

CNH TOURS GUIDE

What's the best flight route to Galapagos?

We get this question a lot. From Anchorage, London, Chicago, Montreal, Singapore.... to Quito. What's the best flight route?



What's the best way, from A to B?

There is no single “best” flight route that suits everyone, because so many factors come into play when booking travel. In other words, **it really does depend** on what matters most to you personally. Here’s a deeper look at the key factors that can influence your decision:

- **Number of Connections:** Some travelers prefer to have as few connections as possible. A direct flight might be the most convenient, but it’s not always available from your home airport, or it might be more expensive. For others, a longer layover may be worth it if it significantly reduces costs.
- **Price:** Budget can be a big factor. Travelers often balance convenience with price. For example, a direct flight may be more expensive, while a flight with one or two layovers can be much cheaper. Which do you prefer?
- **Departure and Arrival Times:** People have different preferences. Some don’t mind getting up at 4AM to catch an early flight and arriving at their destination in time for a good night’s sleep. Others may not mind a red-eye, arriving early in the day so you they make the most of their time at the destination.
- **Stopovers and Interesting Layovers:** Some travelers enjoy routes that allow for a longer stop in another city, turning it into a mini trip within a trip. This can be a great way to explore a new place without buying a separate ticket.

- **Airline Loyalty Programs:** Frequent flyers might prioritize routes with airlines that offer them the most value in terms of points or status upgrades. If you're a member of a loyalty program, booking with a partner airline can also bring you added perks.
- **Reliability and Flexibility:** Some airlines have better reputations for punctuality, fewer cancellations, or more flexible policies on changes and cancellations. This can matter a lot, especially if your plans might shift.

At **CNH Tours**, when we book our flights, we typically start by using a comprehensive booking site like Expedia. These platforms show a broad range of airlines and flight options, helping us see the possibilities side-by-side. Once we identify a promising option, we **double-check** directly with the airline's website for accuracy and to make sure we're seeing the most up-to-date schedules and fares. We usually book directly with the airline—**this is key**—because in our experience, it's easier to resolve issues or make changes if something goes wrong when you're dealing directly with the airline, rather than through an intermediary booking site.

Ultimately, the best route for you will come down to balancing these factors—**price, comfort, convenience, airline loyalty, and peace of mind**—according to your own travel priorities.

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