

## **CITY PERKS AND ISLAND GLORY** *(extended)*

### **DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

#### **ECUADOR**

##### **Day 1 – GUAYAQUIL - Wednesday**

Guayaquil transfers airport/hotel  
Overnight at Wyndham Hotel – Deluxe rooms

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##### **Day 2 – GUAYAQUIL - Thursday**

Scenic Tour of Guayaquil (private with guide and driver)  
Overnight at Wyndham Hotel – Deluxe rooms

**(B/-/-)**

##### **Day 3 – GUAYAQUIL / BALTRA / FINCH BAY HOTEL - Friday**

Private transfer between the Wyndham Hotel and the José Joaquín de Olmedo Airport.  
Dispatcher service and airport assistance  
Air tickets Guayaquil – Baltra.  
Galapagos National Park Entrance fee  
Ingala card (control transit card)

**(B/L/D)**

#### **Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel Complete 7 days / 6 nights Twin/double Rooms**

Arrival Day visits with Lunch (1/2 Day)

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

##### **Day 4 – GALAPAGOS - Saturday**

Daily Tour MT Yacht: Bartolome Island

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**(B/L/D)**

##### **Day 5 – GALAPAGOS - Sunday**

Full Day Land Tour (Tortuga Bay - Lunch - Charles Darwin Research Station)

**(B/L/D)**

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 6 – GALAPAGOS - Monday**

**(B/L/D)**

Daily Tour MT Yacht: North Seymour Island

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 7 – GALAPAGOS - Tuesday**

**(B/-/-)**

*Day at leisure*

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 8 – GALAPAGOS - Wednesday**

**(B/L/-)**

Daily Tour MT Yacht: Santa Fe Island

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 9 – GALAPAGOS / QUITO - Thursday**

**(B/-/-)**

Shared transfer between Finch Bay hotel and Baltra airport  
Ticket Baltra-Quito

Private transfer between Mariscal Sucre Airport of Quito in Tababela and the Patio Andaluz Hotel in Quito.

Overnight at Patio Andaluz Hotel – Standard rooms

**Day 10 – QUITO - Friday**

**(B/-/-)**

Scenic Tour of Quito (private with guide and driver)

Overnight at Patio Andaluz Hotel – Standard rooms

**Day 11 – QUITO - Saturday**

**(B/-/-)**

Private transfer between the Patio Andaluz Hotel and the Mariscal Sucre Airport of Quito in Tababela.

**Special Remarks:**

**B = Breakfast**

**L = Lunch**

**D = Dinner**

**BL = Box Lunch**

**ITINERARY DESCRIPTION**

**Ecuador**

A natural selection, only a Continent could give you more!

**Day 1 – GUAYAQUIL - Wednesday**

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Welcome to Guayaquil and Ecuador! At the airport, you will be greeted by a member of our staff who will escort you all the way to your hotel, giving you a short briefing on Guayaquil and the country in general with valuable information you need to know at first hand. Guayaquil is Ecuador's natural port, and its largest city with a population of three million.

This tropical city the financial and commercial center of the country, lies on the banks of the Guayas River, thirty miles inland from the Gulf of Guayaquil. The people of Guayaquil are outgoing and open; they enjoy their city and are fiercely proud of their heritage. It is not surprising to hear the drama of Guayas, a brave indigenous leader, who in his desperation to avoid falling into the hands of the Spanish conquerors, decided to kill his wife, Quil, before drowning himself in the waters of the river. Their names were joined; a city was baptized.

*Overnight – Wyndham Hotel*

## **Day 2 – GUAYAQUIL - Thursday**

**(B/-/-)**

### **Scenic tour of Guayaquil**

This visit includes the main attractions of the Port of Guayaquil, starting with the Centennial Plaza that honors the heroes of Guayaquil's independence, and then along 9th of October Boulevard to the heart of the business district of the city with the Plaza of the Administration and the striking Government and Municipal Buildings. A short stroll takes guests to the famous Moorish Clock Tower and Bolívar Park, with an equestrian statue of South America's liberator, Simón Bolívar. The latter is also called "the park of the iguanas", as here they roam undisturbed and perch on the treetops, blending perfectly with the green leaves. Beside the park is the neo-gothic Metropolitan Cathedral. Then drive to the southern end of Guayaquil's ravishing Malecon 2000 to see the Crystal Palace, the Integration Square, the Plaza of the Flags and the Plaza Olmedo, which are together, at the beginning of a 2.5 Km (1.5 mile) waterfront, running parallel to the River Guayas and featuring historical, cultural and entertainment areas. An easy walk, past decorative elements featuring the four elements: earth, fire, water and air, leads to La Rotonda, which commemorates the meeting of Simon Bolivar and Jose de San Martin, the liberators of South America. Then on to Barrio Las Peñas, one of the oldest neighborhoods of Guayaquil, whose wooden constructions have been beautifully restored, housing many art galleries. Drive past Guayaquil's cemetery with outstanding marble sculptures by famous Italian artists on to Urdesa residential area to end at Malecón del Salado, the latest urban regeneration project of the city.



*Overnight – Wyndham Hotel*

## **Day 3 – GUAYAQUIL / BALTRA / FINCH BAY HOTEL - Friday**

**(B/L/D)**

Private transfer between the Wyndham Hotel and the José Joaquín de Olmedo Airport.  
Dispatcher service and airport assistance  
Air tickets Guayaquil – Baltra.

Galapagos National Park Entrance fee  
Ingala card (control transit card)

**Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel Complete**  
**5 days / 4 nights**  
***Twin/double Rooms***

**Arrival Day visits with Lunch (1/2 Day)**

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 nigra*) 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 around, tortoises can be seen grazing on the surrounding vegetation, or wallowing in muddy banks or in a small red-colored pond (impressively colored 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.

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 4 – GALAPAGOS - Saturday**

**(B/L/D)**

**Daily Tour MT Yacht: 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.

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

### **Day 5 – GALAPAGOS - Sunday**

**(B/L/D)**

#### **Tortuga Bay - Lunch - Charles Darwin Research Station**

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 favorite 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-kilometer 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 center 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.

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

### **Day 6 – GALAPAGOS - Monday**

**(B/L/D)**

#### **Daily Tour MT Yacht: 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!

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 7 – GALAPAGOS - Tuesday**

**(B/-/-)**

*Day at leisure*

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 8 – GALAPAGOS - Wednesday**

**(B/L/-)**

Daily Tour MT Yacht: Santa Fe Island

Overnight at Finch Bay Hotel

**Day 9 – GALAPAGOS / QUITO - Thursday**

**(B/-/-)**

Shared transfer between Finch Bay hotel and Baltra airport  
Ticket Baltra-Quito

**Quito transfers airport/hotel**

Welcome to Quito! At the airport, you will be greeted by a member of our organization, we will escort you all the way to your hotel, giving you a short briefing about Quito and the country in general with valuable information you need to know. Enjoy scenic colonial and artistic Quito, visit museums, monasteries and the golden altars of its many churches. Stand with a foot on each hemisphere on the Middle of the World memorial. The capital of Ecuador has a setting that few cities in the world can match. During the 13th century it was the prosperous center of the Kingdom of Quitus. It later became the northern capital of the Inca Empire. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Colonial architects built formidable temples, monasteries and mansions, creating an urban jewel designated by UNESCO/UN as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Quito's artistic creativity awaits the visitor in cosmopolitan galleries and boutiques filled with contemporary paintings, sculptures and exquisite traditional crafts.

*Overnight at Patio Andaluz Hotel*

**Day 10 – QUITO - Friday**

**(B/-/-)**

**Scenic tour of Quito**

Quito's colonial quarter, the largest and best preserved of South America, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will stroll at the Independence Plaza, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. We will visit the temple of \*La Compañía de Jesús and its awesome gilded interior. We will continue on to the Monastery of San Francisco, one the of great religious buildings of the New World; its impressive façade and atrium that lead to its Baroque interior influenced by Moorish style, with the winged Virgin of Quito at its main altar. The tour ends at a lookout point with a great view of Quito.



*Overnight at Patio Andaluz Hotel*

### **Day 11 – QUITO - Saturday**

**(B/-/-)**

Private transfer between the Patio Andaluz Hotel in Quito and the Mariscal Sucre Airport of Quito in Tababela.

*END OF SERVICES*

## **NOTES**

### **Private transfer in/out airport to hotel or vice versa- Guayaquil.**

#### **Notes**

Guayaquil is a tropical city, with temperatures ranging between 21- 30°C (70° - 90° F) all year. Here the vibe is Caribbean, in marked contrast to Ecuador's Andean region. Expect rains from November to end of April.

#### **Recommendations**

Please make sure you have all your personal and travel documents with you.

#### **Included**

Private with guide and driver, baggage handling of two pieces of luggage per person at hotel and at airport.

#### **Not Included**

Tips

### **Scenic tour of Guayaquil**

#### **Notes**

Daily from Guayaquil

#### **Recommendations**

- Wear light clothes for warm weather.
- good walking shoes or sandals
- hat or cap, sun protection even if is overcast.
- Altitude: sea level.
- Guayaquil is a tropical city, with temperatures ranging between 21°C and 30°C (70° to 90° F) all year. Here the vibe is Caribbean, in marked contrast to Ecuador's Andean region.
- Guayaquil, in the last years has become a very interesting tourist destination.
- Rain protection is advised, especially from January through May.

#### **Included**

Private Service with guide and driver, 3 hours.

**Not Included**

Tips, drinks, personal expenses.

**Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel Complete  
7 days / 6 nights**

**Important notes:**

- The order of yacht excursions and land activities, and the order of land activities themselves, can change according to various factors, including weather, tides, group sizes and physical abilities, languages, etc. The hotel expedition staff will confirm the order of the land activity schedules.
- The island visited during the day tour depends on the approved itinerary for each vessel by the Galapagos National Park Service
- Metropolitan Touring guarantees air space for programs only.
- Schedules for yacht excursions are as follows, but guests should always check these with hotel staff:
  - 06:30 Breakfast is ready
  - 07:45 Departure from the Finch Bay Eco Hotel
  - 16:30 Arrival back at Municipal dock
- Schedules for days of land activities on Santa Cruz are more relaxed, but guests should always check these with hotel staff:
  - 06:30 Breakfast is ready
  - 09:00 Departure from the Finch Bay Eco Hotel
  - Return with plenty of time to enjoy the hotel facilities or your own activities.

**Recommendations**

- For excursions, please take solar protection, cap or hat, bathing suit, long-sleeved shirt, water bottle, snorkelling gear (if you have your own; mask, snorkel and fins are provided free of charge), camera, appropriate shoes for wet landings and hikes on lava terrain (sneakers or similar) with thick soles. Expedition staff will give further details and recommendations, as well as more natural history background, the night before.
- Lunch is served on board the yacht during excursions. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – AT EXTRA COST – PLEASE ENQUIRE**

- Cerro Puntudo hike.
- Specialised birdwatching; full-day mountain biking; full-day surfing; full-day kayaking;
- SCUBA diving packages also available.

**Included**

- Shared transfer in/out (In Galapagos)
- All Meals
- 3 days of yacht excursions (two islands: South Plaza, North Seymour or Santa Fe; islands will be confirmed upon booking) aboard the hotel's own yacht, the Sea Lion.
- 2 full days of exploring Santa Cruz Island.
- 1 visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station.
- Air transportation to/from Galápagos and airport taxes (subject to change without previous notice)
- Migration Control Card US\$ 20 per person (subject to change without previous notice)

- Galápagos National Park entrance fee (US\$ 100 subject to change without previous notice)

**Not Included:**

- Alcoholic beverages, gratuities, gifts, laundry or valet services and additional items
- Sea Kayak

**Private transfer in/out airport to hotel or vice versa- Quito.**

**Notes**

Quito airport is located about one and half hours from Quito depending on traffic conditions, please make sure you do not leave anything behind.

**Included**

Private transportation and guide, handling of two pieces of luggage per person at the airport and the hotel

**Not included**

Tips.

**Recommendations**

Please check all your travel and personal documents before leaving your hotel.

**Scenic tour of Quito.**

**Notes**

- Tour visits to churches on Sundays are not allowed
- This is a walking tour at an altitude of 2800m (9200 ft.) and involves climbing stairs.
- Every day

**Recommendations**

- Dress in layers (T-shirt, blouse, sweater, and coat).
- Women should not wear shorts nor miniskirts as visits to churches are included. Take a sweater even if the day is warm and sunny.
- Rain protection advised in the afternoon.
- Sun protection (SPF 40).
- Good walking shoes.

**Included**

Private with guide and driver, 3 hours service, daily, all entrance fees.

**Not Included**

Tips, meals, personal expenses

*The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline*

**INFORMATION**

**NOTES**

- No reservations have been placed.
- This is a preliminary costing; hotels may vary according to availability

- All services stipulated above are subject to availability at the time of booking/ reservation
- Airfare and airport taxes included in above given rates (subject to change) \$498.03 per passenger. Guayaquil – Galapagos - Quito
- Domestic Airport taxes are included in the above air fare (subject to change)
- International departure tax from Quito is not included.
- All entrance fees are subject to change without previous notice.
- Air fares are referential only. Actual rates are subject to availability at time of purchase and type of ticket (refunds and changes allowed/not allowed, penalties apply / not apply, etc.). Tickets are non-refundable and non-endorsable in case of cancellation
- All tips are optional and voluntary
- Rates apply for the whole year except on the Peak season dates in Galapagos Christmas and New Year, and any other National or Religious Holidays which may have special rates; please verify.
- Rates are subject to change without prior notice in case supplier conditions change.

### **INCLUSIONS**

- Private services with local English or Spanish speaking guide in Quito/Guayaquil, except where otherwise specified
- All entrance fees to the sites mentioned above
- Meals: As indicated in the itinerary
- Air tickets Guayaquil – Galapagos - Quito
- National Park Entrance fee – Galapagos National Park
- Ingala card. Control transit card.
- Finch Bay Eco Hotel program, 7 days / 6 nights.
- Tours as mentioned above.
- Nights' accommodation as mentioned above
- Permanent assistance during the trip

### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Meals or any other item not described in the itinerary.
- Early check-in, late check-out, services and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary
- Personal expenses.
- Drinks during meals, hotel extras and personal spending
- Tips