The Galapagos Islands

8 Days of Wonder & Amazement

*Think biology class – with deck chairs*
Dear 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.”

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

Stateroom availability is limited. For special WolfTreks alumni savings of more than $800 per couple (family and friends are also eligible), please reserve your space today by calling (800) 627-2586 and ask for Kathy Hart or Jenne Cobb to complete your reservation, or by returning the enclosed reservation form. For more information, visit alumni.ncsu.edu/travel.

Kind regards,

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Kathy Hart
WolfTreks Travel Program

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by TBD, 2016 and receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Discover the Galapagos
—intriguing islands of limitless natural wonders

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers.

“The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.”
—Charles Darwin

This archipelago, from which Darwin conceived his theory of evolution by natural selection, is one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world. With fascinating wildlife that exists from the ocean floor to the skies above the sea, discover for yourself the captivating diversity that inhabits these remarkable islands.
Your 8-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: *En route / arrive Quito, Ecuador*
Overnight: Hilton Colon, Quito

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

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

Day 4: *Floreana (B, L, D)*
Historic Post Office Barrel, snorkeling or kayaking, Punta Cormorant beach stroll, green sea turtle nests
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 5: *Española (B, L, D)*
Punta Suárez hike, Gardner Bay, sea lion colony, glass-bottom boat ride
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 6: *San Cristóbal (B, L, D)*
Wildlife viewing at Punta Pitt, panga ride along the shores of Cerro Brujo, snorkeling or kayaking
Overnight: Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Day 7: *San Cristóbal – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil (B, L, aloft)*
Overnight: Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Day 8: *Guayaquil / Depart for U.S. (B)*

Optional Extension: Days 8-13 in Machu Picchu, Cusco & the Sacred Valley

Activity Level: Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as the nature treks can be on irregular and elevated terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of Isabela II.

Max elevation: 9,350 ft. in Quito, Ecuador

Program Highlights

- Appreciate the diversity of life first-hand while observing endemic species such as the flightless cormorant, the Galapagos penguin, blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, and the famous “Darwin’s finches.”

- Swim with sea lions, and snorkel among colorful tropical fish and sea turtles.

- Discover amazing aquatic wildlife as you observe through a glass-bottom boat in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

- Explore remote coraline beaches and secluded inlets, such as Gardner Bay—where sea lions lounge and Española mockingbirds sing.

- Visit dramatic and historic places, including the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat for the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.

- What’s included: breakfast each morning and all on-board meals, including a welcome dinner; all excursions and presentations; airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times; and internal airfare between Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil.

*Subject to change.
Isabela II

The 40-guest capacity of Isabela II provides 20 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities.

- **Standard**
  Full-size bed, view 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.

Hilton Colon – Quito

On the first two evenings, you will stay at the Hilton Colon. This elegant hotel is located in the city center’s bustling Avenida Amazones, and is a 10-minute walk to Quito’s Spanish Colonial Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Conveniently located just 3 miles from José Joaquín de Olmedo 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.

Your Expedition Leader

Viewing the Galápagos Islands alongside an Orbridge Expedition Leader is a special experience. While observing wildlife, your Expedition Leader will offer expert descriptions of methods of survival and behavior. Together on skiff rides, nature walks, and aboard the Isabela II, you will gain understanding of the endangered species who inhabit the waters and land of the archipelago.
Optional Extension
Machu Picchu, Cusco, & the Sacred Valley
Travel to the mist-shrouded citadel of the Incas on this deluxe extension to Machu Picchu, Cusco, & the Sacred Valley.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 8: Guayaquil / Overnight Lima, Peru
Morning at leisure, en route via air to Lima
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima

Day 9: Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley (B,L,D)
En route via air to Cusco, explore the colorful and lively markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay

Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu (B,L,D)
Srioll 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 Boutique Hotel – Cusco

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

Day 13: Cusco / Lima / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Return via air to Lima, traditional Peruvian fare, return to the U.S.
Day Room: Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima

Extension Highlights

- Seek out ancient temples and sites dotting the Sacred Valley and Cusco, each a vestige of pre-Columbian history that offers an in-depth understanding of the Incan empire.

- Visit Ollantaytambo, where Inca descendants continue to inhabit the largely unchanged homes of their ancestors.

- Experience the magic of a sunset on the “top of the world,” a traditional Peruvian lunch hosted by a local family, and an Andean Shamanic healing ceremony.

- What’s included: 5 nights choice accommodations; meals including 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners; flight between Lima and Cusco on Days 9 and 13; fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts; all ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley; gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals; and airport transfers, including porterage, for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru

Early Reservation Bonus:
See reverse for details.
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January 25 - February 1, 2017
Machu Picchu Extension: February 1-6, 2017

Option 1: Call (800) 627-2586 and ask for: Kathy Hart or Jenne Cobb to complete your reservation.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Oribridge, LLC.

Guest Information:
Guest #1 (as printed on passport): Class Year:
Guest #2 (as printed on passport): Class Year:

Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email: Phone: Alt. Phone:

Category Preference: 1st choice: Class Year:
2nd choice: Class Year:

Deposit:
#________ guests joining program ($150/person)
#________ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $

Extension Category: Standard: $3,692 - $3,995
Deluxe: $4,092 - $4,595
Single: $5,992 - $6,395

Airfare between main program and extension is an additional $800 per person.

Deposit Payment:
☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Name as printed on card:
Billing address (if different from above):
City: State: Zip:

We have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents and that Oribridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: Date:

Mail or fax reservation Form and deposit to:
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*Special group rate limited offer. Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, except as noted. Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Internal airfare between the mainland and the Galapagos Islands is included; airfare otherwise not included. Extension rate includes round-trip airfare from Lima to and from Casco Bay on September 13, 19; airfare otherwise not included. Airfare from main program (Guayaquil to extension Lima), will be charged additionally at $800 per person. Machu Picchu Deluxe Category includes room upgrades at the following properties: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Aramark Andean Explorer, and Casa Andina Select Miraflores Lima. Upgrade availability is limited. **Compliments of the educational component of this journey. Expeditions Libraries are curated collections of useful and relevant reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
What Guests Are Saying...

We are both professional naturalists at a large museum with research and educational components, and we conduct field excursions for public groups. We truly appreciate the logistical and technical expertise necessary to conduct this excellent trip. Thanks to Orbridge for a wonderful honeymoon!
~Alvin B. and Jan W., Raleigh, NC

I am a life-long world traveler and this was one of the best and most memorable vacations of my life!
~Sonia C., Seattle, WA

The entire trip exceeded our expectations in every sense of the word. Great program, ship, crew, and naturalists.
~Lawrence C., Lincoln City, OR