

# An unusual town

Puerto Ayora is a town with about 12,000 inhabitants, and it is a popular tourist destination. There are schools, hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, and stores that sell groceries, clothes, and souvenirs. There is also a post office and a hospital, but there isn't a movie theater. What makes Puerto Ayora an unusual place to visit?

Well, this town is located on Santa Cruz, one of the Galapagos Islands. There are 18 main islands, and they are located about 870 miles (1,400 km) off the coast of Ecuador. They are famous for their wildlife, and visitors have opportunities to see creatures such as giant tortoises, sea lions, and marine iguanas. There are also beautiful beaches, and the diving and snorkeling are amazing.

Carlos Sanchez and his family live in Puerto Ayora. They own a small grocery store. Because most of the groceries arrive by boat from the mainland, the prices are quite high; and at times finding basic groceries can be a problem. Sometimes there aren't any potatoes or tomatoes. Sometimes there isn't any tea or coffee, but visitors soon learn to adopt the same relaxed attitude as the locals.

Most visitors arrive by plane. There are flights from Guayaquil in mainland Ecuador. Then you need to take a bus and a ferry, followed by a taxi to reach Puerto Ayora. It's not easy to get to, but it's definitely worth the effort!

C. Read the text. Select *True* or *False*.

1. Many tourists visit Puerto Ayora.

True

False

2. The Galapagos Islands are about 500 miles from Ecuador.

False

True

3. Tourists generally fly to the Galapagos Islands.

True

False

4. Groceries are expensive in Puerto Ayora because Carlos Sanchez wants to make a lot of money.

False

True

5. Visitors come to the islands to climb the tall mountains along the coast of Santa Cruz.

False

True

6. There are about twenty islands that make up the Galapagos Islands.

False

True

7. The movie theater holds about 120 people, but there isn't a hospital on the island.

False

True

8. There are some beaches where you can go snorkeling.

False

True

E. Write a sentence using *there is* and *there are* about each image.

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