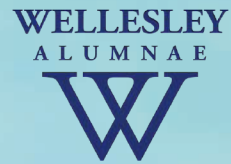


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# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS | AUGUST 15-22, 2024

TRAVEL WITH PROFESSOR ANDREA SEQUEIRA



ABOARD THE NEW NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II



## DEAR WELLESLEY ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS,

Over the last 50 years, Lindblad Expeditions has perfected the Galápagos experience, immersing guests in these enchanting isles full of endemic wildlife, wonders hidden beneath Galápagos waves, stark volcanic peaks, and lush landscapes. We're excited to bring you along on this Galápagos voyage aboard an elegant expedition ship with the spirit and soul of a private yacht.

Introducing the new *National Geographic Islander II*, your base for adventure that lets you experience the best of the Galápagos. Accommodating just 48 guests, each of the 26 spacious staterooms and suites is outfitted with large windows, a sofa, TV, and fully stocked mini-fridge. Indoor-outdoor dining options allow you to enjoy locally-sourced gourmet meals and an array of community spaces, including an open-air observation deck with 360-degree views. Enjoy the plunge pool, bar, and grill while you connect with fellow travelers.

Kayak along rugged coasts keeping watch for sea turtles, snorkel with playful sea lions, hike lava fields crowded with basking marine iguanas, or take a cruise in a glass-bottom Zodiac to witness the incredible ecosystems above and below the surface. You will enjoy a suite of expedition tools and a team of local expert naturalists, whose passion for these islands will spark your own.

There's never a dull moment in Galápagos, and now you can experience the wonders and wildlife of the most interesting islands in the world with Wellesley. We hope you will join us and professor Andrea Sequeira to discover these magical islands, August 15-22, 2024. Enjoy a complimentary bar and, for a limited time, round-trip airfare from select U.S. cities. **To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call 833-985-1261.**

Sincerely,

Kathryn Harvey Mackintosh '03  
Executive Director  
Wellesley College Alumnae Association



**Andrea Sequeira** is a faculty member of the Biological Sciences department at Wellesley College where she specializes in evolutionary biology, focusing on what makes species different from each other and what makes some invading species successful. She has created courses on Evolution on Islands, Island Conservation and more recently a seminar on Evolutionary Medicine. Her research has been linked to the Galápagos ever since 2000, when she unraveled the colonization history of an endemic Galápagos insect group and now focuses on the genetic impact of introduced species on their endemic close relatives. Andrea has organized five

collecting expeditions to the islands and has also conducted experiments on-site working closely with colleagues at the Charles Darwin Foundation. She also runs an active research lab and, over the years, several Wellesley students have worked with her in the Galápagos. When not teaching or in the lab or in the field Andrea enjoys attending theatre performances in her native Spanish language and spending time with her two teenage children and her husband, José, also a biologist and an avid naturalist.

Cover photo: Galápagos sea lion and her pup on a beach, San Cristóbal Island.  
Opposite: A sea turtle swims in the clear waters. © 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, 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.

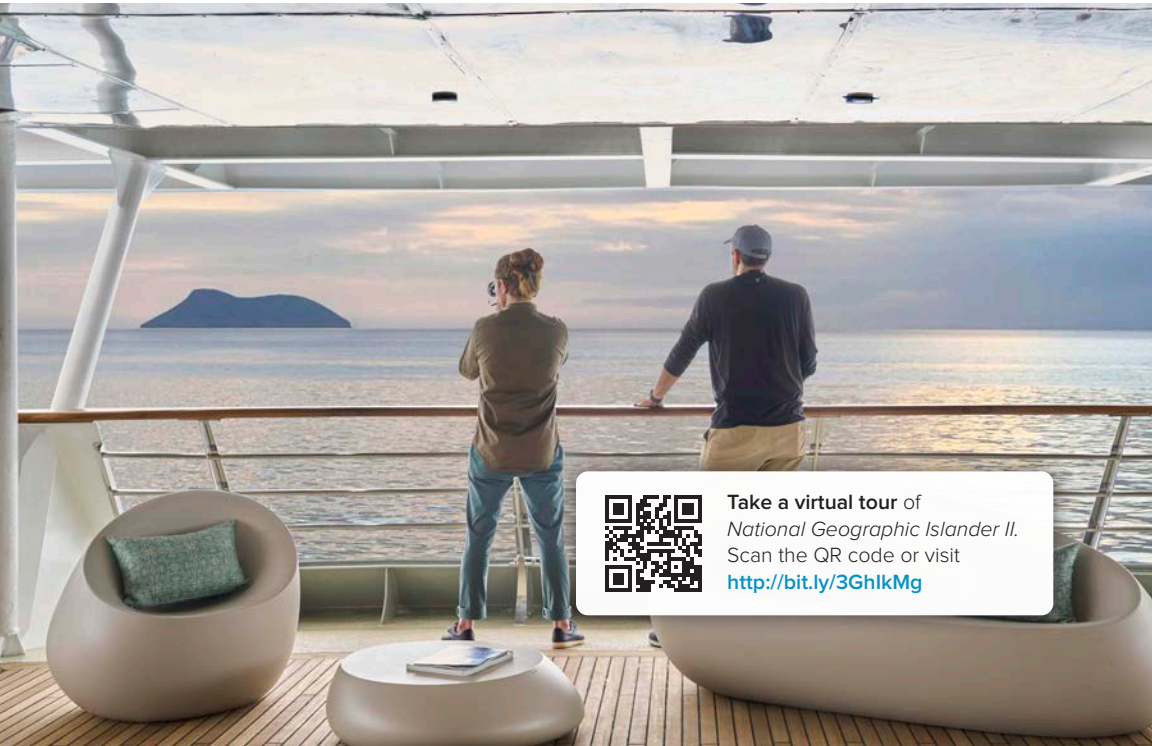
## DISCOVER THE AMAZING GALÁPAGOS UNDERSEA

The Galápagos underwater is vibrant and as full of interesting creatures as the land. It's half the experience, and 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 complete snorkeling gear aboard, exclusively yours for the duration. You'll also be able to cruise by glass-bottom Zodiac or view video footage presented by the undersea specialist on the lounge's 4K TV screens to further enrich your understanding.



*Guests on glass-bottom Zodiac in Galápagos.*

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



Take a virtual tour of  
*National Geographic Islander II.*  
Scan the QR code or visit  
<http://bit.ly/3GhikMg>



# YOUR SHIP: THE KEY TO A GREAT EXPERIENCE

The new *National Geographic Islander II* offers a 100% exploratory Galápagos experience. Begin and end each day in the welcoming atmosphere of your home away from home. Accommodating just 48 passengers in 26 staterooms and suites, it's as close to a private yacht experience as you can get, with the luxury of spacious accommodations and all the amenities you might expect on your own yacht. Spend time with your fellow travelers over a locally sourced and sustainable gourmet dinner in the elegant Yacht Club Restaurant, dine al fresco in the Patio Café, delve deeper into the fascinating ecosystems around you in the Science Hub, take a restorative yoga class with a wellness specialist, or cool off with a relaxing dip in the plunge pool on the open-air observation deck. With the freedom to explore at your own pace, you can spend as much time as you please enjoying all that *National Geographic Islander II* has to offer.

## 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 cobbled streets, exhibits, and lush gardens of Guayaquil's Parque Histórico. Intimate and welcoming with a gracious golden-age aura, this elegant hotel is part of the Relais & Châteaux hotel group and has 44 beautifully appointed rooms, makes a fitting bookend to your expedition aboard the *National Geographic Islander II*.



*Opposite page (top to bottom): enjoy National Geographic Islander II's outdoor pool on observation deck; living room, Isabela Suite; main deck off of reception area; our expansive suites feature connecting, triple and solo options; bedroom, Islander Suite.*





# 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.

## TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

Honed over 50 years, our expedition team has the knowledge and the passion for Galápagos that will kindle yours. They are passionate about the islands, where most of them were raised, and will do whatever it takes, from maintaining a lookout so you don't miss a passing whale, offering an extra opportunity to 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 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. Every guest—from smartphone 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.*

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*Galápagos sea lion basking during sunset.*

Pack 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 enjoy the full Galápagos experience.

## **DAY 1: 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 Ocean. You are welcomed by the naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

## **DAYS 3-6: GALÁPAGOS**

Listed is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. 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. (B,L,D Daily)





**SANTA CRUZ:** Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head 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. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

**ESPAÑOLA:** Home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez.

**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 in Baltra and return by air to Guayaquil, where you may be able to take advantage of overnight flights. (B)

#### DAY 8: GUAYAQUIL

Stay and relax or take an early flight home today. (B)



*Snorkel amidst Galápagos' colorful undersea.*



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II

**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, outdoor showers, and plunge pool; Outdoor Patio Café and Yacht Club Restaurant; Cove lounge newly 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. Newly 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. The atmosphere is sociable and informal, and menus feature local, sustainable ingredients.

**ALL ACCOMMODATIONS:** 48 guests accommodated in 26 staterooms and suites 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 double suite. 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.

**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:** Shipboard doctor, undersea specialist, certified photo instructor, Global Explorers family program led by certified field educators, suites 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.

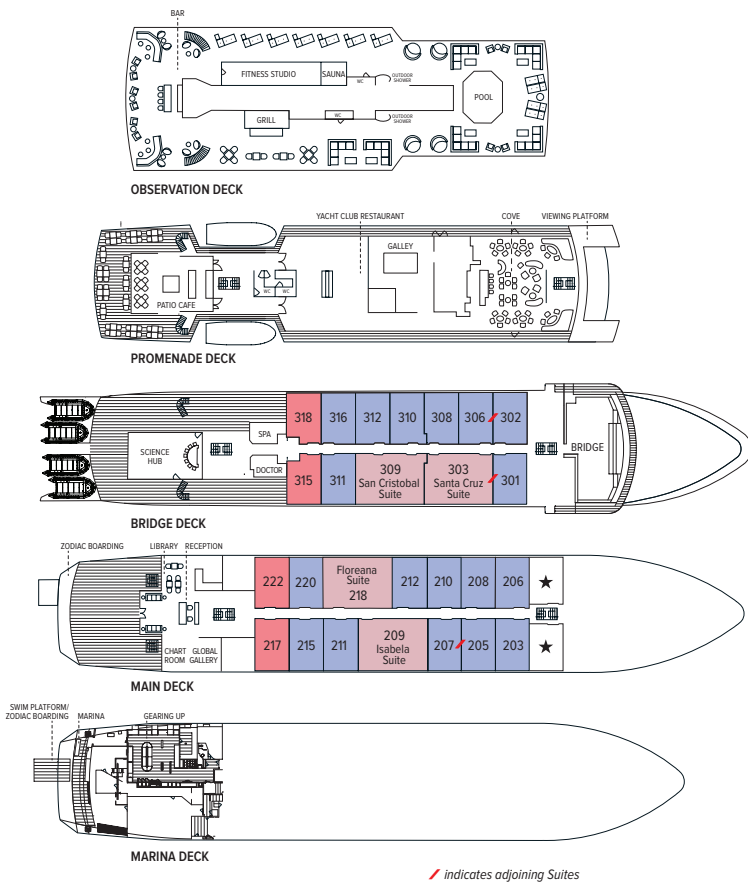
**SELF-DISINFECTING SHIPS:** Lindblad Expeditions became the first self-disinfecting fleet with the rollout of the ACT CleanCoat™ system in 2019. This photocatalytic cleaning process activates when illuminated, continuously breaking down unwanted microbes such as bacteria, viruses, mold, and airborne 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.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** At Lindblad, we take responsible travel and sustainability to heart. For over 50 years we have used our expeditions to raise awareness and funds to protect our oceans, conserve wildlife, bolster local communities, enable meaningful scientific research, and create planetary stewards out of all of our guests to preserve our planet for future generations. We extend this philosophy to our guests by offering ways to offset your carbon emissions, committing to single-use plastic free travel experiences, and prioritizing your health and safety with self-disinfecting ships. So you can feel good about exploring both near and far.



Right from top: Especially spacious, all suite accommodations; window-lined forward cove; al fresco Patio Café.





↗ indicates adjoining Suites

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

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

**STATEROOM:** \$10,680

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:** \$14,880

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:** \$15,910

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

**CONNECTING SUITES:** #205/207, 302/306

**FAMILY SUITE:** Santa Cruz Islander Suite #303/301

**TRIPLE OCCUPANCY:** Staterooms #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 Accomodations Note:** Shares can be requested for Staterooms at double occupancy rate.

## INCLUSIVE PRICING

- ✓ All accommodations aboard ship
- ✓ Excursions, hotels, and airport transfers, as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and on shore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced
- ✓ Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits, with super premium wines and liquors available for purchase
- ✓ 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water
- ✓ Selection of exploration tools, such as Zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins), and other state-of-the-art gear
- ✓ Gratuities to local guides
- ✓ Guidance and company of our leading expedition staff
- ✓ Presentations by expedition staff
- ✓ Assistance of the certified photo instructor (CPI)
- ✓ Services of the ship's physician
- ✓ Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to the fitness studio
- ✓ 24-hour access to the lounge, observation deck, library, and other shared spaces
- ✓ Complimentary reusable water bottle to fill at onboard water refill stations
- ✓ Park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes
- ✓ Enjoy free Wi-Fi, up to one hour a day per person

## SPECIAL OFFERS

**FREE ROUND-TRIP AIR:** Book by August 31, 2023. Receive free round-trip airfare between Miami, New York, Houston, Dallas, and Los Angeles—or from \$249 or \$349 per person from select U.S. cities—and Galápagos on this departure date. Upgrade to business class from \$750 per person. Offer valid on American Airlines only, economy class, and includes internal flights between mainland Ecuador and Galápagos. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combinable with other offers. Call for details.

**MILESTONE CELEBRATION PACKAGE:** Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, etc., with your group of eight or more, and you will be entitled to: 5% off for the group; \$150 shipboard credit toward the spa or champagne; custom group photo, and more. Milestone celebration must be communicated at time of booking. Milestone amenity package is one per group, intended for the guest celebrating the Milestone event. Group discount is applicable to cruise portion only and does not apply toward additional services such as hotels, extensions, airfare, etc. Group cancellation terms also apply. Not combinable with certain offers.

**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.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For best pricing book early. Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD, and based on select departures. Prices shown 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:** Air transportation (except where specified as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; crew gratuities; private transfers; passport, visa, and immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of personal nature such as select premium alcoholic beverages and laundry.

**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 \$525; Business from \$1,450. 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 15% of the cabin fare, 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 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 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(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.

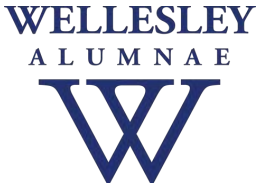
**SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY:** Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and 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 POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	No penalty: Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition**
119-90 days	50% of trip cost***
89-0 days	100% of trip cost***
<p>**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.</p> <p>***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare, and other additional services.</p> <p><b>We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</b></p>	

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## RESERVATION FORM: WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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

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

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As it appears on passport)*

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.


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### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Travel aboard the new, 48-guest *National Geographic Islander II*
- » Travel with our team of expert naturalists and a certified photo instructor
- » Visit these diverse islands and 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

### 100% CARBON NEUTRAL AND COMMITTED TO BEING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE

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