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Grand Majestic Yacht Route C (Thursday - Monday)

4 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Newly built in 2018, the Grand Majestic liveaboard is one of the fastest yachts offering luxury small-ship cruises in the Galapagos Islands. She is fitted with moderns and stylish living areas, including a large sun deck with jacuzzi and al fresco dining. On the main deck is an open plan living, dining and bar area with panoramic windows. On the lower deck are 6 spacious cabins with double or twin beds and porthole windows. Located on the main deck is one double with panoramic windows and the Master Suite with his and her bathrooms, sofa and panoramic windows. All cabins are fitted with AC and private en-suite bathrooms.

Get up close with the amazing nature of the Galapagos Islands on this once in a lifetime cruises. Activities include snorkeling with sea-lion pups and a wide variety of marine-life, hiking to viewpoints with access to stunning scenery, and visits to the breeding centre to see Giant Tortoises.

Islands you will visit:

- Santa Cruz
- Genovesa
- Rabida
- San Cristobal

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

AM: Baltra Island Airport: Arrival and Transfer to the boat.

PM: 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 2

GENOVESA ISLAND

AM: El Barranco

Also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, El Barranco's steep, rocky paths leads up to a high cliff-face. A marvelous view can be appreciated from here. This site is also home to palo santo vegetation as well as red-footed boobies, short-eared lava owls, Galapagos swallows, and Galapagos doves.

Highlights:	Red-footed boobies, short-eared lava owls, storm-petrels, Galapagos doves
Possible Activities:	Hiking (0.9 miles/2 km)
Type of Landing:	Dry, difficult landing
Difficulty:	Moderate

PM: Darwin Bay

This white sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (0.75km) that winds through mangroves filled with land birds. Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls can be spotted here. Further down the path are tidal pools where sea lions swim playfully. At the end is a spectacular view off a cliff.

Highlights:	Nazca boobies, red- footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, mangroves, coral pebbles beach, snorkeling: rays, colorful reef fish and hammerhead sharks
Possible Activities:	Hiking (0.9 miles/1.5 km), snorkeling, kayaking & dinghy ride
Type of Landing:	Wet landing.
Difficulty:	Easy / moderate

DAY 3

RÁBIDA ISLAND

AM: Rabida Island

Rabida Island (Jervis) is one of the most colorful and volcanically varied islands in the archipelago and a great snorkeling site. Its famous maroon sandy beach and stunning lookouts provide wonderful landscapes. The island is a birdwatcher's delight. Some of the rarest species are in abundance, such as nine varieties of finches, large-billed flycatchers, Galapagos hawks and brown pelicans.

Highlights:	Snorkeling: white-cheeked pintail ducks, colorful fish, sea lions, brackish water lagoon, penguins, Galapagos hawk
Possible Activities:	Snorkeling, dinghy ride & short hike (0.6 miles /1 km)
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy / moderate

PM: Chinese Hat Islet

This small islet is located near the southeast coast of Santiago Island. Its name comes from the distinct shape of the islet's summit. This small islet is a great location to view many geological formations such as lava tubes and lava flows.

Possible Activities:	Hike & snorkeling (1,9 miles / 3 km)
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy / Moderate

DAY 4

SAN CRISTOBAL

AM: Witch Hill

Located on the northern coast, this eroded hill and its surroundings present one of the most picturesque beaches in the Galapagos with its white powdery sand and the abundance of animals. Wildlife includes sea turtles, rays, and various types of booby birds. The clear water provides an excellent opportunity for enjoying swimming and snorkeling.

Highlights:	Beautiful rock formations, sea lions, shore birds, finches and mockingbirds; snorkeling: nice tropical fish, anemones, sponge coral
Possible Activities:	Hike, dinghy ride, snorkeling & kayaking
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy walk along the beach

PM: Lobos Island

The name of this island means "Sea Lion Island." This appropriately named island is ripe with noisy, frolicking, jolly sea lions who will welcome you to their home with open, well, fins. This island also offers great snorkeling opportunities as well as the chance to see blue-footed and Nazca boobies.

Highlights:	Snorkeling with sea lions, frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies
Possible Activities:	Short hike (less than 0.6 miles/1 km), dinghy ride and / or snorkeling.
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Easy / moderate

DAY 5

SAN CRISTOBAL

AM: 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 Gala

After this tour, transfer to the San Cristobal Airport.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 5, 2026	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Dec 3, 2026	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Jan 14, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Jan 28, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Apr 8, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
May 20, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Jun 3, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Jul 1, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Jul 15, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**
Jul 29, 2027	Stateroom	—	**$4,545**
	Master Suite	—	**$5,945**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Master Suite	—	$5,945
Aug 26, 2027	Stateroom	—	$4,545
	Master Suite	—	$5,945
Oct 21, 2027	Stateroom	—	$4,545
	Master Suite	—	$5,945
Nov 4, 2027	Stateroom	—	$4,545
	Master Suite	—	$5,945
Nov 18, 2027	Stateroom	—	$4,545
	Master Suite	—	$5,945
Dec 2, 2027	Stateroom	—	$4,545
	Master Suite	—	$5,945

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

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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.

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.

Which islands does the Grand Majestic Route C cruise visit and in what order?

> Route C is a 5-day, 4-night cruise from Thursday to Monday. It starts on Santa Cruz at the Charles Darwin Station, visits Genovesa on Friday (El Barranco and Darwin Bay), Rabida and Chinese Hat on Saturday, San Cristobal on Sunday (Witch Hill and Lobos Island), and ends on Monday at the Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center on San Cristobal.

Which Galapagos airports do I fly into and out of for Grand Majestic Route C?

> You arrive at Baltra Airport on Thursday morning and transfer to the yacht, and on Monday you are transferred to San Cristobal Airport for your flight out. Mainland Ecuador to Galapagos flights are not included, while one hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil before the cruise is included, with restrictions.

What cabin types are on the Grand Majestic and how much does Route C cost?

> Choose a Stateroom with double or twin beds, or the Master Suite on the main deck with his and her bathrooms, a sofa and panoramic windows. All cabins have air conditioning and private bathrooms. Fares start from USD 4,545 per person sharing, and the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page.

What makes Genovesa Island special on Route C?

> Genovesa is a birding highlight. At El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip's Steps, a steep rocky path climbs to a cliff where red-footed boobies, short-eared lava owls and storm-petrels are seen; the landing is dry but difficult. Darwin Bay offers a white coral sand beach and a trail through mangroves full of seabirds.

What is included in the Grand Majestic Route C fare?

- All meals on board and all excursions with a bilingual national park guide
- Transfers in the islands
- Use of snorkeling equipment, an underwater camera and a wetsuit
- Airport assistance, airport transfers for Galapagos flights and 1 hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil before the cruise (restrictions apply)

What extra costs are not included on Grand Majestic Route C?

Flights between mainland Ecuador and the Galapagos, the USD 100 Galapagos National Park fee and the USD 20 Transit Control Card are extra. Bar drinks, travel and medical insurance, tips and personal expenses are also not included.

What deposit is required for Grand Majestic Route C and when is the balance due?

A 20% deposit confirms your cabin and the balance is due 65 days before departure. Child fares are set by age at departure in two bands: from 0 to under 5, and from 5 to under 12.

Which Grand Majestic Route C departures are on sale, and can it be combined with Route D?

There are 42 Thursday departures on sale, from 8 October 2026 to 2 December 2027, listed on this page. Route C ends on Monday on San Cristobal, where Grand Majestic Route D begins the same day, so ask us about combining both for a longer cruise.

How do I ask a question or book the Grand Majestic Yacht Route C cruise?

Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, answered by a travel specialist or our AI assistant. The departure list on this page is bookable directly, with the exact fare shown for each date.

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