

# Guy in 1996

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# With Susan

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**Galapagos**



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**Ecuador**



# Ecuador is on the equator

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**Galapagos**



**Ecuador**

**Amazon  
rain forest**



# **The Galapagos islands**

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- **It is pretty expensive**
- **You go as part of a package tour**
- **You go there to see the animals**
- **You live on a boat**
- **Why not also have a few days in Ecuador, as well as in the Amazon rain forest?**

# The people on our tour



# Our boat

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# **A typical day**

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- 1. Morning: visit an island**
- 2. Afternoon: snorkel or siesta**
- 3. Early evening: visit another island**
- 4. Late evening: dinner on the boat**

# The islands

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Caused by volcanic activity at the meeting of tectonic plates

# Some parts are still just lava

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# Or just rocks



# But other parts have vegetation

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**And the ocean is clear and full of life**

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# **The animals**

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- 1. Birds, birds, birds (mostly seabirds)**
- 2. Reptiles (mostly endemic)**
- 3. Seals and sea lions (endemic)**
- 4. Rays**
- 5. No land mammal or amphibians**

**You hear a lot and see a lot because the animals have no fear of humans**

**You have to look at the ground to avoid stepping on nesting birds, etc**

# Blue-footed booby

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# Blue-footed booby

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# Blue-footed booby

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# Red-footed booby

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# Nazca/Masked booby

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# Magnificent frigatebird

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# Magnificent frigatebird

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# Waved albatross

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# Waved albatross

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# Galapagos penguin (endemic)

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# Galapagos sea lion (endemic)

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# Galapagos sea lion (endemic)

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# Galapagos land iguana (endemic)

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# Marine iguana (endemic)

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# Marine iguana (endemic)

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# Marine iguana (endemic)

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# Galapagos tortoise (endemic)

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# Green sea turtle

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# Green sea turtle

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# Golden cownose ray

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# **The Amazon rainforest**

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- **To get there, we spent X hours in a motorised canoe**
- **The place we stayed at was in the middle of nowhere but luxurious**
- **Every day, we were taken on a long walk through the forest**

# Our hotel

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# **The animals**

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**Whereas, in the Galapagos**

- **You hear a lot and see a lot because they have no fear of humans**

**In the Amazon:**

- **You hear a lot but don't see a lot because they hide**
- **It's mostly about ambience**

## **In passing, on safari**

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- **You see a lot (but hear nothing). An extraordinary variety of mammals.**
- **But you have to be patient**
- **And you have to be taken to the right place at the right time**

# **The animals**

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**Whereas, in the Galapagos**

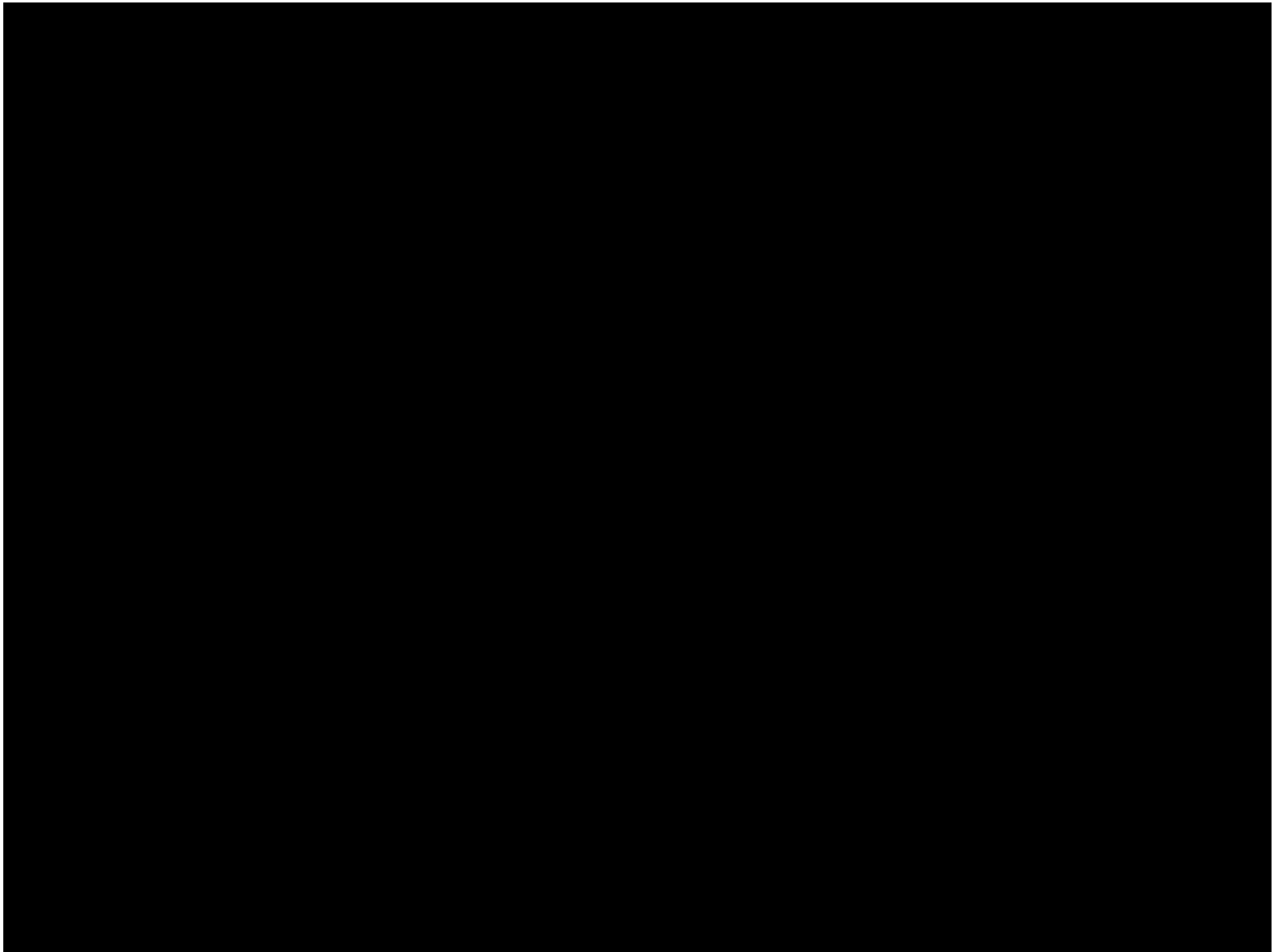
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**In the Amazon:**

- **You hear a lot but don't see a lot because they hide**
- **It's mostly about ambience**

# Howler monkeys

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# So, you walk around

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# And look at the vegetation

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# And sometimes see the odd bird

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**And sometimes bump into someone**

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# Who has children

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# And an ocelot as a pet

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**Then, one day, you get above the canopy**

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# The canopy

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# A toucan in the canopy

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