WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER
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
DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

We are delighted to invite you on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to travel to the Galápagos Islands. Discover the magic of this special place.

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 San Cristóbal, search for the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard found only on this island, which is fronted by iconic Kicker Rock.

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 to reserve your space today.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair
Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys
Princeton University

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

**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.

**GRAB A KAYAK OR A PADDLEBOARD**
Go on a personal exploration, meditation, or exercise foray.

**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.
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.
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)

**SANTA CRUZ:** Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corral. Observe the giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush, green highlands.
SAN CRISTÓBAL: Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island, and dig your toes into the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno and surroundings, home to one of the largest sea lion rookeries.

ESPAÑOLA: See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, and Nazca boobies at this birder’s paradise, also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the wide sand beach, and snorkel offshore, at Gardner Bay.

FLOREANA: Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

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 at Hotel del Parque 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.
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, National Geographic 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.
WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB AND WI-FI ARE INCLUDED.

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

**CATEGORY 1:** $5,800
Main Deck, Forward #201-206

**CATEGORY 2:** $6,610
Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

**CATEGORY 3:** $7,300
Bridge Deck #303-306

**CATEGORY 4:** $7,710
Upper Deck #403-408

**CATEGORY 5:** $9,330
Upper Deck, #401 and 402

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** $8,620

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** $9,810

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.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

double occupancy price for each person under 18.

BRING THE KIDS:
Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the

SPECIAL OFFER

 memory card
 bicycle, free weights, bands, and more
 cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea and soda
 during lounge recap, tea time cookies and all-day fruit
 to outdoor BBQs, hors d’oeuvres, and snacks
 to 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 $1,470. 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. To change air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee. Fares subject to change.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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Please reserve ____________ place(s).

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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.
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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» 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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