



Wild Galápagos Escape

APRIL 19-26, 2025

ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II*

TRAVEL WITH ZANETA THAYER '08,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY



SPECIAL OFFER: 10% GROUP SAVINGS



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 playful 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. Accompanied by Dartmouth faculty leader Zaneta Thayer '08, you'll learn about evolution as it relates to human health and more.

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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Assistant Director, Alumni Lifelong
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Save 10% when traveling with Dartmouth College.
See page 12 for details.



Zaneta Thayer '08 is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Dartmouth. Her expertise lies in exploring the impact of human evolutionary history on health, with a specific emphasis on maternal and child health. She has conducted fieldwork and led Dartmouth student off-campus programs around the Pacific, including New Zealand and Hawai'i. When not on campus, Thayer can be found enjoying the Upper Valley outdoors with her family.

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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 unfazed by human presence, 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; Sea lions rest everywhere on the beaches; a great blue heron lands in the surf at iconic Kicker Rock.





Premier Accommodations on the Water & on Land

A Perfectly Appointed Expedition Ship

The newest vessel to join our Galápagos fleet, *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 our 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 Cafe. 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 the *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 our team—from our naturalists to our expedition leaders—is committed to ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. Many of our 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.

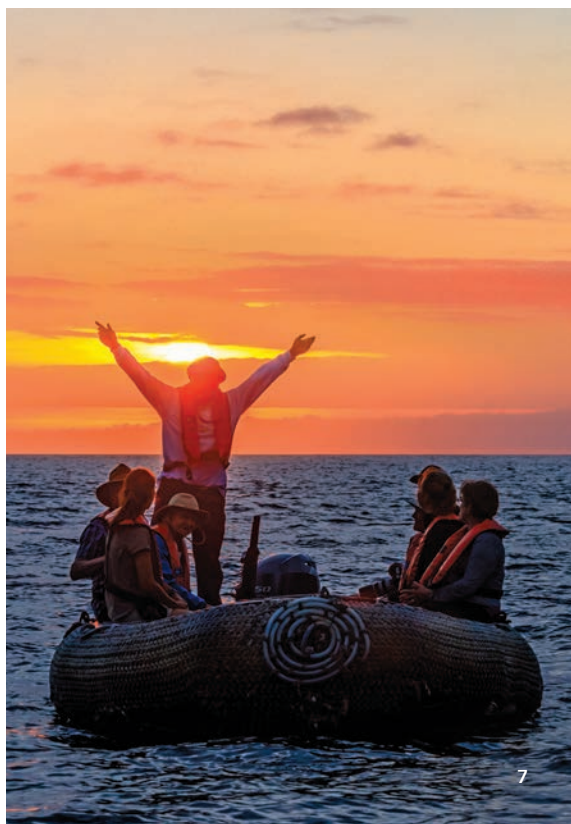


Take Great Photos with the Pros

On any Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic voyage, photography is 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 Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified

photo instructor (CPI) 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: CPI and field staff member Anahi Concari.



Voyage 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, and overnight there, this is an alternative option at no additional cost.



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 we begin our exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-6: Exploring the Galápagos

Our 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 we may visit during our expedition. (B,L,D Daily)

North Seymour

Encounter nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a beautiful coastal walk.

Rabida

Snorkel along the rocky coastline among schools of tropical fish and curious sea lions before landing on a brilliant red beach to look for both land and sea birds.



Isabela

Toast crossing the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins as you ply these rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

Fernandina

One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, it's the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.

Santiago

Explore tide pools and search for fur seals in quiet grottos on this island, where lava walks, a coastal forest, and kayaking along lava flows are high points.

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.

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)

OPTIONAL POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION:

Quito & Otavalo • 4 Days

From \$1,250

Explore Ecuador's beautifully preserved colonial capital and Otavalo in the Andean highlands.

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 Spaces

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.

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.



Al Fresco Patio Café.

Accommodations

Staterooms and suites are 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



Especially spacious accommodations.

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

Staff & Crew

Every member of our staff is committed to ensuring our guests have an unforgettable experience. Many of our veteran guides and naturalists are locally based and have worked with us for decades. A full-time doctor, wellness specialist, certified field educators, undersea specialist, and Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor are on board, and with a low staff-to-guest ratio, you can hear different perspectives and gain new insights every day.

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

National Geographic Global Explorers 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.

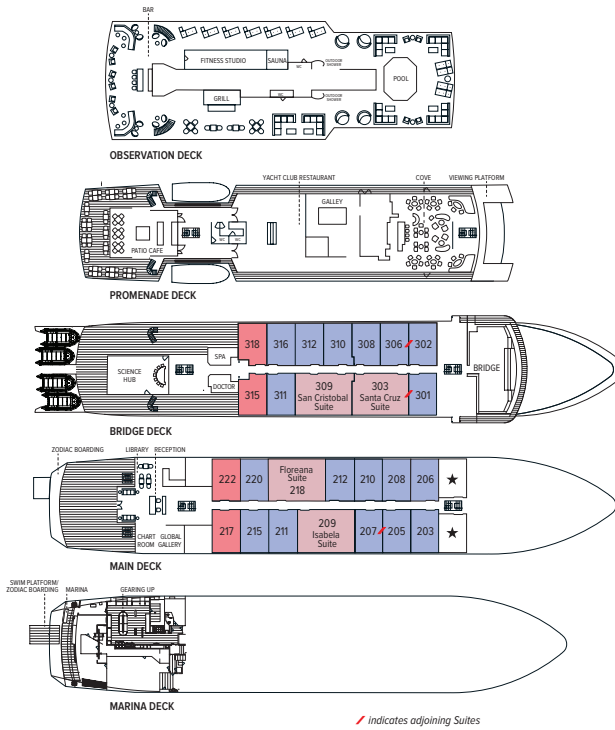
Wellness

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

Sustainability

From our carbon neutrality initiatives to the locally sourced food we serve on board, our expeditions are designed around the well-being of our world. Travel with peace of mind, knowing that green practices are embedded in our operations and that each voyage gives back to the places we explore.

Ship Deck Plan & Pricing



Voyage Dates

April 19-26, 2025

Advance Payment Details

15% of the cabin fare, per person

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

Costs are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo. 10% SAVINGS

Stateroom ~~\$11,363~~ \$10,227

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* ~~\$15,840~~ \$14,256

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 ~~\$14,768~~ \$13,292

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

***Suite Exclusives:** The suites on our ships are your elegant retreat at sea, featuring spacious living areas and incredible ocean views. Now, booking one of these beautifully appointed accommodations comes with even more benefits. Our new 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 hotels, as indicated in the itinerary
- Airport transfers for all arrivals and departures
- The guidance and company of our 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 super 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
- Presentations by our expedition staff
- 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 of the certified photo instructor (CPI)
- Special access permits, park and site entrance fees, and port taxes
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

SPECIAL 10% GROUP SAVINGS: Save 10% on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with Dartmouth College. Valid on this departure date of *Wild Galápagos Escape*, 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.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES: Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, \$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

BRING THE KIDS: Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18. 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, May 13, 2024, 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, both international and internal; pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; crew gratuities; private transfers; travel protection plan; passport, visa, and immigration fees; items of a personal nature such as select premium alcoholic beverages, spa treatments, enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans, and laundry.

AIRFARE: Airfare, both international and internal, is an additional cost. International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately. Internal tickets must be booked by Lindblad Expeditions. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your international 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 by Dartmouth Alumni Travel upon registration.

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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Reservation Form



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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: _____

Please send detailed information about the **Colonial Quito** post-voyage extension.

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.

Wild Galápagos Escape

Expedition Highlights

- Travel with Zaneta Thayer '08, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Dartmouth College.
- 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 new *National Geographic Islander II*, with just 26 staterooms and suites.
- Travel with our expert team of local naturalists and a 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 playful sea lions.
- Observe the endemic giant Galápagos tortoises roaming wild in the highlands.

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We have chosen Lindblad Expeditions because they care deeply about the planet and see travel as a powerful force for good.



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