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Luxury Private Yacht Experience in Ecuador 4D/3N

3 Nights • Luxury Experience

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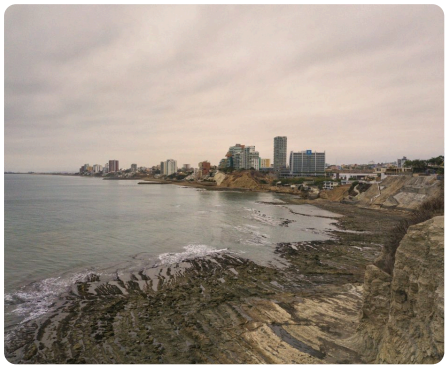
ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Embark on an immersive sea expedition aboard a private luxury yacht with all land and sea experiences led by expert naturalist guides.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

MANTA

In the afternoon we will embark on our luxury private yacht and enjoy some relaxing time, after that, we will have dinner onboard.

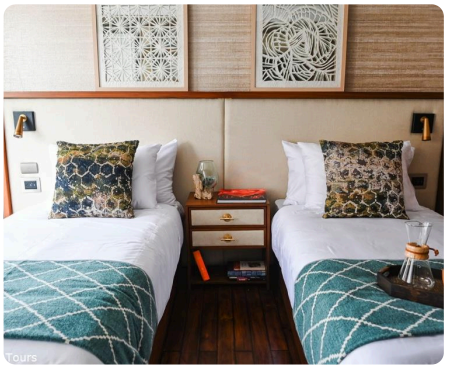
Sailing to Bahía de Caráquez.

DAY 2

BAHÍA DE CARÁQUEZ

We start day 2 with breakfast onboard, before departing aboard our dinghies to Puerto Amistad in Bahía de Caráquez, where a land transfer will take us to Iche in San Vicente. A gastronomic lab led by Fuegos Foundation, Iche was founded to educate local chefs in creating ‘haute cuisine' using ancestral techniques of food preparation. A gastronomic farm to table experience hosted by local chefs that will reveal a mix of history, tradition and the unique flavors of coastal cuisine. Cacao, salprieta, corviche, and chillangua are some of the local flavors that will add to our foodies' lexicon. In the afternoon, we will get back to the yacht to relax at the sundeck and later on in the evening guests will enjoy a chocolate tasting and dinner.

Sailing to Jaramijó.





DAY 3

MANTA

We will start our day with a hearty breakfast onboard. Our last day of activities is designed for guests to enjoy the coastline, marine activities and to do some local handcraft shopping. After breakfast we will disembark in the port of Jaramijó and head off to Montecristi, cradle of the Liberalism in Ecuador and an important production center for toquilla handcrafts and home goods.

In Montecristi we will visit Ciudad Alfaro, a historic building dedicated to General Eloy Alfaro, one of the most important political figures in the republican era of Ecuador. After this visit to ciudad Alfaro, we will walk around Montecristi and their dozens of little shops featuring toquilla goods, such as tableware, bags, hair accessories, souvenirs, etc. This is a nice opportunity to do some local shopping. We will go back to the yacht for lunch and in the afternoon we will have free time to enjoy marine activities, relax at the hot tub, enjoy some spa treatments, and participate in an onboard cooking class with our chef.

Farewell dinner and cocktail onboard.

Sailing to Manta.

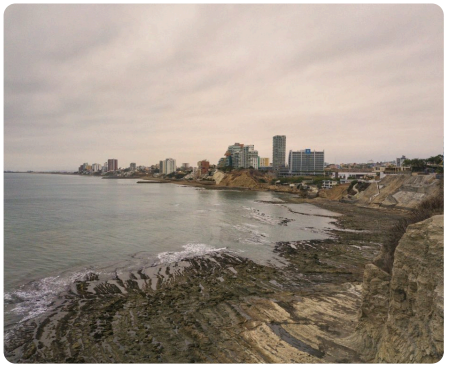
DAY 4

MANTA

We will say our goodbyes early in the morning, as your transfer to the airport will be awaiting at Manta's Port Authority (TPM).

Check- out and transfer to Manta's airport or hotel of your choice.

End of services.



Tips & Travel Guide

USEFUL INFORMATION

Land Expeditions

The yacht will sail along the coast and will anchor close to the shore. Expeditions to land sites will start with a dinghy ride that may result in wet or dry landing. Wet landing involves stepping into water (ankle to knee high) and walking to shore; dry landings involve stepping directly into land. Our expert guides will lead all zodiac rides and will assist you during either type of landing. A detailed brief of the expeditions is provided ahead of time to inform about the location, topography of the land (most of the trails are easy or moderate), weather and appropriate clothing. Land transfers will be necessary to reach some sites. Vans are used for transportation to ensure comfort, safety and timely departures. There is usually one guided visit per day allowing for enough time to discover and connect with local culture and with nature. Our oceanic beach club and water activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, SUPs, Seabobs and swimming are also available in most coastal expeditions.

Water Activities

We are well equipped to help you enjoy multiple opportunities for water activities available during our expedition. Snorkeling equipment (masks, fins and snorkels) and 3 mm wetsuits are available in various sizes free of charge in a first come first served basis. Wetsuits are not often necessary as average water temperature off the coast of Ecuador

ranges from 22°C(74°F) y 28°C(80°F). If you are a frequent snorkeler, you can plan ahead and bring your own equipment for a perfect fit and comfort. Four tandem kayaks and four stand up paddleboards are also available for coastal exploration and fun.

Gratuities

You will quickly discover that the warm smiles and greetings from our staff extend well beyond the chilled glass of champagne that welcomes you aboard. A service charge is not included in the fare as it is optional and should be based merely on your perception of our crew performance at the end of the expedition. As a guideline we suggest that each passenger leaves between USD 20-30 per day for the guides, and USD 50-70 per day for the crew, which is the international standard for Luxury Expeditions. Gratuities may be paid in cash or charged to your credit card and will be distributed among our crew and guides.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

- 25% of the tour cost at the time of booking
- 75% or balance no later than 95 days prior to the tour departure date

CANCELLATION FEES:

Up to 90 days before departure: refund less 25% of total tour cost.

Between 89 and 65 days prior to the tour departure date refund less 25% of the total.

Less than 65 days prior to the tour departure date: No refund, 100% of the total is payable.

An additional 15% Administrative fee will be charged from Palace Tours against any refunds. All cancellation fees and administrative fees is applicable for FULL Tour price before coupons.

The above times are based on local time of the destination where the tour is provided. In order to provide enough time for processing cancellation, guests need to add 3 business days to the above timeframes.

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to cover the losses incurred in case of cancellation. For information on available plans or to purchase travel insurance, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

Family Accommodations

> We count with 4 interconnected rooms for families with children. Our expeditions are family friendly, however, we strongly suggest children to be 6 years or older at the time of the departure.

Onboard Purchases

> Any on board purchases from the gift shop, restaurant, or spa can be charged to your tab and paid at the end of the expedition in cash or credit card.

Special Requests

> Special arrangements for birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebration are available upon request.
> Please inquire with our customer experience team at the time of booking and at least 30 days prior to departure.

Drinking Water

> Bottled water is complimentary on board and available in your stateroom and throughout the yacht. Drinking tap water is not possible.

Smoking Policy

> Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas of the yacht. There is an outdoor designated area for smoking.

Currency

> Ecuador has adopted the US Dollar as official currency.

Power outlets and electricity

> Standard 120V and standard frequency of 60Hz. Power outlets are type A and B, similar to the ones used in the U.S. European plugs will need an adapter.

Luggage

> Although rooms have plenty of space, please be prepared to bring a small to mid-size suitcase on board.

Time Zone

> Ecuador is in the GMT -5 time zone, same as US EasternTime. However, we have no daylight savings.

Language

> Official language is Spanish, but most of the staff, the concierge, guides and the captains speak fluent Spanish and English.

Clothing

> Light clothing, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, swimwear, sunglasses, hat and, insect repellent.

Medical Facilities

> The yacht is equipped with first aid kits for basic medical issues. In case of any medical emergencies, the yacht is close to mainland and count with permanent direct communications with all emergency lines.

Motion Sickness

> There might be moderate movement of the yacht during navigation. Most passengers will not feel anything, but we strongly recommend that you bring motion sickness medication if you are prone to seasickness.

Physical Limitations

> Our expeditions require a reasonable level of health and fitness from our passengers. Most excursions take a few hours of moderate unassisted hiking at a relaxed pace in warm weather. Getting on and off the zodiacs also call for a certain balance. If you are unsure about any of the visits, please check with one of the guides before disembarking the yacht. Also, please inform our customer experience team of any physical limitation or health condition that may require special attention at the time of booking.

Connectivity and Entertainment

> Free limited WiFi is available throughout the vessels in multiple devices. OK for social media and emails. Each stateroom is equipped with smart UHD TVs, speaker with Bluetooth technology, and automated a/c, shades and lightning.

Clothes to wear

> Light clothing, comfortable shoes, sunblock, bathing suit, a hat, sandals, water shoes, a light sweater and insect repellent. Boho Beach casual attires are fine for dinner.

What does the 4-day Luxury Private Yacht Experience in Ecuador include day by day?

> The 3-night cruise runs Thursday to Sunday from Manta. You board on Thursday afternoon and sail to Bahia de Caraquez, spend Friday on a farm-to-table experience at Iche in San Vicente, visit Montecristi from Jaramijo on Saturday, and disembark at Manta's port authority early on Sunday with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

What is the Iche gastronomic experience on this Ecuador yacht cruise?

> Iche is a gastronomic lab in San Vicente founded to train local chefs to create fine cuisine using ancestral food techniques. Local chefs host a farm-to-table meal that introduces coastal flavours such as cacao, salprieta, corviche and chillangua, and you return to the yacht in the afternoon to relax on the sundeck.

What is Montecristi known for, and what do we visit there?

> Montecristi is known as the cradle of Liberalism in Ecuador and an important centre for toquilla straw handcrafts. You visit Ciudad Alfaro, a historic complex dedicated to General Eloy Alfaro, then have time to browse the town's many small shops selling toquilla goods before returning to the yacht.

How do I ask a question or book the Luxury Private Yacht Experience in Ecuador 4D/3N?

> 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. No departures are listed on this page right now, so we will send you the next available dates; a 25% deposit secures your stateroom, with the balance due 95 days before departure.

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