THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS: APPROACHING EVOLUTION

With President Emerita and Professor of Molecular Biology Shirley Tilghman and Professor of English Jeff Nunokawa

July 29–August 8, 2015
Dear Princetonian,

Every journey to the Galápagos Islands is a magical one—given daily opportunities to walk among the birds, sea lions, marine iguanas, sea turtles, penguins, fur seals, and other wildlife that exist only on these special islands. However, Princeton Journeys is thrilled to announce a special program to the Galápagos that will also feature an academic program without compare. Join the dream team of President Emerita and Professor of Molecular Biology Shirley Tilghman and Professor of English Jeff Nunokawa in considering these special islands from scientific and literary angles, July 29–August 8, 2015.

After a two-night stay in Quito, Ecuador, a seven-night cruise aboard the expeditionary yacht La Pinta will allow the intimate Princeton group to explore many islands in the archipelago, with daily stops for hiking, snorkeling, kayaking, or just sitting on the beach and watching the teeming wildlife. By night, discuss the day’s experiences through the lens of the classic texts and an eye for how Darwin’s adventures laid the groundwork for today’s biological sciences.

If the Galápagos Islands have been on your “must see” list, there is no better time than now to make it happen. But with only a few cabins available, time is of the essence. Contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu to reserve your space today!

With kind regards,

Leslie J. Rowley
Executive Director, Princeton Journeys
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Princeton University
Shirley M. Tilghman was elected Princeton University’s 19th president on May 5, 2001, and assumed office on June 15, 2001. An exceptional teacher and a world-renowned scholar and leader in the field of molecular biology, she served on the Princeton faculty for 15 years before being named president. In 1996 she received the President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching. As a faculty member and as president, Tilghman teaches courses that highlight the central role that Darwin’s theory of evolution plays in understanding the natural world.

Tilghman, a native of Canada, received her Honors B.Sc. in chemistry from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, in 1968. After two years of secondary school teaching in Sierra Leone, West Africa, she obtained her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Temple University in Philadelphia.

Tilghman is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine and the Royal Society of London. She serves as a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America, Amherst College, the Institute for Advanced Studies, and the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, and as a director of Google Inc.

Jeff Nunokawa specializes in English literature from about 1830 to 1900, with a particular fondness for George Eliot and Henry James. He looks to a range of social theory in his scholarly writings, which include the books *The Afterlife of Property* and *Tame Passions of Wilde: Styles of Manageable of Desire* and other essays. In 2005, he began a project that has blossomed into a new kind of scholarly endeavor. Almost every day (and sometimes more frequently) he posts short essays to Facebook based on a variety of texts and media. Now numbering over 5,300 essays, the collection of literary criticism is accessible to a wide following in and out of the academy.

Hawaii-raised Nunokawa began teaching at Princeton in 1988 after receiving his B.A. from Yale and his Ph.D. from Cornell. He has been recognized for his teaching with the President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1992 and the Class of 2001 University Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2000. Although teaching is his self-processed first love, Nunokawa is as equally recognized on campus as Master of Rockefeller College as he is as a first-rate instructor. Master since 2007, he is lauded for his deep connection with students and his unstoppable energy.
Highlights

- Enjoy an exclusive charter of *La Pinta*, one of the finest ships in the Galápagos.

- **Snorkel and kayak** among playful and curious sea lions by day, and stargaze from the deck of *La Pinta* at night.

- Marvel at wildlife, such as tortoise, iguanas, penguins, blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, mockingbirds, and the finches that made Darwin famous.

- Visit North Seymour, Isabela, Fernandina, Rabida, Santa Cruz, Floreana, Santa Fe, and South Plaza islands, each with its endemic species that have evolved differently than on neighboring islands.

- Enjoy shore visits led by the yacht’s professionally trained naturalists.

- Relax in a newly-restored historic mansion overlooking Plaza San Francisco in the center of Quito at the award-winning *Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel*, a showcase of eye-catching style, fine dining, antiques, exquisite furnishings, modern technologies and quintessential comforts.

Day-By-Day Itinerary

**July 29 – Quito, Ecuador – Casa Gangotena**
Depart U.S. and fly to Quito, Ecuador. (D)

**July 30 – Quito – Casa Gangotena**
Morning orientation, lectures, and guided exploration of Colonial Quito. Welcome reception and dinner. (B,L,R,D)

**July 31 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Fly to Baltra, embark *La Pinta*. North Seymour Island: Magnificent frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, sea lions, and marine iguanas. (B,L,D)

**August 1 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Isabela Island: Punta Vicente Roca for watching birds and lava flows from pangas. Fernandina Island: Punta Espinoza for marine iguanas, penguins, and flightless cormorants. (B,L,D)

**August 2 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Isabela Island: Urbina Bay, at the foot of the Alcedo & Darwin volcanoes for giant tortoises and Darwin’s finches. Tagus Cove for a hike to Darwin Crater and wildlife watching from pangas. (B,L,D)

**August 3 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Rabida Island: Red Beach for sea lions, marine iguanas, flamingos. En route to Santa Cruz Island, probable viewing of dolphins. Dragon Hill for lagoon birds and land iguanas. (B,L,D)

**August 4 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Santa Cruz Island: Tortoise Reserve, Charles Darwin Research Station, Highlands’ Scalesia Forest, and Puerto Ayora. (B,L,D)

**August 5 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Floreana Island: Punta Cormorant for flamingos, islets near Post Office Bay and Baroness Cove for sea turtles, sea lions, and penguins. (B,L,D)

**August 6 – Galápagos – La Pinta**
Santa Fe Island: Sea lions, Galápagos Hawks, and land iguanas. South Plaza Island: The colorful channel between the Plaza Islands, white sand beach, and birding. (B,L,D)

**August 7 – Quito – Hilton Colon**
San Cristóbal: Puerto Baquerizo. Disembark *La Pinta* and fly to Quito. Farewell reception and dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**August 8 – Quito / Home**
Return flights to United States. (B)
To reserve a place on The Galápagos Islands: Approaching Evolution, please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, New Jersey 08542-0291. Or fax credit card information to: (609) 258-5561. For more information, contact the Princeton Journeys staff at journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8868.

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$9,995  
per person, double occupancy

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$15,995  
per person, single occupancy  
(call for availability)

General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE
  All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary  
  On-tour airfare Quito / Galápagos / Quito of $486 per person  
  Two nights at the Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel and one at the Hilton Colon, Quito  
  Seven nights aboard La Pinta  
  All sightseeing and tour airfare Quito / Galapagos / Quito of $486 per person  
  Two All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary  
  On-board gratuities, tips, and fuel surcharges  
  Trip Cancellation/Interruption insurance  
  Optional excursions (call for availability)

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GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 40 participants.

Terms & Conditions

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To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your deposit check payable to Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291 or fax it to (609) 258-5561. Balance of payment is due March 31, 2015. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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