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Endemic Galapagos Luxury Cruise - Route A (Sunday - Sunday)

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

Onboard the Endemic Catamaran you can enjoy elegant, open social areas including a main deck interior lounge and dining area with panoramic views where delicious cuisine is served whilst enjoying the stunning island views. Also on the main deck is a lecture room where briefings are held. On the upper deck are a sun terrace and secluded social area, perfect for relaxation and wildlife observation. Alfresco dining is available on the Sky Deck, along with an exterior lounge, BBQ station, and sun lounging area. The perfect place to unwind in the evening whilst enjoying a drink.

Island you will visit:

- Santa Cruz
- Genovesa
- Isabela
- Santiago
- Fernandina
- Rabida
- Mosquera

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

BALTRA AIRPORT – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Bachas Beach

Upon arrival, reception and assistance at the airport, transfer from Baltra Airport to the M/C Endemic.

In the afternoon, visit to Las Bachas, which is a beautiful white-sand beach, located on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. There you can go for a stroll or do some easy snorkeling in the gentle surf. Sea turtles lay their eggs at the edge of the vegetation. You can also look for a rusted pontoon, a relic of the Second World War. In fact, “bachas” is a poor pronunciation of “barges,” two of which were wrecked offshore at that time: the locals mispronounced the name and it stuck.

Activities: Swimming

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy

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DAY 2

GENOVESA ISLAND



GENOVESA ISLAND: Darwin Bay - El Barranco (Prince Philip's Steps)

In the morning, visit to Darwin Bay, which is the only sandy beach found in the caldera on Genovesa. Colonies of the Great Frigates are found along the beach. Male exhibit their red balloon pouch to females for hope of a match.

Red-footed boobies nest in the trees in contrast to the other two booby species which do so on the ground.

In the afternoon, you will go to El Barranco (Prince Philip's Steps), a carved out of stone stair. This will lead you to a wide plateau, where you can observe large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and ducks. During this easy stroll you will cross a small Scalesia forest, habitat of the short-eared owl. The same path will lead you back to your boat.

Activities: Hiking (0.9miles / 2km)

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Moderate

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DAY 3

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND: Twin Craters – SANTIAGO ISLAND: Sullivan Bay

In the morning, after breakfast, the Twin Craters will be visited. Located in the highlands of Santa Cruz on the road to Baltra airport from Puerto Ayora, these scenic craters are approximately 30 meters deep. These two huge land depressions are surrounded by a Scalesia forest with abundant birds such as the yellow warbler and the Vermilion Flycatcher. Gorgeous views of the leafy green highlands forest are also part of the visit. You will stay in the highlands of Santa Cruz island to see giant tortoises in the wild. These impressive animal gives the name to the archipelago. You can easily appreciate the Galapagos giant tortoises in their natural habitat, eating, walking among others. This is also a good place to see birds such as short-eared owls, Darwin's finches, yellow warblers, Galapagos rails and paint-billed crakes. As part of this experience, you will visit underground lava tubes formed by cooled and solidified lava. Then we will continue our journey to board the M/C Endemic.

Activities: Short hiking

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Moderate

In the afternoon, you will visit Sullivan Bay, located on the east coast of Santiago Island. We land on a white coral sand beach and begin our walk over lava that flowed less than 100 years ago. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galapagos. Also in this area you will admire flora that grows in lava fields.

Activities: Walk of 1-1.5 hours

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy

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DAY 4

ISABELA ISLAND



ISABELA ISLAND: Wetlands/ Sierra Negra volcano – Breeding Center/ Wall of Tears

Isabela Island is the largest of the archipelago with a surface of 4,588 square kilometers. It encompasses more than the half of the total land area of Galapagos.

In the morning, you will be transported to the Wetlands (Humedales), that are a complex of trails of 6 kilometers long, located south of Isabela Island. They have a wide variety of flora and abundant bird life, including gallinules, finches, stilts and ducks among others.

Or you may visit Sierra Negra Volcano, one of largest craters in the archipelago with a diameter of five kilometers. It offers mesmerizing views with great contrast in colors between lava fields, vegetation and fumaroles.

On the way up to Orchilla hill, giant tortoises and marine iguanas will appear. From the viewpoint the spectacular scenery of the bay, the town of Puerto Villamil, volcanoes, islets and rocks can be appreciated. Isabela wetlands has endemic and introduced species.

Activities: Hiking, horseback riding, walking.

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Moderate

After lunch visit the Arnaldo Tupiza Breeding Center of Isabela, infant and juvenile giant tortoises can be seen until they are ready to be released and survive in the wild.

Or you may visit the Wall of Tears. This is a man-made monument which has been built in the 40’s by prisoners, since Isabela island was once an Ecuadorian penal colony and building up the wall was part of the punishment.

On the way back to the yacht, be ready to spot flamingos and other water birds.

Activities: Hiking

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy

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DAY 5

ISABELA ISLAND

ISABELA ISLAND: Elizabeth Bay – Urbina Bay

In the morning, you will discover Elizabeth Bay, which is a marine visitor site. The excursion is carried out in a zodiac and so there is no landing point. Your zodiac ride starts with a visit to the Marielas islets where there is the largest and most important penguin colony in the Galapagos Islands. The excursion continues into the cove that is surrounded by red mangroves where you

can spot sea turtles, flightless cormorants, spotted eagle rays, golden rays, brown pelicans and sea lions.

Activities: 2-hour dinghy ride

Type of landing: No landing

In the afternoon, Urbina Bay will be visited. Here you can see coral formations, large colored land iguanas. The possibility of seeing giant turtles, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, penguins and marine iguanas is excellent.

Activities: Snorkeling, dinghy ride & hike, 2 trails: short (0.6mi/1km), long (1.9mi/3 km)

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy / moderate

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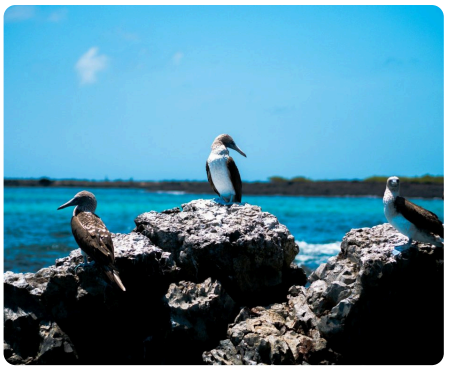
DAY 6

ISABELA ISLAND



ISABELA ISLAND: Tagus Cove – FERNANDINA ISLAND: Espinoza Point

After breakfast, Tagus Cove will be the first attraction to see. A ride along the cliffs in a zodiac will give visitors a good chance to see the Galapagos penguin, the flightless cormorant and other sea birds. From the landing dock it is about a 30-minute hike along the trail up to the top of the cliff from where you can view Darwin Lake, a saline lake saltier than the sea. You can also see several volcanoes from this location.

Activities: Hiking

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy

After lunch, Espinoza point will be visited, which is one of Fernandina's visit points. Located within a fascinating lava scenery with Lava-Cactuses. On the surface of the lava, mangroves thrive. The highlights are sea lions, penguins, the flightless cormorant (especially in spring and summer), and one of the biggest iguana colonies of Galápagos.

Activities: Hiking (1.2mi/ 2km)

Type of landing: Dry and slippery

Difficulty: Moderate

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DAY 7

SANTIAGO ISLAND

SANTIAGO ISLAND: Buccaneer Cove/ Espumilla Beach – RABIDA ISLAND

In the morning, you will have the opportunity to discover the Buccaneer Cove that is located just north of James Bay. It was known as a safe haven in the 17th and 18th century for pirates to stash their loot, take on fresh water and capture tortoises for food. It is a nice place for a zodiac ride, snorkeling and kayaking. Blue-footed, Nazca boobys, fur seals, and Galapagos hawks can be seen flying overhead.

Or visit to Espumilla Beach will take place. It is a pristine sandy beach and a popular place for marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot Crabs. The crabs attract the hunting herons, performing the dance of predator and prey. With an abundance of marine life including octopi, moray eel, and shark, snorkeling is recommended and available.

Activities: Dinghy ride, snorkeling and swimming

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy

In the afternoon, you will be taken to Rabida Island. Its main attraction is the red sand beach, famous for its cactus groves and rock formation scenery, aside from the vegetation of the arid zone and the presence of native and endemic species. During the walk on the red sand beach you will see brown pelicans' nests, and a lagoon where flamingos are seen from time to time.

Activities: Hiking, swimming.

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Moderate

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DAY 8

BALTRA ISLAND



Mosquera Islet – BALTRA AIRPORT

In the morning, visit to Mosquera, a small islet found between Baltra & North Seymour Islands. Lava gulls, sea lions, Sally light foot crabs inhabit this sand bank with an extension of over 600 meters. It also hosts the largest populations of sea lions and orca whales that can be seen occasionally depending on the season you visit the islet.

Activities: Soft walk

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 29, 2026	Golden Suites	—	**$9,990**
Dec 13, 2026	Golden Suites	—	**$9,990**
Jul 11, 2027	Golden Suites	—	**$10,490**
Oct 31, 2027	Golden Suites	—	**$10,490**
Feb 20, 2028	Golden Suites	—	**$10,990**
Apr 16, 2028	Golden Suites	—	**$10,990**
May 14, 2028	Golden Suites	—	**$10,990**
Jun 11, 2028	Golden Suites	—	**$10,990**

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

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Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/Endemic-A-Catamaran-Luxury-Cruise-Galapagos 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 numbers (& passport copy in case of children)
- 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 124 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.

*Specific Payment and Cancellation/Reschedule policies for Christmas and New Years´ Eve cruise dates

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 the Endemic Galapagos Route A cruise and which days does it sail?

> Route A is a 7-night, 8-day cruise aboard the Endemic catamaran, sailing Sunday to Sunday. You arrive at Baltra airport on Sunday and return there the following Sunday after a morning visit to Mosquera Islet.

Which islands does Route A visit, day by day?

> Sunday: Bachas Beach on Santa Cruz. Monday: Genovesa (Darwin Bay and Prince Philip's Steps). Tuesday: Twin Craters and wild giant tortoises in the Santa Cruz highlands, then Sullivan Bay on Santiago. Wednesday and Thursday: Isabela. Friday: Tagus Cove on Isabela and Espinoza Point on Fernandina. Saturday: Santiago and Rabida. Sunday: Mosquera Islet, then the airport.

Why is Genovesa Island a highlight of Route A?

> Genovesa is a collapsed caldera famous for seabirds. At Darwin Bay, great frigatebirds display their red throat pouches and red-footed boobies nest in the trees. In the afternoon, Prince Philip's Steps lead up to a plateau with large colonies of masked boobies, frigatebirds and storm petrels.

What do we do on Isabela Island on Route A?

> Route A spends much of three days around Isabela, the largest island in the archipelago. Visits include the Wetlands or Sierra Negra volcano and the Breeding Center or Wall of Tears, a zodiac ride at Elizabeth Bay past the most

Will we see penguins and flightless cormorants on Route A?

> Route A visits the western islands where both live. Elizabeth Bay's Marielas islets hold the largest penguin colony in the Galapagos, and the zodiac ride along the Tagus Cove cliffs gives good chances of penguins and flightless cormorants. Sightings of wildlife are never guaranteed, but this is the route for them.

What does the Route A fare include and what is extra?

> Included: Galapagos transfers and airport assistance, your Golden Suite, all meals and snacks, soft drinks and juices, guided excursions with a bilingual National Park guide, daily briefings, and use of kayaks, paddle-boards and expedition gear. Extra: flights to the islands, the USD 100 National Park fee and USD 20 Transit Control Card (subject to change), other beverages, gratuities, insurance, and personal mask and snorkel.

What does Endemic Route A cost and how is payment structured?

> Golden Suite fares start from USD 9,990 per person sharing; the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page. A 20% deposit confirms the booking and the balance is due 65 days before the Sunday departure.

Which Route A departures are available, and are there child fares?

> Sunday departures are on sale from 4 October 2026 through 11 June 2028, with the available 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 Endemic Galapagos Route A?

> 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 Sunday and the exact fare for that date is shown before you confirm.

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