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Calipso Yacht: Route C (Monday - Thursday)

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Explore the Galapagos Islands in comfort and style aboard the Calipso yacht. Completely refurbished in 2019, the Calipso liveaboard has 8 beautifully decorated cabins full of modern comforts. A choice of accommodation is available, from single, twin or double-bed options, all featuring plenty of storage space, charging ports, individual climate control, TV and an en-suite bathroom. Each stateroom on the main and upper deck also features picture windows with ocean-views. The large and open social areas offer the perfect place for guests to unwind and relax in-between adventure cruise activities. Enjoy delicious cuisine, freshly prepared and served at either the large indoor dining area with coffee station and fully stocked bar or out on the sun-deck, which also has al-fresco dining. The perfect place to enjoy the sea-breeze and incredible Galapagos landscapes. There are also comfortable sun loungers and a hot tub for further relaxation.

Islands you will visit:

- South Plaza
- Floreana
- Santa Fe
- Santa Cruz
- San Cristobal

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

AM Arrival in Baltra Airport and Transfer to the boat

PM South Plaza Island

South Plaza Island

In the morning, you will head to South Plaza Island. This small island with steep cliffs was formed by rising lava and is now covered by *Opuntia* cacti. It is also home to one of the largest sea lion colonies as well as colorful yellow and red land iguanas. The most characteristic plant is *Sesuvium*. During the rainy season its color is a greenish to yellowish tone and in the dry season (end of June through January) a bright red.

Highlights:	Land iguanas, sea lion colony, Audubon's shearwaters, swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies, amazing landscape with cliffs
Possible Activities:	Hike (1.5 miles / 2 ½ km)
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Moderate

DAY 2

FLOREANA ISLAND



AM Floreana Island: Post Office Bay / Baroness Viewing Point

PM Floreana Island: Cormorant Point

Post Office Bay

In the 18th century whalers passing through the islands placed a wooden barrel on Floreana Island for use as an unofficial mail box. The tradition continues today as visitors leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home.

Highlights:	Post office barrel, nice sandy beach
Possible Activities:	Short hike (less than 0.6 miles/1 km) & snorkeling
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy

Baroness Viewing Point

Baroness Viewpoint is a fantastic place to absorb the environment of the Galapagos. Once inhabited by an indulgent baroness and her three lovers, the history of this island is intriguing. The legends about this baroness are associated with a fascinating murder mystery. There are easy trails in this area for exploring the flora and fauna of Floreana.

Highlights:	Great view, sea turtles, mysterious story about the first inhabitants of the islands
Possible Activities:	Short hike (0.6 miles/1 km), Snorkeling, Kayaking and Panga Ride
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy

Cormorant Point

This site hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts and white-cheeked pintails can also be seen. The beaches on this island are distinct: The “Green Beach” named so due to its green color, which comes from a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the “Four Sand Beach” composed of white coral.

Highlights:	Flamingos, green-colored beach
Possible Activities:	Dinghy ride & hike (1.2 miles /2 km)
Type of Landing:	Wet landing



DAY 3

SANTA FE ISLAND

AM Santa Fe Island
PM Santa Cruz Island: Tortoise Breeding Center

Santa Fe Island

Santa Fe (Barrington) is home to the small picturesque bay and anchorage on the island's northeast coast. The bay has two visitor trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint atop a cliff, and the other spanning from a small beach to a tall prickly pear cactus forest.

Highlights:	Land iguanas, giant tunas
Possible Activities:	Hiking
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Moderate

Charles Darwin Station / Fausto Llerena Breeding Center

The Charles Darwin Research Station is home to turtles ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Subspecies of turtles interact with one another and many of the older turtles are accustomed to humans stretching out their heads for a photo opportunity. The babies are kept until they are about four years old and strong enough to survive on their own.

Highlights:	Giant tortoises in captivity
Possible Activities:	Walking
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Easy

DAY 4

SAN CRISTOBAL



AM San Cristobal: Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center
Transfer to the San Cristobal Airport

Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center

The Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center was opened in 1998 as a phase of the project “Interpretation and Environment Education Project.” Visitors enjoy expositions on natural history, human history, and conservation. The conservation efforts represent the movement to protect the wildlife and natural environment through means of population and tourist control. The Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center has an outdoor stadium, audio-visual equipment, and meeting rooms.

Possible Activities:	Short walk
Difficulty:	Easy
Type of Landing:	Dry
Highlights:	Information and history about the Galapagos Islands.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 30, 2026	Main Cabin	—	**$2,845**
Apr 5, 2027	Main Cabin	—	**$2,845**
May 3, 2027	Main Cabin	—	**$2,845**
May 31, 2027	Main Cabin	—	**$2,845**
Jun 28, 2027	Main Cabin	—	**$2,845**

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

🏷️ **Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.**

Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/Calipso-Yacht-Route-C-Galapagos-Island-Monday for the latest information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Payment Policy:

- At the time of booking a deposit of 20% of the total tour price
- The remaining balance is due a minimum of 65 calendar days prior to departure date

To issue final confirmation Palace tours requires 60 days prior to departure (or at time of reservation for last minute bookings) the following information for all passengers:

- Complete passenger names
- Passport copy
- Nationality
- Date of birth
- Marital Status
- Dietary or medical restrictions

Failure to provide the above information on time may result in delays and possibly passengers missing the tour completely. Palace tours will not accept responsibility or provide refunds if the above information is not provided in its entirety and on time.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be done in writing. If a cancellation is received more than 125 days prior to tour departure date a cancellation fee of 10% of the total price will be retained as cancellation fee.

If a cancellation is received between 125 days and 65 days prior to tour departure date, 20% of the total price will be forfeited.

In the case of a cancellation received less than 65 days prior to the boat departure the full amount will be retained.

*Christmas & New Year: special conditions apply. Please contact us for details.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the best time to visit Galapagos?

> Galapagos is a place that can be visited at any time. There are two season, and the warmest is between December and May. It is the time of year when the sky is always clear, and the sun shines strongly. If you love to dive in amazing places, the best time to visit Galapagos is from June to November. During this season the weather is a little cooler, but it gives you the chance to enjoy the best from Galapagos' famous marine reserve.

What should we bring?

> Since the islands are situated very near the Equator, we recommend that you bring lightweight clothing and of course, don't forget your swimsuits, sun lotion, and good footwear.

How long is the flight from Ecuador to the Galapagos?

> It depends from where you depart. Flights to the Galapagos leave from Quito and Guayaquil. It takes about half an hour to get from Quito to Guayaquil and roughly one and a half hours from Guayaquil to the islands.

Are there any immunizations required/recommended?

> For the Galapagos Islands there are no required or recommended immunizations. If you, however, intend to spend more time in Ecuador, especially in the jungle, immunization is highly recommended. As this changes from time to time please check with your local health office (or the Institute for Tropical Diseases) a few weeks in advance of your trip.

Are single or triple suites available?

> Most of our cruises will assign double cabins to all passengers unless you want to pay the single supplement if traveling alone. Triple cabins can also be arranged on request, depending on availability and the vessel you choose.

What is the time zone of the Galapagos Islands?

> The Galapagos Islands are 6 hours behind GMT (equivalent to USA Central Standard Time)

Does the equatorial line cross the Galapagos Islands?

> The equatorial line does pass through the Galapagos, just north of Isla Santiago. Please refer to our Itinerary page to see which itinerary passes through the equatorial line.

What are marine currents like the Galapagos?

> The Galapagos Islands waters have the Humboldt Current's influence that brings cold waters especially during the mist rainy season (cool weather) from July to December. The warm season is during the months of January to June. The southeast trade winds become weaker and the water from the Panama Basin remains warm. During this season there is more of a tropical climate with some occasional rains. "El Niño" current may cause a much greater flow of warm waters, making the surface warmer and rainfall increase.

What is the water temperature in the Islands?

> Average water temperatures in Galapagos:
> January - June: 70°F - 80°F (20°C - 26°C)
> July - December: 65°F - 75°F (18°C- 23°C)

Can you snorkel in the Galapagos?

> Snorkeling equipment is available on-board and is an activity on all of our Galapagos Cruises. All water sports convey a certain risk. Passengers participating in these activities do so under their own responsibility.
> *Restrictions and fees might apply, please contact us for more information.

Special Diets:

> Passengers with special dietary needs are asked to request the latest menu offered and in such cases that stated menu does not meet their needs to clearly convey their specific dietary needs. It is the responsibility of passengers with specific dietary needs to addressed additional requirements at least 30 days prior to the start of the cruise. Those general and specific needs not clearly conveyed cannot be met. Every reasonable effort will be made to cater to such requests within reason, subject to availability of products in Ecuador retains the right to refuse to cater such special needs.

How long is Calipso Yacht Route C and which days does it sail?

> Route C is a 3-night, 4-day cruise aboard the Calipso yacht. It starts on a Monday with arrival at Baltra airport and ends on Thursday with a transfer to San Cristobal airport for your flight back to mainland Ecuador.

Which islands does Calipso Route C visit?

> Monday: South Plaza, with its sea lion colony and land iguanas. Tuesday: Floreana, with Post Office Bay, the Baroness Viewing Point and Cormorant Point. Wednesday: Santa Fe and the Tortoise Breeding Center on Santa Cruz. Thursday: the Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center on San Cristobal before the airport.

Do I fly into and out of different airports on Route C?

> Yes. Route C begins at Baltra airport and finishes at San Cristobal airport, so your flights from mainland Ecuador should arrive into Baltra and return from San Cristobal. Mainland to Galapagos airfare is not included in the fare, and we can advise on flight timing when you book.

What is the Calipso yacht like?

> The Calipso was completely refurbished in 2019 and carries guests in 8 cabins, with single, twin or double-bed options. Cabins have individual climate control, charging ports, TV and an en-suite bathroom, and main and upper deck cabins have picture windows. There is an indoor dining area, a sun-deck with al-fresco dining, sun loungers and a hot tub.

What does the Calipso Route C fare include?

> The fare includes all meals, transfers in the islands, all excursions and a bilingual National Park guide. Also listed, with restrictions that apply, are snorkeling equipment, an underwater camera, a wetsuit, airport assistance, airport transfers for Galapagos flights and one hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil the day before the cruise. Please ask us to confirm these extras for your date.

What costs are not included on Calipso Route C?

> You pay separately for mainland Ecuador to Galapagos airfare, the USD 100 Galapagos National Park fee, the USD 20 Transit Control Card, beverages from the bar, travel and medical insurance, tips and personal expenses.

What does Calipso Route C cost and how do payments work?

> Main Cabin fares start from USD 2,845 per person sharing; the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page. A 20% deposit confirms your cabin and the balance is due 65 days before departure.

Which Route C departures are on sale, and are there child fares?

> Monday departures are on sale from 30 November 2026 to 28 June 2027, with ten dates listed on this page. Children are priced in two bands by age on the departure date, under 5 and 5 to under 12; guests 12 and over are booked as adults.

How do I ask a question or book Calipso Yacht Route C?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer. The departure list on this page is bookable directly: choose your Monday and the exact fare for that date is shown before you confirm.

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