

## FINCH BAY HOTEL SUGGESTIONS 5D/4N PROGRAMMES

The Galapagos Islands rank among the world's most extraordinary wildlife destinations. Although every inch of our world has something that makes it 'unique', the islands are that much more *sui generis* than other places due to the archipelago's isolation over millennia, which have allowed species to evolve amid the stark volcanic landscapes into new and apparently strange life forms that exist nowhere else on the planet. And on top of that, the creatures one encounters are virtually fearless of humans. It's a truly magical place.

The award-winning Finch Bay Eco Hotel lies just steps from the beach in a **secluded location**, across the bay from Puerto Ayora on the island of Santa Cruz. Guests cherish the hotel's privacy, natural surroundings, swimming pool, fine dining and superb service.

### FINCH BAY LAND & SEA (5D/4N)



#### **Day 1:**

Airport assistance in Quito/Guayaquil. Arrive at Baltra airport. Shared transfer in. Hotel accommodation.

#### **Day 2:**

Breakfast. Full day exploration, with lunch.

OR

Breakfast. Island yacht exploration, with lunch.

OR

Breakfast. Day at leisure.

#### **Day 3:**

Breakfast. Full day exploration, with lunch.

OR

Breakfast. Island yacht exploration, with lunch.

OR

Breakfast. Day at leisure.

#### **Day 4:**

Breakfast. Full day exploration, with lunch.

OR

Breakfast. Island yacht exploration, with lunch.

OR

Breakfast. Day at leisure.

#### **Day 5:**

Breakfast. Shared transfer out to Baltra airport.

**Included:**

- 4-night accommodation in the selected room
- Buffet breakfast
- 1 full-day exploration (includes lunch)
- 1 full-day island yacht exploration (includes lunch)
- Snorkel equipment
- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)
- Airport assistance in Quito/Guayaquil
- Internet / Wi-Fi

**Not included:**

- Air transportation (international and domestic) to/from Galapagos and airport taxes (subject to change without previous notice)
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee (US\$ 100 subject to change without previous notice)
- Transit control card fee (US\$ 20 subject to change without previous notice)
- Alcoholic beverages, gratuities/tips, laundry or valet services and additional items
- Optional activities with extra cost: kayaking, mountain biking, diving and surfing.
- Travel insurance
- Any item not mentioned previously

**Full day exploration options:**

- **Highlands giant tortoises with lunch (guided)**

Depart the hotel towards the Highlands of Santa Cruz. From there a short drive across the farming area will lead us to El Manzanillo at the northern edge of the Giant Tortoise Reserve. El Manzanillo is located on the natural path tortoises take every year as they either migrate to higher moist locations during the *garúa* season (June-September), or when they descend to the warmer lowlands during the wet season. The Galapagos giant tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigr*) is the largest living tortoise species, weighing up to 250 kg (550 lb). It plays an important biological role as the top grazer in its habitat. In the wild, these gentle giants slowly barrel their way through the plant cover. The shape of their carapaces varies from island to island. On Santa Cruz, year round, tortoises can be seen grazing on the surrounding vegetation, or wallowing in muddy banks or in a small red-coloured pond (impressively coloured by surface red pond-weeds).

The area is teeming with life: chirping vegetarian-, small-tree, large-tree and woodpecker mockingbirds and flycatchers, as well as ducks, herons and gallinules make this an exciting morning visit. On the return to Puerto Ayora, visit one of the island's lava tunnels, significant geological formations that take us back in time and allow us to remember how lava flows formed the islands. Lunch at El Manzanillo.

- **Tortuga Bay and Charles Darwin Research Station with lunch (guided)**

**Tortuga Bay** is located to the southwest of Puerto Ayora, on Santa Cruz Island. Its name means "turtle", and the island received this moniker because it is sea turtles favourite place to lay their eggs. The stunning white sand beach is considered by many the most beautiful in the Galapagos archipelago. The beach is reached via a marked and cobbled two kilometre path that starts at the west end of Charles Binford Street; guests must sign in and out at the National Park control point at the beginning of the path- it is open from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM daily. There is excellent bird-watching along the path, with plenty of Darwin's finches and other sea birds. And for active visitors, it is a great place to kayak, snorkel and surf!

The headquarters of the Galapagos National Park Service and The **Charles Darwin Research Station** are located side by side on the outskirts of Puerto Ayora. There is an interpretation centre open to the public and also one may view the tortoise rearing program. Those guests who do not have the opportunity to explore the highlands of Santa Cruz and see tortoises in their natural habitat will have the chance to see tortoises here. And for those who have already seen them in the wild, a visit to the Centre will expand their knowledge of this unique, iconic Galapagos animal.

### **Island yacht exploration options (guided): North Seymour Island**



North Seymour was lifted from the ocean floor by a seismic event, and its origins as a seabed give the island its low, flat profile. Cliffs only a few meters high form the shoreline, where swallow-tailed gulls sit among the ledges and rocks. A tiny forest of silver-grey Palo Santo trees stands just above the landing, usually without leaves, waiting for the rains to burst into bloom. This island is teeming with life!

### **Bartolome Island**



Bartolome is famous for Pinnacle Rock, a towering spearheaded obelisk that rises from the ocean's edge and is the best-known landmark in the islands. Galapagos penguins—the only species of penguin found north of the equator—walk precariously along narrow volcanic ledges at its base. Sea lions snooze on rocky platforms, ready to slide into the water to play with passing snorkelers.



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## South Plaza Island



South Plaza is a small island full of fascinating wildlife, both along its shore and along its dramatic, wind-swept cliffs: sea lions, land iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls, Opuntia cacti and vegetation that changes colours according to the season. South Plaza is one of Galapagos' most impressive visiting sites.

## Santa Fe Island



Santa Fe offers one of the more beautiful and sheltered coves in the islands. Its turquoise lagoon is protected by a peninsula of tiny islets forming an ideal anchorage. The island lies to the southeast of Santa Cruz within sight of Puerto Ayora. Like North Seymour, Santa Fe has been uplifted seismically, and you can see underwater lava formations.

### Packing list:

- 1 small backpack
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sneakers with rubber soles
- Shorts
- Long pants
- T-shirts
- Long and short sleeved shirts
- Wind breaker
- Bathing suit or a wetsuit for snorkelling in cold months
- Hat or cap
- Sunblock and repellent
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Camera & video recorder
- Any medicine you may be taking



- Book/Notebook

**General notes:**

- MWT guarantees air space for programmes only.
- The island visited on the day tour will depend on the itinerary approved by the Galapagos National Park Service
- All rates are subject to change without prior notice
- Galapagos Itineraries are subject to change due to weather conditions, logistical reasons, guests' safety, or Galapagos National Park regulations.

**Baggage important notes:**

- Guests can bring aboard the ship a reasonable amount of clothing and personal effects without charge. Baggage is handled in accordance with the airlines' regulations and tariffs. Baggage exceeding these limitations is subject to the charges as set forth by the individual operators. Airlines are strict with baggage limitations. The current limits are 23 kg (50.6 pounds) for checked items, 8 kg (17 pounds) for hand luggage and 1 personal item (handbag, camera bag, laptop, etc.)
- All baggage must be securely packed, and properly and clearly labeled. Liquid, fragile, perishable and other articles not suitably packed are transported at guests' own risk
- MWT is not responsible for loss or damage to baggage or any other personal item during air travel
- MWT is not responsible for baggage stored in shoreside facilities
- Under no circumstances may dangerous items (including but not limited to: explosives, firearms, combustible or illegal substances) be taken into the hotel. We recommend that you hand-carry travel documents (passport, visa, cruise tickets), medications and valuables. These items are the full responsibility of the guest at all times. MWT shall not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, such personal items
- MWT reserves the right to charge for the return of personal items left on board or lost and subsequently found

**Restricted baggage in the Galapagos**

Local authorities manage the quarantine system of the Galapagos National Park in order to reduce the possibility of foreign species invading the archipelago. All cargo and luggage that arrives to Galapagos National Park or that is transferred from one island to another must be inspected. All aircrafts are disinfected with Permethrin before landing. To preserve the human health and the native species of the Galapagos Islands, the following products may not be transferred to Galapagos: fresh vegetables and fruits, animal products and or their derivatives, dairy products, other live animals, pathological samples, dry coffee beans, genetically modified organisms, forest species or their disseminative parts, grass and its disseminative parts, fresh flowers, medicinal plants and their disseminative parts, banana tree leaves, micro-organisms (fungi, bacteria, etc.) soil and sand, and animal vaccines.

## PRICES PER PERSON + AIR TICKET

FINCH BAY ROOMS	4D/3N			
	Finch Bay Your Way	Finch Bay Land	Finch Bay Sea	Finch Bay Complete
Twin /Double	903	1.203	1.310	2.023
Single	1.623	1.923	2.030	2.721

5D/4N		
Finch Bay Your Way	Finch Bay Land & Sea	Finch Bay Complete
1.172	1.879	2.666
2.132	2.839	3.578

FINCH BAY SUITE	4D/3N			
	Finch Bay Your Way	Finch Bay Land	Finch Bay Sea	Finch Bay Complete
Twin /Double	1.224	1.524	1.631	2.334
Single	2.259	2.559	2.666	3.338

5D/4N		
Finch Bay Your Way	Finch Bay Land & Sea	Finch Bay Complete
1.600	2.307	3.073
2.980	3.687	4.384

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### FINCH BAY YOUR WAY

- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)
- 3 or 4 nights of accommodation including breakfast
- Snorkel Equipment

### FINCH BAY LAND

- Airport Assistance in Guayaquil / Quito (available only for flights that are packaged with these programs and for tickets issued by MT)
- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)

- 3 nights of accommodation including breakfast
- 1 full day land exploration with lunch
- Snorkel Equipment

#### FINCH BAY SEA

- Airport Assistance in Guayaquil / Quito (available only for flights that are packaged with these programs and for tickets issued by MT)
- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)
- 3 nights of accommodation including breakfast
- 1 full day island yacht exploration (North Seymour, South Plaza, Santa Fe and Bartolome; islands will be confirmed upon booking aboard the hotel's own yacht, the Sea Lion or similar craft)
- Snorkel Equipment

#### FINCH BAY LAND & SEA

- Airport Assistance in Guayaquil / Quito (available only for flights that are packaged with these programs and for tickets issued by MT)
- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)
- 4 nights of accommodation including breakfast
- 1 full day island yacht exploration (North Seymour, South Plaza, Santa Fe and Bartolome; islands will be confirmed upon booking aboard the hotel's own yacht, the Sea Lion or similar craft)
- 1 full day land exploration with lunch
- Snorkel Equipment

#### FINCH BAY COMPLETE

4D / 3N

- Airport Assistance in Guayaquil / Quito (available only for flights that are packaged with these programs and for tickets issued by MT)
- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)
- All meals (buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner)

- 3 nights of accommodation in the selected room
- 1 full day island yacht exploration (North Seymour, South Plaza, Santa Fe and Bartolome; islands will be confirmed upon booking aboard the hotel's own yacht, the Sea Lion or similar craft)
- 1 full day land exploration with lunch
- Arrival day visit with lunch
- Snorkel & Kayak Equipment

5D / 4N

- Airport Assistance in Guayaquil / Quito (available only for flights that are packaged with these programs and for tickets issued by MT)
- Ground transfers in/out in Galapagos (shared service)
- All meals (buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- 4 nights of accommodation in the selected room
- 2 full day island yacht explorations (North Seymour, South Plaza, Santa Fe and Bartolome; islands will be confirmed upon booking aboard the hotel's own yacht, the Sea Lion or similar craft)
- 1 full day land exploration with lunch
- Arrival day visit with lunch
- Snorkel & Kayak Equipment

**AIR RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE**

ROUTE	ADULTS	CHILDREN (*)	INFANTS
QUITO / GALAPAGOS/ QUITO	498,03	382,49	166,58
GUAYAQUIL / GALAPAGOS/ GUAYAQUIL	483,80	371,42	144,39
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QUITO / GALAPAGOS (One Way)	246,10	189,55	81,59
GUAYAQUIL / GALAPAGOS(One Way)	235,03	178,48	73,26
GALAPAGOS/ QUITO (One Way)	249,49	192,94	79,78
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**AIR TICKET FEE 16.80 USD PER PERSON**



