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Galapagos Escape

Discover the Islands on a Panoramic Ship-Based Adventure with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions



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Trip Details:

Galapagos Escape

Days
8 Days / Jan–Dec

Price
From \$6515 (+Air)

Physical Requirements
Easy to Moderate

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Like a floating safari camp, this deluxe expedition ship is your base for a thrilling 360° in-depth encounter with the Galapagos and its prolific wildlife. Every day holds a full slate of exhilarating activities that get you wholly into nature and face to face with the menagerie of creatures that make these islands so captivating. Look for sea turtles, swimming penguins and schools of tropical fish as you explore the undersea realm on daily snorkeling adventures. Hiking, kayaking, paddleboarding and Zodiac excursions offer additional perspectives on the archipelago's multitude of natural wonders. An underwater camera and video microscope reveal secrets of the world beneath the waves. At every turn, you're accompanied by a cast of resident shipboard experts, including an expedition leader, naturalist guides, an undersea specialist, a National Geographic-certified photography instructor and a wellness specialist.

Trip Highlights

The *Islander II* features spacious staterooms and suites for 48 guests, comfortable common areas, a library, Science Hub, plunge pool and 360° views

This action-packed voyage features varied modes of exploration on land and sea—hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, paddleboarding, Zodiacs, undersea cameras and more

With top-quality gear provided, swim and snorkel with sea lions, sea turtles and tropical fish in the protected waters of the Galapagos Marine Reserve



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Day 2**
Quito or Guayaquil / Baltra,
Galapagos / Embark Ship
- Days 3 - 6**
Cruising the Galapagos Islands
- Day 7**
Galapagos Islands—Disembark /
Guayaquil or Quito
- Day 8**
Guayaquil or Quito / Depart

Galapagos Escape Itinerary

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Day 1: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

Guests have the choice to arrive into Quito, Ecuador's capital with its World Heritage-status colonial Old Town, or Guayaquil, a vibrant coastal city with a lively waterfront malecon along the Rio Guayas. Guests in Quito will have the choice of several hotels, while those arriving into Guayaquil will spend the night at the Hotel del Parque, an elegantly restored 19th-century boutique inn surrounded by tropical gardens, before flying to the islands tomorrow. In both cities, a selection of local tours is available.





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Day 2: Quito or Guayaquil / Baltra, Galapagos / Embark Ship

Fly this morning to the Galapagos island of Baltra, and transfer to the pier on arrival to board the *National Geographic Islander II*. Once you're settled in, the ship sets sail straightaway for a week of adventure. Crossings between islands generally take place at night to maximize time for exploration during the day. Look forward to waking each morning to fresh vistas and daily discoveries.



Days 3 - 6: Cruising the Galapagos Islands

Each day a new island awaits, and with flexibility a hallmark of National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' style, opportunities for discovery abound. Below is a sampler of the islands we may visit. In each location, enjoy personal encounters with the fascinating animals of the Galapagos, which are perfectly comfortable with humans and won't run away in fear. Choose among multiple modes of exploration each day: Take a guided hike with the ship's naturalists. Swim with tropical fish, sea turtles and penguins on daily snorkeling excursions—sometimes twice a day—that showcase the rich marine life of the Galapagos. Paddle a single or tandem kayak for water-level investigation of the scenic coastline. Step onto a stand-up paddleboard for meditative exploration of quiet bays. Hop onto a Zodiac to cruise along rocky shores dotted with blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas and bright orange Sally lightfoot crabs—an ideal excursion for photography, illuminated with a naturalist's narration.

Your itinerary will include a selection of these islands:

North Seymour

Encounter plentiful sea lions, nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a striking views on a coastal walk.

Santa Cruz

Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both Galapagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station, which operate in partnership. At Darwin Station, learn about the efforts of scientists, guides, rangers and park managers to preserve the unique features of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the Galapagos Islands. At the tortoise-rearing facility, see tiny babies bred to help increase the depleted tortoise population, a central part of the station's conservation mission. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises have been returned to the wild in the Galapagos through the program. Santa Cruz is also home to wild Galapagos tortoises, the islands' namesake, which dwell in the misty Scalesia forests of the highlands.

Isabela

Isabela, largest of the Galapagos islands, was created when six volcanoes flowed together. Today, its shape resembles a seahorse. In addition to kayaking and deep-water snorkeling, a small black sand beach offers excellent swimming. Varied choices for walks and hikes ashore reveal Isabela's intriguing features, including an iguana colony and a chance to cross the equator at Ecuador Volcano, the northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins as we ply these waters rich in marine life, which were once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

Fernandina

The youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, Fernandina is one of the most pristine tropical islands left on Earth. Hike over relatively recent lava flows among hundreds of placid marine iguanas (the largest in the Galapagos), flightless cormorants, and bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs that speckle the black lava rocks. Galapagos hawks soar overhead while sea lions loll on the sun-baked lava.

San Cristobal

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.



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Española

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Hike to Punta Suarez, the seasonal home of the world's only population of waved albatross. The island's endemic red-and-green marine iguanas are also found only here. Española is also home to Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos doves, Nazca boobies, and the famous blue-footed boobies. A huge colony of sea lions lazes on the beach at Gardner Bay, covering the long stretch of fine, powdery white sand. Snorkeling in the bay is generally excellent, too.

Floreana

One of the few Galapagos islands inhabited by humans, Floreana has a rich cultural history filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. A post office established by British whalers in 1793 is still a means for travelers to leave mail in the barrel for personal delivery via visitors passing through. Snorkel among sea lions and schools of tropical fish in the clear waters off Champion Islet, where we may also find flamingos, pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a pristine white sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

Day 7: Galapagos Islands—Disembark / Guayaquil or Quito

Our ship has returned to our disembarkation port overnight, and we depart after breakfast this morning, heading to the airport for our flight back to the mainland. You may choose to overnight in Guayaquil, where a transfer is included to the Hotel del Parque, or in Quito, where a choice of hotels is available. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. Depending on flight schedules, you may be able to take advantage of an overnight flight home.

Day 8: Guayaquil or Quito / Depart

You are free to depart at any time today. A transfer to the airport is included. Fly homeward, or stay on for an optional extension in the Ecuadorian Andes.

*Learn more about the seasonal variations of **Galapagos weather and wildlife viewing** .*



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Accommodation Details:

- Wyndham Quito Airport
- Hotel del Parque
- National Geographic Islander II
- National Geographic Gemini

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

Galapagos Escape Accommodations

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Wyndham Quito Airport

Just minutes from Quito's international airport, this ultra-modern new hotel offers a tranquil layover retreat, with striking design elements, a gym and spa, and guest rooms with every convenience.



Hotel del Parque

Hotel del Parque is Guayaquil's finest boutique hotel, an exquisitely restored 19th-century property set within the lavish gardens of the Parque Historico, with the ambience of a private estate.



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.



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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.



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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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
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(+Air)

Group Size:
Limited to 48
Travelers

Physical Requirements:
Easy to Moderate

Galapagos Escape Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 21, 2026	May 28, 2026	TBD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
May 30, 2026	Jun 6, 2026	From \$17409 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jun 4, 2026	Jun 11, 2026	From \$24090 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jun 13, 2026	Jun 20, 2026	TBD Aboard National Geographic Islander II



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Jul 2, 2026	Jul 9, 2026	From \$13857 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jul 11, 2026	Jul 18, 2026	From \$18823 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jul 16, 2026	Jul 23, 2026	From \$19449 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jul 25, 2026	Aug 1, 2026	From \$19717 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Aug 8, 2026	Aug 15, 2026	TBD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Aug 13, 2026	Aug 20, 2026	From \$15189 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Aug 22, 2026	Aug 29, 2026	From \$13184 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Aug 27, 2026	Sep 3, 2026	From \$8903 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Sep 5, 2026	Sep 12, 2026	From \$11671 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Sep 10, 2026	Sep 17, 2026	From \$11671 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II



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Sep 19, 2026	Sep 26, 2026	From \$13032 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Sep 24, 2026	Oct 1, 2026	From \$10442 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Oct 3, 2026	Oct 10, 2026	TBD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Oct 8, 2026	Oct 15, 2026	From \$13283 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Oct 31, 2026	Nov 7, 2026	From \$12644 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Nov 5, 2026	Nov 12, 2026	From \$16264 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Nov 14, 2026	Nov 21, 2026	From \$14191 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Nov 19, 2026	Nov 26, 2026	From \$18390 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Nov 28, 2026	Dec 5, 2026	From \$12286 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Dec 3, 2026	Dec 10, 2026	From \$12900 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II



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Dec 17, 2026	Dec 24, 2026	TBD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Dec 26, 2026	Jan 2, 2027	From \$11466 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Dec 31, 2026	Jan 7, 2027	From \$22922 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 9, 2027	Jan 16, 2027	From \$14851 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jan 14, 2027	Jan 21, 2027	From \$14684 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jan 23, 2027	Jan 30, 2027	From \$16385 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Jan 28, 2027	Feb 4, 2027	From \$16383 USD Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Feb 6, 2027	Feb 13, 2027	From \$14990 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Feb 11, 2027	Feb 18, 2027	From \$14990 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II



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Feb 20, 2027	Feb 27, 2027	From \$15956 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Feb 25, 2027	Mar 4, 2027	From \$15698 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Mar 6, 2027	Mar 13, 2027	From \$14980 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Mar 11, 2027	Mar 18, 2027	From \$14913 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Mar 20, 2027	Mar 27, 2027	From \$15989 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Mar 25, 2027	Apr 1, 2027	From \$15738 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Islander II
Apr 3, 2027	Apr 10, 2027	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Apr 8, 2027	Apr 15, 2027	From \$9324 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Apr 17, 2027	Apr 24, 2027	From \$8435 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Apr 22, 2027	Apr 29, 2027	From \$8880 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini



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May 1, 2027	May 8, 2027	From \$12890 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
May 6, 2027	May 13, 2027	From \$7650 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
May 15, 2027	May 22, 2027	From \$8033 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
May 20, 2027	May 27, 2027	From \$9324 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
May 29, 2027	Jun 5, 2027	From \$7586 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jun 3, 2027	Jun 10, 2027	From \$10238 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jun 12, 2027	Jun 19, 2027	From \$10238 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jun 17, 2027	Jun 24, 2027	From \$9750 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jun 26, 2027	Jul 3, 2027	From \$8880 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jul 1, 2027	Jul 8, 2027	From \$8925 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini



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Jul 10, 2027	Jul 17, 2027	From \$9750 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jul 15, 2027	Jul 22, 2027	From \$9750 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jul 24, 2027	Jul 31, 2027	From \$9750 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jul 29, 2027	Aug 5, 2027	From \$11754 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Aug 7, 2027	Aug 14, 2027	From \$13677 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Aug 12, 2027	Aug 19, 2027	From \$11664 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Aug 21, 2027	Aug 28, 2027	From \$11667 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Aug 26, 2027	Sep 2, 2027	From \$7270 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Sep 4, 2027	Sep 11, 2027	From \$7268 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Sep 9, 2027	Sep 16, 2027	From \$12038 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini



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Sep 23, 2027	Sep 30, 2027	From \$7268 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Oct 2, 2027	Oct 9, 2027	From \$7268 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Oct 7, 2027	Oct 14, 2027	From \$7631 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Oct 21, 2027	Oct 28, 2027	From \$7270 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Oct 30, 2027	Nov 6, 2027	From \$7268 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Nov 13, 2027	Nov 20, 2027	From \$7268 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Nov 18, 2027	Nov 25, 2027	From \$7268 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Nov 27, 2027	Dec 4, 2027	From \$7750 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Dec 2, 2027	Dec 9, 2027	From \$7268 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini



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Dec 16, 2027	Dec 23, 2027	From \$7270 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Dec 25, 2027	Jan 1, 2028	From \$10625 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Dec 30, 2027	Jan 6, 2028	From \$9563 USD Aboard National Geographic Gemini

2028 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 8, 2028	Jan 15, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jan 13, 2028	Jan 20, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jan 22, 2028	Jan 29, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Jan 27, 2028	Feb 3, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Feb 5, 2028	Feb 12, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini



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Departure	Return	Notes
Feb 10, 2028	Feb 17, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Feb 19, 2028	Feb 26, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Feb 24, 2028	Mar 2, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Mar 4, 2028	Mar 11, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Mar 9, 2028	Mar 16, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Mar 18, 2028	Mar 25, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini
Mar 23, 2028	Mar 30, 2028	From \$8075 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Gemini

Pricing

See <https://nathab.com/adventure-cruises/galapagos-wildlife-cruise/dates-fees> for the latest pricing details.

Included

Accommodations; meals indicated; excursions; services of National Geographic-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, bar tab excluding some premium brands of alcohol; one hour of wireless internet per day.

Not Included

Air transportation; personal items such as alcoholic beverages (except those noted above), laundry, voyage DVD, etc.; discretionary tips to ship's crew; optional travel and/or medical evacuation insurance.



Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

This Galapagos expedition cruise features a packed itinerary, with early mornings and long days filled with varied activities including island walks, swimming, snorkeling, kayaking and paddleboarding. Trails are often rough and uneven, traversing sharp lava fields and loose rocks and gravel. It is sometimes necessary to walk over slippery rocks when making a Zodiac landing to come ashore. Guests must be able to walk a minimum of two miles to participate in this trip, as well as walk up and down stairs and be able to get in and out of the motorized pangas (rigid inflatable rafts), which can be very unsteady in rough water. A few wet landings, where we disembark from the panga directly into shallow water and walk up onto the beach, are required. Snorkeling is a big component of this trip, with excursions offered nearly every day, sometimes twice a day. While no snorkeling experience is required, prior practice is recommended, and travelers should be comfortable swimming in moderate currents, near shore and in deep water. Our Expedition Leaders will also offer guidance for those in need of additional snorkeling instruction. Travelers are not required to participate in every activity.

Important Information About This Trip

Recommended Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we strongly recommend that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. While this is not required, we make this strong suggestion in the interest of our guests' safety. We recommend that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

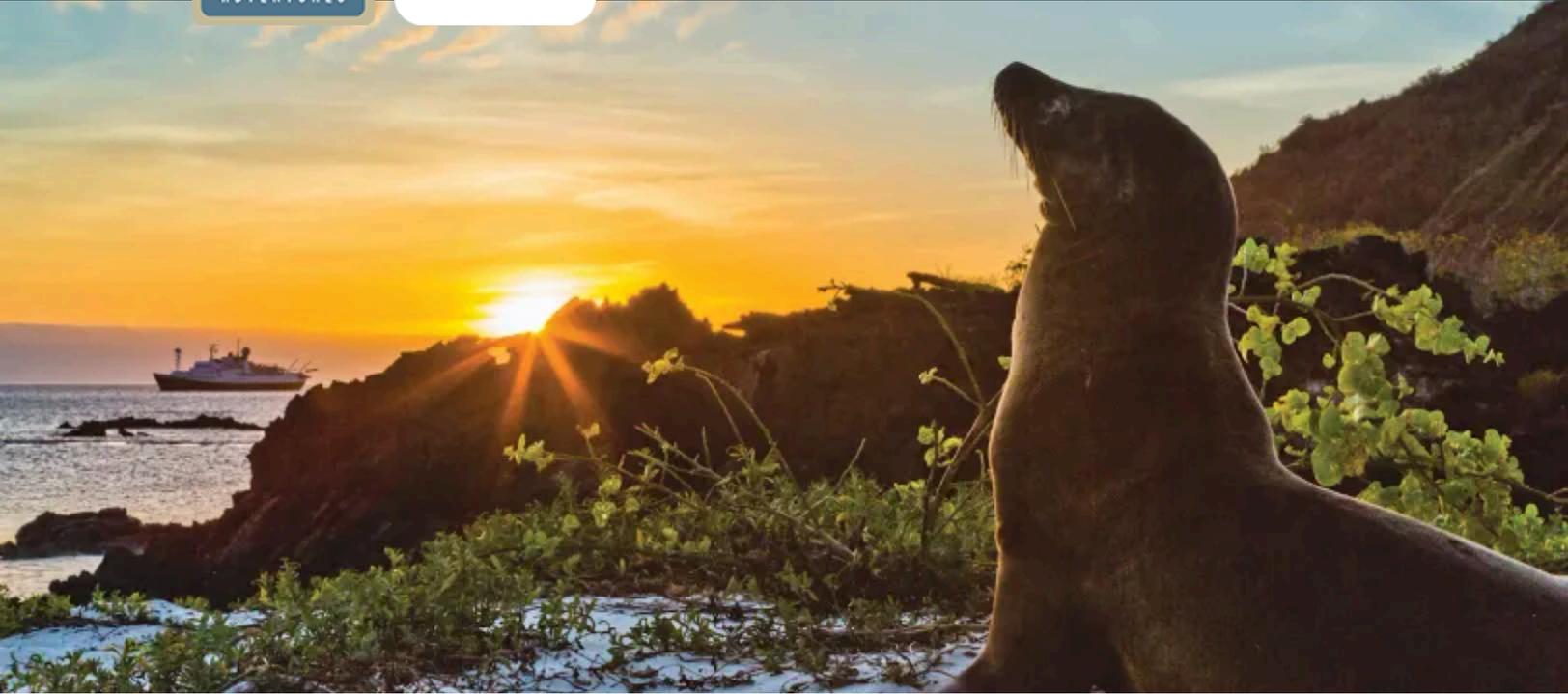
Getting There & Getting Home

You can arrive in Guayaquil, Ecuador on the afternoon or evening of Day 1 of your itinerary. You are free to depart from Guayaquil in the evening of the last day of the itinerary. Please contact your Adventure Specialist for more specific arrival and departure timing

We can best serve you by having National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' air department book your flights, since National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions is most familiar with the special requirements of each trip. Please call National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions directly at 800-397-3348. Note that while National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' air department will offer you its best available rates on airfare, you may find better fares online.



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Extension Details:

See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension
From \$449

Quito & Otavalo Post-Voyage Extension
\$1150

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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

