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# **GO** **Galapagos**

**WITH AN EXTENSION TO PERU**

**September 17-26, 2011**

***Aboard National Geographic Islander***



**Get some nature** on an expedition  
voyage to where the wild things are!



**“The most surprising characteristic of Galápagos fauna is its complete innocence: these species have evolved without predation and as such have lost all ‘fear or flight’ response, including towards us! It is unforgettable to pass through their world as though we were invisible — whilst they continue with their lives, blissfully unconcerned with our presence.”**

— Emma Ridley, Expedition Leader

## Dear Commonwealth Club Member,

Most people know Galápagos is special. Why? The standard answers reference Darwin, beautiful landscapes and up-close encounters with animals. But these answers just skim the surface. Beyond that, Galápagos is like nowhere else on Earth — a place of peaceful coexistence rarely seen in our modern world. Join us for an exploration of the islands, **September 17-26, 2011.**

Experience the unexpected delight of being so close to wildlife which is undisturbed by our presence, the fascination of seeing a male and female booby feeding their chicks, and the exhilaration of snorkeling with penguins, sea turtles and sea lions.

As with all Commonwealth Club trips, we partner with the best operators in the region — Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic — for a cruise aboard the comfortable 48-guest *National Geographic Islander*, noted for its excellent personal service, intrepid fleet of Zodiac landing craft and sturdy kayaks. Complimentary wet suits and snorkeling gear are provided.

An experienced, hand-picked team of naturalists, many of whom have worked extensively in the archipelago, is at your side during every outing. Their knowledge during all our activities provide the kind of insights that you expect from Commonwealth Club events.

We invite you to explore Galápagos with all your senses — on land and under the sea. Our underwater video equipment sharpens your understanding of the vibrant undersea world available to all.

So join us on the adventure of a lifetime, one that combines the expertise of naturalists, a flexible itinerary and the opportunity to explore by Zodiac, kayak, snorkeling and hiking with friends from the Commonwealth Club.

**To make your reservation, please return the attached reservation form. For questions, please call 415-597-6720 or e-mail [travel@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:travel@commonwealthclub.org).**

Sincerely,



Kristina Nemeth

Travel Director

**P.S.** Following your voyage, consider joining our optional extension to Peru, exploring Machu Picchu, Cusco, the Sacred Valley and Lima.

Cover Photo: Blue-footed boobies.

Opposite page: Observing animals up close is one of the highlights of being in Galápagos.

*Ship's Registry: Ecuador*

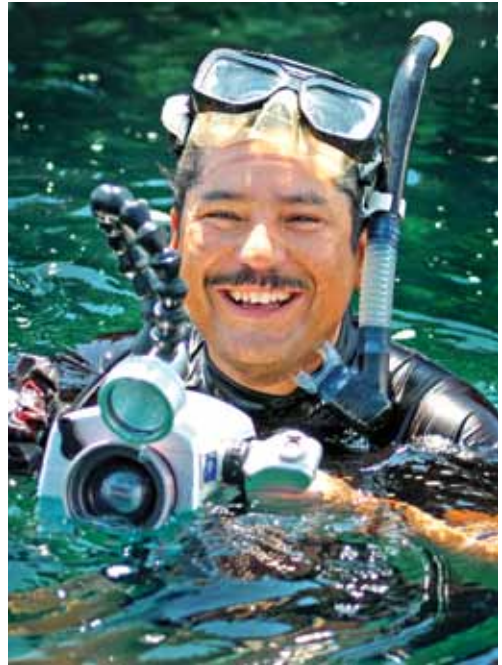


# Discover Galápagos: Nature in its purest form.

**T**he sheer amount of wildlife here is astounding. Tortoises — including legendary Lonesome George, the last of his species on Earth. Blue-footed boobies. The famous finches. Beach masters, harems and doe-eyed sea lion pups that are more than willing to swim with you. Skies filled with wheeling, courting, red-throated frigate birds. Lava rocks piled high with motionless marine iguanas. A mind-boggling plethora of creatures, untainted by fear, living in a paradise of azure waters, white beaches and cool mangrove stands. Animal life varies from island to island, and with an experienced staff of naturalists, you encounter wildlife that is so plentiful you may have to watch your footing to avoid disturbing the nap of a resting sea lion or a passing iguana. It is simply a privilege to see these creatures in this place, manifesting these precise behaviors. This natural abundance makes Galápagos one of the most impressive places on Earth.

*“For me, Galápagos looms large in importance, not only as inspiration for Charles Darwin’s observations and work, but also as an example of how an almost untouched environment could give science and visitors an untarnished look into nature in its purest form and can evoke in them inspiration and love for our planet.”*

—Carlos Romero



Carlos Romero, one of the expert naturalists, will travel on many expeditions throughout the year.

**Opposite page (clockwise from top):** Observe giant tortoises in the highlands; diverse bird life includes Nazca boobies and blue-footed boobies; marine iguanas and flamingos are other wildlife we’ll see during our visit; Zodiacs give us the freedom to explore up close.



# Swim, Snorkel and Explore the Remarkable Undersea.

**T**he world beneath the sea is as spectacular and diverse as the wonders you'll find on land in Galápagos. Whether you're an avid snorkeler or prefer to explore the ocean while remaining dry, we've found a number of creative ways that allows travelers of all abilities and inclinations to encounter the treasures under the surface.

We draw from the example of one of the heroes of marine exploration, the extraordinary Jacques Cousteau, using nimble Zodiacs to make landfall on the most remote beaches and to explore pristine stretches of the shore that are unreachable overland.

For those who snorkel, Galápagos offers pure magic. Thanks to our decades of experience in Galápagos, we've made it easy for virtually everyone to enjoy the unmitigated pleasure of swimming amid shimmering fish, sea turtles and playful sea lions.

Our team of naturalists is also equipped with a wide selection of underwater video equipment and still cameras. They'll display the images they capture below the waves while you're winding down in the ship's comfortable lounge during each evening's daily recap.

**Opposite page (clockwise from left): We make snorkeling easy for people of all ages; sea lion and undersea expert; snorkeler and mola mola; sea turtle; a curious sea lion; Galápagos penguin.**



# Galápagos

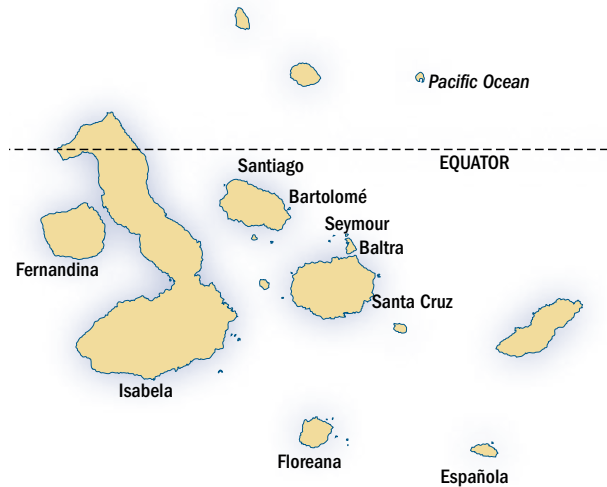
## ITINERARY: 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

### Day 1: U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador

Depart U.S. and arrive Guayaquil by late evening; it's a short drive to Hotel Hilton Colón, where we spend the night.

### Day 2: Guayaquil/Galápagos/ Embark

After the 1½-hour flight to Galápagos, we'll immediately board the ship. During lunch, we begin our exploration of Galápagos with a magnificent introduction to the wildlife, looking for land iguanas, sea lions and unusual birds. (B,L,D)



*\*Routing is always subject to Galápagos National Park approval.*

### Days 3 – 8: Galápagos Islands

In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our itinerary is flexible, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in this wildlife sanctuary. Enjoy nature walks with local naturalists; swim, snorkel or explore the waters by kayak or Zodiac. (B,L,D)

Listed below are some of the islands we may visit during our expedition.\*

**Bartolomé:** This is an enchanting landscape where lava, mangroves and golden sand converge. Enjoy great walks, panoramic views and a chance, perhaps, to snorkel with penguins — a tropical oxymoron.

**Santiago:** On Santiago, see the Galápagos fur seal, and take a lovely coastal hike where shorebirds, marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot crabs abound.

**Santa Cruz:** Look for fur seals, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, sea lions and more on Santa Cruz. Walk among giant tortoises in the wild before returning to the ship.



Galápagos land iguana, Santa Cruz.

**Isabela:** Explore northern Isabela's caves and shorelines; search for dolphins, whales and sea turtles. Anchor off the picturesque port of Puerto

*\*Actual routing subject to the Galápagos National Park.*





Guests enjoy kayaking off Santiago Island.

Villamil. Walk the streets of this small town, visit the nearby saltwater lagoons, home to flamingos, or stroll along a beautiful beach.

**Fernandina:** Investigate Punta Espinoza on Fernandina Island — the youngest island in Galápagos. It is marine iguana heaven, with Isabela's volcanoes as a dramatic backdrop.

**Floreana:** Champion Islet is a fabulous snorkel site and home to a large colony of sea lions. There is nothing more delightful than an hour spent in the clear waters with these creatures! We may find flamingos, pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a lovely white-sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.



Sally Lightfoot crab.

**Española:** See blue-footed and Nazca boobies, sea lions galore, Española marine iguanas which develop particularly vivid coloration, and the most inquisitive mockingbirds in the islands. Snorkel, kayak and stroll the island's lovely beaches.

#### **Day 9: Galápagos/Disembark/Guayaquil**

Disembark and fly to Guayaquil. The late afternoon and evening are free to explore the city. Overnight at Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

#### **Day 10: Guayaquil/Home**

This morning fly home. (B)

#### **OPTIONAL 2-NIGHT EXTENSION TO QUITO:**

**Inquire about return via Quito with half- and full-day tours.**

# Galápagos + an Extension to Peru's Land of the Inca

## ITINERARY: 16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS

**F**ollowing your Galápagos expedition, take advantage of Peru's proximity to the islands. Peru, known mostly for its Inca sites with Machu Picchu being the most famous, also offers a contemporary life that is rich in cultural heritage. Our expedition immerses you in Peru's history and introduces you to its cuisine and vibrant cities.

### **Days 1 – 8:**

As per Galápagos itinerary on page 7.

### **Day 9: Galápagos/Guayaquil/Lima, Peru**

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in early evening. Overnight at Ramada Costa del Sol Airport Hotel. (B,L,D)

### **Day 10: Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley of the Inca**

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to the farmland of Awanacancha. Visit Pisac, the gateway to the Sacred Valley, and walk through the local food market before visiting the ruins. Later, we check in to our hotel, Sol y Luna. (B,L,D)



Quechua girl, Cusco.

### **Day 11: Sacred Valley of the Inca**

Visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. In the afternoon, choose from horseback riding, a spa treatment, Paso horse demonstration and other activities. Dinner is an outdoor event at our hotel, complete with a campfire, BBQ and a vibrant dance performance. (B,L,D)

### **Day 12: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu**

Continue by train to Machu Picchu. We'll have a guided introduction to the area and then overnight at the 31-room Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge, sharing the park with only a handful of visitors. (B,L,D)

### **Day 13: Machu Picchu/Cusco**

Before sunrise, hike to the Sun Gate and watch the day break over the quiet



Guests enjoy daybreak at the mystical stone ruins of the Inca, Machu Picchu.

ruins. The morning is free to explore. After a train and bus ride, we arrive in Cusco for two nights at the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 14: Cusco**

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuaman Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the vibrant city. Relax, shop or visit one of the many museums or convents, including the magnificent Koricancha. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

#### **Day 15: Cusco/Lima**

Return to Lima, visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

#### **Day 16: Lima/Home**

Transfer to the Lima airport for a flight home. (B)

## **Extension Cost Per Person**

**Double: \$3,990      Single: \$4,990**

Cost Includes: Hotels and meals per itinerary; group flight transfers; services of local guide and tour leader; tips to local guides, taxes and service charges.

Not Included: Airfare; meals not indicated as included; tips to tour leader; personal items; Ecuador and Peru departure tax.



## National Geographic Islander

**CAPACITY:** 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; Global Market; LEXspa; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; and Sky Deck. Our Ecuadorian captain and officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our "Open Bridge" policy.

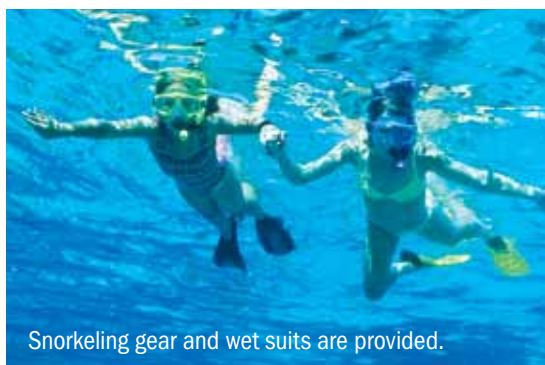
**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, meals are informal for easy mingling. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair.

**CABINS:** All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities and climate controls.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snorkeling gear, wet suits, Splash Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope.



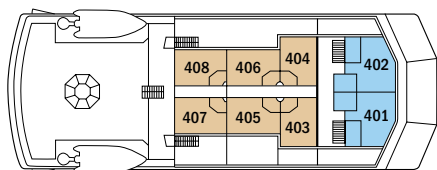
Guests are always welcome on the Bridge.



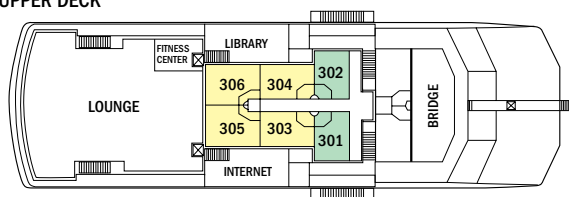
Snorkeling gear and wet suits are provided.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access and laundry service. A ship's doctor and video chronicler are also on board.

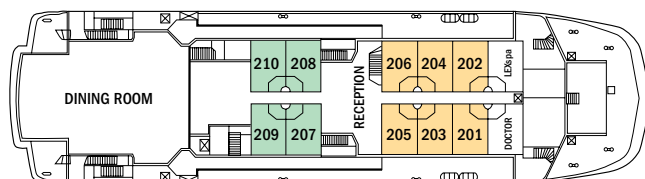
**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment and outdoor stretching area.



UPPER DECK



BRIDGE DECK



MAIN DECK

Costs are per person double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

**GALÁPAGOS**

**Category 1:**

**\$5,230**

Main Deck #201-206 – Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

**Category 2:**

**\$5,980**

Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302 – Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

**Category 3:**

**\$6,590**

Bridge Deck #303-306 – Conveniently located, cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Cabins 305 & 306 can accommodate a third person.

**Category 4:**

**\$6,990**

Upper Deck #403-408 – Spacious cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed or a lower double bed. All cabins feature a window and outside glassed-in terraces with seating. There are large windows in the top half of the terrace doors.

**Category 5:**

**\$8,450**

Upper Deck #401 and 402 – These are the largest cabins on board. They feature wraparound windows and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Both have a desk, chairs and table. They also feature outside glassed-in terraces with seating.

**Category 1 Solo:**

**\$6,530**

Main Deck #201-206 – Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

**Category 2 Solo:**

**\$7,440**

Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302 – Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

**Note:** Sole-occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third-person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double-occupancy rate.

**Shared Accommodations:** If you wish to share accommodations, we will be glad to make arrangements at the double-occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

Photographers have front-row seats when observing wildlife, such as these male frigate birds working to attract a mate.



## Special Offers

**BRING THE KIDS:** We believe 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

**Cost Includes:** Seven nights accommodations aboard ship in Galápagos; two nights accommodations at fine hotels in Guayaquil; meals as indicated; non-alcoholic beverages aboard ship; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; shore excursions, sightseeing and Galápagos National Park entry fee; taxes, service charges and gratuities to local guides. There's never a charge for Zodiacs, kayaks, snorkeling gear, wet suits and services of the ship physician, Lindblad's expedition staff and local guides.

**Not Included:** Airfare U.S./Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil/U.S.; meals not indicated as included; optional extensions; Ecuador departure tax; passport expenses; baggage/accident/cancellation insurance; voyage DVD; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, laundry and emails and discretionary gratuities to naturalist staff and crew.

**Sample Airfares:** Airfare to/from Galápagos is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your international air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee. **International routing:** San Francisco/Miami/Guayaquil/Miami/San Francisco: economy from \$950.

**Internal Ecuador routing:** Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil, adult from \$420; children (under 12) from \$210. Fares subject to change. International and internal Ecuador air tickets must be issued separately.

**Note:** A complete packet of pre-departure information, including recommended reading list and suggestions on what to bring, will be sent to you approximately four months before departure.

**Reservations:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of \$500 per person on Galápagos and \$800 per person on Galápagos + Peru payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

**Final Payment:** Due 90 days prior to departure.

**Travel Protection Plan:** A travel protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, we will send you information on the policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage and medical evacuation.

**Smoking Policy:** Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**Responsibility:** The Commonwealth Club of California and our tour operators and suppliers act only as agents for the travelers with respect to transportation and arrangements, and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. The Commonwealth Club of California accepts no liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour.

Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Company's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests prior to final payment, and to prospective guests upon request.

CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$150
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund
<i>This policy applies to expeditions and extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</i>	

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change.



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## Reservation Form: Galápagos

**Aboard National Geographic Islander — September 17-26, 2011**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on  Galápagos or  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: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$500 per person on Galápagos or \$800 per person on Galápagos + Peru).

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

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

(\$500 per person on Galápagos or \$800 per person on Galápagos + Peru).

to my  Visa  MasterCard  American Express or  Discover.

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

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Travel to Ecuador and spend seven days exploring the legendary Galápagos aboard our comfortable expedition ship with the Commonwealth Club.
- » Come face to face with giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, penguins, frigate birds and more.
- » Learn from an expert team of naturalists who share their passion and respect for this wildlife sanctuary.
- » Experience remote shorelines and secluded beaches in sturdy Zodiacs and kayaks.
- » Snorkel amid playful sea lions, and view live underwater video taken by diver-naturalists.
- » Join the optional post-trip to Peru and explore Machu Picchu, Cusco and Lima.



**EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE IN GALAPAGOS.**



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