



## tour details

### Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands Tour includes:

- Return air flights with all pre collected taxes and services included
- Fully escorted tour by Janice Bock
- All breakfasts and lunches (except days of travel), and five dinners included as noted in the itinerary
- Galapagos National Park entry fees
- All rooms / accommodation including all taxes and service charges, including 2 nights at Finch Bay eco-lodge Santa Cruz
- All ground, air and boat transfers throughout the entire program
- 6 days in islands, 4 days/3 nights on expedition cruise vessel + 2 nights at Finch Bay Ec lodge
- Complete travel information on Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands
- All side trips & attractions as itinerary
- All taxes and service charges applicable to included features

### \$4,995 CDN per person sharing

Single supplement on request only

#### Limited Availability:

Our program is limited to sixteen people and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Not included:** Insurance, all items of personal nature, meals other than as indicated, and additional sightseeing

#### Deposit & Payment:

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person. Insurance is highly recommended.

**Final Payment** is due March 17, 2008.



## book now!

For more information, detailed itineraries, pricing and to reserve your place on this tour, please contact:

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## Galapagos Islands and Ecuador

Escorted by Janice Bock

May 25 to  
June 5, 2008

*There are few exotic destinations that spark the ecological imagination as the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador.*

*Our tour is a combination of some unique sightseeing coupled with an exploration of the Galapagos Archipelago. This remarkable tour includes visits to Charles Darwin Station, Hood Island, Floreana Island, Isabela Island, the Chiva Express and a full day tour to Otavalo Market, Cotopaxi and the Mindo Cloud Forest. The tour also includes travel inter-island (by air and boat), rail excursion and local guides for the sightseeing tours.*





### **May 25 Toronto / Quito**

Our group departs this morning from Toronto to Quito, Ecuador. At the airport you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Dann Carlton Quito for a 5 night stay.

### **May 26 Otavalo Market (B, L)**

Visit the land of the Otavaleños and South America's most famous Indian fair. Visit Calderon, a small village that has a tradition of making colourful dough figurines. Continue through the dramatic mountain scenery to the textile market of Otavalo. Finally proceed to Peguche, home to artisans who do weaving in their homes. Enjoy lunch at one of the charming country inns in the area.

### **May 27 Quito (B, L)**

Today we will enjoy a scenic five hour tour of Colonial Quito and area. Balance of the day is left open for individual exploration and discovery.

### **May 28 Chiva Express & Cotopaxi Nation Park (B, L)**

Travel by bus to Tambillo to catch the "Chiva Express". A highlight of this trip is to a panoramic view of the stunning Andean region of Ecuador. Disembark at El Boliche and continue by bus to the Cotopaxi National Park, an ecological sanctuary for nature lovers. Visit the Limpiopungo Lagoon and observe the flora and fauna. Lunch enroute. Return to Quito by bus.



### **May 29 Mindo Cloud Forest (B, L)**

Mindo is located on the west side of Quito in a deep valley surrounded by native Andean forest, represented by vegetation of three different life zones, from the low subtropical forest to the cloud mountain forest and the high paramo. We arrive at a local hosteria, where we will have the opportunity to enjoy an ecosystem that contains one of the largest varieties of birds and plant life in the world. Mindo is a birdwatcher's paradise—over 400 species of birds have been recorded—numerous hummingbirds. There are many kinds of epiphytes, including orchids and bromeliads. Butterflies are plentiful. All this is located in the Mindo rainforest located at an altitude of 2,100m.

Overnight in Quito

### **May 30 Baltra – Cruise (B, L, D)**

We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Baltra (lunch on board) where we will proceed to our expedition vessel, the M/V Santa Cruz for our three night / four day Galapagos Islands Cruise. All meals are included on board during our stay.

*Cruise itinerary includes:*

3 nights on expedition vessel  
Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristobal)  
Kicker Rock & Cerro Brujo (San Cristobal)  
Punta Suarez (Espanola/Hood Island)  
Punta Cormorant (Floreana Island)  
Punta Espinoza (Fernandina Island)  
Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)



### **June 2 Finch Bay (B, L, D)**

On arrival back in Baltra we will be met by a Finch Bay representative and proceed by bus and ferry to the Finch Bay Hotel. Today we tour the highlands of Santa Cruz to see free-range tortoises and also enjoy a guided visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station. The Charles Darwin Research Station conducts research focusing on terrestrial and marine conservation for the Galapagos. Lunch provided during excursion. Dinner and overnight at the Finch Bay Hotel.

### **June 3 Finch Bay (B, L, D)**

This day is left open for exploration and we will determine locally what sights and tours we wish to do today. There are a large number of exciting opportunities and, as a group or individually, you may decide what best satisfies your interests.

### **June 4 Quito (B,L)**

American breakfast included. Transfer to the airport and take a flight to Quito (lunch on board). Explore nearby Botanical Gardens, or Quito, on your own in the afternoon. Overnight at the Hotel Dann Carlton Quito.

### **June 5 Departure (B)**

Early morning transfer and flight to return to our home through Toronto.