



# **GIANT BLUE MARLIN & STRIPED MARLIN ON FLY, THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS**



## ABOUT UNIQUELY FLY

At *Uniquely Fly*, we craft unforgettable, privately guided fly fishing adventures in some of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Our mission is to combine world-class fly fishing with expert instruction and seamless travel experiences — tailored to anglers of all levels who are looking to improve their skills.

Every trip is led by a dedicated fly fishing expert and tailor-made to your personal goals — whether you're aiming to land your first billfish on fly or refine your casting on the trout rivers of the English countryside.

Pre-trip consultations and coaching are included with every booking — in person or online — so you can hit the water running on Day 1.

We don't chase long seasons. We only fish our destinations at the *peak* times of year, ensuring you have the greatest possible opportunity for success on the water.

This is fly fishing travel, elevated. It's personal. It's *Uniquely Yours*.





## ABOUT THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

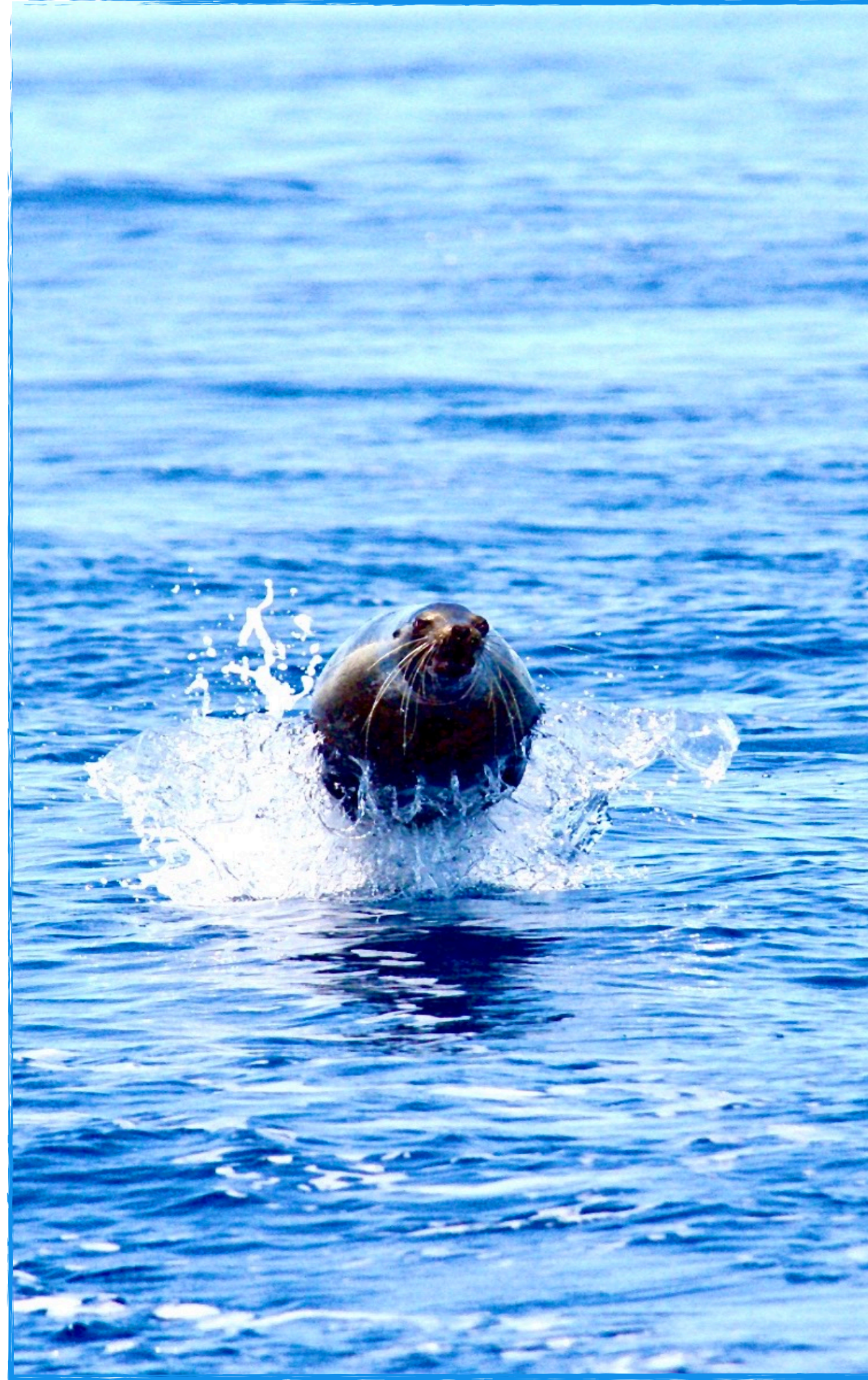
620 miles off the coast of Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands offer one of the most extraordinary fishing experiences on Earth. Hot and cold currents merge around towering volcanic islands that rise from deep blue waters teeming with life — from whales and sea lions to bait balls and billfish.

The Galapagos Marine Reserve runs 40 nautical miles from every islands' coasts and was just extended in 2022, adding 30,000 square kms to the 'no take' (catch and release) fishing zone.

This protected marine reserve is home to some of the highest concentrations of striped marlin anywhere in the world, and some absolutely giant blue marlin.

We fish on one of only five boats licensed to operate within the Galápagos Marine Reserve, ensuring exclusive access and strict conservation standards.

Beyond the fishing, you'll encounter giant tortoises, swimming iguanas, whales, whale sharks, penguins, manta rays, turtles, and the island's rich volcanic landscapes — making this a trip that's as adventurous and wild as the species we are after.







## THE FISHING

From the striped marlin banks to the deep canyons offshore that hold huge blue marlin, the billfish fishing around the Galapagos Islands is second to none.

We only run our seasons at the best time of year and this is from **late March** to **mid May**.

**Late March** to **mid May** sees huge numbers of **striped marlin** feeding on the sea mounts around San Cristobal Island.

Expect to raise **8-20 striped marlin per day** to cast a fly to, each an average of 120-250+ lbs. We also see striped marlin feeding on the surface making sight casting to these fish a reality.

In late March to mid May **giant blue marlin** cruise along the deep drop offs of **Isabela and Floreana Islands**.

The Galapagos is the **only place in the world** to hold two such amazing fisheries side by side and therefore we highly recommend doing a **combination trip**.

Our **combination trips** will have you **exploring all four of the inhabited island of the Galapagos**, and catching fish after fish of a lifetime.





# OFFSHORE SPECIES



*Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin, Dorado, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, and more*





## YOUR HOST - JAMIE MELVIN

Born and raised in Kenya, Jamie Melvin is the founder and lead guide at Uniquely Fly.

A lifelong angler, Jamie has dedicated his life to chasing giant marlin and any fish small enough on the fly — from the Indian Ocean and Caribbean to the far reaches of the Galápagos and the trout streams of the UK.

Jamie's passion for fishing is as infectious as the laughter and energy he brings to every trip.

While he's at home in all water, his true obsession is giant marlin and saltwater fly fishing. With 20 years of experience as billfish captain and as a saltwater fly guide, he is more than ready to put you on the fish of your dreams.

There are few countries he hasn't fished in, and few species he hasn't caught — or fought memorably.

From the moment you land to the moment you leave, Jamie uses his experience to guide you both on the ground and while you're fishing, to ensure you have a trip of a lifetime.

"He is so organised, kind, and funny, and his presence relaxed us — a friend [he has become) who made wonderful choices for us. One of the best travel and fishing guides we have ever experienced" - Peter Gelfand





## OUR TEAM



We will fish from "Patricia" a 37ft Ecuador made sport-fisher powered by 3 x 300hp Suzuki 4 stroke.

The boat has a max speed of 30 knots to get you to the fishing grounds in good time.

The boat is kitted out with GPS, radio, Omni-sonar, chart-plotter, and excellent offshore gear. All the reels are Alutecnos Albacore 130s on custom Chaos rods, and the lures & teasers are world class.

The boat is run by one of the most experienced teams in the Galapagos. We have a private chef making hot lunches in the galley each day.

Snacks will also be served throughout the day such as fruit, pop corn, ceviche and more.

Your host Jamie Melvin will be on board to guide you and ensure everything is delivered at the highest of standards.







## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

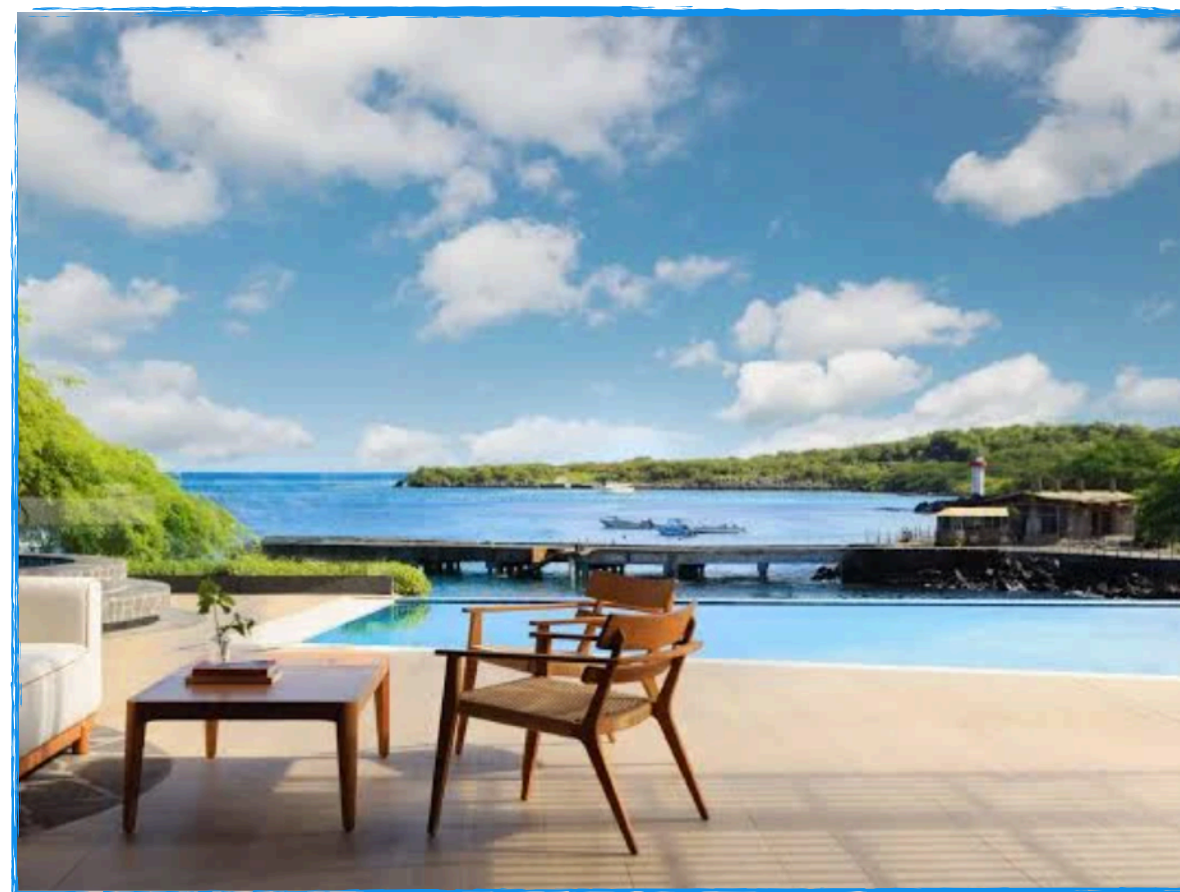
Having delivered world class fishing trips in the Galapagos for years, we have a large network of **accommodation options for you to choose from.**

Whether you are looking for 5-star luxury, stylish boutique, or something simple, we will integrate just what you'd like into your itinerary.

We always ensure your accommodation is a short walk to the dock, come with excellent ensuite rooms, air conditioning, WiFi and more.

You also have the option to share a room or have your own room during your trip.

All bookings come with breakfast included.







## TAILOR MADE ITINERARIES

All our itineraries at Uniquely Fly are tailor-made for every trip. This gives you the option to create your perfect combo of fishing days as well as days off to explore the islands.

We also offer multi-island itineraries that will have you staying on Santa Cruz, San Cristobal, Floreana, and Isabela Islands during your trip — and we fish to get to and from each island so no time is ever wasted.

## TRIP CONSULTATION

In order to create your ideal itinerary, it is important to have a trip consultation with Jamie. He has guided these trips many times, and thus can put together the perfect adventure for you. Please get in touch with him at [uniquelyflytravel@gmail.com](mailto:uniquelyflytravel@gmail.com) to set up your consultation.

There is an **example itinerary** available on the next page for your reference.



## EXAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrival at San Cristobal Airport you'll be met by your host. Checkin to your hotel, and enjoy some beach and snorkel time while seeing the amazing wildlife .

Day 2, 3, & 4 - Striped Marlin on Fly at San Cristobal

Day 5 - Giant Blue Marlin starting at San Cristobal Island and ending at Floreana Island

Day 6 - Giant Blue Marlin starting at Floreana Island and ending at Isabela Island

Day 7 & 8 - Giant Blue Marlin at Isabela Island

Day 9 - Giant Blue Marlin starting at Isabela Island and ending at Santa Cruz

Day 10 - Departure from Baltra Airport - after breakfast enjoy a taxi ride over the mountains to the Itabaca Channel to meet the boat taxi and bus to the airport.





## EXAMPLE PRICING

As all trips are tailor made, the pricing found here is based on a specific itinerary.

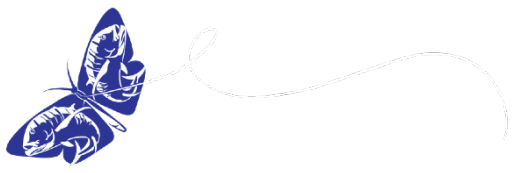
**\$13,650 per angler** for 10 days, 9 nights, 8 days offshore fishing based on 3 anglers

## INCLUDES

- Pre-trip fishing coaching, online and/or in person
- 9 nights accommodation at your chosen level of accommodation with breakfast
- Private host & guide, onsite coaching during the trip
- 8 days of offshore fly fishing and conventional for billfish
- Packed lunches, soft drinks, and beers on fishing days
- Fly rod, reel rental, and 1 fly line per angler included
- Airport transfers and daily transfers to fishing if needed





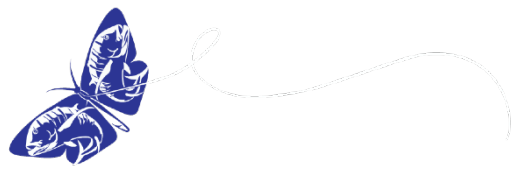


## EXTRAS TO BE CONSIDERED

- Galapagos Park Fees (\$200 pp)
- Ingala Cards (\$20 pp)
- Fishing tips \$100-150 per angler per day
- Dinners Out - \$30-40 per person per night
- Snorkel & Diving Tours
- Wildlife Tours
- Alcohol, Flights, Visas







## GEAR LIST

### FISHING

- 12 Wt fly rod and saltwater reel
- 12 Wt fly lines plus spares
- 100 & 120 lbs fluorocarbon leaders
- Billfish Flies

\*Rod, reel & 1 fly line hire are included the trip cost

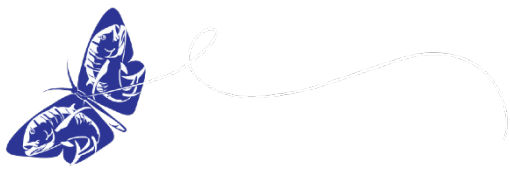
\*Fly packs can be purchased for \$35 per person

### IMPORTANT INFO

- Travel insurance with medical cover is mandatory for all
- Broken rods and reels will be charged at the cost of a replacement
- USD are accepted in Galapagos
- Tips must be paid in cash

### GENERAL

- Sun cream
- Hats and buffs
- Polarised Sunglasses
- Long sleeved fishing shirts
- Light trousers for fishing in
- Camera
- Mosquito repellent
- Rehydration Salts
- Rain Jacket



## GETTING TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

**From Europe** - Direct flights to **Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador** are available from **Madrid or Amsterdam**. The best route **from London** is to fly **via Bogota and** change planes for **Guayaquil, Ecuador**.

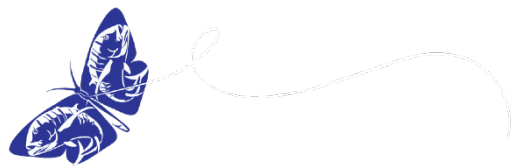
**From East Coast USA** - Direct flights from NYC or Miami to Quito, Ecuador are available, otherwise flying via Bogota, Panama or Miami are the best routes to Ecuador.

**From West Coast USA** - One stop flights via Panama, Bogota or Houston are the best routes to either Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador.

**Arrival In Ecuador** - On arrival in Ecuador, you may be able to change planes and fly directly to the Galapagos with Avianca or LATAM. In some cases, a night in either city is required before catching a flight to the Galapagos the next day.







## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm the trip
- The final 50% is due 90 days before the trip start date
- Cancellations must be in writing and are effective on the date the cancellation is received
- For cancellations within 91 days or more of the trip start date, the deposit is forfeited unless the dates can be resold, in which case a 10% admin fee is charged
- For cancellations within 90 days or less of the trip start date, 100% of the trip cost is forfeited unless the client can find a replacement, in which case a 10% admin fee is charged
- If you fail to show up for the trip, arrive after the trip start date, or leave prior to the end of the trip, no reimbursement whatsoever will be made







PRIVATELY GUIDED FISHING TRAVEL



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