



Galápagos Escape: An 8-Day Expedition

September 10-17, 2026

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

Travel with Professor Jonathan Smolin



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Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Dartmouth,

The collection of islands known as the Galápagos is—in the words of Charles Darwin—"a little world within itself." Here, prehistoric-looking marine iguanas bask on stark volcanic landscapes. Barking sea lions loll about on pristine white beaches, and magnificent frigatebirds nest in the silvery palo santo trees. Finches flit between tree branches, and schools of golden rays swim among the intricate roots of mangrove stands.

We invite you to discover the iconic creatures and habitats of Galápagos for yourself on an incredible voyage aboard *National Geographic Islander II*. This vessel embodies the soul of a private yacht, with 26 spacious staterooms and suites. Equipped with kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, a fleet of Zodiacs and a custom-designed glass-bottom boat, she is purpose-built to bring you unforgettable encounters. Paddle beside gliding sea turtles, snorkel with curious sea lions and hike among colonies of nesting seabirds. There will also be plenty of chances to spot marine life—like leaping dolphins and diving blue-footed boobies—from the ship's expansive decks.

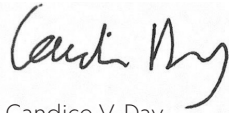
Our tour operator, Lindblad Expeditions, has spent decades exploring Galápagos and is well known for the exceptional travel experiences they offer in the archipelago. Their naturalists have a deep knowledge of island species and habitats that allows them to make the most of nature's opportunities—which means you will enjoy adventure-filled days and amazing wildlife sightings. Many are also Galapagueños, and they provide an authentic connection to the region's culture.

This voyage gives you the chance to see all the highlights and pack a lifetime's worth of epic adventures into one glorious week. **To reserve your place, please complete the reservation form, email groups@expeditions.com, or call 833-985-1261.**

Sincerely,



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Special Offer

Save 5% when traveling with Dartmouth College.
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Jonathan Smolin is Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Director of the Dartmouth Initiative for Middle East Exchange (DIMEX). He has taught at Dartmouth since 2005 and researches the intersections between politics and popular culture in the modern Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Smolin has authored books that trace the histories and politics of several MENA nations through popular entertainment media and fiction, and he has translated five

Arabic novels into English. Professor Smolin teaches about the Middle East from multiple perspectives and a wide array of sources, from classical texts to social media, approaching the region as a site of nuance and complexity.

On the Galápagos tour, Professor Smolin will lecture on Charles Darwin as well as situating Darwin's work in a global context.

Cover photo: Galápagos sea lion mother and pup on Garden Bay beach on San Cristóbal Island. © Rich Reid.
Opposite: A red-footed booby in flight.

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF GALÁPAGOS

A Wilderness Like No Other

Few wildernesses are more iconic than Galápagos—the living laboratory that inspired Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. Home to an array of wild and wonderful creatures with no instinctive fear of humans, the archipelago's pristine seas and shores still look much as they did when the legendary naturalist arrived nearly 200 years ago. Prehistoric-looking land iguanas gather under towering cactus trees. Penguins in search of fish dart by delighted snorkelers. Giant tortoises roam through misty meadows. Discover these wild wonders and much more on an immersive adventure refined over decades of voyaging to these magical isles.

Actively Explore Every Day

Our Galápagos itineraries feature activities for every skill level, with each excursion designed to immerse you in the Enchanted Isles. Snorkel with acrobatic sea lions, go on a photo walk to capture up-close images of blue-footed boobies or take a ride in a glass-bottom boat for a glimpse of colorful fish—you can explore your way, every day.

We also reveal the wonders hidden beneath Galápagos waves through our in-depth undersea program. The voyage features an undersea specialist who documents the marine environment, gathering footage for daily Recaps in the lounge so that all guests can see the fascinating sea creatures and their oceanic habitats.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guest photographs giant tortoises in the highlands; curious sea lion; a great blue heron lands in the surf at iconic Kicker Rock.





EXCEPTIONAL STAYS FROM SHIP TO SHORE

A Perfectly Appointed Expedition Ship

National Geographic Islander II is a world-class expedition ship with the spirit and soul of a private yacht, featuring just 26 spacious staterooms and suites. Guests have access to kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and dedicated snorkeling gear, and nimble Zodiacs allow for exploration along the archipelago's hidden shores.

Superior amenities ensure discovery continues on board. Read up on Galápagos luminaries in the library before heading to The Cove for your nightly Recap. Take in the views from the plunge pool on the observation deck, windowed fitness room or the al fresco Patio Café. You can also enjoy a taste of the archipelago at every meal through our pioneering farm-to-table food program.

A Timeless Estate in the Heart of Guayaquil

Set in a lovingly restored 19th-century building along the banks of the Río Daule, Hotel del Parque is a serene, tropical refuge. This elegant hotel is part of the Relais & Châteaux hotel group and has 44 beautifully appointed rooms. Its gracious, golden-age aura makes a fitting bookend to your expedition aboard *National Geographic Islander II*. As the name suggests, Hotel del Parque is situated within Guayaquil's beautiful Parque Histórico. Simply step out the front door to enjoy the botanical garden's lush flowerbeds, cobbled streets and art exhibits.



Opposite page (clockwise from top): Explore volcanic coastlines by kayak; tour in a glass-bottom boat; paddle in quiet contemplation. This page: Hotel del Parque.

TRAVEL WITH A VETERAN TEAM

Renowned Staff & Local Expertise

Every member of the team—from naturalists to expedition leaders—is committed to ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. Many of the veteran guides are Galapagueños; in addition to sharing their extensive knowledge of island species and habitats, they offer an authentic connection to local culture. Exploring in small groups, you will have the opportunity to hear different perspectives every day, and because there are no group assignments, you can gravitate toward naturalists who share your interests.

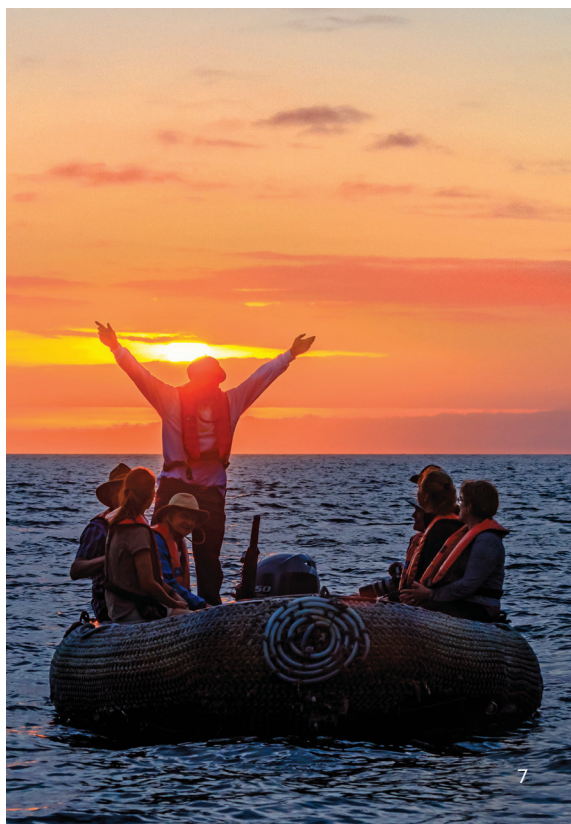


Take Great Photos with the Pros

Photography is always central to the expedition experience, but the Galápagos archipelago, teeming with charismatic species that have no instinctive fear of people, is a particularly alluring place to take pictures. A National Geographic certified photo instructor joins our

voyage to assist travelers with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field and return home with the photos of a lifetime.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Photographing a blue-footed booby on North Seymour Island; a sunset Zodiac cruise near Isabela Island; Photographer Jonathan Kingston with a guest on Santa Cruz Island. This page: National Geographic certified photo instructor and field staff member Anahi Concari.



Itinerary

Pack a lifetime of adventure into one action-filled week. Explore the legendary Galápagos Islands with daily opportunities for walks, hikes, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding and snorkeling.



DAY 1: QUITO OR GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Arrive in Guayaquil and transfer to the Hotel del Parque, a tranquil haven set in a restored 19th-century building.

Note: For those preferring to fly into Quito, Ecuador's capital, please note the city sits at a 9,350ft elevation. This is an alternative option to Guayaquil, at no additional cost and is recommended if guests take advantage of an optional extension.

DAY 2: QUITO OR GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/EMBARK

This morning, fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos (required flights at an additional cost), a little world unto itself in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Get to know your naturalists as you begin your exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-6: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

Your expedition begins and ends in 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. Here is a sample of islands you may visit during your expedition. (B,L,D Daily)



BARTOLOMÉ

Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim and snorkel from the beach. Catch a glimpse of Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest penguin species.



Galápagos penguins.

SAN CRISTÓBAL

Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lion colonies thrive in the middle of town.

ESPAÑOLA

In this birding paradise, see swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross. Keep an eye out for vividly colored marine iguanas, and walk amid sea lions on a white-sand beach.

FERNANDINA

One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galápagos penguins and the largest marine iguanas. On shore, we hike across impressive recent lava flows.

SANTA CRUZ

Explore Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Charles Darwin Research Station and Galápagos National Park. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild.

DAY 7: GALÁPAGOS/DISEMBARK/QUITO OR GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Quito or Guayaquil. (B)

DAY 8: QUITO OR GUAYAQUIL

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



*Lava cactus, *Brachycereus nesioticus*, endemic to the Galápagos, Fernandina Island.*

National Geographic Islander II



With spacious accommodations and sleek shared spaces, this expedition vessel has the spirit of a private yacht. Every detail of the onboard experience—from the regional artwork to the locally sourced meals—is designed to immerse you in your Ecuadorian surroundings. Special amenities, including a well-equipped marina and a dedicated science hub, take your Galápagos explorations to a new level.

Capacity

26 staterooms and suites accommodating 48 guests.

Registry

Ecuador.

Overall length

280 feet.

Public Areas

Expansive Observation Deck with grill and bar, fitness center, sauna, plunge pool and outdoor showers; Outdoor Patio Café and Yacht Club Restaurant; Cove lounge 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. Expanded marina with gearing up and snorkel areas, Zodiac boarding and swim platform.



Al fresco patio café.

Meals

Indoor-outdoor dining with Ecuadorian flair served in single, unassigned seating in the Patio Café and Yacht Club Restaurant. The atmosphere is sociable and informal, and menus feature local, sustainable ingredients, plant-based options and zero-proof cocktails.

Accommodations

Staterooms and suites are spread across two decks with connecting, solo and triple options; four even



Especially spacious accommodations.

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 stateroom. All suites have large windows, convertible king/twin beds, ample closets, marble double-sink bathrooms, Wi-Fi access, stocked mini-bar and flat screen television with shipboard network.

Expedition Equipment

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.

Staff & Crew

Every staff member is committed to ensuring guests have an unforgettable experience. Many of the veteran guides and naturalists are locally based in your destination and have worked with the company for decades. A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, professional photographer and National Geographic certified photo instructor are on board, and with a high staff-to-guest ratio, you can hear different perspectives and gain new insights every day.

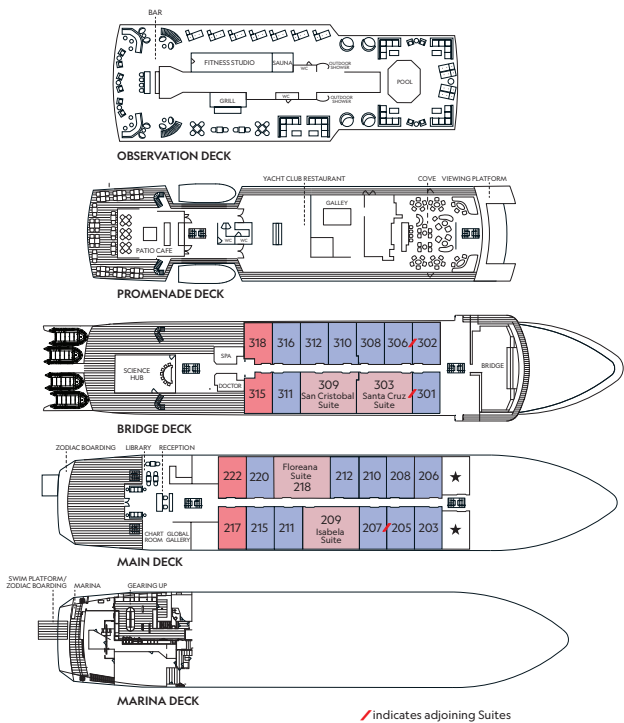
Special Features

National Geographic Explorers-in-Training family program led by certified field educators, staterooms 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.

Ship Deck Plan & Pricing



Voyage Dates

September 10-17, 2026

Advance Payment Details

15% of the cabin fare, per person

With compliments, your bar tab and Wi-Fi are included.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo

5% Savings

Stateroom	\$8,819	\$8,378
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*	\$12,286	\$11,672
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 Stateroom	\$12,285	\$11,671
Bridge & Main Deck—280 sq. ft. with two large windows, seating area with sofa, lounge chair #217, 222, 315, 318		

***Suite Exclusives:** The Suite Exclusives package gives guests staying in eligible cabins access to an array of amenities designed to enhance your on-board experience, including priority booking for spa treatments, complimentary laundry and other exclusive perks.

Connecting Suites: #205/207, 302/306

Family Suite: Santa Cruz Islander Suite #303/301

Triple Occupancy: Stateroom #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 Staterooms at double occupancy rate.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and airport transfers, as indicated in the itinerary
- The guidance and company of the leading expedition staff
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced where possible
- 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Beer, wine, cocktails and spirits, with premium wines and liquors, available for purchase
- Selection of exploration tools, including Zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, stand-up paddleboards,

- kayaks, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks and fins and other gear)
- Gratuities to local guides in Guayaquil/Quito
- Presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- The services of the ship's physician
- 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library and other shared spaces
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to the fitness center
- Assistance by the onboard photo instructor
- Special access permits, park and site entrance fees and port taxes
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL OFFERS

SPECIAL AFFINITY GROUP SAVINGS: Save 5% on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with Dartmouth College. Valid on this departure date of *Galápagos Escape: An 8-Day Expedition*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

BRINGING THE KIDS: Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off the double occupancy price for each person under the age of 18 at the time of travel. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our 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, we reserve the right 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.

COST INCLUDES: All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; private transfers; travel protection plan; passport, visa and immigration fees; items of a personal nature such as laundry, spa treatments, premium wines and liquors, gratuities for the ship's crew, Wi-Fi and phone services.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 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. Information will be sent to you from Dartmouth Alumni Travel upon registration.

ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS: Itineraries, routing and speakers listed are correct at time of publication and are subject to change.

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.

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.

CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

120 or more days prior to expedition start: **No penalty:** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition**

119-90 days prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost*****

89-0 days prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost*****

**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.

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

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II

Passenger Information

Please reserve _____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Guest 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business 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 with Jonathan Smolin, Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Director of the Dartmouth Initiative for Middle East Exchange (DIMEX).
- Benefit from our 50+ years of experience in Galápagos and deep knowledge of the archipelago to see all you came for and more.
- Sail aboard the sleek *National Geographic Islander II*, with just 26 staterooms and suites.
- Travel with our expert team of local naturalists and a National Geographic certified photo instructor.
- Walk among incredible wildlife unfazed by your presence, from blue-footed boobies to marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot crabs.
- Snorkel amid shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins and curious sea lions.
- Observe the endemic giant Galápagos tortoises roaming wild in the highlands.

LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS: PIONEERING RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION

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