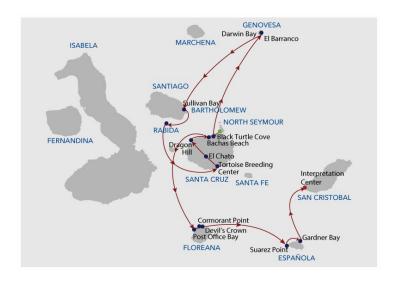


### GALAPAGOS CRUISE - 8 DAYS A (INFINITY)

Our complete itineraries are developed for the benefit of our passengers, who will have the opportunity to combine hiking, snorkeling, beach and kayaking; our professional guides will introduce you to the most relevant sites on each island.



#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Baltra Island Airport: Arrival and Transfer to the boat & Santa Cruz: Black Turtle Cove

Black Turtle Cove is situated in the northern part of Santa Cruz. This inlet is surrounded by mangroves and is only accessible by dinghy. The shallow cove is a safe 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 Island: El Barranco & Genovesa Island: Darwin Bay

Also known as Prince Phillip's Steps, El Barranco's steep, rocky paths 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. This white sand coral beach heads a half mile trail (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. At the end is a spectacular view off a cliff.

#### Day 3 Santiago Island: Sullivan Bay & Rabida Island

A coral beach landing leads you towards a lava field as far as the eye can see. Hunt and peck over the two distinguished types of lava, pahoehoe and 'a'a, for signs of plant life that have managed to emerge over the past 100 years since the most recent volcanic explosion. A truly amazing volcanic experience...up close and personal! Rabida Island (Jervis) is one of the most colorful and volcanically varied islands in the archipelago and a great snorkeling site. Its famous maroon sandy beach and stunning lookouts provide wonderful 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 Island: Tortoise Breeding Center & Santa Cruz Island: El Chato

The Charles Darwin Research Station is home to turtles ranging from 3-inches (new hatchlings) to 4-feet long. Subspecies of turtles interact with one another and many of the older turtles are accustomed to humans stretching out their heads for a photo opportunity. The babies are kept until they are about four years old and strong enough to survive on their own. The El Chato reserve 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 more 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 5 Santa Cruz Island: Dragon Hill & Santa Cruz Island: Bachas Beach

Situated on Santa Cruz Island, Dragon Hill is one of the newest visitor sites accessible to tourists in the Galapagos Islands. One of the lengthier Galapagos walking trails will lead visitors along a beach and up a trail to the lagoon lookout where bright flamingos, pintail ducks, and land iguanas can be spotted. Located on the north shore of Santa Cruz, Las 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 off the beach.

# Day 6 Floreana Island: Post Office Bay & Floreana Island: Cormorant Point or Devil's Crown

In the 18th century whalers passing through the islands placed a wooden barrel on Floreana Island for use as an unofficial mail box. The tradition continues today as visitors leave addressed postcards in the barrel and sort through left mail to deliver at home. This site hosts a large flamingo lagoon where other birds such as common stilts and white-cheeked pintails can also be seen. The beaches on this island are distinct: The "Green Beach" named so due to its green color, which comes from a high percentage of olivine crystals in the sand, and the "Four Sand Beach" composed of white coral.

#### Day 7 Española Island: Suarez Point & Española Island: Gardner Bay

This area is great for spotting blue-footed boobies, albatrosses and Nazca boobies. A beautiful site on the ocean front, the large waved albatrosses use the cliff as a launching pad. The famous





attraction is the magnificent blowhole, spurting water high into the air. This site presents wonderful photograph opportunities. Gardner Bay, on the eastern side of the island, is the breeding site of nearly all of the world's 12,000 pairs of waved albatrosses. It has an ample white sandy beach with a myriad of sea lions, perfect for relaxing. Its rocky shores make this site a great place for diving and snorkeling.

# Day 8 San Cristobal Island: Interpretation Center & Transfer to the San Cristobal Airport

The Interpretation Center was opened in 1998 as a phase of the project "Interpretation and Environment Education Project." Visitors enjoy expositions 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.

#### Please Note:

Itineraries are unlikely to change significantly but are subject to change. Weather, wildlife breeding, safety concerns, 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 time or nature of visits. Your guide and captain will always endeavor to select the best itinerary within these limits.



### YOUR SHIP: INFINITY

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

The MV INFINITY (launched in 2015) is a 49m (161 ft) long, 8.8 m (28 ft) wide luxury vessel, with a cruising speed of nine knots, Infinity has the latest state-of-the-art equipment and amenities. Infinity carries a maximum of just 38 passengers in 19 twin or double cabins, guaranteeing an intimate setting for all guests. Cabins The modern cabins are fully equipped with air condition, safe deposit box, fire alarm, emergency lights and audio system for announcements by the captain or Tour Director. In addition each cabin has life jackets, desk and chair, wardrobe, night stand, small sofa and a porthole window. Bathrooms are equipped with toilet, shower, wash basin and hair dryer. All cabins have indoor passage access to the bar and restaurant area (except two main deck cabins that are connected to restaurant via deck). Cabin sizes \- Upper Deck VIP cabin, Twin/Double beds. size 15.7m2with balcony-DeckStandard cabin,Twin/Double beds, size 17m2 with window-Lower Deck cabin, Standard Twin/Double beds, size 16/17m2 Porthole Social Areas The spacious air-conditioned main deck dining room offers privacy for each guest including bar area with LCD TV, a corner buffet breakfast table and loung area on the rear of the upper deck. The lounge

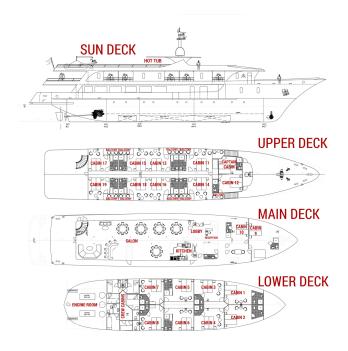
sundeck has a total surface of 250 m2 (820 sq ft) with partial sun-shade cover of 70 m2 (230 sq ft) and comfortable deck-beds for all passengers all with easy access to the Jacuzzi tub. The vessel has a rear platform to the sea with ladders for easy access into the water and offers two outdoor showers and two deck lavatories. VIP



cabin balcony



## **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**





## **PRICING**

**Galapagos National Park Fee +** 

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Transit Control Card 120 USD pp

