

# ECUADOR - FINCH BAY HOTEL ISLAND ESCAPE



## INTRODUCTION

Experience the Galapagos of your dreams in this in-depth Galapagos Adventure that puts you in close contact with the natural world, while enjoying a relaxing stay at the Finch Bay Hotel on Santa Cruz Island. Whether your interests lie in observing the natural wildlife of the Galapagos, enjoying world-class diving, mountain biking, exploring lava fields, relaxing on the beach, or a bit of everything, your stay at the Finch Bay Hotel offers you the freedom to select the activities of your choice: Hike to Tortuga Bay, Swim, Snorkel, Enjoy the sun at the beach or the pool side, Photograph and observe the wildlife, Stroll around the village of Puerto Ayora, Enjoy day cruises to nearby islands, Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, World-class scuba diving , Adventure mountain biking, Stargazing and much more.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Galapagos Arrival

Upon arrival at Baltra airport, meet your guide to transfer to Finch Bay Eco Hotel.



### TRIP CODE

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### DEPARTURE

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4 Days

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### DAY 2: Yacht Excursions

Finch Bay has created a program so you can enjoy as much of the local area as you want. You have the opportunity to board the hotel's yacht for Bartolomé or North Seymour Island. The volcanic Bartolomé hosts the famous Pinnacle Rock, home to Galapagos penguins, the only species of penguin found north of the equator. While on North Seymour you will find the largest frigate bird nesting site and a green sea turtle nesting area on the white sands of Bachas Beach, great for snorkelling. This island is teeming with life! You might have to give way to a passing sea lion or marine iguana; blue-footed booby nests sit beside the trail where mating pairs perform their courtship dance.



### DAY 3: Land Activities

Finch Bay has created a program so you can enjoy as much of the local area as you want. On Santa Cruz Island, you can visit the Highlands for spectacular views and study the endemic flora as well as an abundance of fauna; see giant tortoises in their natural habitat and at the Manzanillo Tortoise Reserve; and visit Tortuga Bay which is perhaps Ecuador's most beautiful beach or visit Cerro Mesa and Garrapatero Cove. After taking a vehicle for 5 kms you will get to Cerro Mesa, a private preserve is a great combination of native and endemic forest, a splendid birding area, a natural path of migrating giant tortoises and impressive volcanic formations. Later we will walk towards Garrapatero Cove and beach, regarded as having the finest sand in all Galápagos! We enjoy a soothing dip in the waters; take a small trip on a tandem, sit-on-top kayak; lie on the beach; or walk a short distance to a brackish lagoon, home of stilts, plovers, pintails and flamingoes. Our staff from the hotel meet guests here. A previously-ordered box lunch is served under the shade of the halophyte trees. After




### DAY 4: Los Gemelos & Departure

After breakfast, depart the Finch Bay Hotel and visit Los Gemelos, the Twin Pit Craters, great geological depressions of volcanic material formed by a long process of slow sinking of the ground. Then, transfer overland to the airport for the flight back to mainland Ecuador.



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### INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

**Accommodation**

Deluxe

**Inclusions**

Private airport transfers  
 Accommodation with breakfast daily  
 Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary  
 Other meals where stated  
 Yacht excursion 1 day aboard hotels own Yacht Sea Lion  
 Optional activites (kayaking, mountain biking)

**Exclusions**

International flights  
 Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable)  
 Travel insurance  
 Beverages  
 Personal expenses  
 Gratuities for tour guides/drivers  
 Galapagos transit control card (USD\$20 per person subject to change)  
 Galapagos Park Entrance Fee (USD\$100 per person subject to change)

**Difficulty Rating**

1 - Easy

**Single Surcharge**

Available upon request, contact us for more details

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**Notes**

- Transfers in/out between Baltra Airport and Finch Bay Hotel are included for programs only.
- Vessels available: M/Y Yacht Sea Finch or M/Y Sea Lion.
- The island visited during the day tour depends on the approved itinerary for each vessel by the Galapagos National Park Service
- Galápagos Itineraries are subject to change due to weather conditions, logistical reasons, guests' safety or Galápagos National Park Regulations.

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

**Price Dependent upon** Season and availability

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Finch Bay Hotel has an intrinsic sustainability philosophy. Staff are intrinsically trained in sustainability issues, nearly 70% taking alternative transport, such as bikes to work. The beaches are cleaned each day, with guests asked to volunteer and share

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stories with local residents and workers. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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