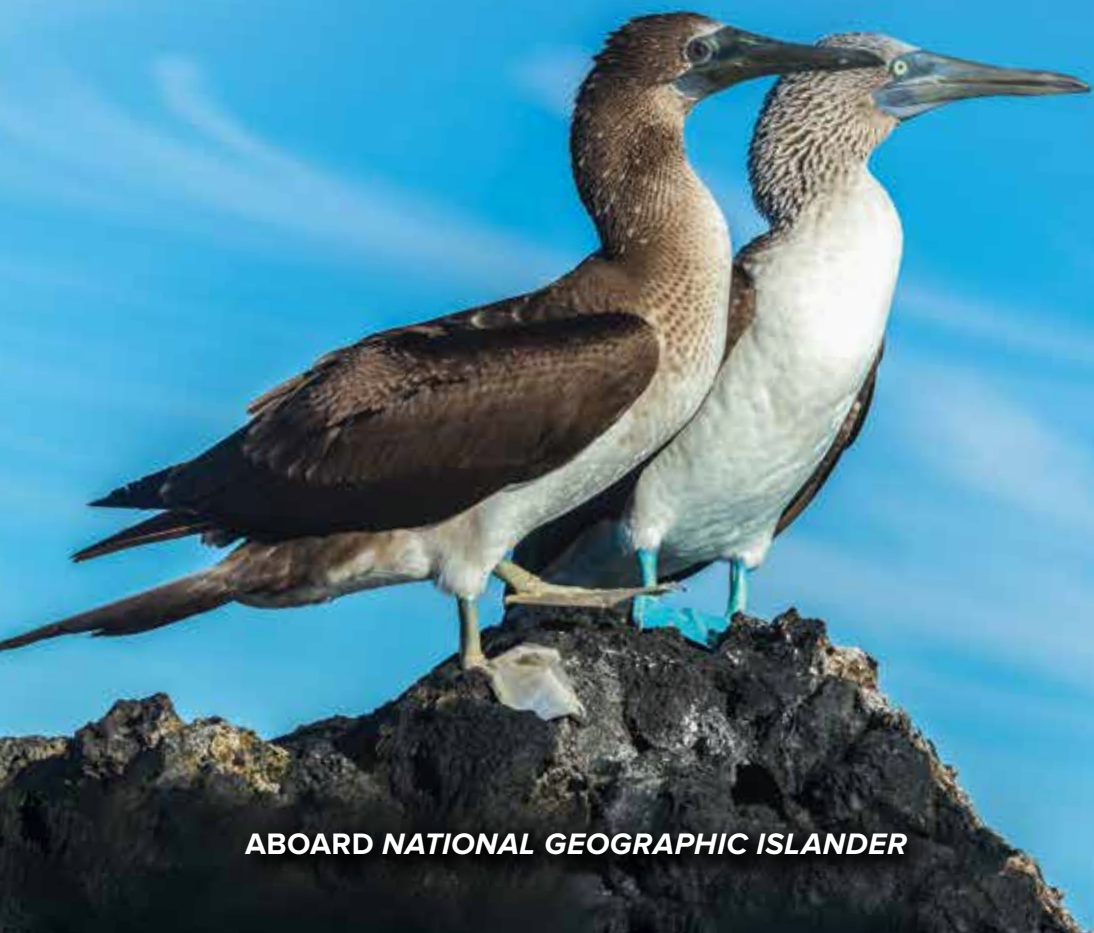


**FREE GALÁPAGOS AIR**  
BOOK BY MAY 31, 2021

**UCLA** Alumni

# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 6, 2021



**ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER**

SANTIAGO ISLAND, GALÁPAGOS

0°.24'S, 90°85'W

That's the  
exhilaration  
of discovery.



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DEAR UCLA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

There's never a dull moment in Galápagos. In these enchanted isles, you can get closer than you ever imagined to endemic wildlife that lacks an instinctive fear of humans, explore a vibrant and unique undersea, and observe diverse habitats from stark volcanic landscapes to lush, green highlands.

Since not everyone has the luxury of time to commit to an extended voyage, we are delighted to provide a shorter, action-packed itinerary that delivers the best of Galápagos. Now those who have yearned to experience the wonders and wildlife of the most interesting islands in the world don't have to miss out—you can see, do, and discover it all in just seven days.

Aboard the *National Geographic Islander*, a 24-cabin, yacht-like expedition ship equipped with a suite of tools for exploring, you will experience the islands with all your senses. Kayak along idyllic beaches keeping watch for passing sea turtles, snorkel with playful sea lions, hike lava fields crowded with basking marine iguanas, or take a sunset Zodiac cruise around rocky shorelines teeming with unique birdlife.

You will share the adventure with a veteran team of naturalists—locals whose passion for these islands and their conservation will spark your own. In addition, you'll have the services of an undersea specialist and an onboard certified photo instructor, a naturalist specially trained to help you with your camera, settings, and basics to ensure you go home with incredible photos.

I hope you will join us to discover these magical islands, September 30–October 6, 2021. Enjoy a complimentary bar tab and free Wi-Fi aboard ship. **To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call 310-206-0613.**

Sincerely,



Christel Aragon  
Director, Alumni Travel

**FREE GALÁPAGOS AIR:**

Book by May 31, 2021 for free round-trip economy air from Ecuador to Galápagos. See page 12 for details.

*Cover photo: Pair of blue-footed boobies.  
Opposite: Curious sea lion approaches guest. © Socrates Tomala.  
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, no binoculars required. 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 undersea is vibrant, 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. 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 also complete snorkeling gear aboard, exclusively yours for the duration, so there's no need to pack or tote. You'll also be able to view video footage, presented by the naturalists on the lounge's TV screens, to further enrich your understanding.



*Snorkeling amidst Galápagos' colorful undersea.*

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





# YOUR SHIP: THE KEY TO A GREAT EXPERIENCE

The *National Geographic Islander* offers a 100% exploratory Galápagos experience.

Begin and end each day in the comfortable and welcoming atmosphere of your expedition ship, a vintage mahogany-and-brass ode of the elegant maritime tradition.

Accommodating just 48 guests, it's as close to a private yacht experience as you can

get, and a friendly, convivial community quickly forms on board. *National Geographic Islander* also is equipped with a fleet of Zodiacs, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards that enable you to explore. She also carries full snorkel gear, including shorty wetsuits, for all ages and sizes.



*Zodiacs carry guests ashore from the ship.*

## 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*.

*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Relax in a hammock on the covered sundeck; the spacious and comfortable lounge is the hub of the expedition community; choose between kayaking and paddleboarding to explore on your own; enjoy complimentary drinks and local flavors aboard.*

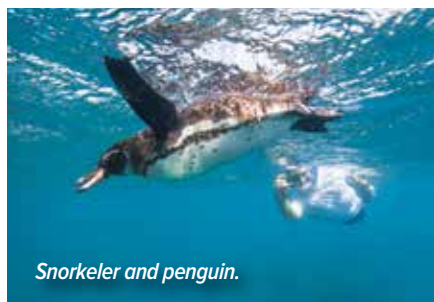






# EXPLORE GALÁPAGOS WITH THE FREEDOM TO ENJOY IT YOUR WAY

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.



*Snorkeler and penguin.*

## TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

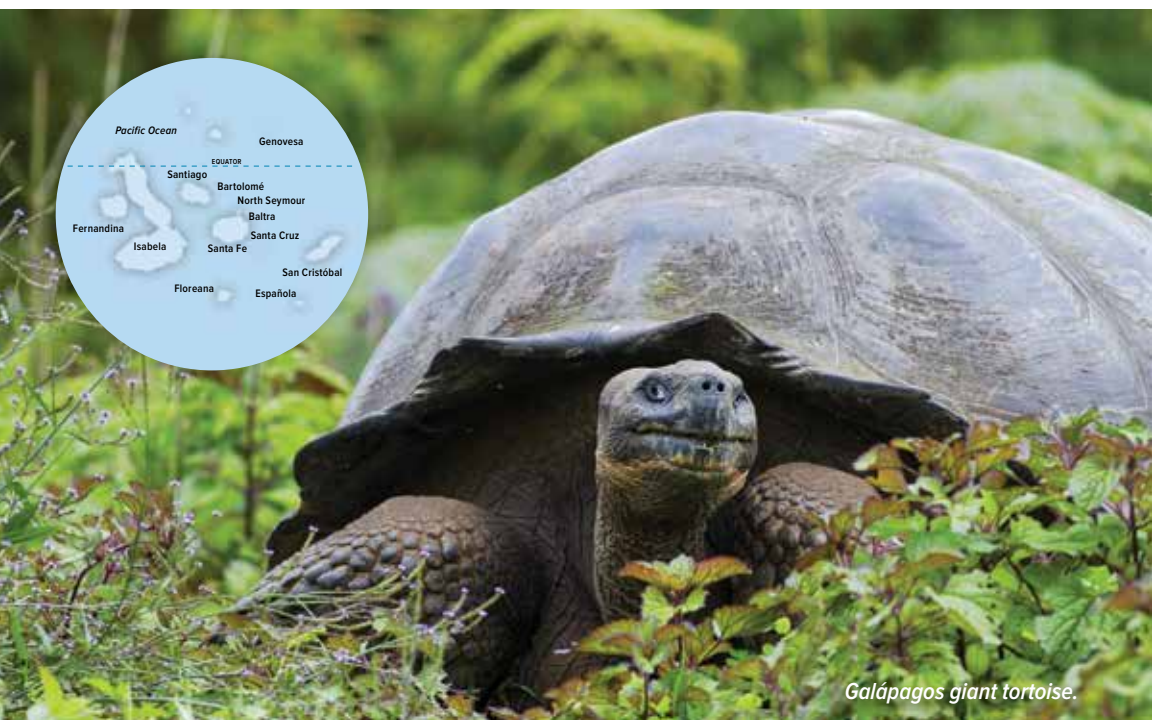
Your expedition team has the knowledge and the passion for Galápagos that will kindle yours. They will do whatever it takes, from maintaining a lookout so you don't miss a passing whale, offering an extra snorkel when sea turtles are congregating nearby, or pausing on a walk to witness the birth of a 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 iPhone 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.*

# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER



*Galápagos giant tortoise.*

**P**ack 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 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. You 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 this 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, 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.

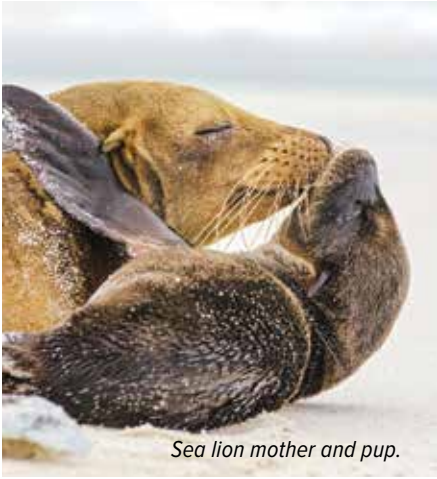
**ESPAÑOLA:** See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, and Nazca boobies at this birder's paradise, also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Thrill at the display of waved albatross, endemic to Española island. Watch sea lions on the wide sand beach, and snorkel offshore at Gardner Bay.

**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/U.S.**

Return by air to Guayaquil, where we enjoy dayrooms at the Hotel del Parque before flights home—or continue to Quito for an optional two-night extension. You may also opt to overnight at Hotel del Parque and fly home on Day 8 at no additional cost. Call for details. (B)

*\*Note: This expedition begins and ends at Baltra and includes visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.*



*Sea lion mother and pup.*

## QUITO & OTAVALO POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

Follow the mystery and magic of Galápagos with Ecuador's beautifully preserved colonial capital and the celebrated markets of Otavalo on this 3-day post-voyage extension. Quito's historic center—largest and best preserved in Spanish America—was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1978, second in the world after Galápagos. Additional nights and independent options are also available. Call for details.



*Colonial Quito.*



*Snow-covered Andes.*



## 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 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. Menu emphasizes 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:** Certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Explorers family program, Global Gallery, shipboard doctor.

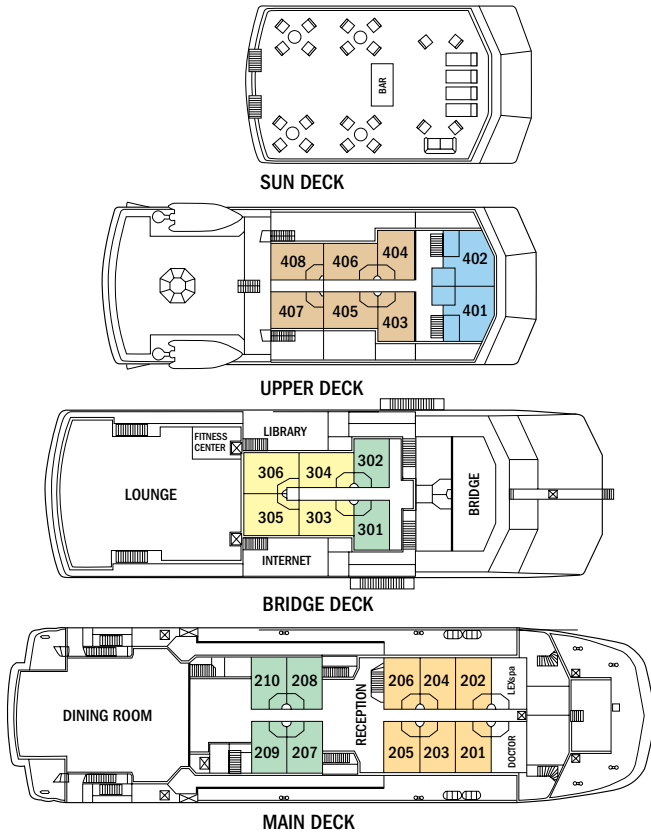
**WELLNESS:** LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

**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.



*Right from top: Category 1 cabin; Category 4 cabin; enjoy fine dining aboard.*





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

COSTS ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS INDICATED AS SOLO.

**CATEGORY 1:** \$5,900

Main Deck, Forward #201-206

**CATEGORY 2:** \$6,750

Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

**CATEGORY 3:** \$7,450

Bridge Deck #303-306

**CATEGORY 4:** \$7,850

Upper Deck #403-408

**CATEGORY 5:** \$9,450

Upper Deck, #401 and 402

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** \$8,750

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** \$9,950

NOTE: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet. Solo 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, 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 unlimited cappuccinos, lattes, coffee, tea, and soda
- ✓ 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 camera's memory card
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi (one hour a day per person)
- ✓ Access to navigational Bridge
- ✓ Services of a ship physician and expedition staff

## 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 the knowledgeable expedition staff in the lounge
- ✓ Photo instruction from a certified photo instructor

# SPECIAL OFFERS

**FREE GALÁPAGOS AIR:** Book by May 31, 2021 for free round-trip air from Ecuador to Galápagos. Based on economy group flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. Baggage fees may be additional. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers.

**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

**COST INCLUDES:** All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals and 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 a ship physician and expedition staff. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Air transportation (unless 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 chronicle, and laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost (unless otherwise indicated). 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/Galápagos: 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 US\$850 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 90 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**INSURANCE:** Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended and should be considered for your financial protection. Also important, especially if you are traveling internationally, is medical insurance and emergency medical evacuation coverage. A comprehensive package will be made available to you upon receipt of your initial deposit. Early purchase may provide coverage of preexisting medical problems.

**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.

**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 the 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.

Lindblad Expeditions' **Good Faith Plan:** For this 2021 expedition, we are providing two cancellation options: Our standard cancellation policy is available, should that best suit your needs (see table). Or, for more flexibility: cancel your 2021 expedition at least 14 days before departure and receive 100% future travel credit for expedition fare paid\* to be used on any future 2021 or 2022 voyage with Lindblad Expeditions. Valid for new bookings for this voyage date booked between June 10, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

\*Note: Good Faith Plan cancellation policy is applicable on Expedition Fare paid, and may not apply to extensions, airfare, insurance and other additional services purchased. Call for details.

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CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$450
119–90 days	Advance payment cost
89–60 days	25% of trip cost
59–45 days	50% of trip cost
44–0 days	No refund
<i>This policy applies to the voyage only. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</i>	





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## RESERVATION FORM: WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As it appears on passport)*

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*(Preferred name for name badge)*

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

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 \$850 per person).

Check made payable to **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**

☐ Charge my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US \$850 per person)

to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation(s) as indicated.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Visit diverse islands
- » 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
- » Travel with a team of expert naturalists and a certified photo instructor

## 100% CARBON NEUTRAL SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE

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