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Natural Paradise Yacht: Route A (Tuesday - Tuesday)

7 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

The Natural Paradise Luxury Yacht offers travelers a variety of accommodation options that suit everyone's needs, while always offering the best quality in the overall experience.

Travelers can pick from 9 different spacious and comfortable cabins that include suites with balconies overlooking the ocean, junior suites, and staterooms, all featuring large bathrooms, air-conditioning, and luxury amenities.

Islands you will visit:

- San Cristobal
- North Seymour
- South Plaza
- Rabida
- Bartholomew
- Santiago
- Santa Cruz
- Genovesa

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

SAN CRISTOBAL

AM: Arrival in San Cristobal Airport and Transfer to the boat

PM: Kicker Rock

This striking rock formation is located a couple hours off the western shore of San Cristobal. Jutting out of the water, the rocks stand vertically at hundreds of feet above the ocean divided by a small channel. Although there are no landing areas, kayaking and dinghy rides allow visitors to spot a variety of marine life.

Highlights:	Sharks, tropical fish, turtles, manta rays (occ.), hammerhead sharks, spectacular rock formations; sea birds: blue-footed boobies, Nazca boobies & frigatebirds.
Possible Activities:	Dinghy ride
Type of Landing:	No landing
Difficulty:	Easy

DAY 2

NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND / SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

AM: North Seymour Island

Galapagos sea lions, blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigatebirds are abundant on North Seymour Island. The island was formed by a series of submarine lava containing layers of sediment that were uplifted by tectonic activity. The island is characterized by its arid vegetation zone.

Highlights:	Land & marine iguanas, frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, sea lions; snorkeling: rays, reef shark, fish, garden eels.
Possible Activities:	Dinghy ride & hiking (1.5 miles / 2.5 km)
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Moderate / difficult

PM: 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 3

BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND / 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: Bartholomew Island

Home of the famous Pinnacle Rock, Bartholomew consists of an extinct volcano with a variety of red, orange, black and even green volcanic formations. A trail of stairs leads to the summit of the volcano, boasting one of the best views of the islands. The beach is perfect for snorkeling and possible sightings of the Galapagos penguin.

Highlights:	Pinnacle rock, panoramic view, moonlike landscape, penguins, pioneer plants, lava cactus; snorkeling: penguins, reef sharks, rays, and great colorful fish.
Possible Activities:	Dinghy ride, snorkeling & hiking (1.2 miles/ 2 km)
Type of Landing:	Dry and wet landings
Difficulty:	Moderate/difficult. Walk up to the top of volcano 114 meters, 375 wooden steps

DAY 4

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND / SANTIAGO ISLAND

AM: Santiago Island: Sullivan Bay

A coral beach landing leads you towards a lava field as far as the eye can see. Hunt and peck over the two distinguished types of lava, pahoehoe and 'a'a, for signs of plant life that have managed to emerge over the past 100 years since the most recent volcanic explosion. A truly amazing volcanic experience…up close and personal!

Highlights:	Variety of lava formations and landscapes, pahoehoe lava which is found primarily in Hawai'i and the Galapagos islands, 'a'a lava, and pristine coral sand beach
Possible Activities:	Walk, snorkel, swim
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy to moderate. Be sure to wear good solid walking shoes or boots as the 'a'a lava is very sharp and pointy

PM: Santa Cruz Island: Dragon Hill (Cerro Dragón)

Situated on Santa Cruz Island, Dragon Hill is one of the newest visitor sites accessible to tourists in the Galapagos Islands. One of the lengthier Galapagos walking trails will lead visitors along a beach and up a trail to the lagoon lookout where bright flamingos, pintail ducks, and land iguanas can be spotted.

Highlights:	Land iguana nesting spot, Galapagos flamingos, common stilts, palo santo trees and cacti forest
Possible Activities:	Walking and hiking
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Easy to moderate: the trail may get muddy at times, and there is uneven rocky terrain.

DAY 5

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

AM: Santa Cruz Highlands

Reached by bus from Puerto Ayora, the highlands of Santa Cruz are a deep green contrasting beautifully with much of the dry, lower islands. The dominant vegetation in the highlands is the forest of *Scalesia* trees creating the lush green color. The lava tubes, over half a mile long, are underground and walking through them is a unique, surreal experience.

Highlights:	Lava tunnels, wild turtles, tortoises breeding center.
Possible Activities:	Hike (1.5 miles/ 2 ½ km)
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Moderate (long)

Los Gemelos (Twin Craters)

Los Gemelos, or the Twin Craters, are located opposite each other on both sides of the road leading from Puerto Ayora to Baltra. The name is only figurative; not real craters, these formations were created by the collapse of surface material in underground fissures and chambers. The view is breathtaking.

Highlights:	Pit craters, *Scalesia* forest
Possible Activities:	Short hiking
Type of Landing:	Dry landing
Difficulty:	Moderate

PM: Fausto Llerena Breeding Center

You will visit “Fausto Llerena” Tortoise Breeding Center in Puerto Ayora, where giant tortoises are bred in captivity. This is home to tortoises ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long adults. Subspecies of the giant tortoises interact with one another, and many of the older tortoises 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 6

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 7

SANTIAGO ISLAND

AM: Espumilla Beach

Espumilla Beach is 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 eels, and sharks, snorkeling is highly recommended.

Highlights:	Snorkeling
Possible Activities:	Snorkeling and swimming
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy

Buccaneer Cove

Buccaneer Cove is a testament to the fact that Santiago Island was once a refuge for British buccaneers. These pirates would anchor in the protected bay to make repairs and stock up on tortoise meat among other things. The steep cliffs, where hundreds of seabirds perch in front of the dark red sand beach, are a magnificent site.

Highlights:	Sea birds, historical site, snorkeling, rock formations
Possible Activities:	Short walk along the beach (less than 0.6 miles/1 km)
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy

PM: Egas Port

Also known as James Bay, Egas Port is home to the curious Galapagos hawks and quick-footed Galapagos lava lizards. The trail leads to a coastline with gorgeous tide pools and grottos full of fauna. Here the Galapagos fur sea lions bathe in the sun. This is also a great snorkeling site.

Highlights:	Fur sea lions, Galapagos sea lions, tidal pools and “grottos”, Galapagos hawk, oyster catchers, marine iguanas, finches; snorkeling: reef sharks, turtles, rays, nice underwater formations.
Possible Activities:	Snorkeling, hiking (1.2 miles/2 km)
Type of Landing:	Wet landing
Difficulty:	Easy / moderate

DAY 8

BALTRA ISLAND / SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

AM: Santa Cruz, Bachas Beach

Located on the north shore of Santa Cruz, Las Bachas is a swimming beach. One of the few remnants of the U.S. World War II presence in the Galapagos, a floating pier, can be seen here. You may see flamingos, Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black necked stilts, and whimbrels. Sea turtles also nest off the beach.

Highlights:	World War II remnants
Animals:	Sally Lightfoot crabs, hermit crabs, black necked stilts, whimbrels, sea turtles
Type of Landing:	Wet
Difficulty:	Easy

After this tour, transfer to Baltra Airport

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Feb 2, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Mar 2, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Mar 30, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
May 25, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Jun 22, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Jul 6, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Jul 20, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Aug 17, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Oct 12, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Nov 9, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**
Dec 7, 2027	Suite	—	**$9,245**
	Junior Suite	—	**$8,345**
	Stateroom	—	**$7,145**

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

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)

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 Natural Paradise Route A and which days does it sail?

> Route A is a 7-night, 8-day cruise aboard the Natural Paradise yacht, sailing Tuesday to Tuesday. You arrive at San Cristobal airport and finish at Baltra airport after a final morning at Bachas Beach on Santa Cruz.

Which islands does Natural Paradise Route A visit, day by day?

> Day 1: Kicker Rock off San Cristobal. Day 2: North Seymour and South Plaza. Day 3: Rabida and Bartholomew. Day 4: Sullivan Bay on Santiago, then Santa Cruz. Day 5: the Santa Cruz highlands and Twin Craters. Day 6: Genovesa. Day 7: Espumilla Beach and Buccaneer Cove on Santiago. Day 8: Bachas Beach, then Baltra airport.

Which airports do I use for Route A?

> Route A starts at San Cristobal airport and ends at Baltra airport, so your flights from mainland Ecuador should arrive into San Cristobal and return from Baltra. Airfare to the islands is not included, and we can help with flight timing when you book.

What happens in the Santa Cruz highlands on Route A?

> The highlands are reached by bus from Puerto Ayora and are strikingly green thanks to the Scalesia forest. You walk through lava tunnels more than half a mile long, look for giant tortoises, and visit Los Gemelos, twin pit craters formed by collapsed ground. The hike is about 2.5 km and graded moderate.

Why is Genovesa a highlight of Route A?

> Genovesa is one of the best seabird islands in the archipelago. El Barranco, or Prince Philip's Steps, is a dry but difficult landing up to a cliff top with red-footed boobies, storm-petrels and short-eared owls, and Darwin Bay adds a coral sand beach and a mangrove trail full of Nazca and red-footed boobies.

What is Kicker Rock and how is it visited?

> Kicker Rock is a striking rock formation off San Cristobal, rising hundreds of feet from the ocean and split by a narrow channel. There is no landing; you explore by dinghy, looking for sharks, turtles, tropical fish, occasional manta rays and seabirds such as blue-footed and Nazca boobies and frigatebirds.

What cabins are available and what does Route A cost?

> The Natural Paradise has 9 cabins: Suites with ocean-view balconies, Junior Suites and Staterooms, all with large bathrooms and air-conditioning. Route A fares start from USD 7,145 per person sharing; the exact fare for each departure and cabin type is shown on this page.

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

> Included: all meals, transfers in the islands, all excursions and a bilingual National Park guide, plus, with restrictions, airport assistance, one airport transfer for your Galapagos flight and one hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil the day before the cruise. Extra: mainland to Galapagos airfare, the USD 100 National Park fee, the USD 20 Transit Control Card, bar beverages, insurance, tips and personal expenses.

What are the payment terms and which Route A dates are on sale?

> A 20% deposit confirms your cabin and the balance is due 65 days before departure. Tuesday departures are on sale from 19 January 2027 to 21 December 2027, with the available dates listed on this page. Children are priced by age on the departure date in two bands, under 5 and 5 to under 12.

How do I ask a question or book Natural Paradise 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 Tuesday and cabin, and the exact fare is shown before you confirm.

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