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Luxury Private Yacht Experience in Ecuador 4D/3N

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Overview

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

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

THURSDAY, MANTA / PACOCHE / SAN LORENZO - BAHÍA DE CARÁQUEZ

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

FRIDAY, BAHÍA DE CARÁQUEZ - JARAMIJÓ

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, salprietá, 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

SATURDAY, JARAMIJÓ - 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

SUNDAY, 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.

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.

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.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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