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### Galapagos Luxury Journey 8 days – 7 nights Quito, Baltra, Galapagos Islands Eco-Tourism, Nature, Adventure, Relaxation

## This program is fully customizable and may be operated for individuals, pods and small groups

Discover the enchanted Galapagos Islands through this island-hopping tour! The islands offer endless opportunities to witness a unique abundance of wildlife in a setting unlike any other on the planet. Due to its isolation, the Galapagos formed a natural sanctuary that preserves species, allowing them to evolve over countless millennia. This is one of the few places on earth that allows such close and intimate contact with the wildlife. The tour also provides many benefits to local communities and is socially and environmentally responsible. Be part of an educational and inspirational journey of a lifetime in one of the most fiercely protected marine wilderness in the world!

## Day 1: Quito

Welcome to Quito! The largest, best preserved colonial city of America declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. The city is considered the Cultural Capital of South America and is located on the equator in a valley at the foothills of the Pichincha volcano. Depending on arrival time, you can spend your day exploring the old town of Quito and the surrounding area. In the evening, one of our trip leaders will meet you at the hotel's lobby for a welcome briefing. At this time, we will discuss the details and questions you may have regarding the adventure. Our first day is an acclimation and information day.

## Day 2: Quito, Galapagos

After arrival at Baltra Airport, you'll be welcomed at the VIP lounge. Your guide will drive you to Montemar, in Santa Cruz Island, for lunch and accommodation. In the afternoon take an introductory walk of the property with your host. Along the Tortoise Path learn about and enjoy the company of local giant tortoises and Darwin Finches and about the programs that take place to support their conservation. Then, take the Coffee Walk tour of the organic and biodynamic coffee plantation and garden. Finally, on the Sustainable Path learn about the sustainable practices of your villa. Free time until dinner at Montemar's Culinary Expedition. Enjoy an EMF (Electro-Magnetic-Fields) detox night. [B/L/D]

## Day 3: Galapagos (Wildlife Yacht Ride and Marine Life)

After an early morning welcome buffet breakfast, you'll be met and transferred to your embarkation point to board your yacht and head to either North Seymour, Plazas, Santa Fe, or Bartolome Island. The itinerary depends on availability. This tour, shared with other guests, includes a walk to observe wildlife colonies as well as swimming/snorkeling to observe the marine life. After lunch on board, return to Montemar with free time before dinner at Montemar's Culinary expedition. EMF detox night in your villa. [B/L/D]

## Signature Option: Private Yacht

You may opt for a private yacht rental and hire a private guide for this tour

### Day 4: Galapagos (Beach Day with Iguanas, Sharks & Rays)

Morning pick-up for a hike to Tortuga Bay to enjoy beautiful white sand, clear water and look for black marine iguanas and shore birds. Optional White coral cleansing and scrub. Picnic on the beach catered by your ecolodge. Kayak or SUP (Stand-Up Paddle board) by the coast of mangrove forest keeping an eye for sharks, marine turtles & rays. Return to your villa in Montemar and take an optional stretching and mindfulness exercise (moving beyond thoughts and time) before dinner at Montemar's Culinary expedition. EMF detox night. [B/L/D]

### Day 5: Wildlife Yacht Ride & Marine Life

After an early morning welcome buffet breakfast, you'll be met and transferred to your embarkation

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## Day 6: Galapagos (Lava Pools, Puerto Ayora, Charles Darwin Research Station)

Early morning leave for sunrise with a refreshing swim in natural pools in the middle of a lava flow. Possibly to learn a breathing technique (optional). Breakfast in town at a local restaurant in Puerto



Ayora to explore typical recipes before a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station and the Galapagos National Park Center. Take a walking or scooter tour and learn the story of Lonesome George. Then, explore Puerto Ayora by yourself using a special tailored map indicating Montemar´s hidden secrets in town. Return to Montemar foa a surf and turf BBQ with local sustainable fish and seafood. Learn to prepare Montemar signature drink with snacks and music. EMF detox night. [B/L/D]

# Signature Option: Massage

Enjoy a massage at Montemar´s Spa **Signature Option: Invite Local scientists** Share with scientists behind the research of Giant Tortoises in Galapagos

### Day 7 – Galapagos, Quito

Enjoy breakfast at the ecolodge before your VIP transfer out to Baltra Airport according to departure time of your flight. Upon arrival in Quito, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure [B]

### Day 8 – Quito, USA

Depending on your flight schedule you may have some time for last minute activities in Quito. At the appointed time you will be taken to the airport to board your flight back home. Take with you memories and photos and leave a piece of your heart, as you will want to return to Ecuador soon to experience more of this enchanted land. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L/D/] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA, Quito, Galapagos
- Domestic flights
- 7 nights' accommodation:
  - o Quito 2 nights
  - o Montemar 5 nights
- Meals:
  - o Breakfast daily
  - o 5 lunches
  - $_{\circ}$  5 dinners
- Enjoy a Full Day on a private yacht

- Snorkeling with sea turtles, rays, penguins and sea lions.
- Kayak to view wildlife
- Hike to Tortuga Bay
- Charles Darwin Research Station
- Encounter with wild giant tortoises
- Out-door gear: snorkeling equipment
- Trip Leader: Certified expert Englishspeaking local guides
- Private and comfortable land transportation & marine transportation
- All local taxes

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## Tour does not include:

- Airfare related taxes and fees
- Optional private yacht
- Galapagos National Park Entrance Fee USD 100 per person
- INGALA Transit Control Card USD 20 per person
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Meals not described in the itinerary
- Early check-in or late checkout at hotels
- Expenses of personal nature
- Optional tours
- Any services not included in the tour
- Tips to restaurants, guides and drivers

### Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Deluxe		
Quito	Casa Gangotena	5
Montemar	Montemar Luxury Eco-Villas	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

## **Tour Prices:**

### From: \$9,209 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

# • Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• Program

### You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- $_{\circ}$  Meals

### • Other options

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

# Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

Prices are minimum for low season. Please call for other periods

# Tour Code: EC06GPS21PJ

### **Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

## **Group Quotations**

• If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please



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either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.

- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.



# Villa Tortuga Specs



## Villa Lechuza Specs



