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## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN (NAVY) EMT ANDRÉS PAZMIÑO MANRIQUE**



### **Esteemed members and participants**

The National Defense Ministry, through the Naval Oceanographic and Antarctic Institute, warmly welcomes you to Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos, considered one of Ecuador's first protected areas.

We hope the information provided in this brochure proves beneficial during your stay in this welcoming place.

We appreciate in advance your active participation in the meetings organized by our institution.

### **MEETING VENUE**

- **Hotel Solymar (Santa cruz, Puerto Ayora)**

**To be confirmed**

**Address:** Av. Charles Darwin and Tomás de Berlanga

**Web:** <https://hotelsolymar.com.ec/site/>

**How to get there:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2rTGoPGb9t79T4HW7>



## **TOURIST ENTRY FEE**

The tourist entry fee is established with the purpose of financing conservation and management activities within the protected area by the DPNG, as well as sustainable development initiatives carried out by the Decentralized Municipal Autonomous Governments in each of the province's municipalities.

### **Prices for the entrance fee to protected áreas**

**NOTE:** National or foreign tourists under the age of 2 are exempt from paying this fee.

- Non-resident foreign tourists over 12 years old: US \$100
- Non-resident foreign tourists under 12 years old: US \$50
- Non-resident foreign tourists over 12 years old from countries belonging to the Andean Community of Nations or Mercosur\*: US \$50
- Non-resident foreign tourists under 12 years old from countries belonging to the Andean Community of Nations or Mercosur\*: US \$25
- National or resident foreign tourists over 12 years old: US \$6
- National or resident foreign tourists under 12 years old: US \$3
- Non-resident foreign students enrolled in national educational institutions: US \$25

\* MERCOSUR Member States: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay.

\* Andean Community of Nations (CAN) Member States: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru.

**In addition, national or foreign tourists are required to obtain the Ingala Tourist Card or Transit Control Card (TCT),** which costs USD 20 and can be obtained in person at the Immigration Control offices of the Special Galápagos Government Council.

### **IMPORTANT**

With respect to these 5 countries, Ecuador currently requires a visa from citizens of 34 nations: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Burma, Cameroon, North Korea, Ivory Coast, Cuba, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Philippines, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Iraq, Iran, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Syria, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Yemen.

## AIRPORT

The Galápagos Ecological Airport, commonly known as Baltra Airport or Seymour Airport of Baltra, is an airport located on Baltra Island in the Galápagos Islands archipelago in Ecuador.

If your flight is destined for **Baltra Airport**, you will need to take a bus from the airport to the coast (\$5) and then cross to Santa Cruz Island by ferry/barge (\$1 per person). From there, you can take a bus or taxi to Puerto Ayora (the meeting location).

**Address:** <https://acortar.link/8VHqAU>

Address: HP4J+4C3, Seymour Baltra Airport, Baltra Island, Seymour



## TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

### From the airport

1. Purchase a bus ticket from the companies located at the airport exit, which will take you to the Itabaca Channel.

Approximate cost: US \$5

Approximate travel time: 10 minutes

2. Take a barge at the Itabaca Channel to cross to Santa Cruz Island.

Approximate cost: US \$1

Approximate travel time: 10 minutes

3. Take a taxi or bus to reach Puerto Ayora.

Approximate taxi cost: US \$25

Approximate bus cost: US \$2.50

Approximate travel time: 45 minutes to 1 hour

## **Within the urban area (Puerto Ayora)**

During your visit to Santa Cruz Island, you can travel safely using buses, taxis, and bicycles. Access to these modes of transportation is straightforward and will take you to your desired destination.

For getting around within the urban area (Puerto Ayora), taxi fares range from \$1.50 to \$3.00.

## **CURRENCY**

The currency in Ecuador is the United States Dollar (USD).

Please note that smaller businesses often have policies that only accept cash.

## **ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

- **Hotel Tortuga Bay EC - PUERTO AYORA, Ecuador**

The 3-star Galápagos Tortuga Bay Hotel Puerto Ayora offers approximately 35 rooms and is located about a 10-minute drive from the Galápagos National Park Visitor Center. Guests will have access to on-site parking for added convenience.

The hotel is situated 4 km from the center of Puerto Ayora and is just a 49-minute drive from the Galapagos Islands Airport. It is approximately a 10-minute drive from the Aymara Gallery in Puerto Ayora and about a 10-minute drive from the Santa Cruz fish market.

The rooms include a balcony and a seating area, as well as a flat-screen TV with satellite channels for your comfort. Guests can make use of a hairdryer and towels in the bathrooms, which are equipped with a separate toilet and a shower.

**Address:** Isla Santa Cruz, sector Thomas de Berlanga

**Phone:** 0997882138

**E-mail:** [comercial@tortugabay.com.ec](mailto:comercial@tortugabay.com.ec)

**Web:** <https://www.tortugabay.com.ec/>

**How to get there:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5Jj3dG4d1ARL7Jf38>

**Single room: \$75**



**Double room: \$100**



- **Hotel La Isla – Puerto Ayora, Ecuador**

Hotel La Isla features a common lounge, terrace, restaurant, and bar in Puerto Ayora. The accommodation is close to La Estación Beach, Los Alemanes Beach, and Tortuga Bay. The hotel offers a hot tub, room service, and free Wi-Fi.

In the hotel, all rooms come with air conditioning, a desk, a balcony with city views, a private bathroom, flat-screen TV, bed linen, and towels. All units have a safe.

**Address:** Calle Indefatigable 072 y Av. Charles Darwin

**Phone:** +593 5 252 4517 - +5939 9157 3764

**Email:** [reservations@laislahotel.com.ec](mailto:reservations@laislahotel.com.ec)

**Visual tour:** <https://laislahotel.com.ec/site/360-tour/>

**How to get there:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/3URbko3GhPTsTxAj6>

**Double or single room: \$170**



**Matrimonial room: \$170**





- **Hotel Fiesta Galápagos– Puerto Ayora, Ecuador**

The Hotel Fiesta, located in the town of Santa Cruz, features a restaurant and offers free Wi-Fi and complimentary breakfast service. This hotel is situated 150 meters from several diving centers and 400 meters from Tortuga Bay.

Rooms at Hotel Fiesta come with air conditioning, a private bathroom, and a balcony with views of the surroundings. Room service is also available.

Among the hotel's facilities, you'll find a game room and a bar where you can enjoy snacks.

**Address:** Centro de Puerto Ayora

**Phone:** +593 5 252 4517 - +593 9157 3764

**Email:** [reservas@galapagoshotelfiesta.com](mailto:reservas@galapagoshotelfiesta.com)

**Web:** [https://www.galapagoshotelfiesta.com/index\\_esp.html](https://www.galapagoshotelfiesta.com/index_esp.html)

**How to get there:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oTumGadoFGn4tUup6>

**Single or double room: \$151.20 (including taxes)**



- **Hotel Solymar Galápagos – Puerto Ayora, Ecuador**

Hotel Solymar is a Mediterranean-style hotel located in Pelican Bay, in the heart of Puerto Ayora, just minutes away from the Charles Darwin Station. It features a bar and an outdoor pool.

The rooms offer stunning ocean views and come with a furnished private balcony, blackout curtains, and a private bathroom with a shower and complimentary toiletries. They also include a TV with local channels and a minibar. Room amenities comprise temperature control, a desk, and wake-up service. These rooms are non-smoking.

Guests can enjoy tranquility with views of Pelican Bay and the Galápagos flora and fauna at the hotel, which is within walking distance of boutiques, outdoor cafes, art galleries, restaurants, and nightlife.

At Tortuga Beach, a 5-minute drive away, you can spot marine iguanas. The restaurant, located by the ocean, offers a sushi menu. The chef serves fresh Pacific seafood and local flavors.

**Address:** Av. Charles Darwin y Tomás de Berlanga

**Phone:** +5935 252 6281

**Email:** [info@hotelsolymar.com.ec](mailto:info@hotelsolymar.com.ec)

**Web:** <https://hotelsolymar.com.ec/site/>

**Single or double room: \$221.31**



## **WEATHER**

The weather in Galápagos during June 2024 is somewhat hot. On hot days like these, where temperatures reach 23°C, it is very important to drink plenty of water and stay cool.

In June, the weather is perfect for going out and exploring all that Galápagos has to offer. It will be a dry day with warm temperatures.

It is advisable to wear comfortable and lightweight clothing.



## TOURIST OPTIONS

Santa Cruz Island is the most central island in the Galápagos archipelago and perhaps the most visited of all. There are a number of attractions such as:

- **Tortuga bay**
- **Charles Darwin Research Station**
- **Minas de Sal**
- **Las Grietas**
- **Los Gemelos**
- **Laguna de las Ninfas**
- **Reserva El Chato**

For more information and photo gallery: [https://www.tripadvisor.es/Attractions-g297532-Activities-oa0-Santa\\_Cruz\\_Galapagos\\_Islands.html](https://www.tripadvisor.es/Attractions-g297532-Activities-oa0-Santa_Cruz_Galapagos_Islands.html)

## ICEBREAKER

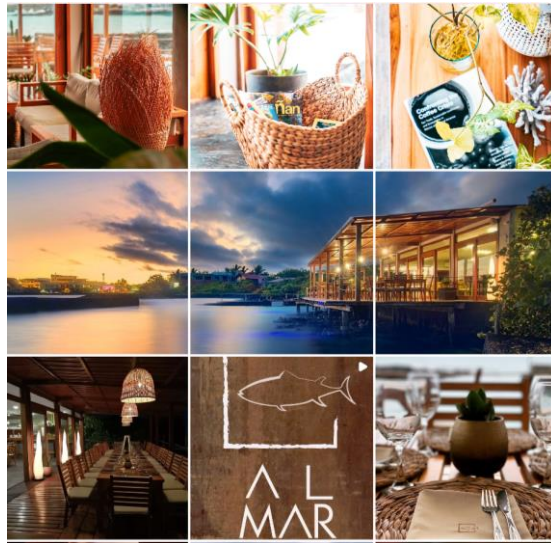
### El jardín Restaurante



### Address:

<https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=&daddr=Av.+Charles+Darwin%2C+Puerto+Ayora+200350+Ecuador@-0.745949,-90.314575>

## Almar restaurante



**Address:** Av. Charles Darwin y Piqueros

**Phone:** 098 330 3168 – 099 557 1478

**Email:** [almargrillbar@hotmail.com](mailto:almargrillbar@hotmail.com)

## CATERING

Lunch and snacks will be provided during the event. If you have any dietary requirements, please inform the organizers in advance.

## ELECTRICITY

En las Islas Galápagos, se utilizan enchufes y tomas de corriente de tipo A y tipo B. La tensión de red es de 120 V a una frecuencia de 60 Hz.

