

## ECUADOR - SOUTHERN ISLANDS CRUISE | INFINITY



### INTRODUCTION

Cruise the **Galapagos** archipelago that inspired the works of Charles Darwin as you cruise the Galapagos Islands about the luxurious **Infinity yacht**. Encounter majestic giant tortoises in their natural habitat in the **Santa Cruz highlands** and discover more about the history of the Galapagos at **Bachas Beach** and **Post Office Bay**. Visit **Gardener Bay**, a major breeding site for the waved albatross and enjoy the antics of the blue-footed and Nazca boobies on **Espanola**. The wildlife and the scenery will captivate you.

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

### ITINERARY

#### TRIP CODE

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#### DEPARTURE

Selected Fridays

#### DURATION

5 Days

#### LOCATIONS

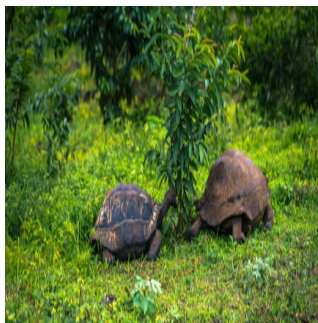
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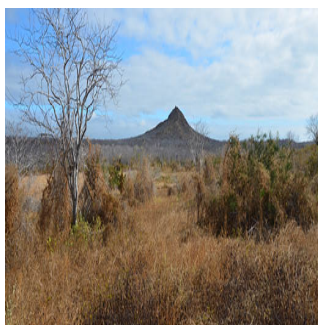
## DAY 1: Baltra - El Chato

Assistance at the airport by our representative for your Galapagos flight. You will arrive at Baltra Island in the morning. After passing through immigration and baggage claim, you will be met by the Infinity staff 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. 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.



## DAY 2: 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.



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### DAY 3: Post Office Bay & Cormorant Point or Devil's Crown

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.



### DAY 4: Suarez Point & Gardner Bay

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.



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## DAY 5: 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. After this final visit, you will be transferred to the San Cristobal airport in time for your flight back to the mainland.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>INCLUSIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation in your chosen cabin onboard the Infinity</li> <li>All meals and excursions while onboard the ship</li> <li>Group transfers in the islands</li> <li>English Speaking National Park Guide</li> <li>Use of snorkelling equipment/wetsuit</li> <li>Use of underwater camera</li> <li>Free Airport Assistance*</li> <li>Hotel night in Quito or Guayaquil (the day before the cruise)*</li> <li>A free transfer to Galapagos Flights*</li> <li>*Applies only when purchasing roundtrip</li> <li>Galapagos/mainland airfare from the cruise operator</li> </ul> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roundtrip airfare to/from Galapagos</li> <li>Alcoholic drinks</li> <li>Galapagos National Park Entrance fee (US\$200 per person from Aug 2024 - Subject to change)</li> <li>Galapagos Transit Control Card (USD\$20 per person - Subject to change)</li> <li>Travel/Medical insurance</li> <li>Gratuities</li> <li>Personal Expenses</li> </ul>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)



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<b>Single Surcharge</b>	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.  * Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

## SUSTAINABILITY

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