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Eminence Galapagos Luxury Cruise - 4 Nights, Itinerary C (Saturday to Wednesday)

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Overview

This 4-night Itinerary C sails Saturday to Wednesday aboard the M/C Eminence and visits Santa Cruz, Genovesa, South Plaza, Santa Fe and San Cristobal. Fares start at US$8,150 per person in a double cabin, with departures listed below through 2028. The pick for guests who want the newest hardware in the islands: elevator, spa, gym and the only private-jacuzzi suites in the fleet.

The M/C Eminence is the newest and largest catamaran in this fleet, taking its first guests in April 2027. It carries 16 guests in nine suites: five Golden Suites with enlarged private balconies, two Panorama Suites with their own lounge, terrace and personal jacuzzi, and two Lofts on the upper level. A panoramic elevator links the main deck to the sky deck, which is rare on a yacht of this size and makes the boat a sensible choice for guests with limited mobility.

Four decks give plenty of room to spread out: suites and a briefing lounge on the main deck, the Panorama Suites and a spa on the upper deck, an al-fresco bar, dining area and outdoor jacuzzi on the sky deck, and a gym with an infrared sauna on the top moon deck. Solar panels, water-reuse systems and full wastewater treatment are built in, and the vessel is committed to certified carbon neutrality within its first year.

Excursions are led by licensed Galapagos National Park naturalist guides in groups of no more than eight. Snorkelling equipment, wetsuits, kayaks and paddle boards are included.

Islands you will visit

- Santa Cruz
- Genovesa
- South Plaza
- Santa Fe
- San Cristobal

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, followed by transfer to M/C Eminence. In the afternoon, visit to Bachas Beach, located on the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island. This wide stretch of white sand offers a relaxed introduction to the Galapagos. Coastal lagoons behind the beach attract flamingos and other shorebirds, while marine iguanas rest along the shoreline. The calm waters allow for swimming and snorkeling, where guests may observe reef fish and rays in a peaceful setting.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy

Meals on board: lunch, dinner

DAY 2

GENOVESA ISLAND



GENOVESA ISLAND: El Barranco - Darwin Bay In the morning, arrival to Genovesa Island, one of the most important bird nesting sites in the archipelago. The visit begins at El Barranco, also known as Prince Philip's Steps. A natural stairway carved into the rock leads to a plateau where seabirds gather in large numbers. Red footed boobies nest in the trees, while frigatebirds and storm petrels can be seen flying overhead.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking/stand up paddleboarding, Dinghy ride

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Moderate

In the afternoon, visit to Darwin Bay, located inside the caldera of Genovesa. A sandy trail leads through colonies of nesting birds, including frigatebirds and boobies. Sea lions rest along the shore, and the calm waters offer excellent snorkeling opportunities with chances to see rays and reef fish.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking/stand up paddleboarding, Dinghy ride

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner



DAY 3

SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

South Plaza Island - Santa Fe Island

In the morning, exploration of South Plaza Island, known for its high concentration of wildlife. The trail crosses a landscape of volcanic rock and colorful vegetation, where land iguanas can often be seen beneath cactus trees. Along the cliffs, seabirds glide with the ocean breeze while sea lions gather near the shoreline.

Activities: Walking, kayaking/stand up paddleboarding, Dinghy ride

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Moderate

In the afternoon, visit to Santa Fe Island, home to a calm bay and distinctive vegetation. The island features large cactus trees and an endemic species of land iguana. A walk inland allows for wildlife observation, while the surrounding waters are suitable for snorkeling, kayaking, or stand up paddleboarding.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking/stand up paddleboarding, Dinghy ride

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 4

SAN CRISTOBAL



SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: Pitt Point - Witch Hill In the morning, visit to Pitt Point, located on the eastern side of San Cristobal Island. This site is known for being one of the few places where three species of boobies can be seen in the same area. A trail leads from the beach to elevated viewpoints with open views of the coastline. Seabirds and sea lions are frequently observed along the way.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking/stand up paddleboarding, Dinghy ride

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Moderate/Difficult

In the afternoon, visit to Witch Hill, a scenic white sand beach with views of Kicker Rock in the distance. Sea lions rest along the shore, and nearby lagoons attract coastal birds. The calm waters allow for swimming and snorkeling in a relaxed setting.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking/stand up paddleboarding, Dinghy ride

Type of landing: Wet landing

Difficulty: Easy

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner



DAY 5

SAN CRISTOBAL

SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND: Breeding Center - AIRPORT In the morning, visit to the San Cristobal Breeding Center, located near Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. This conservation site focuses on the protection and recovery of giant tortoise populations. Guests can observe tortoises at different stages of development and learn about the programs that support their survival in the wild. The visit provides a meaningful closing to the journey, highlighting the importance of conservation across the islands.

Activities: Walking

Type of landing: Dry landing

Difficulty: Easy

After this last visit, transfer to San Cristobal Airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. Assistance and farewell at the airport.

Meals on board: breakfast

End of cruise Itineraries are subject to change without prior notice due to weather conditions, National Park regulations, emergencies on board or any unforeseen situation.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Apr 24, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
May 8, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Jun 5, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Jun 19, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Jul 3, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Jul 31, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Aug 14, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Aug 28, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Sep 11, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**
Sep 25, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,150**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,190**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,190
Oct 23, 2027	Golden Suite	—	$8,150
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,190
Nov 6, 2027	Golden Suite	—	$8,150
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,190
Nov 20, 2027	Golden Suite	—	$8,150
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,190
Dec 4, 2027	Golden Suite	—	$8,150
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,190
Jan 1, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Jan 15, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Jan 29, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Feb 12, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Feb 26, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Mar 11, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Mar 25, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790
Apr 8, 2028	Golden Suite	—	$8,550
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	$12,790

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Apr 22, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$8,550**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,790**
May 6, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$8,550**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,790**
May 20, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$8,550**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,790**
Jun 3, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$8,550**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,790**
Jun 17, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$8,550**
	Panorama Suite / Loft	—	**$12,790**

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 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.

Which islands does the Eminence Itinerary C visit?

> The 4-night Itinerary C visits Santa Cruz, Genovesa, South Plaza, Santa Fe and San Cristobal, sailing Saturday to Wednesday. See the day-by-day tab for the landing sites and activities on each day.

What is included in the M/C Eminence fare?

> Accommodation in your suite, all meals and snacks on board, soft drinks, guided excursions with licensed National Park naturalists, snorkelling equipment and wetsuits, kayaks and paddle boards, Galapagos airport transfers and a welcome and farewell cocktail. Flights to the islands, the Galapagos National Park fee and transit card, alcoholic drinks and gratuities are extra.

Are the Eminence rates shown the current published rates?

> Yes. The dates and per-person double-occupancy fares on this page are refreshed from the vessel's live inventory. Seasonal promotions on individual departures are applied when you enquire, so ask us for the best current fare on your preferred date.

Where does the 4-night Eminence Itinerary C start and finish?

> This cruise runs Saturday to Wednesday. You arrive at Baltra airport and transfer to the M/C Eminence for an afternoon at Bachas Beach on Santa Cruz. The final morning is at the giant tortoise breeding center on San Cristobal, followed by the transfer to San Cristobal airport for your flight to mainland Ecuador or back on your inbound flight.

Why is Genovesa the highlight of Eminence Itinerary C?

> Day 2 is spent on Genovesa, one of the most important seabird nesting islands in Galapagos. In the morning a natural stairway at El Barranco, known as Prince Philip's Steps, leads up to a plateau where red-footed boobies nest in the trees and frigatebirds and storm petrels fly overhead. The afternoon at Darwin Bay, inside the island's caldera, follows a sandy trail through nesting colonies.

What else will I see on South Plaza, Santa Fe and San Cristobal?

> Day 3 pairs South Plaza, where land iguanas shelter beneath cactus trees and sea lions gather on the shore, with Santa Fe and its own endemic land iguana. Day 4 visits Pitt Point, one of the few places to see three booby species together, and Witch Hill, a white sand beach looking out to Kicker Rock. Pitt Point is graded moderate to difficult with a wet landing.

Which suites are available on this 4-night Eminence cruise and what do they cost?

> You can choose a Golden Suite with an enlarged private balcony, or a Panorama Suite or Loft on the upper level; the two Panorama Suites have their own lounge, terrace and personal jacuzzi. Fares start from US$8,150 per person sharing, and the exact fare for each departure and suite is shown on this page. A 20% deposit secures the booking, with the balance due 65 days before departure; departures run from 24 April 2027 to 17 June 2028.

Can children join the Eminence 4-night Itinerary C?

> Yes. Children are priced in two bands by their age on the departure date: under 5, and 5 to under 12; from 12 they pay the adult fare. Most visits are easy or moderate, the ship has an elevator between decks, and kayaks, paddle boards and snorkel gear are included for the whole family.

How do I ask a question or book the Eminence 4-night Itinerary C?

> Every departure listed on this page can be booked directly online. If you would like help choosing a suite or combining this with Itinerary D for a full week, 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.

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