

## ECUADOR - INFINITY



### INTRODUCTION

Set sail aboard the luxurious Infinity yacht on this 8-day cruise around the Galapagos Islands. Discover the incredible beauty of the islands and the amazing wildlife as you sail from Santa Cruz to the islands of Genovesa, Santiago, Rabida, Floreana and Espanola. Cliff faces teeming with birdlife, lagoons carpeted in pink flamingos, lava fields, mangroves, waters brimming with marine life and beautiful bays and beaches all await. Encounter giant tortoises in the wild and visit one of the world's most important breeding sites of the waved albatross. The Galapagos scenery is breathtaking and the wildlife mesmerising.

#### The Infinity Experience

The Infinity yacht is designed to get the most out of your experience. Launched in 2018, this stylish modern motor yacht offers high performance and unrivalled comfort. This is a stunning vessel to cruise the Galapagos and soak in the spectacular scenery and wildlife. The cruise manager and crew of the Infinity are dedicated in offering you the highest quality of service. An outside dining area and bar as well as stylish interior allow you to cruise in style. In addition, you can make use of the outside sun deck and jacuzzi which offers you relaxation with a view, after your days of exploring and sightseeing. All eight cabins and two suites have private balconies. This makes the Infinity a beautifully spacious and luxurious yacht. Plenty of possibilities will come your way when you cruise on the Infinity. The crew and certified bilingual naturalist guide will help you make the most of your time, offering great comfort and service as well as knowledge about the beautiful Galapagos so you don't miss a thing. Now is the time for you to discover all that the archipelago has to offer. The cruise on board the Infinity is the experience of a lifetime and offers 4, 5 and 8 day itineraries.

The Infinity also offers a [4 day cruise](#), [5 day cruise](#) and [8 day cruise](#).

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### DAY 1: Arrival in Baltra & Black Turtle Cove

Assistance at the airport by our representative for your Galapagos flight. You will arrive at Baltra in the morning. After going through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by a Infinity staff member and transferred to the yacht. You will be shown to your cabin where you will have some time to settle in before lunch and a welcome briefing. In the afternoon you will visit Black Turtle Cove in the northern part of Santa Cruz. This inlet is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy. The shallow cove is a haven for Young marine life. Black-tip and white-tip reef sharks, sea turtles, and a variety of rays are often spotted here.



### DAY 2: Genovesa: El Barranco & Darwin Bay

Genovesa Island is located at the inner part of Darwin Bay. This area contains an abundance of frigate birds and other interesting seabirds. Behind the small beach filled with nesting areas for frigates, red-footed boobies, and swallow-tailed gulls are a number of tide pools. At high tide it is likely that the trail will be covered with water. Your morning visit is to El Barranco which is also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, El Barranco's steep and rocky path 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. In the afternoon, you will head to Darwin Bay. This white-sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (0.5 miles / 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 and at the end of the path there is a spectacular view off the cliff.



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### DAY 3: Santiago – Sullivan Bay & Rabida Island

The morning visit heads to Santiago Island – Sullivan Bay located on the southeast part of Santiago. This place is interesting for its geology because the area is covered by lava flows. This place has elevations in form of small volcanoes, formed by the lava flows. In the afternoon you will visit Rabida Island (or Jervis) which is one of the most colorful and volcanically varied islands in the archipelago as well as a great snorkeling site. You will start on Rabida’s famous maroon/red sand beach and after an easy hike you will arrive to a stunning lookout point to enjoy the amazing 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.



### DAY 4: Santa Cruz: Tortoise breeding Center & El Chato

Today you will visit Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center. This is home to tortoises ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Subspecies of 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 here until they are about four years-old and strong enough to survive on their own. Afterwards you will enjoy the El Chato reserve, which is divided into two areas: Caseta and Chato. The trail begins at Santa Rosa (13.7 miles / 22 km) from Puerto Ayora, with the Caseta route being the most challenging. The reserve allows visitors to observe giant tortoises in the wild during the dry season and is also a good place to spot short-eared owls, Darwin’s finches, yellow warblers, Galapagos rails and paint-billed crakes.



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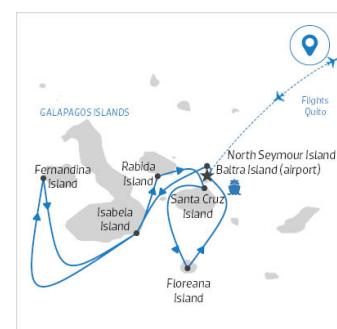
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### DAY 5: Santa Cruz: Dragon Hill & Bachas Beach

In the morning you will visit Dragon Hill on Santa Cruz. The visitors' site at Dragon Hill is located in northwestern Santa Cruz Island and consists of a 1,600 m long trail that runs through three different environments. The beach is very rocky. At high tide it's a nice place for snorkeling. At this visiting site you can find vegetation of the typical intertidal zone and dry zone. The afternoon visit Bachas Beach, located on the north shore of Santa Cruz, 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 on the beach.



### DAY 6: Floreana Island

There are two visiting sites on Floreana Island. In the morning you will visit the famous Post Office Bay. You will land on the beach and head to a spot where 18th century whalers placed a wooden barrel for use as an unofficial mail box. The custom continues to this day with Galapagos visitors. So do not forget your postcards, and do not be surprised if the post card arrives to its destination before you even get home! In the afternoon, you will head to Cormorant Point. Here you will enjoy a hike to a salt-water lagoon which is home to flamingos. You will also get to swim in the crystal clear waters of the Devil's Crown. This extinct volcano peaks out of the waters just off of Floreana's coast and offers a magnificent snorkeling experience.



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### DAY 7: Española Island

Española Island is the southernmost island of the Galapagos and is the breeding site of nearly all of the waved albatrosses in the entire world. Española is densely populated with mockingbirds, bluefooted and Nazca boobies, Darwin finches, Galapagos doves, hawks, red and green marine iguanas, and colonies of sea lions. The morning trip will start with Suarez Point and a trail where you will have the chance to see bluefooted boobies, albatrosses and Nazca boobies. It is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12,000 pairs of Waved Albatrosses. You will also visit a beautiful site on the ocean front where there is a cliff that the large albatrosses use as a launching pad! The landscape is great for photography and you will also have the chance to see the famous blowhole. In the afternoon, you will visit the spectacular Gardner Bay. After landing, you can walk across a lovely white- sand beach amongst a busy sea lion colony or dive into the water to swim with sea lion pups. You can also see curious mockingbirds on the beach.



### DAY 8: San Cristobal: Interpretation Center & Departure

In the morning you will visit The Interpretation Center which opened in 1998 as a phase of the project "Interpretation and Environment Education Project." Visitors enjoy exhibitions on natural history, human history, and conservation. The conservation efforts represent the movement to protect the wildlife and natural environment through means of population and tourist control. The Interpretation Center has an outdoor stadium, audio-visual equipment, and meeting rooms.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>All meals and excursions          Transfers in the islands          Bilingual National Park Guide          Use of snorkelling equipment/wetsuit          Use of underwater camera          Free Airport Assistance*          Hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil (the day before the cruise)*          2 Free transfers to Galapagos Flights*          *Applies when purchasing airfare from Royal Galapagos</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>          Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos          Alcoholic drinks          Galapagos National Park Fee (USD\$100 per person subject to change)          Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person subject to change)          Travel/Medical insurance          Gratuities          Personal Expenses</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Departure date, seasonality and availability.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as

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much back as possible to the communities we work in.

As a Gold Corporate member of the Galapagos Conservation Trust, Royal Galapagos supports ongoing conservation efforts and projects in the Galapagos Islands.

The Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT) is a British not-for-profit organization that focus on the sustainability and conservation of the Galapagos Islands. Launched in 1995 at the Royal Society, GCT supports, develops and promotes projects that achieve measurable conservation, sustainable living, and protection of this unique ecosystem.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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