



# Galápagos

## Aboard *National Geographic Islander*

10 Days | 48 Guests | April 9-18, 2016



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Please join me on this 10-day expedition aboard the ***National Geographic Islander***. A purpose built, yacht-scaled expedition ship—designed to bring you in to intimate, up-close contact with the islands and the wildlife. See, do, learn, and enjoy in the exclusive and fun company of our 48-guest, Safari Experts expedition group.



### DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Depart U.S. and arrive Guayaquil by late evening. We've found that Miami is a convenient gateway for most, but other air alternatives are available. If you choose to take the non-stop American Airlines group flight from Miami, we depart in the early evening with a flying time of approximately 4 hours. Upon arrival in Guayaquil, it's a short drive to the Hotel Hilton Colón.



### DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL / GALÁPAGOS / EMBARK

After the 1 1/2-hour flight to the Galápagos, we'll immediately board the ship. Over the course of the week, our exact routing depends on the National Park Service.(B, L, D)



### DAY 3-8: GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

The following is a representative sample of the islands we may visit during your week on board: (B,L,D daily)

#### BARTOLOME

This is an enchanting landscape where lava, mangroves and golden sand converge. Great walks

[VIEW VIDEO OF THE GALÁPAGOS](#)



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and views abound, with a chance to snorkel with Galápagos penguins.

#### SANTIAGO

Santiago offers close encounters with Galápagos fur seals along with an opportunity to study the inhabitants of the island's countless tide pools.



#### SANTA CRUZ

Home to the Charles Darwin Research station; learn about the science done here and visit the neighboring captive breeding program for endangered species of Galápagos giant tortoises, run by their partners in conservation, the Galápagos National Park Service.

#### ISABELA

A small black sand beach offers wonderful morning swimming. Enjoy a more challenging hike over rugged shoreline and a shorter walk within an iguana colony. Kayaking and deep water snorkeling opportunities are on offer.

#### FERNANDINA

This is the youngest island in the Galápagos and one of the most pristine tropical islands left on earth. Look forward to hikes over relatively recent lava flows, and spot marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, and Sally Lightfoot crabs.



#### FLOREANA

Snorkel among sea lions in the clear waters off Champion Islet. We may also find flamingos, pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a pristine white-sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

#### Española

The exclusive home to waved albatross (seasonal) and particularly colorful marine iguanas, Española is also a paradise for Darwin's finches, sea lions galore, and the famous blue-footed boobies. Snorkel and stroll along 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 Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)



#### DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/HOME

This morning fly home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DATE: APRIL 9-18, 2016**

*Please inquire if this is not a suitable date—as expeditions depart weekly and are year round.*

**Important Flight Information:** International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages.

#### Sample Airfares:

International: Miami/Guayaquil/Miami – Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600

Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos – Adult from \$520

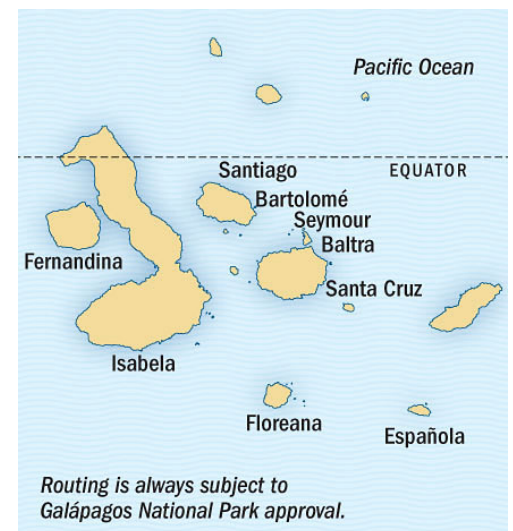
Children (under 12) from \$260

*Airfares are subject to change*

**Cost Includes:** Accommodations; meals indicated; excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff, expert guides and a ship's doctor; use of kayaks, snorkeling gear and wet suits; port charges and service taxes.

**Not Included:** Air transportation; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, emails, laundry, travel protection plan, voyage DVD, etc.; discretionary tips to ship's crew.

**Advance Payment:** \$750 per person



GALÁPAGOS ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER					
COST PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY					
CABIN CATEGORY:	01	02	03	04	05
	\$ 6,990	\$ 7,890	\$ 8,780	\$ 9,290	\$ 11,290
COST PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY		1S		2S	
		\$ 10,480		\$ 11,830	





## 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, and presentations; and sky deck. Our Ecuadorian captain welcomes guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

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

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

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

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Internet access, laundry service, ship's doctor, wellness specialist, and video chronicler.

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



Top: Category 2 cabin. Bottom: Category 5 cabin.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck # 201-206—Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

**CATEGORY 2:** 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:** Bridge Deck #303-306—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:** Upper Deck #403-408—Spacious cabins feature two lower single beds which can convert to 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. Note: The single beds in cabins 403 & 404 convert to double beds.

**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck #401 and 402—These are the largest cabins on board. They feature wrap around 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.

**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:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

