

The Galapagos Islands became famous after the visit of Charles Darwin in 1835. Galapagos Islands are one of the most remarkable wildlife sites in the world. As well as their 26 endemic bird species and amazing seabird colonies, they have many unique creatures, including Giant Tortoises and Marine Iguanas.

Their position in the cold Humboldt current flowing north from the Antarctic, and bringing nutrients to the surface, make the surrounding waters rich in fish and plankton, and account for the huge numbers of seabirds here, including, amazingly on the equator, Galapagos Penguin. The underwater world is no less fascinating, as you dive over the reefs and submerged volcanoes around the Galapagos shores, encountering huge Manta Rays, sharks including Hammerhead, giant turtles and other marine life.

**Scuba diving:** Listed as one of the top diving spots in the world, diving in The Galapagos is a dream come true. Scuba diving is one of the most popular past-times whilst on a. Manta rays, sea turtles, marine iguanas, sea lions, dolphins, whales and of course lots of hammerhead sharks will accompany you on your trip. These waters are famous for close contact with diverse marine life. Schooling fish, sea turtles, sea lions, and much more. A visit to Galapagos and not experience diving is to lose half of Galapagos enchantment and excitement.

The most spectacular animals are:

<u>Reptiles</u>	<u>Mammals</u>	<u>Sea life</u>	<u>Birds</u>
Giant tortoises	Sea lions	Whale sharks	Waved albatrosses
Green sea turtles	Fur seals	White-tipped reef sharks	Blue-Footed Boobies
Marine Iguanas	Dolphins	Black-finned reef sharks	Masked Boobies
Land iguanas	Whales	Galapagos sharks	Red-Footed Boobies
Geckos		Tiger sharks	Flightless Cormorants
Lava Lizards		Hammerhead sharks	Frigatebirds
Snakes		Spotted eagle rays	Swallow-Tailed Gulls
		Golden rays	Lava Gulls
		Sting rays	Brown Noddies
		Manta rays	Brown Pelicans
		Bacalao	Galapagos Penguins
		Mullet	Galapagos Petrels
		Tuna	Storm Petrels
		Guahoo	Red-Billed Tropicbirds
		Thread herring	Egrets
		White-banded angelfish	Great Blue Herons
		Blue parrotfish	Lava Herons
		Jewel moray eel	Yellow-Crowned Herons
		Flying fish	Greater Flamingos

Blue lobsters

Red lobsters

Giant sea stars

Pacific seahorse,

Damselfish

Pufferfish

American Oystercatchers

Galapagos Doves

Darwin's Finches

Vermilion Flycatchers

Galapagos Martins

Yellow Warblers