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Featuring:
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The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

*Think biology class – with deck chairs*
Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends as we explore the Galapagos Islands. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a “unique living museum and showcase of evolution.” They are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors.

This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito plus an intimate cruise through the archipelago with up-close access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve.

Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the Isabela II, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring both your comfort and maximum enjoyment of this truly extraordinary destination and its diverse inhabitants. And sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports.

Stateroom availability is limited. With significant savings of up to $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

Sincerely,

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Your 8-Day Itinerary  (Subject to change)

Day 1: En Route / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador  
Overnight: Casa Gangotena – Quito

Day 2: Quito (B,L,R)  
Guided walking tour of Old Town, market shopping, Jesuit church of La Compañía, Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum  
Overnight: Casa Gangotena – Quito

Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz: Highlands / Puerto Ayora – Embarkation (B,L,D)  
Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz Highlands, Puerto Ayora  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 4: Santiago: Puerto Egas / Chinese Hat Islet (B,L,D)  
Snorkeling or kayaking, beach stroll  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 5: Genovesa: Prince Philip’s Steps / Darwin Bay (B,L,D)  
Bird colony spotting, island walk  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 6: Santa Fe / Santa Cruz: Punta Carrion (B,L,D)  
Panoramic island viewing, glass-bottom boat ride, white sand beach, sea turtle spotting, farewell dinner  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 7: Baltra – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador (B,L)  
Overnight: Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Day 8: Guayaquil / Depart for U.S. (B)  
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

Activity Level: Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as some nature hikes will be on irregular and steep terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of Isabela II. Maximum elevation: 9,350 feet in Quito, Ecuador
Immerse

- During a full day tour of Quito, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit Church of la Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a unique collection of pre-Columbian art.

Uncover

- Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species such as the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; Santa Fe land iguanas; and the famous Darwin’s finches.
- Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve.

Marvel

- Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat.
- Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white coral beaches, such as Darwin Bay. See tidal pools and pass by colonies of various bird species.
- Visit the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Puerto Egas on Santiago Island—the site of a former salt mine and where you’re most likely to see the Galapagos fur seal.

What’s Included

- 3 nights hotel accommodations and 4 nights aboard the Isabela II
- A welcome reception in Quito, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners (served with house wine), including a farewell dinner
- All excursions and presentations
- Complimentary use of kayaks, paddle boards, shorty wetsuits, and snorkeling equipment
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card
- Internal airfare (from Quito to the islands on day 3, and return to Guayaquil on day 7)
- Gratuities to local guides, hotel porters, and drivers in Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Isabela II
The 40-guest capacity of Isabela II provides 21 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities.

- **Standard**
  - Full-size bed, window, private bathroom with shower.
  - 128 sq. ft.

- **Classic Twin**
  - Two twin beds, view window, private bathroom with shower.
  - 139 sq. ft.

- **Classic Double**
  - Full-size bed, view window, daybed, private bathroom with shower.
  - 139 sq. ft.

- **Master Suite**
  - Queen bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - 170 sq. ft.

Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

**CASA GANGOTENA – QUITO**
Before embarkation, stay at 5-star Casa Gangotena. Located across from Plaza San Francisco in the heart of Quito’s Spanish Colonial Old Town, the hotel offers easy access to the rich culture, tradition and charm of the city’s historic center.

**WYNDHAM HOTEL – GUAYAQUIL**
Conveniently located just 3 miles from José Joaquin de Olmedo International Airport, this property offers deluxe accommodations for the last night of the program. Nearby are museums, gardens, shopping, and restaurants of the Malecón 2000, the boardwalk overlooking the Guayas River.
The breathtaking surroundings of the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve look and feel like a dream—misty clouds, crashing waterfalls, and endemic species of wildlife found in the Ecuadorian Chocó, one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Take the unparalleled opportunity to visit both a cloud forest and a rainforest—each rich with a myriad of flora and fauna species, in every layer—from below the forest floor to above the canopy.

**Pre-Tour Itinerary** *(subject to change)*

**Day +1:** En Route / Arrive Quito, Ecuador  
Overnight: Casa Gangotena

**Day +2:** Mashpi Lodge / Mashpi Reserve (B,L,D)  
Morning drive to Mashpi, forest activities, night walk  
Overnight: Mashpi Lodge

**Day +3:** Mashpi Lodge / Mashpi Forest (B,L,D)  
Leisure time, forest exploration, lectures  
Overnight: Mashpi Lodge

**Day +4:** Mashpi / Quito / Main Program (B,L)  
Late morning group transfer to Quito to join the main program

**What’s Included**

- 1 night accommodations at Casa Gangotena in Quito and 2 nights accommodations at award-winning Mashpi Lodge
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Entrance to Mashpi Reserve
- Dragonfly aerial tram experience
- Full guiding services including interpretation on all activities and experiences within the reserve, including use of spotting scopes and binoculars
- Specialized lectures and field presentations on research conducted in the reserve by local experts
- All transportation for excursions using vehicle transport in the reserve; and all gratuities and porterage
- Group transfers from Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport to Casa Gangotena during suggested arrival times, from Casa Gangotena to Mashpi Lodge, and return to Quito to join the main program
Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 8: Guayaquil / Flight to Lima, Peru
Morning at leisure in Guayaquil, evening arrival to Lima
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima Airport

Day 9: Lima / Flight to Cusco / Sacred Valley (B,L,D)
Morning flight to Cusco, lunch with sweeping view of the Sacred Valley, explore the colorful markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca – Yucay

Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu (B,L,D)
Stroll Ollantaytambo, scenic Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, guided tour of “The Lost City of the Incas”
Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Day 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning guided tour with time to hike at your own pace, Vistadome train to Cusco, afternoon at leisure
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 12: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / Kenko / Villa Tipón (B,L,D)
Walk through Cusco, Qorikancha Sun Temple, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Morning flight to Lima, traditional Peruvian lunch, depart for U.S.
Day Room: Hotel Estelar Miraflores – Lima

What’s Included

• 5 nights premium accommodations including a private day room on departure day
• 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners
• Round-trip internal airfare between Lima and Cusco
• Fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts
• All ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley
• Luggage porterage
• Gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

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Featuring UCLA Professor Peggy Fong

Peggy Fong is a Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She is a marine ecologist who studies human impacts on key coastal ecosystems with a focus on developing solutions to emerging environmental challenges. Much of her work has focused on the ecology of coral reefs, and their susceptibility to global and local stressors, including climate change and overfishing. She has studied reefs of the Eastern Tropical Pacific (ETP), including the Galapagos Islands, for over 25 years through three major bleaching and recovery cycles. She has recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation to discover the underlying reasons why some coral reefs in the region are so resilient to damage due to El Nino Southern Oscillation. She and her team are discovering that these reefs may be developing novel mechanisms to enhance overall resilience to climate change—a rare “good news” story for coral reefs.

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