WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

MAY 14-20, 2020
TRAVEL WITH SWARThMORE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR VincE FORMICA

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 SWARTHMORE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Travel aboard the National Geographic Islander, a 24-cabin, yacht-like expedition ship equipped with a suite of cool tools for exploring, and you will experience the Galápagos islands with all your senses.

You’ll have encounters with the endemic wildlife that lacks an instinctive fear of humans, explore a vibrant and unique undersea, and observe diverse geological wonders from stark volcanic landscapes to lush, green highlands. Galápagos is ideal for active exploration—kayak along rocky shores keeping watch for passing sea turtles, snorkel with playful sea lions, hike lava fields crowded with basking marine iguanas, or take a sunset Zodiac cruise around islands teeming with bird life.

Since not everyone has the luxury of time to commit to an extended voyage, we are delighted to provide a shorter itinerary. Now those who have yearned to experience the wonders and wildlife of this magical place don’t have to miss out—you can see, do, and discover it all in just seven days.

Share the adventure with Swarthmore Associate Professor of Evolutionary Biology, Vince Formica, plus a veteran team of naturalists who will enhance your understanding and appreciation. In addition, you’ll have the services of the onboard Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a specially trained naturalist who will help to improve your skills and ensure you go home with incredible photos.

We hope you will join us to discover these magical islands, May 14-20, 2020. 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, multi-level selection, and natural history.

Cover photo: Galápagos giant tortoise. © Ralph Lee Hopkins.
Opposite: Dramatic landscapes 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, arrange to dive, 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.
EXPLORING 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, SOMETIMES 2X A DAY
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 Lindblad-National Geographic 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 Lindblad-National Geographic 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.
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, Nazca boobies, and, seasonally, the world’s only population of waved albatross 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
Return by air to Guayaquil, where you 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 the hotel 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: Lindblad-National Geographic 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.
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.

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 & dinner in the dining room, to outdoor BBQs, hors d’œuvres & snacks during lounge recap, tea time cookies & all-day fruit
✓ All alcoholic (excluding certain premium brands) & nonalcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea & soda
✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle
✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
✓ Fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & 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
✓ Hotel accommodations in Guayaquil
✓ Meals as indicated in itinerary
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights

SPECIAL OFFERS

BAR TAB & WI-FI: Enjoy complimentary alcoholic beverages (certain premium brands excluded) and Wi-Fi (up to one hour per day) aboard ship.

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; 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 DVD, 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 $1,050. Internal fares: Round-trip Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from $520; Children (under 12) from $260. 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 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. Fares subject to change.

FINAL PAYMENT: Payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge when necessary. Fares subject to change.

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 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 Society’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.

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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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(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.

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Travel with Swarthmore Associate Professor of Evolutionary Biology, Vince Formica.

» 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, sometimes twice a day, with sea lions, sea turtles, and abundant fish.

» Enjoy daily cocktail hour recap with engaging presentations by naturalists and photographers.