The Galapagos Islands
8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

* Think biology class — with deck chairs *

JANUARY 24-31, 2018

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SAVE MORE THAN $800 per couple

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Howdy, Ags!

Join fellow former students and friends as we explore the Galapagos Islands. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a “unique living museum and showcase of evolution.” They are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors.

This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito plus an intimate cruise through the archipelago with up-close access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve.

Accommodations for this adventure are aboard Isabela II, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring your comfort as well as maximum enjoyment of this truly extraordinary destination and its diverse inhabitants.

Stateroom availability is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at http://texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ‘em,

Jennifer Bohac ́87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs

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**Free Expedition Library**

**AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS**

Reserve your space by **June 15, 2017**, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

*This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.*
Discover the Galapagos — intriguing islands of limitless natural wonders

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers.

This archipelago, from which Darwin conceived his theory of evolution by natural selection, is one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world.

With fascinating wildlife that exists from the ocean floor to the skies above the sea, discover for yourself the captivating diversity that inhabits these remarkable islands.
THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Your 8-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: En route / arrive Quito, Ecuador
Overnight: Hilton Colon – Quito

Day 2: Quito (B,L,R)
Guided walking tour of Old Town, market shopping, Jesuit church of La Compañía, Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum
Overnight: Hilton Colon – Quito

Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz – Embarkation (B,L,D)
Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz Highlands, Puerto Ayora
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 4: Floreana (B,L,D)
Historic Post Office Barrel, snorkeling or kayaking, Punta Cormorant beach stroll, green sea turtle nests
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 5: Española (B,L,D)
Punta Suárez hike, Gardner Bay, sea lion colony, glass-bottom boat ride
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 6: San Cristóbal (B,L,D)
Hiking and wildlife viewing at Punta Pitt, panga ride along the shores of Cerro Brujo, snorkeling or kayaking, farewell dinner
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 7: San Cristóbal – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil (B,L aloft)
Overnight: Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Day 8: Guayaquil / Depart for U.S. (B)

Optional Extension: Days 8-13 in Machu Picchu, Cusco & the Sacred Valley

Program Highlights

• During a full day tour of Quito, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit Church of La Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a curated collection of Pre-Columbian art.

• Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species like the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; marine iguanas; and the famous “Darwin’s finches.”

• Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

• Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat.

• Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white sand beaches such as Gardner Bay, where sea lions lounge and Española mockingbirds sing.

• Visit dramatic and historic places, including the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.

• What’s included: A welcome reception in Quito, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners including a farewell dinner; all excursions and presentations; flights between Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil on Days 3 and 7; gratuities to local guides, drivers in Quito and Guayaquil, and porterage at hotels; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

*Subject to change.

Activity Level: Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as some nature hikes will be on irregular and steep terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of Isabela II.

Maximum elevation: 9,350 feet in Quito, Ecuador
Isabela II

The 40-guest capacity of Isabela II provides 20 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities.

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<td>Full-size bed, view window, daybed, private bathroom with shower.</td>
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<td>Queen bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.</td>
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Hilton Colon – Quito

On the first two evenings, you will stay at the Hilton Colon. This elegant hotel is located in the city center’s bustling Avenida Amazonas, and it is a 10-minute walk to Quito’s Spanish Colonial Old Town—a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Conveniently located just 3 miles from José Joaquin de Olmedo airport, this property offers deluxe accommodations for the last night of the program. Nearby are museums, gardens, shopping, and restaurants of the Malecón 2000, the boardwalk overlooking the Guayas River.

Your Expedition Leader

Viewing the Galapagos Islands alongside an Orbridge Expedition Leader is a special experience. While observing wildlife, your Expedition Leader will offer expert descriptions of methods of survival and behaviors. Together on panga rides, nature walks, and aboard the Isabela II, you will gain understanding of the endangered species who inhabit the waters and land of the archipelago.
Machu Picchu, Cusco, & the Sacred Valley

Travel to the mist-shrouded citadel of the Incas on this deluxe extension to Machu Picchu, Cusco, and the Sacred Valley.

Extension Highlights

• Seek out temples and ancient sites dotting the Sacred Valley and Cusco, each a vestige of pre-Columbian history that offers an in-depth understanding of the Incan empire.

• Visit Ollantaytambo, where Inca descendants continue to inhabit the largely unchanged homes of their ancestors.

• Experience the magic of a sunset on the “top of the world,” a traditional Peruvian lunch hosted by a local family, and an Andean Shamanic healing ceremony.

• What’s included: 5 nights choice accommodations; meals including 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners; flights between Lima and Cusco on Days 9 and 13; fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts; all ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley; gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals; and airport transfers, including porterage, for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru

Extension Itinerary*

Day 8: Guayaquil / Flight to Lima, Peru
Morning at leisure in Guayaquil, evening arrival to Lima
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima Airport

Day 9: Lima / Flight to Cusco / Sacred Valley (B,L,D)
Morning flight to Cusco, lunch with sweeping view of the Sacred Valley, explore the colorful markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca – Yucay

Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu (B,L,D)
Stroll Ollantaytambo, scenic Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, guided tour of “The Lost City of the Incas”
Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Day 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning guided tour with time to hike at your own pace, Vistadome train to Cusco, afternoon at leisure
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco

Day 12: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / San Blas / Villa Tipón (B,L,D)
Walk through Cusco, Qorikancha Sun Temple, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco

Morning flight to Lima, traditional Peruvian lunch, depart for U.S.
Day Room: Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima
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Guest Information:

Guest #1: ____________________________ Class Year ______

Guest #2: ____________________________ Class Year ______

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ________________

Email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Category Preference: 1st choice ____________________________ 2nd choice ____________________________

Deposit: #_____ guests joining program ($850/person) +

#_____ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ ________________

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed ____________ ☐ Online Check/ACH ____________ ☐ MasterCard/Visa ____________ ☐ American Express ____________ ☐ Discover

Card #: ____________________________ Exp. date: ____________ CVV: ________________

Billing address (if different from above): _________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ________________

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Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

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What Guests Are Saying...

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!
~Randy ’74 & Gail Parker

We have done several trips with the Traveling Aggies, and just can’t say enough about how wonderful it is to have our instant family traveling with us. And to have everything arranged so that we know we’re getting the best option is terrific! So much fun!
~Robert ’73 & Linda ’75 Flesher

I really enjoy traveling with other Aggies. It doesn’t matter what classes we are, we have a great thing in common: Texas A&M!
~Marta Hollowell ’82

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