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GALÁPAGOS OR PERU!**
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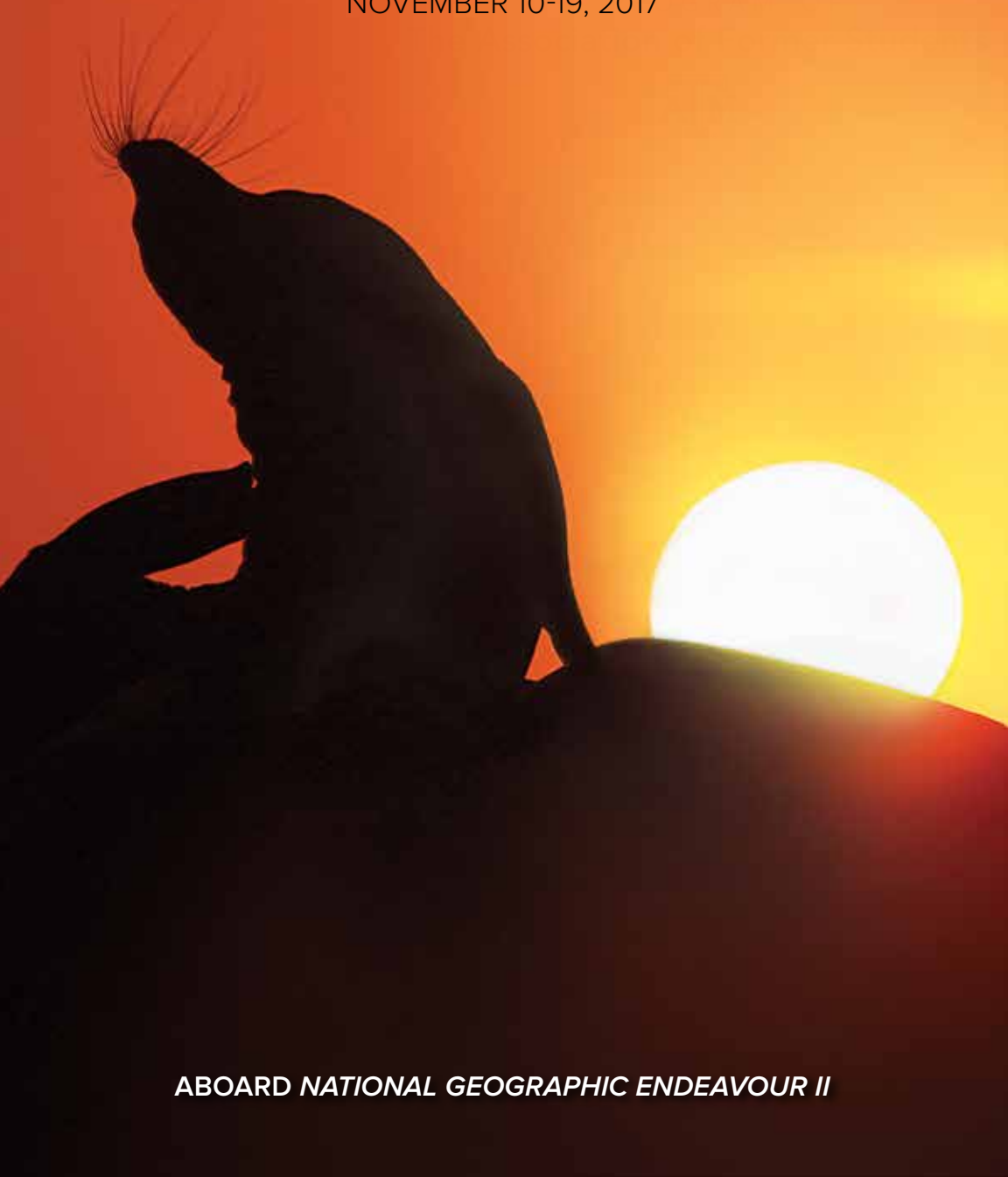
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GALÁPAGOS

WITH AN EXTENSION TO PERU

NOVEMBER 10-19, 2017



ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II



HOWDY, AGS!

Are you interested in seeing the most extraordinary array of animals and birds up close? Would you like to get into the sea with a face mask and snorkel to play with sea lions, turtles, and penguins? Do you want to take the most remarkable photos ever? Can you imagine kayaking along dramatic shorelines with frigatebirds soaring overhead?

If the answer is yes, you should most definitely visit Galápagos. While you have plenty of choices for how to do that, I believe joining our voyage is the best choice you can make. You travel aboard a newly refitted expedition ship equipped with Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards as well as a host of other cool tools to help you get the most from your experience. The natural history staff and crew that accompany you are handpicked and well trained. It's not just their knowledge that enhances your experience, but their commitment to making your time remarkable.

For those of you who like to photograph, at any experience level, you'll have the benefit of exploring with a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a naturalist who has undergone special training to help you improve your skills and ensure you go home with incredible photos.

Your days in Galápagos are never dull. There's boundless fun to be had here, as well as much to absorb and learn as you explore landscapes from lunar to lush on different, fascinating islands. Count on being highly active, with options to suit every fitness level. You'll see and experience everything that makes this archipelago legendary: Zodiac-land on pristine beaches, walk, hike, kayak, paddleboard, swim, and snorkel. But note that reading a book in the library or lounging in a hammock on deck are always options, too.

I hope you will join us to explore these magical islands, November 10-19. Then take advantage of your proximity and join the optional post-voyage extension to discover the wonders of Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca. **To reserve your place, please call us at 979-845-7514 or 800-633-7514, or return the enclosed reservation form.**

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

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P.S. Book now and receive free round-trip air from Miami to Galápagos (up to a \$1,250 value per guest) OR free round-trip air from Miami to Galápagos and Peru (up to a \$2,100 value per guest). Call for details.

Cover photo: Galápagos sea lion enjoying the sunset. © Jonathan Aguas

Opposite: Guest gets up-close shot of Galápagos giant tortoise.

Ship's Registry: Ecuador



HAVE UP-CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH WILDLIFE



Blue-footed booby sky pointing.

The vast number of animals living in the Galápagos archipelago is astonishing, and the reason you have chosen to travel to this remote part of the world. Where else on the planet can you get close to the wildlife in the context of no fear at all? This is a marvelous experience for the human

spirit and the itinerary ensures that you will have it often—exploring the key islands in the archipelago and seeing the iconic species that make this region so unique.

You'll come eye-to-eye with the famous giant tortoises roaming in the wild. Encounter blue-footed boobies nesting along a trail. Marvel at courting, red-throated frigatebirds soaring overhead. Watch your footing to avoid disturbing a sea lion lounging on a white-sand beach. And swim with penguins, marine iguanas, and playful sea lions—experiences that can transform lives.

EXPERIENCE THE GALÁPAGOS UNDERSEA

The Galápagos undersea is a marvel. Snorkelers will enjoy encounters with sea lions, sea turtles, penguins, tons of fish, and even multiple shark species. You'll have opportunities to snorkel nearly every day, and all your snorkeling gear is provided, including wet suits. Prefer to stay dry? The ship is equipped with a glass-bottom Zodiac. Or let the undersea specialist be your 'eyes.' An integral member of the expedition team, he or she will snorkel, shoot video, and present it during evening recap in the lounge for all to enjoy.



Glass-bottom Zodiac.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Flamingo; marine iguana; snorkeler photographs a penguin gliding through the water; sea lion mother and pup; endemic Galápagos giant tortoise.



SEE & DO MORE WITH A TOP TEAM



The Galápagos expedition team, handpicked and trained, is made up of engaging naturalists born and bred in the Galápagos Islands, as well as naturalists who moved to the islands from the mainland or other countries over 20 years ago. They live and breathe

Galápagos and are passionate about the nature and conservation of this remote archipelago. They each have a deep understanding of all aspects of Galápagos' natural and human history, and are experts in relevant areas: ornithology, geology, zoology, and the undersea. In addition to naturalists, your team includes an expedition leader, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, wellness specialist, and video chronicler.

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOTS EVER

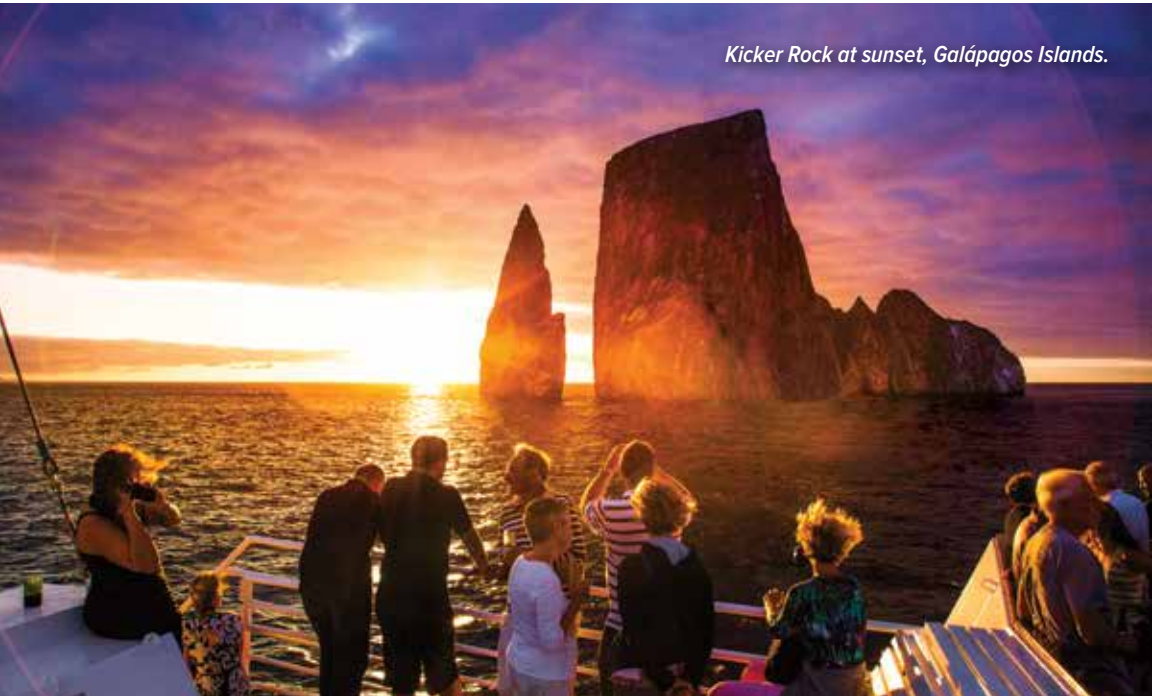
The photo opportunities in the Galápagos are unrivaled, and an exclusive expedition photography program means that you travel with, and benefit from, an onboard certified photo instructor. A naturalist who has been trained to teach by the best in the business at National Geographic, he or she will help you better understand your camera settings, the basics of composition, and how to capture incredible wildlife behavior. So whether you use a smartphone, a point-and-shoot, or a sophisticated DSLR, count on returning home with improved skills and your best shots ever.



Opposite page (clockwise from top): Naturalist points out wildlife during Zodiac outing; with the surf at his feet, a photographer readies his shot; onboard photo expert provides tips in the field; young guest discovers the mysteries of sea stars with naturalist; snorkeler encounters a curious sea lion; guests enjoy stand-up paddleboarding.

GALÁPAGOS

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II



Kicker Rock at sunset, Galápagos Islands.

Explore the legendary Galápagos Islands aboard a newly refitted 96-guest expedition ship, beautifully equipped for actively experiencing the islands' wildlife and wonders.

DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Depart for Guayaquil and upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Hilton Colón.

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board the ship. After lunch, begin your exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

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

ISLA 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.

ISLA RÁBIDA

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. Rábida is an inviting place to kayak, paddleboard, and snorkel. The sunsets are magnificent.

ISLA FERNANDINA

Brightly colored Sally Lightfoot crabs skitter across recent lava fields and sea lions play along the coast against the dramatic backdrop of a towering volcano at this westernmost, youngest, and most pristine island in the archipelago.

ISLA ISABELA

Explore the largest island in Galápagos, making up more than half the land area of the archipelago. Cruise by Zodiac, hike, and snorkel in the cool, rich waters that often draw whales and dolphins. Once frequented by whalers and pirates, this is the realm of enormous marine iguanas, abundant sea turtles, the only species of flightless cormorant in the world, and the only penguin species that inhabits the Equator. The Equator crosses the north of Isabela.



ISLA SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz is not just the principal town in the islands, it is home to the Charles Darwin Research Station, where you learn about the science being done here. Visit the neighboring captive breeding program for Galápagos giant tortoises being conducted by their partners in conservation, the Galápagos National Park Service. Later after lunch in the highlands, search for wild Galápagos giant tortoises in their native habitat.

ISLA SANTIAGO

Santiago offers several places to explore, including Puerto Egas, where you'll follow a path along a series of tide pools of black basalt and arches with underwater caverns in search of Galápagos fur seals, marine iguanas, sea lions, and shorebirds. Also explore Buccaneer Cove, one of the places where Darwin landed. Swim, snorkel, kayak, and paddleboard along the coast of this fourth largest island.

ISLA SAN CRISTÓBAL

Stroll, swim, and snorkel from a green-tinted beach and hike inland to a cinder cone for views of an impressive volcanic landscape. Encounter nesting blue- and red-footed footed boobies, along with San Cristóbal mockingbirds and San Cristóbal lava lizards, both endemic to this easternmost island.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Guayaquil. The evening is at your leisure at the Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/U.S.

Depart Guayaquil this morning, arriving home the same day. (B)

** Please note: All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations. This expedition, which travels between Isla Baltra and Isla San Cristóbal includes Isla Santa Cruz and a handpicked selection of these and other visitor sites.*

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

» A visit to the colonial city of Quito and highlands of Ecuador is available.

Call for details.



Blue-footed booby.

GALÁPAGOS + AN EXTENSION TO MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II



The mystical stone ruins of the Inca, Machu Picchu.

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from a cultural and archaeological perspective. Take advantage of your proximity to explore Peru's Sacred Valley of the Inca, majestic Machu Picchu, and the colonial streets of Cusco. Spend time with National Geographic historian Peter Frost.

DAYS 1-8: AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 6-7

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the comfortable and conveniently located Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Fly to Cusco, then drive to Moray, a stunning Inca site believed to have been an agricultural laboratory where Incan priests would test soils and crops. Lunch at Parador Moray, overlooking the ruins. En route to the hotel, walk through a typical local market before an optional visit to the pottery studio Pablo Seminario, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. Check into Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Attend a talk by Peter Frost (or a colleague) before visiting the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. Lunch is at Casa Orihuela, a working, family-owned hacienda, then visit the family's private museum. See a Peruvian Paso horse demonstration, with Marinera dancers and live music. Attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. After dinner at the hotel, see a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Enjoy the views from the valley to Machu Picchu via train with large picture windows. Spend the day exploring Machu Picchu's extraordinary structures with your guide. Overnight at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge set next to the archaeological site. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Hike to the Sun Gate this morning, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu, and watch daybreak over the sacred ruins. Explore Machu Picchu on your own or with your guide. After a train and bus ride, visit Awanacancha, where llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas are bred. En route to Cusco, we'll stop for photos at Plaza San Cristobal, which offers sweeping views of colonial Cusco. Check into the Belmond Monasterio Hotel for two nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the magnificent 17th-century cathedral and convent of Koricancha, and the vast Sacsayhuaman fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon is at leisure to discover the city. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is in traditional Latin American style. Experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 16: LIMA/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

PERU EXTENSION COST PER PERSON

DOUBLE: \$5,690 SINGLE: \$7,070

Cost Includes: Seven hotel nights; meals indicated; transfers if traveling on group flights; sightseeing; portorage; services of local guide and tour escort; tips to local guides, drivers, and tour escort; taxes, and service charges.

Not Included: Airfare; meals not indicated as included; alcoholic beverages; personal items.

Note: The extension requires an additional advance payment of \$750 per person and will operate provided a minimum number of guests are registered.

Peruvian woman with llama.



NEW



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II

Designed to meet exacting standards, *National Geographic Endeavour II* was launched in December 2016. She accommodates 96 guests in 52 outside cabins, and features 14 connecting cabins and suites for family or friends' sharing, plus 9 solo cabins. A beautiful ship, she is lavishly windowed to better frame the never-ending panorama as she voyages from island to island.

Capacity: 96 guests in 52 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. OVERALL LENGTH: 236 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: New forward lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, restaurant, large library with Mac computer kiosks, open-air observation deck, underwater gear area and efficient Zodiac boarding platform, and open bridge, where guests can meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

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

CABINS: All face outside with large windows and feature twin beds that convert to a queen. With private facilities, climate control, nightstands, desk, and storage. Seven sets of cabins with a connecting door.

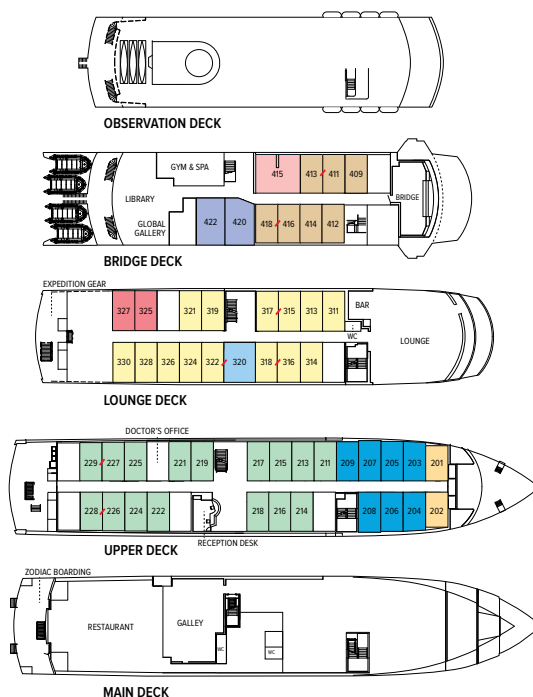
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Nine Zodiacs including one with a glass bottom, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, snorkel gear and wet suits for both adults and children, video microscope, and underwater video camera.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Ship's doctor, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, program for kids, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

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

Above: The casual dining room is designed for sociability and inclusivity with no assigned seating; comfortable Category 4 cabin; the lounge, the expedition community center, offers panoramic views and seating for all; the well-equipped fitness center.





COSTS ARE PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

CATEGORY 1: Upper Deck, Forward #201, 202	\$6,960
CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck #211, 213-219, 221, 222, 224-229	\$7,940
CATEGORY 3: Lounge Deck #311, 313-319, 321, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330	\$8,740
CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck #409, 411-414, 416, 418	\$9,590
SUITE A: Lounge Deck, Mid-Ship #320—with two windows, larger bath, armchair. Connecting door to #322.	\$11,440
SUITE B: Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #420, 422—with two floor-to-ceiling windows, larger bath, convertible sofa for a third person.	\$12,280
SUITE C: Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #415—with two large windows, larger bath, separate sitting area with convertible sofa for a third person and armchairs, largest cabin on ship	\$12,980
CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #203-209—with a queen bed.	\$9,930
CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Lounge Deck #325, 327—with a queen bed.	\$10,930

NOTE: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet.

CONNECTING CABINS: #226/228, 227/229, 315/317, 316/318, 320/322, 411/413, 416/418

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: #224, 225, 326, 328 with fold-down third berth, Suites B and C with convertible sofa bed. Third person rates are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card
- ✓ Fitness Center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
- ✓ Access to navigational bridge
- ✓ Services of an onboard doctor
- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room, to outdoor BBQs, hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap, tea time cookies and all-day fruit
- ✓ All nonalcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle

ASHORE

- ✓ Two nights hotel accommodation in Guayaquil
- ✓ Meals as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to & from group flights
- ✓ Access to the VIP lounge at Baltra Airport in Galápagos

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All shore activities
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkeling and paddleboarding
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
- ✓ Photo instruction

SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIR: Book now and receive free round-trip economy group airfare from Miami to Galápagos including both international and internal flights OR free round-trip air from Miami to Galápagos and Peru including flights to Lima and Cusco. Call for details. (Subject to availability, new bookings only, and not combinable with other offers.)

BRING THE KIDS: We believe 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

GALÁPAGOS VOYAGE COST INCLUDES: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals and nonalcoholic 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 wet suits; use of kayaks and paddleboards; tips (except to ship's crew), taxes, and service charges; services of a ship physician and expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation (unless otherwise indicated); extensions; optional Scuba excursions; passport, visa, immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, internet usage, wellness treatments, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost (unless otherwise indicated). International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately. Sample international fares: Round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$500; Business from \$800. Internal fares: Round-trip Guayaquil/Galápagos. Adult from \$520; Children (under 12) from \$260. Call for Peru fares. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee. Fares subject to change.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of \$750 per person on Galápagos voyage or \$1,500 per person on Galápagos + Peru is required and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Information will be sent 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 Maritime Enterprises' 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.

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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
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RESERVATION FORM: GALÁPAGOS + PERU

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Please reserve _____ place(s) on Galápagos Galápagos + Peru.

Name 1: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Name 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Name 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business 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: _____

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ _____
(\$750 per person on Galápagos or \$1,500 per person on Galápagos + Peru).

Check made payable to **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**

Charge my advance payment of \$ _____
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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Cruise to pristine islands aboard a newly refitted expedition ship.
- » Travel with an expert team of naturalists, an undersea specialist, and a photo instructor.
- » Walk among colonies of unusual animals and birds unfazed by your presence.
- » Discover Galápagos giant tortoises in the wild.
- » Hike lavascapes, kayak peaceful coves, and Zodiac-cruise wild, remote shorelines.
- » Snorkel amid shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions.



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