

**The Galapagos Islands are located on the Equator.**

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**200,000 tourists visit the Galapagos Islands every year.**

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**Around 30,000 people live in Galapagos.**

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**Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos Islands in 1835.**

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**Galapagos is home to giant tortoises.**

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**97% of Galapagos is designated national park.**

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**The Galapagos Islands have around 1500 different species of plant life.**

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**Some people think the Incas may have been the first to visit the Galapagos Islands.**

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**In 1879, settlers started to grow coffee and sugar cane in the Galapagos Islands.**

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**The trade in shark fins was banned in the Galapagos Islands in 1989.**

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**The huge 'Jessica' oil spill put 175,000 gallons of fuel into the seas near San Cristobal Island.**

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**The GDP of the Galapagos Islands is US\$73 million.**

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**The highest point in the Galapagos Islands is Wolf Volcano at over 1700m.**

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**Number of tourists visiting Galapagos is growing by fourteen percent each year.**

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**The Galapagos Islands are served by three airlines.**

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**Guava and blackberry are now recognized as two of the most harmful introduced plants.**

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