WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE
MAY 22-28, 2021
Travel with Swarthmore Associate Professor Vince Formica
ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER
Santiago Island, GALÁPAGOS
0°.24'S, 90°.85'W

That’s the exhilaration of discovery.
DEAR SWARTHMORE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

There’s never a dull moment in Galápagos. In these enchanted isles, you can get closer than you ever imagined to endemic wildlife that lacks an instinctive fear of humans, explore a vibrant and unique undersea, and observe diverse habitats from stark volcanic landscapes to lush, green highlands.

Since not everyone has the luxury of time to commit to an extended voyage, we are delighted to provide a shorter, action-packed itinerary that delivers the best of Galápagos. Now you can experience the wonders and wildlife of the most interesting islands in the world in just one week.

Aboard National Geographic Islander, a 24-cabin, yacht-like expedition ship equipped with a suite of tools for exploring, you will experience the islands with all your senses. Kayak along idyllic beaches keeping watch for sea turtles, snorkel with playful sea lions, hike lava fields crowded with basking marine iguanas, or take a Zodiac cruise around rocky shorelines teeming with birdlife.

You will share the adventure with Swarthmore Associate Professor of Evolutionary Biology, Vince Formica, plus a veteran team of naturalists—locals whose passion for these islands will spark your own. Plus, you’ll have the services of an undersea specialist and a certified photo instructor, a naturalist specially trained to ensure you go home with incredible photos.

We hope you will join us to discover these magical islands, May 22-28, 2021. Enjoy complimentary bar tab and free Wi-Fi aboard ship. To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or call our group representative at Lindblad Expeditions toll free at 888-773-9007.

Cheers,

Lisa K. Shafer  
Senior Director of Alumni & Parent Engagement

Sarah S. Doody  
President

Engaging Journeys, Inc.

Vince Formica is an Associate Professor of Evolutionary Biology at Swarthmore College. His research uses a combination of selection analysis, social network analysis, animal behavior, and multilevel selection theory to understand how the social environment can shape and be shaped by the process of natural selection. In his research, he has found that the behaviors that generate the social environment are fascinating from an evolutionary perspective because they can be both the targets and agents of selection—in other words, the social environment itself can evolve. The goal of his research is to understand how the process of selection shapes and is shaped by social behaviors. We explore social evolution through three lenses, social networks, multilevel selection, and natural history.
ENCOUNTER FASCINATING WILDLIFE UP CLOSE

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 THE AMAZING GALÁPAGOS UNDERSEA

The Galápagos undersea is vibrant, as full of interesting creatures as the land. It’s half the experience, vital to your understanding. During your voyage, you will have many opportunities to snorkel. You’ll see acrobatic sea lions, Pacific green sea turtles, and passing penguins. You might swim amid white-tipped reef sharks or a cloud of colorful fish, or see a blue-footed booby plunge in to spear dinner. There’s also complete snorkeling gear aboard, exclusively yours for the duration, so there’s no need to pack or tote. You’ll also be able to view video footage, presented by the naturalists on the lounge’s TV screens, to further enrich your understanding.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Galápagos land iguana; magnificent frigatebird; snorkeler encounters a sea lion; flamingo preening; guest photographs Galápagos giant tortoise in the wild.
YOUR SHIP: THE KEY TO A GREAT EXPERIENCE

The National Geographic Islander offers a 100% exploratory Galápagos experience. Begin and end each day in the comfortable and welcoming atmosphere of your expedition ship, a vintage mahogany-and-brass ode of the elegant maritime tradition. Accommodating just 48 guests, it’s as close to a private yacht experience as you can get, and a friendly, convivial community quickly forms on board. National Geographic Islander also is equipped with a fleet of Zodiacs, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards that enable you to explore. She also carries full snorkel gear, including shorty wetsuits, for all ages and sizes.

GUEST EXCLUSIVE: HOTEL DEL PARQUE

Set in a lovingly restored 19th-century building along the banks of the Río Daule, Hotel del Parque is a serene, tropical refuge. Enjoy exclusive after-hours access to the cobbled streets, exhibits, and lush gardens of Guayaquil's Parque Histórico. Intimate and welcoming with a gracious, golden-age aura, this elegant hotel, with 44 beautifully appointed rooms, makes a fitting bookend to your expedition aboard the National Geographic Islander.
EXPLORE 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 can choose your activity and your activity level. Go on a long hike, snorkel every time it is offered, or just relax on the beach and soak it all in—it’s your adventure. You’re free to explore the ship, and always welcome on the Bridge to meet the captain and officers.

TRAVEL WITH AN
A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

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.
WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE
7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

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)

SEYMOUR NORTE: Discover the largest colony of nesting magnificent frigatebirds in Galápagos, red- and blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and brown noddies. This small island is also home to land and marine iguanas and sea lions.

RABIDA: Land on a red sand beach on this volcanically varied island, where flamingos sometimes feed in a brackish lagoon, sea lions cavort on the beach, and pelicans nest on low-lying shrubs.
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 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/HOME
Travel overland from Santa Cruz to Baltra and 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. 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, 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; enjoy fine dining aboard.
WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB AND WI-FI ARE INCLUDED.

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

**CATEGORY 1:** $5,900  
Main Deck, Forward #201-206

**CATEGORY 2:** $6,750  
Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

**CATEGORY 3:** $7,450  
Bridge Deck #303-306

**CATEGORY 4:** $7,850  
Upper Deck #403-408

**CATEGORY 5:** $9,450  
Upper Deck, #401 and 402

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** $8,750

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** $9,950

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 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's 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

**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:** International and internal airfare (U.S./Guayaquil/Galapagos/Guayaquil/U.S.); 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. 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/Galapagos: 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. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:** Travel and medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you upon registration.

**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 AND VAPING POLICY:** Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions’, the National Geographic Expeditions’ (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC), Engaging Journeys Inc.’s, and Swarthmore College’s 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**

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*We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.*

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RESERVATION FORM:
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Please reserve ____________ place(s).

Name 1:_______________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Name 1:____________________________________Date of Birth: _______________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

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(As it appears on passport)

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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.

❑ Charge my advance payment of $ ______________________ (US$750 per person)
to my  ☐ Visa    ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover

Account Number: ___________________________________ Expires: _____________

Cardholder Signature: __________________________________ Date: _____________

Please send reservation to:
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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Travel with Swarthmore Assistant Professor of Evolutionary Biology, Vince Formica

» Visit a new island daily

» Walk among wildlife unfazed by your presence

» Snorkel with sea lions, sea turtles, penguins, and abundant fish

» Head into the highlands to observe giant Galápagos tortoises in the wild

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