


ECUADOR - CENTRAL AND NORTHERN ISLANDS CRUISE | INFINITY



INTRODUCTION

Enjoy a 4-day **Galapagos Islands cruise** aboard the beautiful Infinity yacht, that will introduce you to some of the highlights of the Galapagos archipelago. Sail to **Black Turtle Cove** with its abundance of marine life, to the white sand beaches and mangroves of **Darwin Bay** and on to the coral beach and lava fields of **Santiago Island**. **Rabida** is a birdwatches paradise- with a variety of Darwin's finches, flycatchers, hawks, Galapagos penguins, ducks and pelicans. The scenery will overwhelm you and the wildlife astound you.

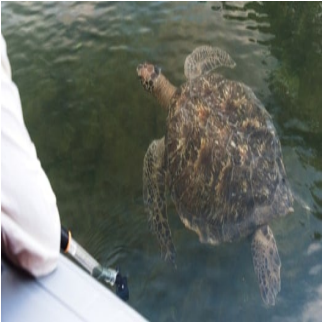
The Infinity also offers a [5 day cruise](#) and a [8 day cruise](#)

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DEPARTURE
Selected Tuesdays
DURATION
4 Days
LOCATIONS
Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, South America


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DAY 1: 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.



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DAY 2: 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, redfooted 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.



DAY 3: 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 Jarvis) 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.



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DAY 4: Fausto Llerena 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. After this final visit, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	<p>INCLUSIONS</p> <p>Accommodation onboard the Infinity in your chosen cabin All meals and excursions while onboard the ship Group transfers in the Galapagos Islands Bilingual English Speaking 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)* One free transfer to Galapagos Flights* *Applies only when purchasing roundtrip Galapagos/mainland airfare from this supplier</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos Alcoholic drinks Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change) Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person - Subject to change) Travel/Medical insurance Gratuities Personal Expenses</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. * Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

SUSTAINABILITY

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