

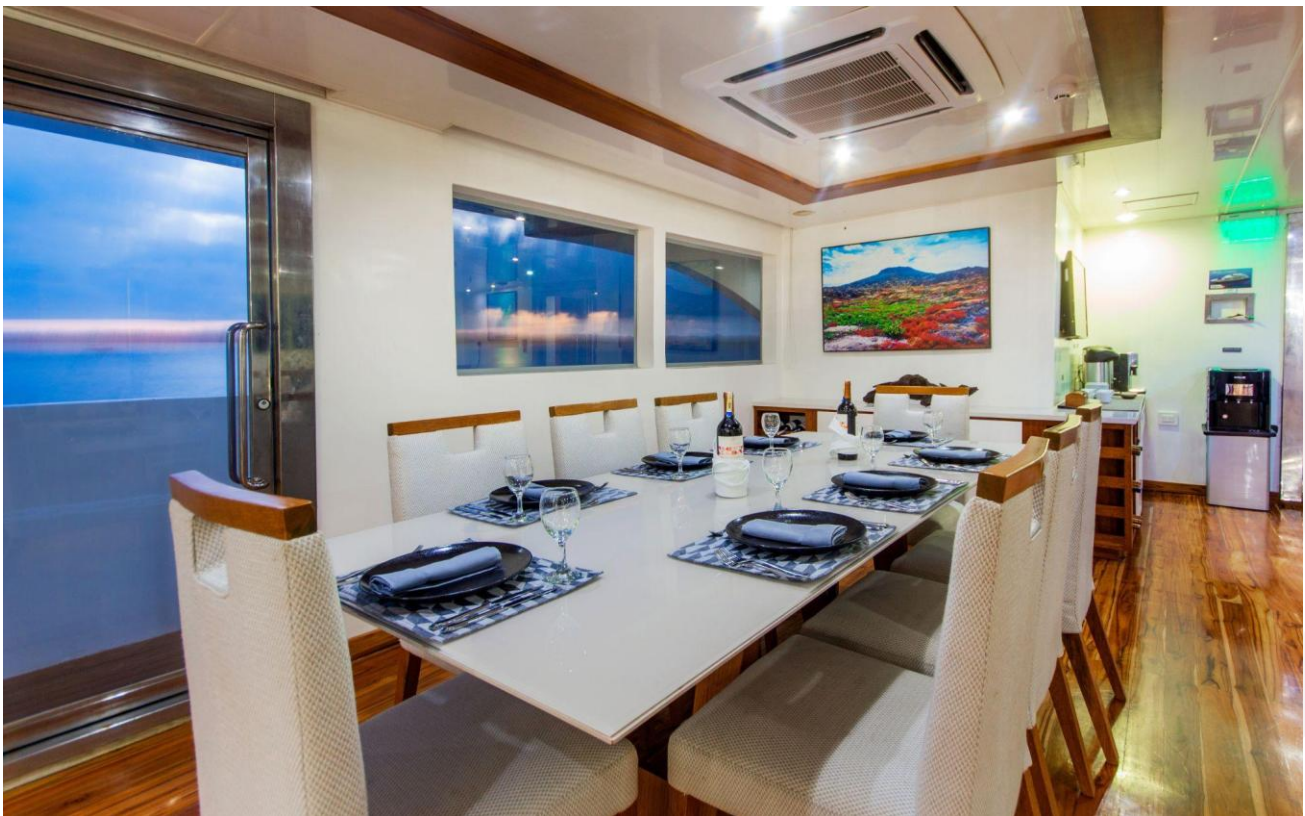
Infinity Yacht

Galapagos Cruise Expedition Itinerary 8A: 8 Days – 7 Nights



The Infinity Yacht is one of the most modern and stylish luxury motor yachts sailing the Galapagos, designed specifically for environmentally friendly cruising. Launched in 2018, this 161-foot vessel combines high performance with unmatched comfort, offering an intimate experience for up to 20 passengers. With state-of-the-art safety and navigation systems, plus a crew of 11 including two Level 3 naturalist guides (the highest classification in the Galapagos), the Infinity ensures a safe, seamless, and enriching journey through Darwin's "living laboratory."

Guests enjoy spacious accommodations with private balconies, elegant furnishings, and all the amenities of marine luxury. The yacht features two expansive double suites and eight twin cabins spread across the main and upper decks, all equipped with private bathrooms, hot showers, air conditioning, safety deposit boxes, and generous storage space. Social areas include a lounge and bar, al-fresco and indoor dining, a Jacuzzi, a sundeck for soaking in island views, a small library, and even kayaks for active exploration. Every corner of the vessel is designed to balance comfort, style, and environmental responsibility.



Every aspect of the Infinity Yacht's design—both technical and experiential—reflects a dedication to comfort, exploration, and sustainability. While the latest navigation and safety systems ensure peace of mind, the yacht's elegant spaces and thoughtful amenities create an atmosphere of relaxation between adventures. Whether you're unwinding with a cocktail on the sundeck, kayaking along volcanic shores, or sharing stories over dinner under the stars, the Infinity offers one of the most exclusive and rewarding ways to experience the Galapagos Islands.

Accommodation



Technical Specifications

- **Year of construction:** 2016
- **Type:** Luxury motor yacht
- **Capacity:** 20 Passengers + 11 crew members (including 2 guides)
- **Guides:** Level 3 (the highest classification of the Galapagos National Park)
- **Length:** 49 Meters / 161 Feet
- **Beam:** 10 Meters / 33 Feet
- **Draft:** 2.4 meters / 8 feet
- **Max speed:** 10 Knots
- **Gross Tonnage:** 420 Tons
- **Main engines:** 2x SCANIA Diesel Engine 550HP @1800RPM 8000H
- **Generators:** 2x John Deere Genset 70kw@1800rpm standby 3ph 60Hz



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 - Tuesday:** Arrival at Baltra Airport (Baltra Island) + Transfer to Boat + Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)
- Day 2 - Wednesday:** El Barranco + Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)
- Day 3 - Thursday:** Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) + Rabida Island
- Day 4 - Friday:** Tortoise Breeding Center + El Chato (Santa Cruz Island)
- Day 5 - Saturday:** Dragon Hill + Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)
- Day 6 - Sunday:** Post Office Bay + Cormorant Point or Devil's Crown (Floreana Island)
- Day 7 - Monday:** Suarez Point + Gardner Bay (Española Island)
- Day 8 - Tuesday:** Interpretation Center + Transfer to San Cristobal Airport (San Cristobal Island)

ITINERARY MAP





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Tuesday: Arrival at Baltra Airport (Baltra Island) + Transfer to Boat + Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)



Your Galapagos adventure begins with a flight from Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island, the main gateway to this enchanted archipelago. After paying your park entrance fee — a direct contribution to the protection of the Galapagos National Park and Marine Reserve — a friendly guide will be waiting to escort you to the Infinity Yacht, your luxurious floating home for the week. Settle in, enjoy a welcome lunch, and take in the thrill of being at the doorstep of one of the world's most unique ecosystems.

In the afternoon, you'll set out for Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz Island. This serene mangrove lagoon is a sanctuary for marine life, where sea turtles surface gracefully and schools of golden rays glide below. With luck, you may spot reef sharks resting in the calm shallows, along with herons and pelicans patrolling the mangroves. Quietly drifting through this hidden oasis sets a magical tone for the journey ahead.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Wednesday: El Barranco + Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)



This morning you'll land on Genovesa Island, famously nicknamed "Bird Island" for its incredible avian diversity. At El Barranco, a trail carved into volcanic rock takes you past colonies of Red-footed and Nazca boobies, frigatebirds soaring above, and even elusive owls hiding among the lava fields. Storm petrels nest in the cliffs here in astonishing numbers, making the site a birdwatcher's paradise. The rugged landscape and abundant wildlife make it one of the most dramatic visitor sites in the Galapagos.

Later, you'll enjoy a wet landing at Darwin Bay, a coral-sand beach alive with seabirds and playful sea lions. A short trail meanders past Opuntia cactus and mangroves where Great frigatebirds nest, their scarlet pouches inflated to impress potential mates. Watching their displays, alongside the constant activity of boobies and gulls, creates a spectacle of nature unlike any other. This is Genovesa at its finest — raw, wild, and unforgettable.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Thursday: Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island) + Rabida Island



Step onto Santiago Island and into another world at Sullivan Bay, where vast lava fields tell the story of the islands' fiery origins. Walking across the ropey Pahoehoe formations, you'll see patterns frozen in time from eruptions more than a century ago. Despite its barren look, the site is teeming with life — tiny lava lizards dart across the rocks, and seabirds rest along the shoreline. After exploring, cool off by snorkeling in the bay, where curious sea lions often join visitors in the water.

In the afternoon, discover Rabida Island, instantly recognizable for its striking red sand beach. This unusual color comes from iron-rich volcanic materials weathered by the elements, creating a surreal backdrop for photos. Behind the beach, a saltwater lagoon is often visited by flamingos, while along the coast you may spot pelicans nesting and sea lions lounging. The contrast of the scarlet shoreline, turquoise waters, and green vegetation makes Rabida one of the most visually stunning islands in the archipelago.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Friday: Tortoise Breeding Center + El Chato (Santa Cruz Island)



This morning you'll visit the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center in Puerto Ayora, where giant tortoises of all ages can be seen up close. From tiny hatchlings the size of your palm to massive adults over 100 years old, the center plays a vital role in the conservation of these iconic creatures. Many tortoises here are accustomed to humans, stretching their necks curiously toward visitors — perfect for memorable photos and a deeper appreciation of the efforts to preserve these giants.

In the afternoon, head into the verdant highlands of Santa Cruz. The journey takes you through changing vegetation zones, from dry lowlands dotted with cacti to lush scalesia forests in the misty hills. At El Chato reserve, you'll find giant tortoises roaming freely in the wild, alongside white herons and other endemic species. Exploring lava tunnels carved by ancient eruptions adds an adventurous twist to the day, blending wildlife encounters with geology and landscapes found nowhere else on Earth.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Saturday: Dragon Hill + Bachas Beach (Santa Cruz Island)



Your morning begins at Dragon Hill, named for the large land iguanas that bask among the rocky trails. These impressive reptiles, with their spiky crests and golden hues, are a highlight of the island's dry zone. Along the way, you'll also find Darwin finches, Galapagos flycatchers, and Yellow Warblers, while a nearby saltwater lagoon often attracts flamingos and other wading birds. From the hilltop, enjoy panoramic views over the island's cactus forests and surrounding bays.

In the afternoon, visit Las Bachas Beach, one of the most important nesting grounds for sea turtles in the Galapagos. Tracks from nesting females often crisscross the sand, and with luck you may spot hatchlings making their way to the ocean. Flamingos and stilts forage in the lagoon, while sea lions and marine iguanas rest along the shore. The beach's name comes from rusting barges abandoned by the U.S. Navy during World War II, still visible in the shallows today. The combination of history, wildlife, and pristine beauty makes Bachas an unforgettable stop.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Sunday: Post Office Bay + Cormorant Point or Devil's Crown (Floreana Island)



Floreana Island is steeped in history and mystery, from tales of pirates and whalers to early settlers. At Post Office Bay, you'll discover the wooden barrel where sailors once left letters to be delivered by passing ships — a tradition still alive today. Visitors are encouraged to leave postcards of their own and take any addressed near their hometown. Afterward, enjoy snorkeling with playful sea lions and graceful green turtles just off the beach, a true Galapagos highlight.

In the afternoon, explore Cormorant Point, where a trail leads past a lagoon frequented by flamingos and other shorebirds. A second trail opens onto a white sandy beach, an important nesting site for sea turtles, where stingrays and reef sharks glide through the shallows. Depending on park permissions, you may also snorkel at Devil's Crown, a submerged volcanic cone considered one of the best underwater sites in the islands. Colorful fish, reef sharks, starfish, and even sea lions fill this natural aquarium.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Monday: Suarez Point + Gardner Bay (Española Island)



Española Island is the southernmost and one of the most spectacular islands in the archipelago, brimming with endemic species. At Suarez Point, prepare for a wildlife parade: sea lions lazing on the beach, brightly colored marine iguanas, and bold mockingbirds that may come right up to you. The real highlight, however, is the colony of Waved albatrosses — the only one of its kind in the world — performing their elaborate mating rituals between April and December. The dramatic cliffs and blowhole, where water shoots 30 yards into the air, add to the wonder of this site.

In the afternoon, relax on the powdery white sands of Gardner Bay, one of the most beautiful beaches in the Galapagos. Sea lions sprawl across the shore, while mockingbirds and finches flit about. Snorkelers can venture into the bay's clear waters to find colorful fish, turtles, and even reef sharks, while kayakers and swimmers will love exploring the coastline. The turquoise waters and abundant wildlife make Gardner Bay the perfect place to savor the magic of Española.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Tuesday: Interpretation Center + Transfer to San Cristobal Airport (San Cristobal Island)



Your final day takes you to the Interpretation Center on San Cristobal, a fascinating museum that blends natural and human history. Engaging exhibits explain how the islands were formed, the unique currents and climate that shape them, and the arrival of species that evolved into the wonders seen today. The Human History section reveals stories of early explorers, settlers, and the ongoing efforts to conserve this fragile paradise.

Afterward, you'll have time to stroll along the waterfront before transferring to San Cristobal Airport for your flight back to the mainland. As your plane takes off, glance back at the islands — a mosaic of volcanoes, beaches, and wildlife — carrying with you the unforgettable memories of your Galapagos journey aboard the Infinity Yacht.

Meals included: Breakfast



Included in the price

- All meals, as indicated in the itinerary
- All excursions
- Transfers in the islands
- Bilingual National Park guide
- Use of snorkeling equipment/wetsuit

Not included in the price

- Flights between mainland Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (Quito–Galapagos–Quito)
- Entrance fee to Galapagos National Park (USD 200 per person)
- Galapagos Immigration Control Card (USD 20 per person)
- Alcoholic and bottled drinks
- Tips & gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Travel/medical insurance (highly recommended)