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MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

July 23-August 7, 2019

16 days for \$8,693 total price from Houston
(\$7,995 air & land inclusive plus \$698 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University



Howdy, Ags!

Join fellow Aggies on an exclusive 16-day tour to Peru and Ecuador. Explore two of South America’s treasures – the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu and the fascinating Galapagos Islands.

Begin with a full-day tour of Lima. Next, fly to Cuzco and explore the beautiful Sacred Valley. Enjoy a captivating train ride to Machu Picchu, and stay overnight at the on-site Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, which affords virtually private access to the stunning ruins. In the Galapagos Islands, you spend four nights in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz island, your base for exploring North Seymour, South Plaza and Santa Cruz islands, embarking on day excursions on a privately chartered yacht. Conclude your journey back in Quito and enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate your adventure.

With room for only 20 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig 'em!

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TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM: MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **Machu Picchu to the Galapagos** departing **July 23, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Badge Name _____ Class Year _____

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Address _____ E-mail(s) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Pre-Tour “Amazon Rainforest” Option: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, July 23-August 7, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 20 Traveling Aggies and friends

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They rank as two of South America's greatest treasures, and a small group tour is the natural selection for both: the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu, where we overnight at an intimate on-site hotel; and the fascinating Galapagos Islands, Darwin's "living laboratory," for a four-night island-based adventure.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival tonight we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 2: Lima This morning we visit a prominent art museum in Lima. Then we encounter colonial Lima on an afternoon tour, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 3: Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley Arriving in Cuzco today, we stop at the important Incan site of Koricancha, dedicated to the Sun God. Then we continue on to Sacred Valley, a region of Incan sites and indigenous villages. We visit the colorful Indian market at Pisac before reaching our hotel late afternoon. *B,L,D*

Day 4: Sacred Valley Today we explore Ollantaytambo, both a living town and site of massive Incan ruins that still inspire wonder. Then we visit the Incan farming town of Chinchero, where residents live much as their ancestors did and where we see a traditional weaving demonstration. Before dinner at our hotel tonight, we attend a native "Offering to the Earth" ceremony. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu This morning we board a train for the 1½-hour journey to Aguas Calientes, where we transfer by shuttle bus to our hotel for lunch. Then we embark on our first guided visit of the stunning ruins at Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Thanks to the small size of our group, we will be able to move nimbly through the ruins and have the leisure to absorb both the beauty and the mystery of this impressive site. With an overnight stay here, we have the rare privilege of seeing the ruins after the tourists have departed. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Machu Picchu/Cuzco This morning before the day trippers arrive, we enjoy our second guided tour of this UNESCO site. Following lunch at our lodge, we return to Aguas Calientes with some free time before our mid-afternoon train to Cuzco. *B,L*

Day 7: Cuzco Known for its Incan and Spanish colonial heritage, Cuzco is the archaeological "hub" of the Americas and the continent's oldest continu-

Avg. High (°F)	Jul	Aug
Lima	67	66
Cuzco	66	66
Quito	67	67

Small Group Tour Highlights

- Lima touring • Historic Cuzco and beautiful Sacred Valley
- Overnight stay at Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, adjacent to Machu Picchu
- Two guided visits to Machu Picchu
- Quito city tour
- Four-night Galapagos stay at beautiful hotel in lush Santa Cruz highlands
- Day cruises on privately chartered yacht, plus island-based exploration
- Expert Galapagos naturalist guide
- Unique Galapagos wildlife

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Lima	Westin Lima Hotel	Sup. First Class
2	Lima	Westin Lima Hotel	Sup. First Class
3-4	Sacred Valley	Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel	Sup. First Class
5	Machu Picchu	Belmond Sanctuary Lodge	Sup. First Class
6-7	Cuzco	Belmond Hotel Monasterio	Deluxe
8-9	Quito	Swissotel Quito	Deluxe
10-13	Galapagos Islands	Royal Palm Hotel Galapagos	Sup. First Class
14	Quito	Swissotel Quito	Deluxe
15	Quito/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
16	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Encounter plenty of wildlife, like this curious iguana, in the Galapagos.



We explore the amazing ruins at Machu Picchu on Days 5 & 6.

ously inhabited city. This morning we tour this UNESCO site then stop at the ruins of Sacsayhuaman fortress, a masterpiece of Incan architecture. We enjoy lunch today in the home of a gracious Cuzco family. *B,L*

Day 8: Cuzco/Lima/Quito, Ecuador Early today we fly via Lima to Quito, arriving late afternoon. We attend a briefing about our Galapagos adventure then dine at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 9: Quito Nestled in the Andes foothills, Quito boasts a well-preserved historic center, as we see on today's city tour that includes the Intiñan Museum and the Middle of the World Monument. *B,L*

Day 10: Quito/Baltra/Santa Cruz Island Today we fly to the island of Baltra then transfer to Santa Cruz, our island-based home for our Galapagos exploration. We reach our beautiful hotel set on 370 lush, unspoiled, and secluded acres in the highlands adjacent to Galapagos National Park in time for lunch. Then we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to see and learn about the giant Galapagos tortoises. *B,L,D*

Day 11: North Seymour Island/Bachas Beach This morning we embark on our first excursion aboard the *Santa Fe*, our privately chartered yacht. We set out for North Seymour, a flat, low-lying island with ample opportunities for close encounters with the wildlife on our naturalist-led walk. After lunch, we head back to Santa Cruz island for a nature walk. *B,L,D*

Day 12: South Plaza Island/Punta Carrion Today's destination is the small in size but rich in flora and fauna island of South Plaza. Boasting abundant wildlife and colorful flora, and surrounded by turquoise

waters, South Plaza ranks as one of the most popular (and colorful) of the Galapagos islands. During our nature walk, we are on the lookout for such local residents as marine iguanas, bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs, Nazca and blue-footed boobies, and a male colony of sea lions ("the bachelors"). Then we cruise to Punta Carrion, where we have the opportunity to snorkel in the calm waters of a shallow cove. *B,L,D*

Pre-Tour Option

July 19-23, 2019

AMAZON RAINFOREST

4 days/4 nights
for \$1,195 total price
Single Supplement: \$235

Discover the Amazon's amazing flora, fauna, and even villages on this exceptional – and comfortable – tour.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation Lima/Iquitos
- 4 nights' accommodations: 1 night in Lima at Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (First Class); 3 nights in the jungle at Ceiba Tops (Superior First Class)
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including guided Canopy Walkway tour and visit with *riberenos* (Amazon river people)
- Fully escorted by an Amazon-born naturalist guide as your Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private vehicle transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Land Only guests: \$1,295 total price per person

Day 13: Santa Cruz Island Today we explore Santa Cruz itself, the second largest of the Galapagos islands. We see the giant Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat; the huge twin craters of Los Gemelos; and Garrapatero, a secluded white-sand beach where we see an abundance of marine and terrestrial wildlife. *B,L,D*

Day 14: Santa Cruz Island/Baltra/Quito This morning we transfer to Baltra for the flight to Quito, arriving mid-afternoon. Tonight we celebrate our remarkable adventure at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 15: Quito/Depart for U.S. This morning we visit Quito's Botanical Gardens and Iñaquito Market. Then we return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure before tonight's transfer to the airport for our overnight flights to the U.S. *B*

Day 16: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our return flights home.



The beautiful and historic Sacred Valley

Your Island-Based Galapagos Experience: *Royal Palm Hotel*



We stay in comfort for four nights in spacious rooms at the Royal Palm Hotel, set in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz island, and enjoy day cruises aboard the Santa Fe, our privately chartered yacht.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 14 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees; Galapagos National Park fee of \$100
- Services of local Odysseys Unlimited Tour Directors; plus, experienced naturalist guides while in the Galapagos
- Private vehicle transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: July 23, 2019

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$8,193
Orlando, Tampa	\$8,593
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$8,693
Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$8,793
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,995

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in a Casita at the Royal Palm Hotel and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$698, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$2,495.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Upgrade to a Highland Villa at the Royal Palm Hotel: \$295 (\$495 single).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain. Also, there are both wet and dry landings in the Galapagos. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. In addition, Cuzco's high altitude (11,150 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. Please consult your physician if you have concerns.

For more information and reservations, please call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Directors, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day) and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 change; cancel 94-85 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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Responsibility

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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and The Association of Former Students assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes, if you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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