruz

- Hike to Tortuga Bay and be part of a citizen science-based program to tackle the plastic pollution problem.
- Learn about Galapagos wildlife and mangroves.
- Explore the Charles Darwin Foundation and visit Lonesome George's Monument.

Days 8-9: Isabela Island

- Snorkel in the Galapagos Marine Reserve.
- Explore hypersaline lagoons & spend time kayaking.
- Visit the Arnaldo Tupiza Giant Tortoise Breeding Center.

Day 10: Cultural Exchange

- Spend half-day with the Mola Mola Eco Club, learn about their eco-projects and conduct a bay clean-up.

Day 11: Celebrate & Depart Galapagos

- Celebrate a successful course with your ECOS instructors.
- Depart the Galapagos Islands and fly to Quito, Ecuador.

Day 12: Head Home





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