



# GALÁPAGOS

JANUARY 4-13, 2020

**WITH AN EXTENSION TO PERU**

Travel with Oberlin Associate Professor Roger Laushman



**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 in 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 OBERLIN TRAVELERS,

If getting up close to the place that inspired Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species* is on your life list of travel adventures, then an expedition to the Galápagos is an authentic wish fulfillment. You'll have encounters with 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 for you and your family, and every day will deliver new adventures—kayak along rocky shores watching for passing sea turtles, snorkel with playful sea lions, hike lava fields crowded with basking marine iguanas, or take a sunset Zodiac cruise around islands teeming with birdlife.

You will travel aboard the *National Geographic Islander*, a 24-cabin expedition ship equipped with tools that let you experience the islands with all your senses. Along with an experienced team of naturalists, they will enhance your understanding of this exceptional destination. Another advantage is the onboard Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a specially trained naturalist who will offer tips to ensure you go home with incredible photos.

Make the most of your time and travel with an optional post-voyage extension to Peru, exploring Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, Cusco, and Lima. I hope you will join us to discover these magical places. **To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call 440-775-8692.**

Sincerely,



M. Danielle Young  
Executive Director, Oberlin Alumni Association

### SPECIAL OFFER

Enjoy complimentary bar tab and free Wi-Fi aboard ship.



Associate Professor Roger Laushman's research interests are in population ecology, with particular emphasis on invasive species and conservation biology. He earned degrees from the University of Kansas, Iowa State University, and the University of Georgia-Athens. Prior to joining the Oberlin faculty, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories and worked for two years as an ecologist for the Nature Conservancy. He teaches Environmental

Biology, a first-year seminar: Everyday Evolution, a senior seminar: Conservation Biology, and a field course: Plant Ecology. He is also a member of the Environmental Studies Program, and in 2014 was recognized with the David Orr Professorship in Environmental Studies. Roger values the close interaction with Oberlin students, both formal and informal, and enjoys outdoor activities.

Cover: Galápagos giant tortoise. © David Vargas

Opposite: Kicker Rock at sunset. © Jeff Litton

Ship's Registry: Ecuador





# GALÁPAGOS—WHERE NATURE & MAGIC MEET



*Sea lion is unfazed by young photographer.*

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.



*Snorkeling amidst Galápagos' colorful undersea.*

*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guest takes advantage of Galápagos photo ops; blue-footed boobies; snorkeler photographs a penguin gliding through the water; flamingo preening; marine iguana.*





# LIFE ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

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.”

**Zodiacs are easily launched to bring guests ashore.**



## THE HEART OF IT ALL— AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM

The warmth, humanity, and dedication of the expedition team, officers, and crew is unequalled. 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; snorkeling gear is provided for all; choose between kayaking or paddleboarding to explore on your own; guest photographers marine iguanas up close.*

# GALÁPAGOS

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER



*Lounging sea lions.*

Explore the legendary Galápagos Islands aboard a comfortable 24-cabin expedition ship, well equipped for actively experiencing the wildlife and wonders of the islands.

## **DAY 1:** 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

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board the ship. After lunch, begin your exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

## **DAYS 3–8:** EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

Listed below is a sample of the islands we may visit during this expedition.\* (B,L,D Daily)

### **ISLA SEYMOUR NORTE**

Discover the largest colony of nesting magnificent frigatebirds in Galápagos, red- and blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, and brown noddies. This small island is also home to land and marine iguanas and sea lions.

### **ISLA BARTOLOMÉ**

Walk to the top of Bartolomé's volcanic cone for a stunning view of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding golden sand beaches. After the hike, immerse yourself among schools of multicolored reef fish. You may also have the opportunity to swim with Galápagos penguins.





# GALÁPAGOS + AN EXTENSION TO MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER



*The mystical stone ruins of the Inca, Machu Picchu.*

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from a cultural and archaeological perspective. Take advantage of your proximity to explore Peru's Sacred Valley of the Inca, majestic Machu Picchu, and the winding, colonial streets of Cusco. Gain insights from National Geographic historian Peter Frost.

**DAYS 1-8:** AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 6-7.

**DAY 9:** GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the comfortable and conveniently located Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 10:** LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Board a short scenic flight to Cusco and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site with dramatic agricultural terraces. After lunch and a visit to a local market, check-in at Sol y Luna for the next two nights. This serene Relais & Chateaux hotel offers individual adobe casitas set in a verdant garden. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY**

Spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic expert Peter Frost, who has lived and worked in Peru for decades. He or a colleague joins us for a talk at our hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. Lunch is at a working, family-owned hacienda, where we are treated to a show of Peruvian Paso horses, and National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU**

Marvel at the dramatic scenery en route by train to Machu Picchu. Check-in at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, adjacent to the World Heritage site. Explore over two days in the company of our handpicked tour director and local guides. Lunch and dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO**

Awaken this morning at Machu Picchu, where options include an early hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint on the Inca Trail. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco, a burgeoning cultural capital. Check-in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio, in the heart of colonial Cusco, for two nights. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 14: CUSCO**

Explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral, the sacred Inca Temple of the Sun, and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuamán, with commanding views over the city. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Cusco. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

#### **DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA**

Return to Lima this morning. Stroll the Plaza Mayor and enjoy a private lunch with a musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. Visit the extraordinary Larco Museum, then check-in at Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

#### **DAY 16: LIMA/U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

### **PERU EXTENSION COST PER PERSON**

**DOUBLE:** \$6,070    **SINGLE:** \$7,600

Cost Includes: Seven hotel nights; meals indicated; transfers if traveling on group flights; sightseeing; portorage; services of local guides and tour escort; tips to local guides, drivers, and tour escort; taxes and service charges.

Not Included: Airfare; meals not indicated as included; alcoholic beverages; personal items.

Note: The extension requires an additional advance payment and will operate provided a minimum number of guests are registered. Call for details.

*Peruvian woman with llama.*







## 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 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.

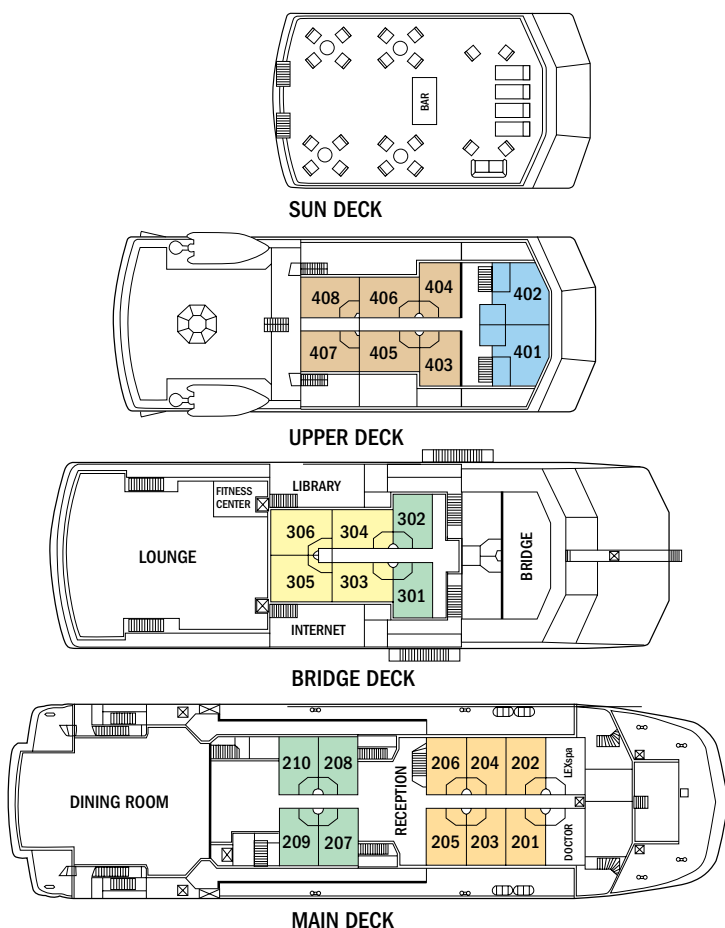
**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiacs, a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope, and underwater video camera.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, National Geographic Global Explorers family program, Global Gallery, shipboard doctor.

**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.

<b>CATEGORY 1:</b>	<b>\$7,780</b>
Main Deck, Forward #201-206	
<b>CATEGORY 2:</b>	<b>\$8,910</b>
Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302	
<b>CATEGORY 3:</b>	<b>\$9,880</b>
Bridge Deck #303-306	
<b>CATEGORY 4:</b>	<b>\$10,450</b>
Upper Deck #403-408	
<b>CATEGORY 5:</b>	<b>\$12,720</b>
Upper Deck, #401 and 402	
<b>CATEGORY 1 SOLO:</b>	<b>\$11,730</b>
<b>CATEGORY 2 SOLO:</b>	<b>\$13,380</b>

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 (except 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 (up to 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 & from group flights

## ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All the daily activities—from Zodiac explorations to kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking, & snorkeling (ship carries complete snorkeling gear)
- ✓ Lectures, presentations, daily recaps & briefings by the knowledgeable expedition staff in the lounge
- ✓ Photo instruction from a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor

# SPECIAL OFFERS

**BAR TAB AND WI-FI:** Enjoy complimentary bar tab (excluding certain premium brands of alcohol), plus free Wi-Fi (up to one hour a day per person) aboard ship. Call for details.

**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

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

**NOT INCLUDED:** International and internal airfare (U.S./Guayaquil/Galapagos/Guayaquil/U.S.); extensions; passport, visa, immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as, wellness treatments, voyage DVD, certain premium brands of alcohol aboard ship; 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 \$500; Business from \$1,050. Internal fares: Round-trip Guayaquil/Galapagos. Adult from \$520; Children (under 12) from \$260. Call for sample Peru airfare. 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 \$750 per person for Galapagos and US \$1,500 for Galapagos + Peru is required and is payable by Visa,

MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

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

**TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:** Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Information will be sent 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.

**SMOKING POLICY:** Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**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	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350
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
We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.	





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## RESERVATION FORM: GALÁPAGOS + PERU

**ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER**

**GALÁPAGOS: JAN. 4-13, 2020 • GALÁPAGOS + PERU: JAN. 4-19, 2020**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on ☐ Galápagos ☐ Galápagos + Peru.

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

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it appears on passport)

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(US \$750 per person on Galápagos or US \$1,500 per person on Galápagos + Peru).

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

☐ Charge my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(US \$750 per person on Galápagos or US \$1,500 per person on Galápagos + Peru) to my

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

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

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Cruise to pristine islands aboard a 24-cabin yacht-like expedition ship.
- » Travel with Oberlin Associate Professor of Biology Roger Laushman.
- » 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.



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