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Grand Ocean Spray Galapagos Luxury Cruise - 5 Nights, Itinerary B (Thursday to Tuesday)

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Overview

This 5-night Itinerary B sails Thursday to Tuesday aboard the M/C Grand Ocean Spray and visits Santa Fe, Espanola, San Cristobal, Floreana and Santa Cruz. Fares start at US$8,490 per person in a double cabin, with departures listed below through 2028. Best value in the fleet for balcony suites, with a spa and whirlpool on a brand-new hull.

The M/C Grand Ocean Spray is a 16-guest catamaran launched in October 2026 as the successor to the well-known Ocean Spray. All eight Golden Suites are identical in size and layout, each with a private balcony, panoramic shower and walk-in closet, and they are split evenly between the main and upper decks so nobody draws a lesser cabin.

The main deck holds the dining room, a fully stocked bar, a snack station and four lounging areas; the upper deck adds a covered open-air terrace, a panoramic spa and a sun terrace; the sky deck has al-fresco dining, a cocktail bar and a premium whirlpool. Solar panels and a CO2-neutral design carry over from the fleet's newer builds.

Every landing is led by licensed Galapagos National Park naturalist guides in groups of eight or fewer. Snorkelling gear, wetsuits, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are included in the fare.

Islands you will visit

- Santa Fe
- Espanola
- San Cristobal
- Floreana
- Santa Cruz

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

BALTRA ISLAND

Morning: Baltra Airport arrival

the M/C Grand Ocean Spray.

Afternoon: Santa Fe Island

Santa Fe is home to the endemic Santa Fe iguana. The island was created by a volcanic uplift that now hosts a forest of Opuntia and Palo Santo trees. It is a picturesque island with two different trails, one leading to a scenic viewpoint and the other leading to a small beach. Giant tortoises were once native here but went extinct after pirates and sailors took them aboard as a source of food.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking, dinghy ride

Difficulty: Moderate

Landing: Dry

Possible Wildlife: Santa Fe land iguanas, frigatebirds, sally lightfoot crabs, sea lions, finches, various shorebirds.

Meals on board: lunch, dinner

DAY 2

ESPAÑOLA ISLAND



Morning: Espanola - Suarez Point

This is a phenomenal site where you will get to see many of Espanola Island's endemic species. The trail will pass by the only Waved Albatross breeding site in all of Galapagos. If you are lucky you might see a young albatross take off for its first flight for up to five years at sea. Older birds stay at sea for months at a time, only coming back to breed. They have the same mate for life and will meet each other each year, only here to reproduce. Other species that can be seen are marine iguanas that stay brightly colored year-round, Galapagos doves, Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, red-billed tropic birds, and Darwin finches.

Activities: Walking

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate

Landing: Dry

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, marine iguanas, Galapagos hawk, waved albatross, red - billed tropic birds, various shorebirds, nazca boobies, swallow tailed gulls, finches and sally lightfoot crabs.

Afternoon: Espanola - Gardner Bay / Osborn & Gardner islets

This white sandy beach is home to a large colony of sea lions and incredibly blue and turquoise waters. Three different finches can be seen, as well as the Espanola mockingbird. Over time, the mockingbird must have been offered water or food from tourists and now they have no fear of walking on your things or landing very close to you. Or visit the Osborn and Gardner islets that are amazing for underwater discovery. Snorkeling is a highlight on this visitor point. It is so important not to feed or touch the animals. It can disrupt their normal behaviors and threaten their future.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking, dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

Landing: Wet landing

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, various shorebirds, mockingbirds, stingrays, sea turtles.

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner



DAY 3

SAN CRISTOBAL

Morning: San Cristobal - Interpretation Center and Galapa

The Interpretation Center has been open to the public since 1998, offering extensive knowledge about the history of Galapagos. San Cristobal is also the island where Charles Darwin first landed on. It is now home to the capital of Galapagos and houses many government offices, as well as part of the Ecuadorian Navy. Giant tortoises are bred at the Galapaguera and roam in a semi-natural habitat created by the center.

Activities: Walking

Difficulty: Easy

Landing: Dry Landing

Possible Wildlife: Giant tortoises in various stages of their life.

Afternoon: San Cristobal - Lobos Island/Kicker Rock

Lobos Island is aptly named after the many sea lions that reside here resting and playing along the rocky shores. It is also home to many different birds like pelicans, frigate birds and their nests, yellow warblers and more. Within the small channel the waters are very clear, making it easy to find sea turtles, sea lions, stingrays and perhaps even white - tipped sharks.

Activities: Short walking, snorkeling, dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate

Landing: Dry landing

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, various shorebirds, sally lightfoot crabs, frigate birds,

Galapagos sharks, schools of tropical fish, stingrays. Kicker rock is one of the most extraordinary sites in the Galapagos Islands, made of two eroded volcanic cones that tower over the sea at about 104 meters in the middle of the open water. It is a nesting place of sea birds and a nice spot to take pictures while the vessels circumnavigate around the rock.

Activities: Circumnavigation

Type of landing: No landing

Difficulty: ------

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 4

SAN CRISTOBAL



Morning: San Cristobal - Pitt Point

When arriving at Pitt Point, it will feel as if you've landed on an extraterrestrial planet. You can see the many different developments over time of how volcanic activity formed this island. A walk to the top beholds amazing views of the surrounding wat ers. Watch out for blue-footed boobies nests on the ground and keep an eye out for the red -footed boobies nesting in the trees once you reach the top of the island.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking, dinghy ride

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Landing: Wet landing

Possible Wildlife: Sea lions, various shorebirds, sally lightfoot crabs, Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies, red-footed boobies.

Afternoon: San Cristobal - Witch Hill

Witch hill has awesome crevices and eroding rocks along the shoreline where you will first pass in dinghy. Afterwards be prepared to visit a powdery white sand beach with teal and turquoise waters.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, kayaking, dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

Landing: Wet landing

Possible Wildlife: sea lions, various shore birds, finches, mockingbirds, tropical fish, and different crabs from the Sally lightfoot.

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner



DAY 5

FLOREANA ISLAND

Morning: Floreana - Post Office Bay

Ask the Cruise Manager for one of our complimentary postcards to write a message and address it home. Leave it in the barrel used before by pirates and sailors. While your there, see if there are any other postcards you can take home with you to send for fellow travelers who have already left their messages!

Activities: Walking, snorkeling

Difficulty: Easy

Landing: Wet landing

Possible Wildlife: frigatebirds, sea lions, sea turtles, various shorebirds and seabirds, marine life.

Afternoon: Floreana - Cormorant Point / Devil's Crown

Cormorant is an interesting visitor site. Two beaches can be visited here, just beyond the first beach is a saltwater lagoon with flamingos. One of the beaches look green because of the olivine crystals, and the other is appropriately called Flour Beach because of the powdery white sand, made from fine, pulverized coral. Watch your feet if wading in the water, stingrays love to hang out here as well. Devil's Crown boasts one of the finest snorkeling opportunities. Below the surface are amazing volcanic structures that have submerged over time. Hundreds of colorful fish species can be seen along the reef, along with sharks, rays, sea turtles, sea lions, and rays. It's a beautiful underwater spectacle that cannot be missed.

Activities: Walking, snorkeling, dinghy ride

Difficulty: Snorkeling - Moderate to difficult / Walking - easy

Landing: Wet landing

Possible Wildlife: frigatebirds, sea lions, sea turtles, Galapagos sharks, white -tipped sharks, tropical fish, various shorebirds and seabirds, varied marine life.

Meals on board: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 6

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND



Morning: Santa Cruz - Black Turtle Cove

Black Turtle Cove is located on the north side of Santa Cruz Island. This shallow inlet is surrounded by mangroves and provides a natural protection for a variety of marine life, attracting the vulnerable juveniles of many species. Below the surface of the water, you can see both black-tip and white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, golden cow-nose rays, and spotted eagle rays. Pelicans and blue -footed boobies hunt here, diving gracefully into the water.

Activities: Dinghy ride

Difficulty: Easy

Landing: No Landing

Possible Wildlife: White -tipped sharks, rays, sea turtles, sea lions and various shorebirds. Depart from Baltra airport. After this last visit, transfer to Baltra airport for your return flight to mainland Ecuador. Assistance and farewell at the airport.

Meals on board: breakfast

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Mar 11, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
Apr 8, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
May 6, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
Aug 26, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
Sep 23, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
Oct 21, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
Nov 18, 2027	Golden Suite	—	**$8,490**
Jan 13, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**
Feb 10, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**
Mar 9, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**
Apr 6, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**
May 4, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**
Jun 1, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**
Jun 29, 2028	Golden Suite	—	**$9,350**

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

🏷️ **Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.**

Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/grand-ocean-spray-galapagos-6-days-itinerary-b for the latest information.

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 Grand Ocean Spray Itinerary B visit?

> The 5-night Itinerary B visits Santa Fe, Espanola, San Cristobal, Floreana and Santa Cruz, sailing Thursday to Tuesday. See the day-by-day tab for the landing sites and activities on each day.

What is included in the M/C Grand Ocean Spray 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 Grand Ocean Spray 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 5-night Grand Ocean Spray Itinerary B start and finish?

> This cruise runs Thursday to Tuesday. You arrive at Baltra airport on day 1 and board the M/C Grand Ocean Spray for an afternoon on Santa Fe. The last morning (day 6) is a dinghy ride through Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz, after

What wildlife can I expect on Espanola during Itinerary B?

> Day 2 is spent on Espanola. Suarez Point is described as the only waved albatross breeding site in Galapagos, and the trail also passes Nazca and blue-footed boobies, red-billed tropicbirds and brightly coloured marine iguanas. The afternoon at Gardner Bay and the Osborn and Gardner islets adds a long white beach with sea lions and good snorkelling. Albatross are seasonal, so sightings are likely in season but never guaranteed.

What is Post Office Bay on Floreana?

> On day 5 you land at Post Office Bay, where sailors and pirates once left letters in a barrel for passing ships to carry home. The tradition continues: the Cruise Manager gives you a complimentary postcard to address and leave in the barrel, and you can take any cards left by other travellers to deliver. The afternoon is Cormorant Point and snorkelling at Devil's Crown.

Can children join the 5-night Grand Ocean Spray Itinerary B?

> 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, though Pitt Point on San Cristobal is graded moderate to difficult and some landings are wet, wading ashore from the dinghy. Kayaks, paddle boards and snorkel gear are included for the whole family.

How much deposit is required and which dates are on sale for this 5-night cruise?

> A deposit of 20% of the fare secures your Golden Suite, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. Departures on sale run from 11 March 2027 to 29 June 2028, with fares from US$8,490 per person sharing; the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page.

How do I ask a question or book the Grand Ocean Spray 5-night Itinerary B?

> Every departure listed on this page can be booked directly online. If you want help choosing a date or linking this cruise with another itinerary, 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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