



Montserrat

4 Days Itinerary C Central – Southern - Eastern

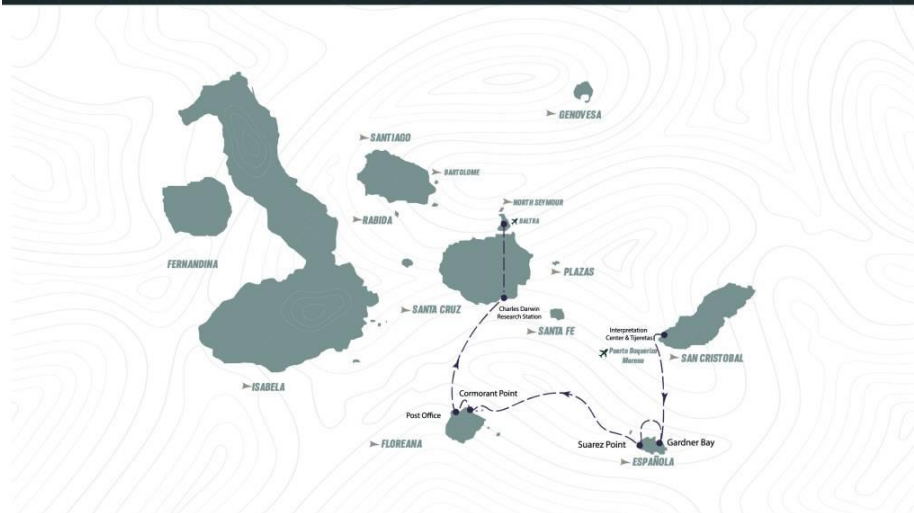


Built in 2004 and fully refurbished in 2021, Monserrat is a great mid-range option. Officially first class, the yacht has a total capacity of up to 20 guests. Whilst it is larger capacity yacht than we usually work with, the Monserrat's guide-to-passenger ratio of 10 to 1 is one of the best in Galapagos, making Monserrat a great option. 10 cabins in total spread over two decks with lots of comfortable deck space, a friendly crew and good local operation. The yacht also offers stand-up paddleboarding as well as kayaking.



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4 days / 3 nights

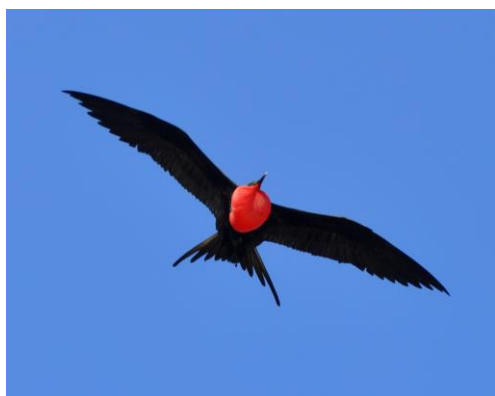


Day 1 Flight out to San Cristobal in Galapagos

Upon arrival to San Cristobal, once you have passed through the migration control procedures, paid your US\$200 Galapagos National Park entrance fee (Cash only) and collected your luggage, you will be met by your Galapagos National Park guide and will together head across to the yacht for the start of your Galapagos trip.

San Cristobal – Frigatebird Hill

A walk up from the town up to this hill at the top where you will be treated to a spectacular view of the white beaches on one side and the roofs of Puerto Baquerizo on the other. The hill is often visited by frigatebirds, giving it its name – both Magnificent and Great Frigatebirds, giving you a chance to try and spot the difference!



Activities: Uphill hike (1 mi / 1.6 km). Snorkelling

Difficulty: Moderate walk

Type of Landing: Dry landing

Highlights & Animals: Frigatebird, San Cristobal Mockingbird, Darwin finches, lowland native forest, spectacular views. Snorkelling: nice tropical fish, reef sharks, parrotfish.

San Cristobal – Puerto Baquerizo and the Interpretation Centre

The easternmost island in the archipelago, this island has a small town, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and is home to a fantastic interpretation centre, which provides an excellent overview to the islands human history and the conservation work being done to protect it.

Activities: Easy hike (0.2 mi / 0.3 km)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: Dry landing

Highlights & Animals: Interesting information centre focused on the human history of the islands. Around the centre, finches, mockingbirds and endemic plants

Day 2 Española (Hood)

This island is one of the highlights of any visit to Galapagos. Española is the southernmost island in the Galapagos, and is also one of the oldest. Numerous Sea Lions are seen here, plus hundreds of Marine Iguanas basking on the rocks. Española's Marine Iguanas are unlike other Galapagos Marine Iguanas thanks to their bright colouring.

Española is home to thousands of nesting seabirds all year, including Blue-footed Boobies, Nazca Boobies and Frigatebirds. Between late March and December, the Waved Albatross, perhaps the most spectacular of Galapagos birds, returns to Española by the thousands to perform their amazing mating dance and produce the next generation. Almost the entire population breeds on this island during this time, and they spend the rest of the year at sea.



Gardner Bay

This beautiful bay is nestled between Gardner islet and the beautiful coral sand beach in Española. You will visit a spectacular white sand beach, home to one of the largest Sea Lion colonies in the islands, where you can also see endemic Española Mockingbirds and with some luck, Galapagos Hawks.

Activities: Snorkelling. Short hike along the beach (0.6 mi / 1km)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Highlights & Animals: White sandy beach, Sea Lion colony, Mockingbirds, Galapagos Hawks. Snorkelling: colourful fish, Sea Lion nursery.



Punta Suárez

Regarding the amount of wildlife, this one of the best trails in the whole islands. Despite the difficult terrain, the walk is an absolute marvel, as from the beginning to the end you will see large quantities of Sea Lions, Marine Iguanas, Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies, gulls, Galapagos Hawks and during most of the year, Waved Albatross. There are spectacular views of flying birds from the cliffs.

Activities: Hike (1.2 mi / 2 km)

Difficulty: Difficult, rocky terrain.

Type of Landing: Dry Landing

Highlights & Animals: Española Mockingbird, Nazca Boobies, Waved Albatross, Red-billed Tropicbirds, lava lizards, Galapagos Hawk, Blue-footed Boobies, blow hole, amazing landscape.



Day 3 Floreana - Punta Cormorant

At Punta Cormorant you will walk on an olivine beach (a mineral known for its olive-green quality, that is found in meteorites, the moon and mars as well as on earth), visit a large lagoon where Greater Flamingos sometimes nest, and walk over to Flour Beach, a beautiful white sandy beach to look for Green Sea Turtle nests.

Activities: Hike (0.7 mi / 1.2km)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Highlights and Animals: An easy walk along a coastal lagoon where Flamingos are often found, along with Stilts and Ducks. White sand beach.



Floreana - Post Office Bay

The famous Post Office Bay is where people leave their mail to be picked up and delivered by others in the “post office” barrel—a time-honoured tradition begun by whalers more than two hundreds of years ago.

Activities: Short hike (less than 0.2 mi / 0.3km)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: Wet landing

Day 4 Santa Cruz Island - Charles Darwin Research Station

The yacht will be docked in the main town of Puerto Ayora for this final visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station which offers a great chance to learn about the work being done to conserve and protect the islands wildlife.

For some visitors (depending on the time of year) this is the only time to see Giant Tortoises and certainly the closest range opportunity. It is also a great chance to see the Tortoise Rearing Centre.

Activities: Walking (1.2 mi. / 2km.)

Difficulty: Easy

Type of Landing: Dry landing

Highlights & Animals: Giant Tortoises, Land and Marine Iguanas, Mockingbirds, Darwin Finches.



This morning visit will be an early one and shorter than other visits you have in the week. From here your guide and one crew member will help you with your luggage, take you to Baltra Airport and the guide will help you check in for your flight back to mainland Ecuador, or you can extend your Galapagos trip with a stay in one of the inhabited islands.

Please note: *Itineraries are unlikely to change significantly but are subject to change. Weather, wildlife breeding, instructions from the Galapagos National Park, specific abilities and interests of passengers as well as operational matters may cause your guide or captain to change the times or nature of your visits. Your guide will always endeavour to have the best itinerary for you within these constraints.*

