Galápagos

July 28-August 6, 2012
Aboard National Geographic Islander

TAKE $500 OFF for each person under 18.
“The most surprising characteristic of Galápagos fauna is its complete innocence: these species have evolved without predation and as such have lost all ‘fear or flight’ response, including towards us! It is unforgettable to pass through their world as though we were invisible — whilst they continue with their lives, blissfully unconcerned with our presence.”

— Emma Ridley, Expedition Leader
Dear Princetonian,

Located nearly 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, the Galápagos Islands provide a natural habitat for some of the world’s most unusual animals. Join your fellow Princetonians July 28, 2012 – August 6, 2012, on a program that provides you the chance to share the wonder of nature with your friends and family.

Princeton Journeys has chosen Lindblad Expeditions as the operator for this voyage because of the company’s long history in, deep knowledge of, and extreme care for these special islands. With Lindblad, you will experience Galápagos panoramically—on a voyage linking island to island, awaking to fresh vistas and discoveries every day. You will experience it intimately—landing each day on a new island, getting up close to the astounding wildlife. And you will experience it holistically—exploring myriad aspects of this special place from land to sky, sea to beach.

Cruise aboard the comfortable, 48-guest National Geographic Islander, uniquely equipped with Zodiac landing craft, sturdy kayaks, and a battery of underwater video equipment—all designed to provide a deep, rich, full experience. An experienced team of naturalists, including an undersea specialist and a certified photo instructor, will be at your side during every outing. Their deep knowledge of Galápagos marine and terrestrial biology and geology, along with the commentary of Princeton Study Leaders, Professor Leonid Kruglyak and Professor Hilary Coller, will add insight to all that you see and do.

To make your reservation for this fascinating summer adventure, please return the attached reservation form or contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Leslie J. Rowley S95
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys
Office of the Alumni Association, Princeton University

PRINCETON STUDY LEADERS

Leonid Kruglyak, the William R. Harman ’63 and Mary-Love Harman Professor in Genomics and Professor of Genomics and Evolutionary Biology; and Hilary Coller, Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology, will serve as Princeton Study Leaders on this program. During the Journey to the Galápagos, the Princeton leaders will distill the basics of genomics and discuss the new frontiers of genomic and evolutionary research. Their commentary will be complemented by that of Lindblad Expeditions’ expert naturalist staff who will be on hand to provide information on each of the islands and their inhabitants.

Cover Photo: Observing animals up close is one of the highlights of being in Galápagos. Opposite: the giant Galápagos tortoise.

Ship’s Registry: Ecuador
Discover Galápagos: Nature in its purest form.

The sheer amount of wildlife here is astounding. Tortoises — including legendary Lonesome George, the last of his species on Earth. Blue-footed boobies. The famous finches. Beach masters, harems and doe-eyed sea lion pups that are more than willing to swim with you. Skies filled with wheeling, courting, red-throated frigate birds. Lava rocks piled high with motionless marine iguanas. A mind-boggling plethora of creatures, untainted by fear, living in a paradise of azure waters, white beaches and cool mangrove stands. Animal life varies from island to island, and with an experienced staff of naturalists, you encounter wildlife that is so plentiful you may have to watch your footing to avoid disturbing the nap of a resting sea lion or a passing iguana. It is simply a privilege to see these creatures in this place, manifesting these precise behaviors. This natural abundance makes Galápagos one of the most impressive places on Earth.

“For me, Galápagos looms large in importance, not only as inspiration for Charles Darwin’s observations and work, but also as an example of how an almost untouched environment could give science and visitors an un tarnished look into nature in its purest form and can evoke in them inspiration and love for our planet.”

—Carlos Romero

Carlos Romero, one of the expert naturalists, will travel on many expeditions throughout the year.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Observe giant tortoises in the highlands; diverse bird life includes Nazca boobies and blue-footed boobies; marine iguanas and flamingos are other wildlife we’ll see during our visit; Zodiacs give us the freedom to explore up close.
Swim, Snorkel and Explore the Remarkable Undersea.

The world beneath the sea is as spectacular and diverse as the wonders you’ll find on land in Galápagos. You’ll see shimmering fish, sea turtles, playful sea lions, even a penguin or two. Whether you’re an avid snorkeler or prefer to explore the ocean while remaining dry, we’ve found a number of creative ways that allow travelers of all abilities and inclinations to encounter the treasures under the surface.

We draw from the example of one of the heroes of marine exploration, the extraordinary Jacques Cousteau, using nimble Zodiacs to make landfall on the most remote beaches and to explore pristine stretches of the shore that are unreachable overland.

For those who snorkel, Galápagos offers pure magic. You’ll have opportunities to snorkel nearly every day. We’ll provide you with a wet suit, mask, snorkel and fins, that will be yours alone for the voyage. If you’ve never been snorkeling before but want to, count on a naturalist to help you get the hang of it.

Our ship is also equipped with a wide selection of underwater video equipment and still cameras.

An undersea specialist will dive with a video camera and display the images captured below the waves while you’re winding down in the ship’s comfortable lounge during each evening’s daily recap.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): We make snorkeling easy for people of all ages; sea lion and undersea expert; snorkeler and mola mola; sea turtle; a curious sea lion; Galápagos penguin.
One of the most important aspects of our Galápagos expedition is the personalized experience we offer based on the desires and interests of our travelers. Flexibility is key for us — the ability to give our travelers choices. Typically, start your day with a 7am wake-up call from your expedition leader. Then choose from an array of exploration options.

**Choice of Activities:** You can explore in a variety of ways: Naturalist-guided hikes, slow-paced walks for photographers, Zodiac rides, snorkeling, kayaking or simply sitting on the beach next to a group of sea lions. You will be in the habitat of the local wildlife, giving you a chance to actually live the best nature documentary you’ve ever seen!

Watch marine iguanas resting on their lava perch, frigate birds with their robust inflated pouches, Galápagos penguins searching for food and giant tortoises stoically roaming the highlands. Every evening, we gather in the Lounge for an informal briefing to talk about what we saw during that day.

When we’re not out exploring, our casual expedition ship provides inspiring spaces — a cozy Lounge, gracious Dining Room and well-stocked Library. It also offers an array of daily spa and wellness options.

Our shipboard chefs use fresh, local ingredients whenever possible, including locally grown produce, sustainably caught fish, and other local and indigenous products.

During our week together, new friendships and a lifelong love of this enchanting place will touch everyone.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Kayaking is a great way to explore on your own; there is time for photography on our daily outings; snorkeling reaps big rewards; catch up on your reading; Head Chef Luis Lasluiza presents Spanish-inspired paella using sustainable seafood; a deserted shoreline is the perfect place to rejuvenate.
ITINERARY: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

Day 1: U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador
Depart U.S. and arrive in Guayaquil by late evening. Overnight at Hotel Hilton Colón.

Day 2: Guayaquil/Galápagos/Embark
This morning fly to Galápagos and embark ship. (B,L,D)

Days 3 – 8: Galápagos Islands
A new island to explore daily over the course of our expedition. And the promise of genuine discovery every day. Routing is subject to Galápagos National Park approval — but our in-depth knowledge of the geography guarantees days steeped in joy, wonder and engaging activities. (B,L,D)

Here is a representative sampling of islands we may visit during your week on board.*

Bartolomé: This is an enchanting landscape where lava, mangroves and golden sand converge. Great walks and views abound, with a chance to snorkel with Galápagos penguins.

Santiago: Santiago offers close encounters with Galápagos fur seals along with an opportunity to study the inhabitants of this island’s countless tide pools.

Santa Cruz: Learn about vital preservation work being done at the Charles Darwin Research Station. Then, head up into the highlands to roam the moss-draped landscape where wild giant tortoises forage.

Isabela: Enjoy a challenging hike over a rugged area of shoreline, then inland through a land iguana nesting site. Walking, birding, kayaking and snorkeling options are on offer.

*Routing is always subject to Galápagos National Park approval.
Guests enjoy kayaking off Santiago Island.

**North Seymour:** Have up-close encounters with colonies of blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds, and sea lion harems.

**Fernandina:** This is the youngest island in the Galápagos. Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza, and take in the dramatic backdrop of Isabela's volcanoes off in the distance.

**Floreana:** Snorkel among sea lions in the clear waters off Champion Islet. We may also find flamingos, pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a pristine white-sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

**Española:** The exclusive home to particularly colorful marine iguanas and the most inquisitive mockingbirds in the islands. Española is also a paradise for Darwin's finches, sea lions galore and the famous blue-footed boobies. Snorkel and stroll along the island's lovely beaches.

**Day 9: Galápagos/Disembark/Guayaquil**
Disembark and fly to Guayaquil. The late afternoon and evening are free to explore the bustling port city. Overnight at Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

**Day 10: Guayaquil/Home**
After breakfast, disembark and drive to the airport for flights home. (B)

**OPTIONAL VISIT TO THE COLONIAL CITY OF QUITO IS AVAILABLE. Call for details.**
National Geographic Islander

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Ecuador. OVERALL LENGTH: 164 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor’s Office; Fitness Center; Global Market; LEXspa; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; and Sky Deck. Our Ecuadorian captain and officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our “Open Bridge” policy.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, meals are informal for easy mingling. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities and climate controls.

EXpedITION equipment: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snorkeling gear, wet suits, Splash Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access and laundry service. A ship’s doctor and video chronicler are also on board.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment and outdoor stretching area.
Costs are per person double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

**Category 1:**
Main Deck #201-206 — Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. $5,550

**Category 2:**
Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302 — Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. $6,390

**Category 3:**
Bridge Deck #303-306 — Conveniently located, cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Cabins 305 & 306 can accommodate a third person. $7,060

**Category 4:**
Upper Deck #403-408 — Spacious cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed or a lower double bed. All cabins feature a window and outside glassed-in terraces with seating. There are large windows in the top half of the terrace doors. $7,480

**Category 5:**
Upper Deck #401 and 402 — These are the largest cabins on board. They feature wraparound windows and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Both have a desk, chairs and table. They also feature outside glassed-in terraces with seating. $8,940

**Category 1 Solo:**
Main Deck #201-206 — Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. $8,320

**Category 2 Solo:**
Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302 — Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. $9,580

**Note:** Sole-occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third-person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double-occupancy rate.

**Shared Accommodations:** If you wish to share accommodations, we will be glad to make arrangements at the double-occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.
Galápagos Voyage Cost Includes: Seven nights’ shipboard accommodations in Galápagos; two nights’ accommodations at fine hotels in Guayaquil with breakfast; all meals and soft drinks aboard ship; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; shore excursions and sightseeing; Galápagos National Park entry fee; Galápagos transit card; port taxes, service charges and gratuities to local guides. There’s never a charge for kayaks, snorkeling gear, wet suits and services of the ship physician, expedition leader, naturalist staff and expert guides.

Not Included: Airfare U.S./Guayaquil/Galápagos/ Guayaquil/U.S.; meals not indicated as included; optional extensions; Ecuador departure tax; passport and visa expenses; airfare and baggage/accident/cancellation insurance; voyage DVD; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, laundry and emails; and discretionary gratuities to naturalist staff and crew.

Sample Airfares: Airfare from your hometown to/from Galápagos is an additional cost. International routing: Miami/Guayaquil/Miami, Economy from $660; Business from $1,600. Internal Ecuador routing: Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil, adult from $450; children (under 12) from $225. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your international air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee. Internal flights must be ticketed by Lindblad (service fee will not apply); international and internal air tickets must be issued separately. Fares subject to change.

Special Offer

BRING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take $500 off the double-occupancy price for each person under 18.

Terms and Conditions

Note: A complete packet of pre-departure information, including suggestions on what to pack, will be sent to you approximately four months before departure.

Reservations: To confirm your place, an advance payment of $500 per person on Galápagos payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. (Checks made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises.)

Final Payment: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

Insurance: As a service to its travelers, Princeton Journeys automatically provides its travelers coverage under a group medical and evacuation insurance policy. It is highly recommended that you supplement this basic protection with your own additional coverage. Information on additional insurance is available and will be mailed upon receipt of your reservation.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Company’s (Lindblad Expeditions) liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests prior to final payment, and to prospective guests upon request.

Prices listed in this brochure are subject to change. The Company reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the Company’s actual cost of fuel.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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This policy applies to expeditions and may differ for extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
Reservation Form: Galápagos

Aboard National Geographic Islander — July 28-August 6, 2012

Please reserve ___________ place(s) on ☐ Galápagos

Name 1: _____________________________________________________________

(Name as it appears on passport)

Name 1: _________________________ Princeton Affiliation: ___________________

(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: _____________________________________________________________

(Name as it appears on passport)

Name 2: _________________________ Princeton Affiliation: ___________________

(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: ________________________________________________________

City: ________________________________ State: ________ Zip: ________

Home Phone: ___________________ Business Phone: _______________________

Cell Phone: _______________________________ Fax: ________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share w/friend

☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: ___________________________ 2nd choice: ___________________________

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ___________ ($500 per person on Galápagos).

Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

☐ Charge my advance payment of $ ___________ ($500 per person on Galápagos).

to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express or ☐ Discover.

Account Number: _____________________________ Expires: __________________

Cardholder Signature: _____________________________ Date: ________________

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Spend a week exploring the legendary Galápagos aboard a comfortable expedition ship.

» Have rare close encounters with giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, penguins, frigate birds and more.

» Travel with Princeton Study Leaders Professors Leonid Kruglyak and Hilary Coller, and a team of naturalists, an undersea specialist and photo instructor.

» Explore remote shorelines and secluded beaches in sturdy Zodiacs and kayaks.

» Snorkel with sea turtles, sea lions, even a penguin or two, or view live underwater video from the comfort of the ship’s Lounge.