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# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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Travel with Princeton's legendary evolutionary biologists,  
Drs. Peter and Rosemary Grant



**ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER**

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*Galápagos will spoil you. The legendary animals described by Charles Darwin show no fear, making it possible to make intimate portraits of giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and a host of seabirds, including the comical blue-footed boobies. I guarantee you will shoot more images than ever before, and make your best pictures ever!*

—Ralph Lee Hopkins,  
Director of Expedition Photography

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## DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

We are delighted to invite you on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to travel to the Galápagos Islands with Princeton's legendary evolutionary biologists, Peter and Rosemary Grant. Discover the magic of this special place by day and learn about the Grants' forty years of fieldwork studying Darwin's finches by night.

Begin the journey in Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city, then fly some 600 miles off the coast to the Galápagos Islands. From here, climb aboard the 24- berth *National Geographic Islander*, a true expedition ship. Animal life varies from island to island, but likely encounters include sea lions, fur seals, marine iguanas, sea turtles, and the Giant Tortoise, as well as a wealth of bird life such as penguins, frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, Galápagos hawks, Darwin's finches, Nazca boobies, storm petrels and short-eared owls. Our intimate Princeton group will have the opportunity 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. At Santa Cruz Island, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about the center's conservation and sustainability projects. On Isla Bartolomé hike past lava tubes and spatter cones and learn about the volcanic origin of this archipelago.

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

With kind regards,



Bridget St. Clair  
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys  
Princeton University

### ABOUT STUDY LEADERS DRs. PETER AND ROSEMARY GRANT



Drs. Peter and Rosemary Grant, Princeton's legendary evolutionary biologists, will join this program as Study Leaders. The Grants will lecture on their four decades of work studying Darwin's finches on the Galápagos Island of Daphne Major, as chronicled in their Pulitzer Prize-winning book *The Beak of the Finch: A Story of Evolution in Our Time*. Their painstaking work over the course of forty years has revealed that evolutionary changes can occur far faster than was ever thought possible and that evolution is a far more dynamic process than Darwin imagined. They have provided the most complete account of how evolution works in nature, elucidating the mechanisms by which genetic diversity is maintained and through which new species originate.

The Grants are emeritus professors of evolutionary biology at Princeton, are Fellows of the Royal Society and recipients of the Balzan Award and the Kyoto Prize, two of the most prestigious international prizes in science.

Cover photo: Galápagos giant tortoise. © Ralph Lee Hopkins.

Opposite: Dramatic seascape on the coast of Santiago Island. © Ralph Lee Hopkins.

Ship's registry: Ecuador



# ENCOUNTER WILD ANIMALS SIMPLY LIVING THEIR LIVES IN FRONT OF YOU



*Sea lion is unfazed by young photographer.*

On an African safari, your guides have to work hard to ensure you'll spot one of the often-elusive 'big five' species. In Galápagos, no binoculars required. Chances are, your naturalists will have to route you around the charismatic endemic species that cross your path, graze

beside you, or take a nap pretty much anywhere they want. There's always fascinating behavior to observe and learn about—courtship, nesting, raising young, feeding, defending territory, and more. And because Galápagos' animals don't fear humans, you'll have a rare experience of closeness—literally and figuratively. You could visit Galápagos 50 times and see something new each time.

# DISCOVER GALÁPAGOS WITH THE FREEDOM TO ENJOY IT YOUR WAY

Each day you'll enjoy a fresh destination plus all kinds of choices of what to do. Hike, paddleboard, kayak, snorkel, or hang out with your photo instructor. But should you decide to sleep in, have a slow breakfast, or get a massage, it's your vacation. The schedule is flexible and the itinerary more a function of what's to see than where we need to be. You're free to explore the ship, and always welcome on the Bridge to meet the captain and officers.



*Snorkeling amidst Galápagos' colorful undersea.*

*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Snorkeling with a Galápagos green turtle; blue-footed booby; Galápagos giant tortoises in the wild; flamingo preening; marine iguana.*

# EXPLORE NEW ISLANDS EVERY DAY

Experience more of the varied islands, habitats, and wildlife of Galápagos—on land and under the sea.



## UP-CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH ANIMALS

Each new island brings new creatures—curious or indifferent, but unafraid. Get up close and personal, and savor the unique absence of fear.



## MARINE RESERVE

In 2016 Ecuador created one of the world's largest marine sanctuaries around the islands. And the presidents of Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Colombia signed a historic accord for marine protection. You'll discover a thriving ocean.



## CROSS THE EQUATOR

Retrace the historic voyages of explorers, whalers, and buccaneers in the Equatorial Pacific.

## SNORKEL DAILY

Delight in an undersea that features sea turtles, penguins, and balletic sea lions, as well as scores of colorful fish.

**WALK OR HIKE INCREDIBLE VISTAS, AT YOUR PACE**

Whether sheathed in lava, studded with cacti, or green and grassy, the varied landscapes of Galápagos beg to be discovered on foot.



GENOVESA



**SEE TORTOISES IN THE WILD**

Head into the highlands of Santa Cruz to see free-ranging giant tortoises, a fascinating opportunity and proof that Galápagos' conservation initiatives are working well.

BARTOLOMÉ

N. SEYMOUR

BALTRA

SANTA CRUZ



**GRAB A KAYAK OR A PADDLEBOARD**

Go on a personal exploration, meditation, or exercise foray.

SAN CRISTÓBAL



**EXCLUSIVE: CERTIFIED PHOTO INSTRUCTOR ABOARD**

There's a photo op a minute in the islands, and a certified photo instructor is at your service—with instruction, tips, and guidance. Go home with your best photos ever.

FLOREANA

ESPAÑOLA





# LIFE ABOARD YOUR EXPEDITION SHIP

Begin and end each active day in the comfortable and welcoming atmosphere of the *National Geographic Islander*, a vintage mahogany-and-brass ode to the elegant maritime tradition. Accommodating just 48 guests, it's as close to a private yacht expedition as you can get, and a friendly, convivial community quickly forms on board. The attentiveness of the staff, cabin service three times daily, the relaxed informality, combined with the pleasures of convening in the lounge and entering the dining room for each day's meals, creates a round of satisfying rituals that foster a real sense of being "at home."



## YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM IS ACE AT DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES

Your expedition team has the knowledge and the passion for Galápagos that will kindle yours. They will do whatever it takes, from maintaining a lookout so you don't miss a passing whale, offering an extra snorkel when sea turtles are congregating nearby, or pausing on a walk to witness the birth of a sea lion pup. They'll help you to see, do, and absorb all the extraordinary experiences.

You'll have the benefit of a certified photo instructor at your side and at your service. He or she can help you with anything from camera settings to the basics of composition. Now, every guest—from iPhone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side-by-side with skilled photographers, pick up tips in the field, and take great photos.

*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Photo instructor offers tips in the field; explore by kayak or paddleboard; head ashore by versatile Zodiac; young guest photographs marine iguanas up close.*

# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER



*Photograph sea lions up close on the beach.*

Pack a ton of adventure into one action-filled week. With multiple activities each day on land and under the sea—including options for walks and hikes, kayaking, paddleboarding, and snorkeling—you'll be assured of the full Galápagos experience.

## **DAY 1:** DEPART U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Arrive in Guayaquil and transfer to the 44-room Hotel del Parque, a tranquil haven set in a restored 19th-century building. Call for recommended international flights, or additional nights at the hotel.

## **DAY 2:** GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/EMBARK

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the tropical Pacific. You are welcomed by the naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

## **DAYS 3-6:** GALÁPAGOS

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during this expedition.\* (B,L,D Daily)

**BARTOLOMÉ:** Climb to the summit of this volcanic wonderland, then snorkel and swim from a golden beach. You might even see Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest.

**ISABELA:** Cross the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Search for whales and dolphins as you ply these rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

**FERNANDINA:** One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.



**SANTIAGO:** Explore tide pools and search for fur seals in quiet grottos on this island where lava walks, a coastal forest, and kayaking along lava flows are high points.

**SANTA CRUZ:** Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Charles Darwin Research Station and Galápagos National Park. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild en route to Baltra.

**DAY 7: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/GUAYAQUIL/U.S.**

Return by air to Guayaquil, where we enjoy dayrooms at the Hotel del Parque before flights home—or continue to Quito for an optional two-night extension. You may also opt to overnight and fly home on Day 8 at no additional cost. Call for details. (B)

*\*Note: This expedition begins and ends at Baltra and includes visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.*

## QUITO & OTAVALO POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

Follow the mystery and magic of Galápagos with Ecuador's beautifully preserved colonial capital and the celebrated markets of Otavalo on this 3-day post-voyage extension. Quito's historic center—largest and best preserved in Spanish America—was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1978, second in the world after Galápagos. Additional nights and independent options are also available. Please call for details.





## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

**CAPACITY:** 24 outside cabins accommodating 48 guests.

**REGISTRY:** Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Open-air observation deck, second covered outside deck with hammocks, tables and chairs. Lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, dining room, library, Mac kiosks and internet. The captain and officers welcome guests to visit the open Bridge.

**MEALS:** Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

**CABINS:** All have a window with an outside view, private facilities, ample storage, and climate controls. Bed can be configured as two twins or as a single queen.

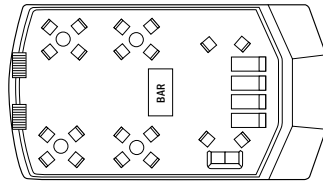
**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiacs, a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope, and underwater video camera.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Explorers family program, Global Gallery, shipboard doctor.

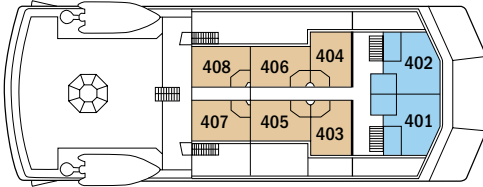
**WELLNESS:** LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.



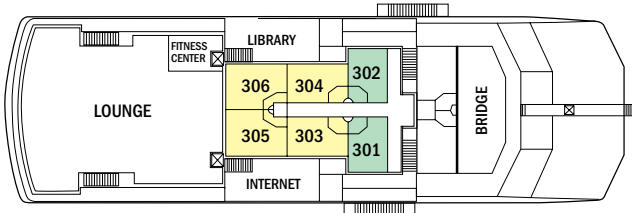
*Clockwise from top: National Geographic Islander anchors close to shore; Category 1 cabin; Category 4 cabin; spacious and comfortable lounge.*



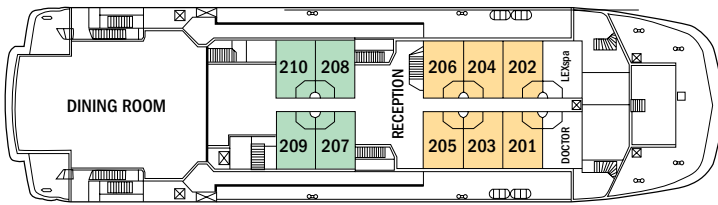
SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



BRIDGE DECK



MAIN DECK

**WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB AND WI-FI ARE INCLUDED.**

COSTS ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS INDICATED AS SOLO.

**CATEGORY 1:** \$6,250

Main Deck, Forward #201-206

**CATEGORY 2:** \$7,160

Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

**CATEGORY 3:** \$7,900

Bridge Deck #303-306

**CATEGORY 4:** \$8,320

Upper Deck #403-408

**CATEGORY 5:** \$10,020

Upper Deck, #401 and 402

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** \$9,280

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** \$10,550

NOTE: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet. Solo occupancy in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates for cabins 305 and 306 are one-half per person occupation rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.

# INCLUSIVE PRICING

## ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room, to outdoor BBQs, hors d'oeuvres and snacks during lounge recap, tea time cookies and all-day fruit
- ✓ All alcoholic (excluding certain premium brands) and nonalcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea and soda
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
- ✓ Fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands and more
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi (one hour a day per person)
- ✓ Access to navigational Bridge
- ✓ Services of a ship physician and expedition staff

## ASHORE

- ✓ One night hotel accommodations in Guayaquil
- ✓ Meals as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights

## ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All the daily activities—from Zodiac explorations to kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking, and snorkeling (ship carries complete snorkeling gear)
- ✓ Lectures, presentations, daily recaps and briefings by the knowledgeable expedition staff in the lounge
- ✓ Photo instruction from a certified photo instructor

# SPECIAL OFFER

**BRING THE KIDS:** Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take \$500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**COST INCLUDES:** All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals and nonalcoholic and alcoholic (except certain premium brands) beverages aboard ship; meals on land as indicated; shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; special access permits; transfers to and from group flights; use of snorkeling equipment and wetsuits; use of kayaks and paddleboards; free Wi-Fi aboard ship (one hour per day per person); tips (except to ship's crew), taxes, and service charges; services of a ship physician and expedition staff. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Air transportation (unless otherwise indicated); extensions; passport, visa, immigration fees; meals not indicated; certain premium brands of alcohol; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as wellness treatments, voyage chronicle, and laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost (unless indicated as included). International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately. Sample international fares: Round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$500; Business from \$1,050. Internal fares: Round-trip Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$520; Children (under 12) from \$350. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your international air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee. Fares subject to change.

**RESERVATIONS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of US\$750 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due 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.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country, if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

**SMOKING POLICY:** Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

**NOTE:** Itinerary and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, the right is reserved to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350
119–90 days	Advance payment cost
89–60 days	25% of trip cost
59–45 days	50% of trip cost
44–0 days	No refund
<i>We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</i>	

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## RESERVATION FORM: WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it appears on passport)

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Princeton Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the Quito extension.

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US\$750 per person).

Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

Charge my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US\$750 per person)

to my  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

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## WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Travel with Princeton's legendary evolutionary biologists, Drs. Peter and Rosemary Grant.
- » Cruise to pristine islands aboard a 24-cabin yacht-like expedition ship.
- » Walk among wildlife unfazed by your presence and head into the highlands to observe giant Galápagos tortoises in the wild.
- » Experience the waters of the Galápagos by kayak, Zodiac, or paddleboard.
- » Snorkel with sea lions, sea turtles, and abundant fish.
- » Enjoy daily cocktail hour recap with engaging presentations by naturalists and photographers.



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