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Exploring Galapagos

*Uncover the Wonders of the World's Most Fascinating Archipelago with
National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions*



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Trip Details:

Days
10 Days /
Jan-Dec

Price
From
\$\$6605

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Zodiac to pristine beaches, explore up close by kayak or stand-up paddleboard along volcanic shores, commune with abundant wildlife on land or under the sea—sea lions, blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, Darwin's finches, pink flamingos, giant tortoises, sea turtles and more. The creatures of Galapagos are legendary for being without fear in the presence of humans. Certified and experienced divers on select departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* can take advantage of the option to scuba dive (divers must be pre-qualified and reserve their space in advance). Starting in 2027, guests can take this expedition aboard the sleek and elegant *National Geographic Islander II*, which feels like a private yacht. You won't find another Galapagos trip to surpass this one in terms of activities or amenities!

Trip Highlights

Lounge on beaches with sea lions, marvel at huge colonies of marine iguanas, and see nesting seabirds, including red- and blue-footed boobies

Swim alongside endangered sea turtles and schools of tropical fish, and have fun with playful young sea lions in the protected waters of the Galapagos

Look for the archipelago's namesake denizen—weighing up to 600 pounds!—on an adventure in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz



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Itinerary At A Glance

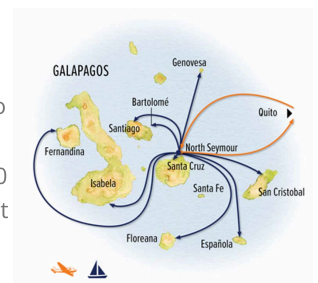
- Day 1**
Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Day 2**
Quito or Guayaquil / Fly to the Galapagos Islands
- Days 3 - 8**
Exploring the Galapagos Islands
- Day 9**
Galapagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Guayaquil or Quito
- Day 10**
Guayaquil or Quito / Depart

Exploring Galapagos Itinerary

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Day 1: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

Arrive in Ecuador, either in Quito, Ecuador's capital city in the Andes, or in the coastal city of Guayaquil, for an included transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay. Both cities are well served by international carriers, and Galapagos flights start and end in Quito with a stop in Guayaquil. Guests in Guayaquil stay at the locally owned Hotel Oro Verde, and Quito guests have the choice of several hotels in the city or at a convenient airport hotel. Please note that Quito sits at a 9,350 feet above sea level. It is an alternative option to Guayaquil, at no additional cost, and recommended if you opt for a pre-voyage extension to Mashpi Reserve in the tropical Andes outside Quito, or take an extra day for the See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension. You can also choose to reserve additional hotel nights and tours in Quito or Guayaquil.





Day 2: Quito or Guayaquil / Fly to the Galapagos Islands

This morning, if you are joining our recommended flight to the Galapagos, transfers to the airport, with luggage assistance, will be provided. Upon arrival, embark the ship.



Days 3 - 8: Exploring the Galapagos Islands

Below is a selection of islands you may visit during your expedition. Specific itineraries are subject to Galapagos National Park regulations.

North Seymour: Follow coastal trails past playful Galapagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigatebirds nest, blue-footed boobies dance, and where you may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus.

Isabela: Cross the Equator at Volcan Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, sea turtles and the elusive ocean sunfish. Over two days, follow in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore.

Fernandina: One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows.

Española: See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at this bird paradise that is also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the white sand beach and snorkel offshore in the clear turquoise waters of Gardner Bay.

Floreana: Follow a trail past a pink-tinted lagoon sometimes frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the historic mail barrel at Post Office Bay.

Santa Cruz: Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to the famous centenarian tortoise Lonesome George, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. Witness giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush green highlands.

Bartolomé: Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim and snorkel from the beach. Catch a glimpse of Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest.

Santiago: Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak and paddleboard along Santiago's spectacular coast, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked.

Genovesa: Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos into this flooded caldera, home to over one million seabirds. Visit Prince Philip's Steps at the top of the island. Highlights along the trail are many, from Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies and frigates, to gulls, owls, fur seals, hammerhead sharks, turtles and manta rays.

San Cristobal: Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Walk along the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.



Day 9: Galapagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Guayaquil or Quito

Disembark this morning and join the recommended flight to Guayaquil or Quito; transfers to the airport and luggage assistance will be provided. Unwind at Hotel Oro Verde in Guayaquil, or choose from several options in Quito, including a convenient airport hotel. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. You may be able to take advantage of overnight flights home. Ask your Adventure Specialist about Quito, Peru and other post-voyage options.

Day 10: Guayaquil or Quito / Depart

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board homeward flights, unless you have arranged for additional nights or an extension.



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Accommodation Details:

National Geographic Gemini

National Geographic Endeavour II

National Geographic Islander II

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/adventure-cruises/exploring-galapagos/ships

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National Geographic Gemini

Discover the wonders of the Galapagos aboard this fully refurbished, well-appointed expedition ship with 28 outward-facing staterooms accommodating up to 48 guests, with ample indoor and outdoor lounge space.



National Geographic Endeavour II

With a covered open top deck, sun deck and large windows in the lounge, this maneuverable expedition ship is ideally suited for exploring the wondrous wildlife and landscapes of the Galapagos.



National Geographic Islander II

Discover the wonders of the Galapagos aboard this exceptionally spacious, well-appointed expedition ship, with 26 all-suite staterooms accommodating up to 48 guests—plus a host of varied exploratory modes.



Sail with the World Leader in Conservation-Focused Small Ship Cruising

We're proud to offer a worldwide slate of Expedition Cruises through our partner National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions. Nat Hab joined forces with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions in 2016 to expand our mutual collection of nature adventures. Founded in 1958 by Lars-Eric Lindblad, the company pioneered eco-conscious expeditions for "citizen explorers" and today is the world leader in conservation-focused small-ship cruises. Our Adventure Specialists are intimately familiar with the ships and itineraries and are on call to answer any questions you might have. When you choose National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions in the Galapagos, you'll get all these advantages:

1

National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Leads in Experience and Knowledge

National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions has led expeditions to the Galapagos for more than 50 years, operating its own ships year-round, each with a core team of naturalists who work exclusively for National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions. Every departure sails with a veteran Expedition Leader and team of passionate experts with specialties like marine biology, evolutionary biology and ornithology, plus an undersea specialist and certified photo instructor trained by National Geographic. During the summer months, when families travel most, an additional naturalist leads kids-only activities such as scavenger hunts, journaling and smartphone photography.

2

A Range of Tools for Optimum Exploration

Activities are plentiful: Choose to swim, snorkel, kayak, walk leisurely, hike vigorously, cruise in a Zodiac with a naturalist or relax aboard ship. The *National Geographic Islander II* is outfitted with snorkel gear including wetsuits, tandem and single kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards. Explore deeper with video microscopes, plasma screens, recorded dives by onboard undersea specialists, hydrophones, video chroniclers, splash cams and daily expedition reports.

3

Go Home with Photos as Thrilling as the Wildlife

Legendary wildlife in the Galapagos and its lack of fear create a dream setting for nature photographers. Whether you're angling for a magical shot of giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies or marine iguanas, our onboard photo instructors have been trained at National Geographic headquarters to help you make the most of each wildlife encounter—making sure you go home with your best photos ever!



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4

Locally Sourced, Sustainable Dining

Our chefs cook with fresh, local ingredients whenever possible, including locally grown produce, sustainably caught fish and other local and indigenous products. Ecuadorian ingredients and flavors embellish the menu and offer a more genuine sense of the region's cuisine and culture. Reusable water bottles are found in every cabin, with chilled fresh water stations around the ship to make staying hydrated convenient and refreshing—and helping to keep plastic bottles out of the islands.

5

National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Supports Galapagos Conservation

National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions has played an active role in Galapagos conservation since 1967, working in conjunction with Galapagos National Park, Charles Darwin Research Station, local nonprofits and community groups. Since 1997, together with its guests, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions has helped raise nearly \$7 million to support conservation, education, research and community development priorities, and established the LEX-NG Fund to manage grants made in the region.

6

We're Committed to the Planet

Natural Habitat Adventures is a standard-setter in eco-conscious travel. We have been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007. And we continue to break innovative ground in adopting practices that help to protect our global environment. Because of our concern for the environment, we only choose cruise travel partners who share our commitment—and National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certainly does.

7

Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our environmental commitment and the outstanding quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund has chosen Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation we're very proud of! When you book your National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions cruise with us, a portion of your trip fee supports WWF.



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Extension Details:

Tropical Andes & Colonial Quito Pre-Voyage Extension
From \$2690

See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension
From \$449

Quito & Otavalo Post-Voyage Extension
\$1150

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Tropical Andes & Colonial Quito Pre-Voyage Extension

Explore lesser-known Ecuador on a six-day Andean adventure through Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, then on to Mashpi Lodge within the Choco rainforest.

From \$2690



See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension

Arrive a day early and explore Ecuador's colonial capital. Tour the plazas, Baroque churches, and cobbled streets of Quito's 16th-century historical center.

From \$449



Quito & Otavalo Post-Voyage Extension

Discover Ecuador's rich cultural heritage on this four-day adventure in the Andean highlands, exploring the vibrant capital, Quito, and Otavalo, home to one of the largest indigenous markets in South America.

\$1150



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