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# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS | JUNE 20-27, 2024

ABOARD THE NEW ALL-SUITE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II







**DEAR CLAREMONT TRAVELERS,**

My name is Ran “RON” Libeskind-Hadas and I’m the founding chair of CMC’s new Kravis Department of Integrated Sciences. I’m writing to warmly invite you to join me and other members of the Claremont community on a week-long exploration of the Galápagos Islands aboard the beautiful new *National Geographic Islander II* in June 2024.

Darwin’s voyage to the Galápagos on the HMS Beagle set sail from Plymouth Sound in December 1831 and lasted almost five years. Those five formative years shaped Darwin’s development of the theory of evolution, one of the most profoundly impactful and important contributions to science and our understanding of life on Earth.

In our week together, we’ll visit several of the islands that Darwin himself explored and have up-close encounters with the unique and extraordinary flora and fauna that he observed. We’ll be accompanied by first-rate naturalists from Lindblad Expeditions who will provide us with insights that will undoubtedly provide all of us with new perspectives of life on our beautiful planet.

I hope to see you and your family on board in 2024! **To reserve your space, please return the enclosed reservation form, call 949-930-9288 or email [karen.go@travelstore.com](mailto:karen.go@travelstore.com).**

Warm wishes,



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**SPECIAL OFFERS**

**Book by Jan. 13, 2023 and 2023 rates are guaranteed on this 2024 departure.**

Celebrating a milestone on board? You and your group of eight or more save 5% plus much more. See page 12 for details.

Cover photo: Galápagos giant tortoise. © Andy Rouse/Bluegreen Pictures/Alamy.  
Opposite: A sea turtle swims in the clear waters. © Jeff Litton.  
Ship’s registry: Ecuador.





# ENCOUNTER FASCINATING WILDLIFE UP CLOSE



*Guest takes up-close shot of marine iguanas.*

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, 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 underwater is vibrant and 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, paddleboard, and kayak. 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 complete snorkeling gear aboard, exclusively yours for the duration. You'll also be able to cruise by glass-bottom Zodiac or view video footage, presented by the Undersea Specialist on the lounge's 4K TV screens, to further enrich your understanding.



*Guests on glass bottom Zodiac in Galápagos.*

*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Galápagos land iguana; great frigatebird; snorkeler encounters a sea lion; flamingo preening; guest photographs Galápagos giant tortoise in the wild.*





Take a virtual tour of  
*National Geographic Islander II.*  
Scan the QR code or visit  
<http://bit.ly/3GhIkMg>

# YOUR SHIP: THE KEY TO A GREAT EXPERIENCE

The new, all-suite *National Geographic Islander II* offers a 100% exploratory Galápagos experience. Begin and end each day in the welcoming atmosphere of your home away from home. Accommodating just 48 passengers in 26 suites, it's as close to a private yacht experience as you can get, with the luxury of spacious all-suite accommodations and all the amenities you might expect on your own yacht. Spend time with your fellow travelers over a locally-sourced and sustainable gourmet dinner in the elegant Yacht Club Restaurant, dine *al fresco* in the Patio Café, delve deeper into the fascinating ecosystems around you in the Science Hub, take a restorative yoga class with a wellness specialist, or cool off with a relaxing dip in the plunge pool on the open-air observation deck. With the freedom to explore at your own pace, you can spend as much time as you please enjoying all the *National Geographic Islander II* has to offer.

## 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 cobble 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 II*.



*Opposite page (top to bottom): enjoy National Geographic Islander II's outdoor pool on observation deck; bedroom, Islander Suite; living room, Isabela Suite; our expansive suites feature connecting, triple and solo options; main deck off of reception area.*







# EXPLORE GALÁPAGOS WITH THE FREEDOM TO ENJOY IT YOUR WAY



*Kids enjoying snorkeling along the bay.*

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

Honed over 50 years, our 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 smartphone 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; a glorious sunset cruise via Zodiac; a blue-footed booby poses for the camera; choose to kayak for water-level discoveries.*

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*Galápagos sea lion basking during sunset.*

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 enjoy the full Galápagos experience.

## **DAY 1:** DEPART U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Arrive in Guayaquil and transfer to the 44-room Hotel del Parque (or similar), 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 Santa Cruz in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the tropical Pacific Ocean. You are welcomed by the naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

## **DAYS 3-6:** GALÁPAGOS

Listed is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. Our expedition sails between Santa Cruz and Baltra, and includes visits to a careful selection of diverse islands. Our itinerary offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes and experiences. All itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations. (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 a abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

#### **DAY 7: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/GUAYAQUIL**

Disembark in Baltra and return by air to Guayaquil, where we enjoy the Hotel del Parque. (B)

#### **DAY 8: GUAYAQUIL/DEPART**

Stay and relax or take an early flight home today. (B)



*Guest snorkeling.*



# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II

**CAPACITY:** 26 suites accommodating 48 guests.

**REGISTRY:** Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 280 feet.

**PUBLIC SPACES:** Expansive Observation Deck with grill and bar, fitness center, sauna, outdoor showers, and plunge pool; Outdoor Patio Café and Yacht Club Restaurant; Cove lounge newly outfitted for state-of-the-art presentations for all guests, with full-service bar; Forward viewing platforms and expansive surrounding teak decks encircling the ship; Science Hub with interactive video display, onboard television network, photo kiosks and versatile lab facilities; Reception, chart room, Global Gallery, library and beverage center. Newly expanded marina with gearing up and snorkel areas, Zodiac boarding, and swim platform.

**MEALS:** Indoor-outdoor dining with Ecuadorian flair served in a single, unassigned seating in the Patio Café and Yacht Club. The atmosphere is sociable and informal, and menus feature local, sustainable ingredients.

**ALL SUITES:** 48 guests accommodated in 26 suites spread across two decks with connecting, solo, and triple options; four even roomier Islander Suites with separate living area, table and chairs, and bath with bathtub. The Santa Cruz Suite can be reserved as a Family Suite with connecting double suite. All suites have large windows, convertible king/twin beds, ample closets, marble double-sink bathrooms, available Wi-Fi, stocked mini-bar, flat screen television with shipboard network.

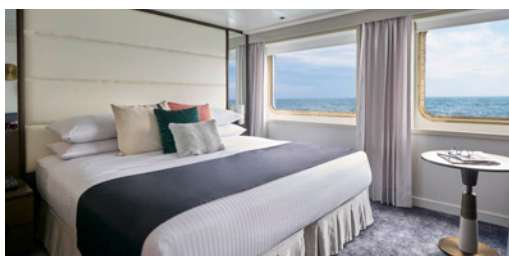
**EXPEDITION TOOLS:** Zodiac Mark V boats for landings and cruising, custom-built glass bottom Zodiac, fleet of kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, snorkel gear for adults and children, science hub equipped for oceanography, video editing and screenings, video microscope, remote cameras.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Shipboard doctor, undersea specialist, certified photo instructor, Global Explorers family program led by certified field educators, suites for science and conservation (indicated as ★ on deck plan) reserved for invited Galápagos community members, researchers, educators, and storytellers.

**WELLNESS:** Wellness specialist, fitness center, yoga space, spa with quartz massage table, sauna.

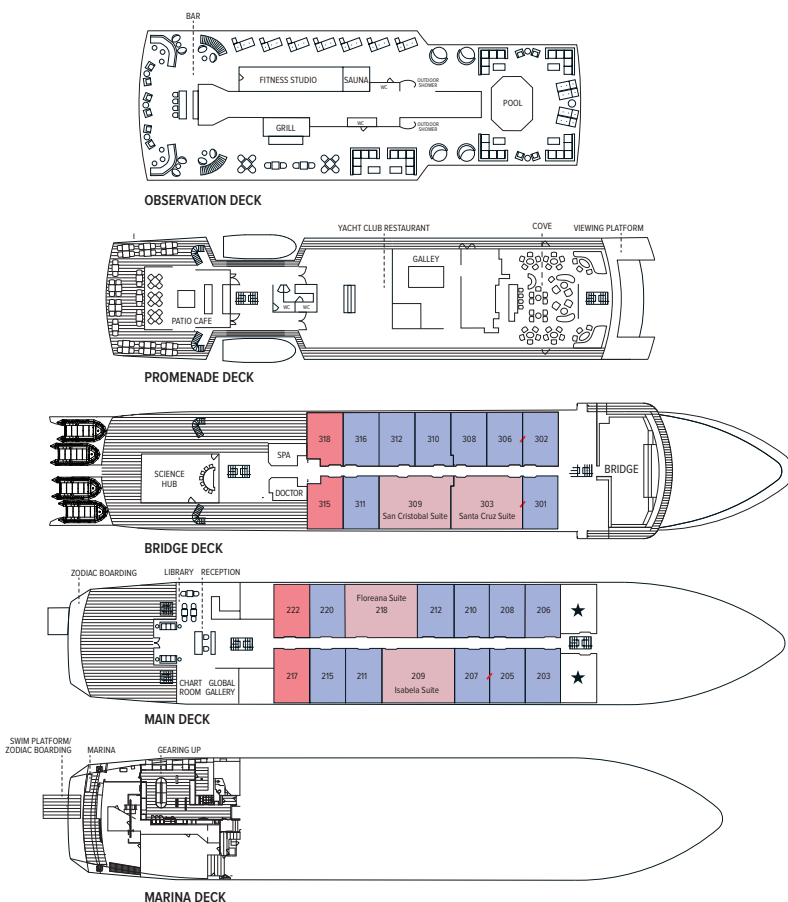
**SELF-DISINFECTING SHIPS:** Lindblad Expeditions became the first self-disinfecting fleet with the rollout of the ACT CleanCoat™ system in 2019. This photocatalytic cleaning process activates when illuminated, continuously breaking down unwanted microbes such as bacteria, viruses, mold, and airborne allergens. The positive environmental impacts of this non-toxic, chemical-free system are many: less plastic in the supply chain and waste stream, and more than one million gallons of water saved annually. The system lowers our carbon footprint and creates a cleaner, healthier shipboard environment for guests and crew alike.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** At Lindblad, we take responsible travel and sustainability to heart. For over 50 years we have used our expeditions to raise awareness and funds to protect our oceans, conserve wildlife, bolster local communities, enable meaningful scientific research, and create planetary stewards out of all of our guests to preserve our planet for future generations. We extend this philosophy to our guests by offering ways to offset your carbon emissions, committing to single-use plastic free travel experiences, and prioritizing your health and safety with self-disinfecting ships. So you can feel good about exploring both near and far.



*Right from top: Especially spacious, all suite accommodations; window-lined forward cove; al fresco Patio Café.*





## WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB AND WI-FI ARE INCLUDED.

Costs are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

### SUITE: \$9,790

Bridge & Main Deck—280 sq. ft. with two large windows, seating area with sofa, lounge chair #203-207, 211, 215, 206-208, 210-212, 220, 301, 311, 302, 306-308, 310-312, 316

### ISLANDER SUITE: \$13,650

Bridge & Main Deck—515 sq. ft. with four large windows, separate living room with sofa, two lounge chairs, large bath with rain shower and tub #209, 218, 303, 309

### SOLO SUITE: \$14,590

Bridge & Main Deck—280 sq. ft. with two large windows, seating area with sofa, lounge chair #217, 222, 315, 318

**CONNECTING SUITES:** #205/207, 302/306

**FAMILY SUITE:** Santa Cruz Islander Suite #303/301

**TRIPLE OCCUPANCY:** Suite #312, 316, and Islander Suites (#209, 218, 303, 309). With sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate.

**Shared Accommodations Note:** Shares can be requested for Suites at double occupancy rate.

# INCLUSIVE PRICING

## ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to hors d'oeuvres and snacks during Recap, tea time cookies, and all-day fruit
- ✓ All alcoholic (excluding certain premium brands) and nonalcoholic beverages including coffees and sodas
- ✓ 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 photos
- ✓ Access to the Bridge to learn about navigation
- ✓ Services of the ship's physician and our expedition staff

## SPECIAL OFFERS

**EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS:** Book by January 13, 2023 and 2023 prices are guaranteed for this 2024 voyage. After January 13, 2023, voyage rates will increase.

**MILESTONE CELEBRATION PACKAGE:** Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, etc., with your group of eight or more, and receive 5% off, a \$150 shipboard credit for the spa or champagne, a complimentary group photo, and more. Milestone celebration must be communicated at time of booking. Milestone amenity package is one per group, intended for the guest celebrating the Milestone event. Group discount is applicable to cruise portion only, and does not apply towards additional services such as hotels, extensions, airfare, etc. Group cancellation terms also apply. Not combinable with certain offers.

**BRING THE KIDS:** Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 discount extended to all guests under the age of 18.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**VOYAGE COST INCLUDES:** All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals, 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); taxes, and service charges; services of the ship's physician and our expedition staff. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Air transportation; extensions; passport, visa and immigration fees; meals not indicated; certain premium brands of alcohol; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as wellness treatments, 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 \$425; Business from \$1,425. 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 15% of the cabin fare 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 120 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.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) 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' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) 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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## ASHORE

- ✓ Two nights 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 our knowledgeable expedition staff in the lounge
- ✓ Photo instruction from a certified photo instructor

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	None*
119-90 days	50% of trip cost**
89-0 days	100% of trip cost**

\*Deposit will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate which only may be applied towards final payment on any future booking; the certificate does not expire.

\*\*Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, airfare, and other additional services.

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.





## RESERVATION FORM: WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

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*(As it appears on passport)*

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend

☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Payment Information:** 15% of the cabin fare per person.

☐ If paying by check, please make payable to: **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.


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## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Travel aboard the new all-suite, 48-guest *National Geographic Islander II*
- » Travel with our team of expert naturalists and a certified photo instructor
- » Visit diverse islands and 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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