WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE
MAY 16-23, 2019
TRAVEL WITH DARRIN M. MCMAHON,
THE MARY BRINSMEAD WHEELOCK PROFESSOR OF HISTORY
ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER
“Seeing every height crowned with its crater, and the boundaries of most of the lava-streams still distinct, we are led to believe that within a period, geologically recent, the unbroken ocean was here spread out. Hence, both is space and time, we seem to be brought somewhat near to that great fact—that mystery of mysteries—the first appearance of new beings on this earth.”

Charles Darwin, *The Voyage of the Beagle*
DEAR ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS OF DARTMOUTH,

Galápagos is a dream destination for many travelers, but not everyone has the luxury of time to commit to an extended voyage. That is why we are delighted to introduce a brand-new shorter itinerary. Now those who have yearned to experience the wonders and wildlife of this magical place don’t have to miss out—you can see, do, and discover it all in one exhilarating adventure-packed expedition and do it in just eight days.

You'll encounter the endemic wildlife that lacks an instinctive fear of humans, explore a vibrant undersea, and observe diverse geological wonders from stark volcanic landscapes to lush, green highlands. Galápagos is ideal for active exploration—kayak along rocky shores keeping watch for sea turtles, snorkel with playful sea lions, hike lava fields crowded with basking marine iguanas, or take a Zodiac cruise around islands teeming with birdlife.

Travel aboard the National Geographic Islander, a 24-cabin expedition ship equipped with cool tools that let you experience the islands with all your senses. You'll share the adventure with Dartmouth Professor of History Darrin M. McMahon, plus a veteran team of naturalists who will enhance your understanding for this exceptional destination. Another advantage is the onboard Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a specially trained naturalist who will help to improve your skills and ensure you go home with incredible photos.

We hope you will join us to discover these magical islands, May 16-23, 2019. Book early and take advantage of our special offer of free round-trip airfare between Guayaquil and the Galápagos. Plus enjoy complimentary bar tab and Wi-Fi aboard ship. To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or call our group representative at Lindblad Expeditions toll free at 888-773-9007.

Sincerely,

Robin Albing, Tu’81
Director,
Alumni Lifelong Learning and Travel

Patrick Bedard
Assistant Director,
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Darrin M. McMahon is the Mary Brinsmead Wheelock Professor of History at Dartmouth College. He is the author of Enemies of the Enlightenment (Oxford, 2001), Happiness: A History (Atlantic Monthly, 2006), and Divine Fury: A History of Genius (Basic, 2013). He has taught as a visiting scholar at Columbia, NYU, Yale, the University of Rouen, the École Normale Supérieure, the École des Hautes Études, and the University of Potsdam, and his writings have appeared frequently in both academic and popular publications. The recipient of major fellowships from the Mellon, Humboldt, and Guggenheim foundations, he is currently writing a history of notions of equality and a history of lighting and illumination in the Age of Enlightenment.

Cover photo: Guest photographs Galápagos giant tortoise in the wild. © Michael S. Nolan
Opposite: Kicker Rock at sunset. © Jeff Litton
Ship's Registry: Ecuador
The power and relevance of our needs as humans to connect with nature cannot be underestimated. That connection is perhaps at its greatest possible level in Galápagos. The vast number of animals living in the Galápagos archipelago is a major reason you have chosen to travel to this remote part of the world. Where else on the planet can you get close to the wildlife in the context of no fear at all? This is a marvelous experience for the human spirit and the itinerary ensures that you will have it often—exploring the key islands in the archipelago and seeing the iconic species that make this region so unique.

You’ll come eye-to-eye with the famous giant tortoises roaming in the wild. Encounter blue-footed boobies nesting along a trail. Stand paces away from courting red-throated frigatebirds. Watch your footing to avoid disturbing a sea lion lounging on a white sand beach. And swim with penguins, marine iguanas, and playful sea lions—experiences that can transform lives.

EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH ADVENTURE

This expedition is designed to optimize your individual experience of Galápagos. What would you like to do today? Which of the many activities on offer—from walks to more energetic hikes, to Zodiac shore cruises, to paddling adventures—suits your interests today? Our operation is geared to get you off the ship, out exploring and actively experiencing all the kaleidoscopic wonders Galápagos offers, from swimming with sea lions off a pristine arc of beach, to snorkeling with a passing flotilla of Pacific green sea turtles. Make it yours.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guests stroll along beach past lounging sea lions; blue-footed boobies; snorkeler photographs a penguin gliding through the water; flamingo preening; marine iguana.
LIFE ABOARD YOUR EXPEDITION SHIP

A vintage mahogany-and-brass ode to the elegant maritime tradition, National Geographic Islander is as close to a private yacht expedition as you can get. Plus you have the benefits of years of expertise, the caliber of the naturalist team, the warmth of the staff, and a suite of cool tools for exploring, including Zodiacs, kayaks, and paddleboards. Accommodating just 48 guests, Islander inspires a real esprit de corps. There’s just something about her scale, the glow of her patina, her team, and the guests she attracts that’s magical—it creates something special every single voyage. Be prepared for the gracious staff, cabin service three times daily, evening recaps held in the lounge, and delicious fare, much of it locally sourced and served in a single unassigned seating—all combining to foster a real sense of being ‘at home.’

THE HEART OF IT ALL—AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM

The warmth, humanity, and dedication of the expedition team, officers, and crew is unequaled. The engaging naturalists, many of whom were born and bred in the Galápagos, have a deep understanding of all aspects of the islands’ natural and human history, and are experts in ornithology, geology, zoology, the undersea, and conservation. Your time with them will greatly enhance your understanding of this remote archipelago.

A Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor is aboard to help you take advantage of the myriad photo opportunities. They are not only skilled photographers—trained to help you understand your camera and improve your skills—but also naturalists who can guide you in capturing the incredible wildlife behavior on display right in front of you.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guest in hammock spots passing tortoise; choose between kayaking or paddleboarding to explore on your own; Zodiacs are easily launched to bring guests ashore; certified photo instructor gives tips to guests in the field.
EXPLORE NEW ISLANDS EVERY DAY

Experience more of the varied islands, habitats, and wildlife of Galápagos—on land and under the sea.

RESEARCHERS COME ABOARD to catch a ride to their inter-island projects. You get to meet them and hear about their work.

UP-CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH ANIMALS
Each new island brings new creatures—curious or indifferent, but unafraid. Get up close and personal, and savor the unique absence of fear.

MARINE RESERVE
In 2016 Ecuador created one of the world’s largest marine sanctuaries around the islands. And the presidents of Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Colombia signed a historic accord for marine protection. You’ll discover a thriving ocean.

SNORKEL DAILY, SOMETIMES 2X A DAY
Delight in an underwater that features sea turtles, penguins, and balletic sea lions, as well as scores of colorful fish.
WALK OR HIKE THRU INCREDIBLE VISTAS, AT YOUR PACE
Whether sheathed in lava, studded with cacti, or green and grassy, the varied landscapes of Galápagos beg to be discovered on foot.

SEE TORTOISES IN THE WILD
Head into the highlands of Santa Cruz to see free-ranging giant tortoises, a fascinating opportunity and proof that Galápagos’ conservation initiatives are working well.

GRAB A KAYAK OR A PADDLEBOARD
Go on a personal exploration, meditation, or exercise foray.

EXCLUSIVE: CERTIFIED PHOTO INSTRUCTOR ABOARD
There’s a photo op a minute in the islands, and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor is at your service—with instruction, tips, and guidance. Go home with your best photos ever.
H ave a ton of adventure over eight action-packed days. With multiple activities each day on land and under the sea—including options for walks and hikes, kayaking, paddleboarding, and snorkeling—you’ll be assured of the full Galápagos experience.

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

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

**DAYS 3-6: GALÁPAGOS**

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition.* (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, the famous last surviving Pinta Island tortoise, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corral. Venture to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild.

**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 beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

**ESPAÑOLA**
See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and 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 and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

**DAY 7: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/GUAYAQUIL**
Disembark and return this morning to Guayaquil, where you transfer to the Hotel del Parque to overnight. (B)

**DAY 8: GUAYAQUIL/DEPART**
Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

*Please note: This expedition begins and ends at Baltra, and includes visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. This itinerary offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes, and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION:**
Add a two-day post-voyage extension to UNESCO-designated Quito and famous Otavalo market. Call for details.

**HOTEL DEL PARQUE**
Set along the banks of the Río Daule, Hotel del Parque is housed in a lovingly restored 19th-century building nestled within the secluded haven of Parque Histórico’s lush botanical gardens. Intimate and welcoming with a gracious, golden-age aura, this elegant boutique hotel—the first in the city—makes a fitting bookend to your expedition aboard the National Geographic Islander.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

CAPACITY: 24 outside cabins accommodating 48 guests.
REGISTRY: Ecuador. OVERALL LENGTH: 164 feet.
PUBLIC AREAS: Open-air observation deck, second covered outside deck with hammocks, tables and chairs, lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, dining room, library, Mac kiosks and Internet. The captain and officers welcome guests to visit the open bridge.
MEALS: Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere, accented with Ecuadorian flair.
CABINS: All have a window with an outside view, private facilities, ample storage, and climate controls. Bed can be configured as two twins or as a single queen.
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope, and underwater video camera.
SPECIAL FEATURES: Shipboard doctor, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction, WI-FI access, laundry service, National Geographic Global Explorers family program, Global Gallery.
WELLNESS: LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

Clockwise from top: National Geographic Islander anchors close to shore; Category 1 cabin; Category 4 cabin; spacious and comfortable lounge.
COSTS ARE PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

**CATEGORY 1:** $5,630
Main Deck, Forward #201-206

**CATEGORY 2:** $6,420
Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

**CATEGORY 3:** $7,090
Bridge Deck #303-306

**CATEGORY 4:** $7,490
Upper Deck #403-408

**CATEGORY 5:** $9,060
Upper Deck, #401 and 402

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** $8,370

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** $9,520

NOTE: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet. Sole occupancy in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates for cabins 305 and 306 are one-half per person occupation rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.
INCLUSIVE PRICING

ABOARD SHIP
✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room, to outdoor BBQs, hors d’oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap, tea time cookies & all-day fruit
✓ All alcoholic (excluding certain premium brands) & nonalcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea & soda
✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle
✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
✓ Fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera’s memory card
✓ Free Wi-Fi (one hour a day per person)
✓ Access to navigational bridge
✓ Services of an onboard doctor

ASHORE
✓ Two nights hotel accommodations in Guayaquil
✓ Meals as indicated in itinerary
✓ Special access permits, park fees, transit card, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights

SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIR: Book by December 31, 2018 for free round-trip charter air (Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil). Must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions, valid for new bookings only, subject to availability at time of booking, and may not be combinable with other offers. Call for details.

BAR TAB & WI-FI: Enjoy complimentary alcoholic beverages (certain premium brands excluded) and WI-FI (up to one hour per day) aboard ship.

BRING THE KIDS: Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXPEDITION COST INCLUDES: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals and nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages aboard ship (except certain premium brands); 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); tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes, and service charges; services of a ship physician and expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation (except where otherwise indicated); extensions; passport, visa, immigration fees; meals not indicated; certain premium brands of alcohol; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as wellness treatments, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost (except where otherwise indicated). International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately. Sample international fares: Round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from $500; Business from $1,050. Internal fares: Round-trip Guayaquil/Galápagos. Adult from $520; Children (under 12) from $260. 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 $750 per person is required and is payable by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Full payment due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 90 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel land medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you by Dartmouth Alumni Association upon registration.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country 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 Maritime Enterprises’ 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. Itinerary and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. Lindblad Maritime Enterprises reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the actual cost of fuel.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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RESERVATION FORM:  
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Please reserve _____________ place(s).

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(As it appears on passport)

Name 1:____________________________________Date of Birth: _______________________  
(Preferred name for name badge)

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Accommodations:  □ Double  □ Single  □ Twin share w/friend

□ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: __________________________ 2nd choice: _______________________________

□ Please send me information on the Quito extension.

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ______________________ (US$750 per person).

Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

□ Charge my advance payment of $ _______________________ (US$750 per person)

 to my □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ American Express  □ Discover

Account Number: _______________________Expires: ___________________________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Cruise to pristine islands aboard a 24-cabin expedition ship.

» Travel with Darrin M. McMahon, the Mary Brinsmead Wheelock Professor of History.

» Walk among colonies of unusual animals and birds unfazed by your presence, and observe giant Galápagos tortoises in the wild.

» Experience the waters of the Galápagos by kayak, Zodiac, or paddleboard.

» Snorkel amid shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions.

» Benefit from an expert team of naturalists and the exclusive expedition photography program.