

THE NEXT STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF LUXURY ECO-ADVENTURE IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS®

FACT SHEET



THE LODGE

CONCEPT

Pikaia Lodge is a new concept in luxury land-based eco-adventure in the Galapagos Islands, offering the highest levels of comfort and a once in a lifetime experience to our guests combining schedule half and full day land explorations with full day explorations visiting nearby islands on our private yacht M/Y Pikaia I.

The Lodge is also highly advanced in environmental management; the design and construction has followed minimum-impact principles, and aims for a high LEED operational certification.

LOCATION

Pikaia Lodge is located in Santa Cruz Island, in the center of the Archipelago, where secluded white sandy beaches and wildlife sites of the Galapagos National Park are nearby. Our 31 hectares of land and private wild giant tortoise reserve sits 450 meters above sea level.

From all our public areas and rooms, our guests will enjoy expansive views of the pristine arid savannah of the adjacent Galapagos National Park by looking north, to extinct volcanic cones shrouded in mist, mountains covered with lush tropical cloud forests, and green pasture farms by looking to the south-west; along with a 270 degree view of the infinite Pacific Ocean with nearby islands as a backdrop.

CLIMATE AT PIKAIA

From December to June: HOT TROPICAL RAINY SEASON

- At this season of the year Pikaia Lodge's special micro-climate conditions are typically tropical. Since we are located at 450m altitude it is mostly sunny with fresh breezes avoiding the intense lowland heat and humidity levels. Our location is mosquito-free all year round.

From July to November: SUB-TROPICAL DRY SEASON

- At this time of the year Pikaia Lodge's micro-climate conditions are a bit different and cooler like a real mountain lodge, surrounded occasionally by drizzle rain and mist, called locally "garua", especially early mornings and at nights. At those times, our guest will experience the rare contrast of plenty of sunshine with cooler and more pleasant air temperatures during our exciting land explorations enjoy at night fine dinners with the cozy heat of fireplaces surrounded by the magical mist of the "enchanted" Galapagos highlands.

ACCOMMODATION

Ours spacious rooms and suites have panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows, private shaded terraces and balconies with breathtaking unobstructed views over the green-tinged volcanic landscape of Santa Cruz to the blue Pacific Ocean. Designed with a modern but cozy contemporary style, the rooms are naturally well- lighted and ventilated.

All rooms have large bathrooms decorated with marble, walk-in closet, wall mirrors for each guest, a closed toilet room, and a shower area with views of the ocean or separate bathtub.

NAME		ROOM SIZE	TERRACE / BALCONY	BEDDING AVAILABILITY
TERRACE ROOMS	6	61 sq. m	11 sq. m	One King or double Queen
BALCONY ROOMS	6	61 sq. m	11 sq. m	One King or double Queen
GARDEN SUITE	1	74 sq. m	16 sq. m	King bed
POOL SUITE	1	74 sq. m	36 sq. m	King bed

ALL ROOMS ARE EQUIPPED WITH



- Flat screen TV and DVD player
- iPod audio dock
- IDD telephone
- In-room safe
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Beach bag
- Signature toiletries collection
- Hairdryer
- Mini bar
- Daily fruit basket
- In-room tea and coffee making facilities
- Drinking water
- Ice cubes on request
- Postcards and stamps
- Optimal in-bed reading lights

**EVOLUTION
RESTAURANT**



Fresh local produce is complemented with the best imported ingredients to create our delicious á la carte dinner menu, fusing modern international cuisine with traditional Ecuadorian dishes. Evolution also served outside on the shaded decks and terraces, where guests can take in the stunning panoramic views beyond the infinity pool.

DNA BAR

Pikaia's DNA Bar is strategically placed between the restaurant, the lobby-lounge, and the shaded terraces and pool area. Our bartenders can mix world-famous cocktails as well as popular local drinks prepared with top quality imported liquors, freshly squeezed tropical juices, Champagnes, exotic spirits, wines, beers, soft drinks.

INFINITY POOL





With its surrounding decks plastered with Peruvian travertine marble and furnished with comfortable beach chairs, the pool is strategically placed to receive the sun shadow-free the entire day to maintain a pleasant water temperature. There is a covered terrace next to the pool where guests can enjoy meals and drinks without having to change. At night the pool and decks are softly illuminated, creating a tranquil ambiance.

<p>HOMO SAPIENS EXPLORERS LOUNGE</p>	<p>All programmed guest conferences and lectures are held here. It is equipped with a large 3D HD-TV screen with a special selection of DVDs, 3D goggles, wireless microphones and audio amplification system. Our library here is dedicated to the topics of science, evolution and the Galapagos.</p>
<p>SUMAQ SPA</p>	 <p>Decorated in a classic style with white Dominican coral stone, Sumaq Spa will offer a serene environment to relieve muscular tension and travel stresses, or to pamper and purify the body. Two individual massage, sauna and the whirlpool, with a 180- degree view of the ocean, is the best way to wind down after a day's exploring.</p>
<p>GYM</p>	<p>For our guests who want to keep track of their workout schedule during their stay at Pikaia Lodge, Ardy's Gym is equipped with modern treadmills, spinning bikes and weights, offering the same spectacular views as Sumaq Spa. Our property boasts almost 3.5 km. of paths and private trails for walking, jogging or biking. These scenic paths pass through reforested native forests alive with birdsong, where guests are likely to encounter wild giant tortoises.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<p>Pikaia Lodge has international direct dial telephones, Wi-Fi internet and portable ipads or PC lap-tops for the free use of our guests at the front desk for checking e-mails or local news from home. Since the bandwidths available for us in Galapagos are limited by satellite capacity (no fiber optics), using applications like Skype, surfing the web or sending/downloading files from the web might get slow depending on how many guests or office are using it simultaneously.</p>
<p>SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY</p>	<p>At Pikaia Lodge, we believe that our new and highly evolved land-based tourism concept is a positive model for the long-term preservation of the unique landscapes and wildlife of the Galapagos Islands. We are also dedicated to the social and economic stability for the settler communities. Pikaia Lodge will create 70 permanent jobs for local settlers on the island of Santa Cruz.</p>

THE EXPERIENCE



<p>EXPLORATIONS</p>	<p>The star of our explorations is our exclusive private yacht, the 100 foot Pikaia I. She will be the only such vessel in the Galapagos, offering a luxurious, safe and relaxing day tour experience. Excursions are done in groups of no more than 16 people.</p> <p>Pikaia Lodge Explorations are guided half-day and full-day adventures that cover the distinct landscapes and marine wildlife of the islands, under fixed three, four or seven-nights programs. Each morning our experienced guides plan exploration options based on satellite weather imagery and tides charts. Programs incorporate hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, visiting beaches, volcanic craters or lava tunnels; looking for giant tortoises and endemic wildlife; visiting the Charles Darwin Scientific Research Center or visiting organic coffee farms in the highlands to see how settlers live.</p>
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THREE NIGHTS EXPLOTATION PACKAGES

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
3 NIGHTS EXPLORATION PACKAGE	CHECK IN	SANTA CRUZ	South Plaza Island — Santa Fe Island	CHECK OUT
		 FULL DAY SANTA CRUZ LAND EXPLORATION	 FULL DAY PIKAIA I YACHT EXPLORATION	

- Arrival: Friday
- Departure: Monday
- Includes: 3 daily meal, land and sea explorations, 10% services and 25% tax

FOUR NIGHTS EXPLOTATION PACKAGES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 NIGHTS EXPLORATION PACKAGE	CHECK IN	North Seymour — Bachas Beach	SANTA CRUZ	Bartolome — Sullivan Bay	CHECK OUT
		 FULL DAY PIKAIA I YACHT EXPLORATION	 FULL DAY SANTA CRUZ LAND EXPLORATION		

- Arrival: Monday
- Departure: Friday
- Includes: 3 daily meal, land and sea explorations, 10% services and 25% tax

SEVEN NIGHTS EXPLOTATION PACKAGES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
7 NIGHTS EXPLORATION PACKAGE	CHECK IN	SANTA CRUZ	Bartolome — Chinese Hat	SANTA CRUZ	Santa Fe Island — South Plaza Island	North Seymour — Mosquera Island	SANTA CRUZ	CHECK OUT
			 FULL DAY PIKAIA I YACHT EXPLORATION				 HALF DAY PIKAIA II BOAT OR LAND EXPLORATION	

- Arrival: Monday
- Departure: Monday
- Includes: 3 daily meal, land and sea explorations, 10% services and 25% tax



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS INFORMATION

COUNTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecuador
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 973 km / 525 nmi / 605 mi off the west coast of South America. 926 km / 500 nmi to mainland Ecuador
DISTANCE FROM ECUADOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Baltra airport to Quito 7230.50 km / 764.6 mi From Baltra airport to Guayaquil 1105.70 km / 687.1 mi
AREA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8,010 km² / 3,090 sq mi of land spread Over 45,000 km² / 17,000 sq mi of ocean
DESCRIPTION	Crossed by the equator, the islands in the chain are located in both the northern and southern hemispheres. The Galapagos Archipelago consists of 18 main islands, 3 smaller islands, and 107 rocks and islets.
CLIMATE	<p>From December to June: HOT TROPICAL RAINY SEASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air temperatures can climb up to 36-40° C / 96-104°F during day time. Water temperatures are warm at an average 23-27° C / 73-80+°F
	<p>From July to November: SUB-TROPICAL DRY SEASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-24°C / 68-75 °F during the day and 17-20°C / 64-70°F at night. Water temperatures 18-20°C / 65-70°F
POPULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26,640 (as of 2012)
FLYING TIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The flight time between Quito and Guayaquil is 40 minutes There is a 40 minutes transit in Guayaquil airport for all flights From Guayaquil to the Islands is 1h 40 minutes
ADDITIONAL FEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US\$20 Galapagos Transit Card (TCT) has to be paid in cash Before check-in National Park Tax has to be paid in cash at arrival in Baltra airport. Adult US\$100 - Child US\$50 Credit cards are not accepted.

