



### DEAR TRAVELER,

2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of my father's opening up of tourism to the Galápagos Islands. It was another pioneering milestone for the man who is credited as the 'father of eco-tourism.' An explorer and a conservationist, he cared deeply about how bringing visitors to this special place could work to conserve this unbelievably rich environment. And now, five decades later we still believe that to be true. It is important for people to experience this unique place,



Sven Lindblad toasts National Geographic Endeavour II at the blessing in Ecuador.

to be inspired by it, to have fun in it, and to become an ambassador for its preservation.

So I fervently hope you choose to take some of your valuable time to venture here. It's not that far, yet oh-so-different from anything you have ever experienced. And, I hope that we will make a convincing case on the following pages that when you decide to go, you should choose to go with us.

Our team had some fun of their own compiling 50 reasons to experience the Galápagos during our 50th, which I hope you will also find fun and inspiring.

So please give it a look, it is a place for all ages, from 8 or 80, with a lot to see, feel and be touched by in a multitude of ways. I know, as I've been here at least 50 times and brought friends and my four kids on numerous expeditions. Each time it's a joy full of wonder and surprise.

I also wanted to mention that while I've been to Galápagos many times, this year was the first in which I was able to extensively explore wild regions of Ecuador. It was a revelation. And now, we're offering a new extension (you'll find details on page 15) that will amply reward you for choosing to explore further. And as always, you can make the most of your time in the region by adding the Peruvian Amazon or a cultural immersion in Machu Picchu and Peru to your explorations; we make it easy and gratifying to do so.

On behalf of our Galápagos expedition teams, we look forward to welcoming you aboard the brand-new *National Geographic Endeavour II* or *National Geographic Islander* soon.

All the best.

Celebrate the inaugural season of *National Geographic Endeavour II* with FREE ROUND TRIP AIR on select 2017 departures and aboard *National Geographic Islander*, too. See page 24 for details.

Sven-Olof Lindblad

Cover: Galápagos is joy, whether you're 8 or 80. ©Rich Reid Left: Kicker Rock at sunset. © Marco Ricca Ships' registry: Ecuador

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 50

Lars-Eric Lindblad led the first citizen explorer expedition to Galápagos in July 1967, inventing the notion of international Galápagos tourism—and more. Because Lars-Eric firmly believed in the power of tourism as a force for good, and because he was deeply moved by his first visit to Galápagos, he played a key role in its conservation and sustainable tourism from the very beginning. His son Sven Lindblad went on to significantly advance Lindblad's commitment to Galápagos, as you'll see in this 'highlights' chronology:



Lars-Eric Lindblad in Galápagos.



This badge, a posthumous award by the Galápagos National Park to Lars-Eric Lindblad for his support, was presented to Sven Lindblad in November 2016, in a touching service witnessed by three of his children.

**July 4, 1959 Ecuador declares Galápagos a National Park** Legislation outlined that the islands possess a unique flora and fauna of outstanding importance to science, and that "the region has incalculable potential for tourism."

July 23, 1959 Charles Darwin Foundation established Peter Scott, a key member of the organizing committee and Executive Council member, was a great friend of Lars-Eric. He traveled as a naturalist on more than a dozen Lindblad expeditions in Galápagos and beyond.

November 24, 1959 Centennial of Darwin's Origin of Species

October 31, 1961 Galápagos Marine Biology Station established with UNESCO support

January 20, 1964 Charles Darwin Research Center inaugurated timed to coincide

with the arrival from California of the 66 members of the Galápagos International Science Project. The Island's first conservation officer was appointed.

### June 1966 The Grimwood-Snow Report published

A seminal document in the annals of Galápagos tourism, it recommended: the founding of a National Park Service and establishing a protected marine zone around the park; that all visitors should sleep aboard ships, and that when on shore should be accompanied by trained guides—the same policies that guide park visitations today.



Vintage photo of Lindblad guests landing on Bartolomé Island.

# YEARS & COUNTING

July 20, 1967 Lars-Eric Lindblad charters the Chilean ship, Navarino, to lead the first international tourist expedition to Galápagos.

1968 Lindblad Travel signs an agreement with the Charles Darwin Station and the Ecuadorian Forestry Service to pay the salaries of José Villa and Juan Black, the first Galápagos National Park (GNP) officials. The same agreement includes a commitment by Ecuador to charge a GNP entrance fee, to be used exclusively for the conservation, maintenance and improvement of the GNP.

1997 Sven Lindblad bases the 80-guest Polaris in Galápagos, and launches the Galápagos Conservation Fund, which went on to raise more than \$2 million with 100% of the contributions distributed to projects designated by the Fund's advisory board.

1998 Ecuador creates the Galápagos Marine Reserve protecting 50,000 square miles of ocean. The Galápagos Conservation Fund provides resources for patrol boats, funding for a marine biodiversity study, and support for a fisheries monitoring program.

2009 The Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund is established. expanding the original Galápagos Conservation Fund. 100% of the donations support initiatives in the regions we explore; and together with guests, the Fund has granted more than \$12 million to projects worldwide.

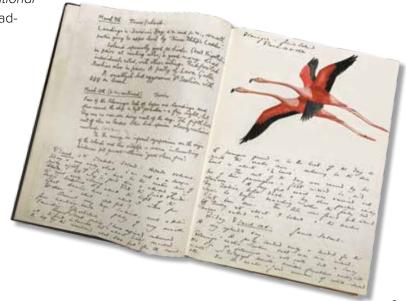
Above: Sven Lindblad with daughter named for the island Isabela: Pacific green sea turtle.

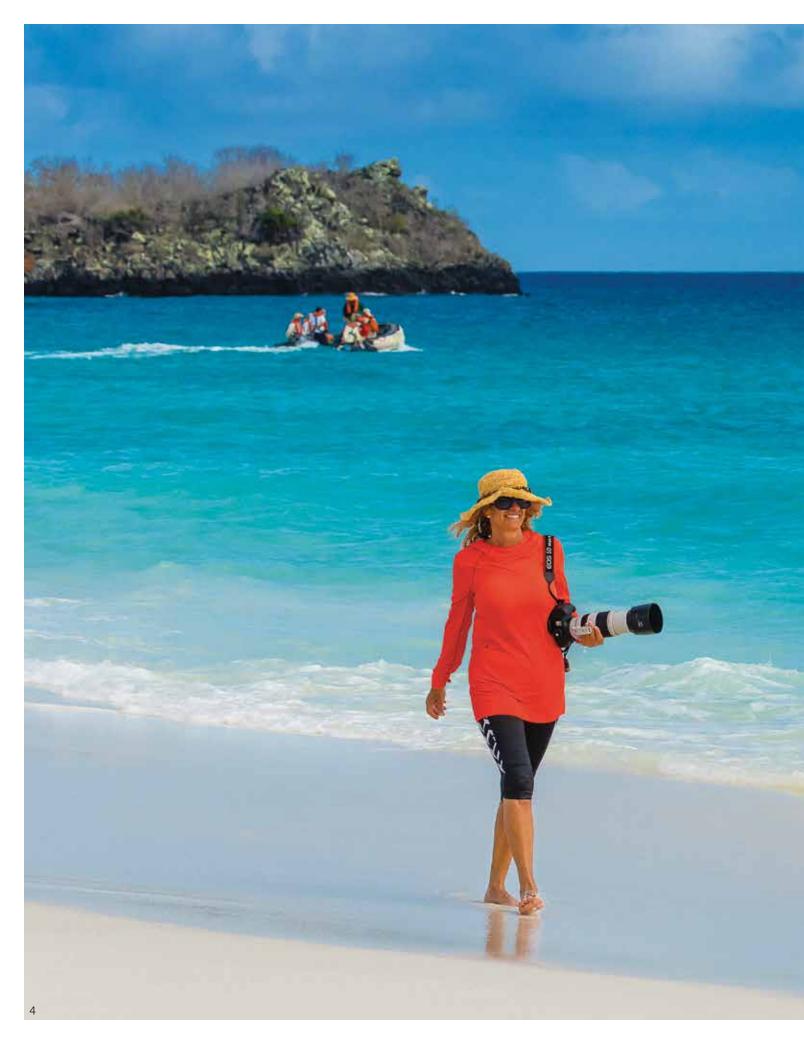
Below: Expedition log from 70's era Galápagos voyage.

### 2009 Charles Darwin Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary

**2017 Lindblad celebrates its 50th anniversary**; and *National* Geographic Endeavour II, the newest ship in the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, begins voyaging.

- INTERESTED IN GALÁPAGOS CONSERVATION HISTORY? FIND THE COMPLETE CHRONOLOGY AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/GALA\_CHRON
- SEE VIDEO CLIP OF THE BADGE PRESENTATION AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/BADGE







# THE BEST UNDERSEA EXPERIENCE IN THE ISLANDS

We are deeply invested in enhancing your understanding of Galápagos' vibrant undersea, so you'll have the opportunity to snorkel almost every day, sometimes two times a day. And snorkeling in Galápagos is fun! It means encountering sea turtles, sea lions, and penguins, too. In April 2017, we offer certified Scuba divers aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* the option of diving at two locations.

Prefer to stay dry? You can peer beneath the surface from the comfort of our glass-bottom Zodiac (*Endeavour II*). And, we are the only company in Galápagos with an undersea specialist on staff assigned to capture and present vivid underwater video—to ensure that everyone can enjoy the facet of Galápagos that lies beneath the ship.



The glass-bottom Zodiac provides perfect viewing.

EXPLORE THE UNDERSEA AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/GALAUNDERSEA

See schools of king angelfish and search for sea turtles while snorkeling.



# SEE & DO MORE WITH THE BEST TEAM

Our Galápagos expedition team, hand-picked and Lindblad Expeditionstrained, is made up of engaging naturalists born and bred in the Galápagos Islands, and others who moved to the islands from the mainland or other countries decades ago. They live and breathe Galápagos, and are passionate about the nature and conservation of this remote archipelago. They each have a deep understanding of all aspects of Galápagos' natural and human history, and are experts in relevant areas: ornithology, geology, zoology, and the undersea. Many have traveled and worked with Lindblad in other

parts of the world's great natural history destina-

tions, bringing a global perspective.



### PAULA TAGLE

Expedition leader & naturalist.

Paula grew up in the city of Guayaquil. After completing her degree in geology, she worked in different parts of Ecuador, including Galápagos. After completing her master's in quaternary geology, she eagerly

> returned to Galápagos, a mecca for geologists. Bewitched by the other wonders of the islands, Paula delights in interpreting and creating an in-depth experience for our guests.

#### **WALTER PEREZ**

Naturalist & certified photo instructor. Walter was born in a very small town on the mainland of Ecuador. His first trip to the Galápagos was when he was 12 years old, visiting friends and an aunt, who had moved to the islands. From the first moment he saw the islands, he fell in love and decided where his future home would be.













Clockwise from top left: Carlos Romero, Aura Banda Cruz, Jonathan Aguas, Jason Heilmann, Juan Carlos Avila.

### **CARLOS ROMERO**

Expedition leader, naturalist & certified photo instructor. Raised amid the biodiversity of Venezuela and Ecuador, Carlos was fascinated by tropical ecology at an early age. He holds a doctorate in biology and a master's in ecotourism and natural protected areas management.

### JUAN CARLOS AVILA

Expedition leader, naturalist & certified photo instructor. Juan Carlos spent his early years in the natural exuberance of the Cotopaxi region of Ecuador. At the age of twelve, his family moved to Santa Cruz, Galápagos. His islands knowledge is bone-deep.

### **AURA BANDA CRUZ**

Naturalist, certified photo instructor & undersea specialist. Aura's grandparents were among the earliest settlers in the Galápagos in the 1930s—her mother was born on Floreana Island. Aura's childhood was spent among the finches and swimming with sea lions.

### JONATHAN AGUAS

Naturalist & certified photo instructor.

Jonathan's family dates back five generations on San Cristóbal Island, Galápagos. He left the islands on a scholarship to finish his bachelor's degree in integrative biology in the U.S. His science training and keen eye for beauty enable him to help guests observe and capture.

### JASON HEILMANN

Naturalist, certified photo instructor & undersea specialist. Jason grew up in the lush Pacific Northwest. While attending university there, he met an Ecuadorian woman. Following her home, he found himself in the Galápagos Islands. He's been a trained naturalist here since 1999.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUNDS & EXPERTISE AT **EXPEDITIONS.COM/GALATEAM** 







# COMING THIS SUMMER FOR FAMILIES

For decades now, young explorers have benefited from our onboard program that enabled them to harness their enthusiasm for exploration, wildlife, and natural history. Now we're preparing to launch a new family program in summer 2017 developed in conjunction with National Geographic Education that will provide the best Galápagos expedition learning experience. Explorers under 18 will be able to:

## ✓ Benefit from National Geographic certified field educators

Our naturalists will be trained and certified to optimize the learning opportunities a Galápagos vacation affords

### ✓ Connect with nature

They'll disconnect from tech and have direct contact with wildlife & wonders. With no screens to intervene, you'll re-discover each other on the voyage, too

### ✓ Get certified to drive

Kids learn to drive a Zodiac and earn a "certificate of achievement"

# ✓ Develop their curiosity, confidence and storytelling abilities

• Kids observe the natural world through the camera's lens & improve their photo skills with our certified photo instructor



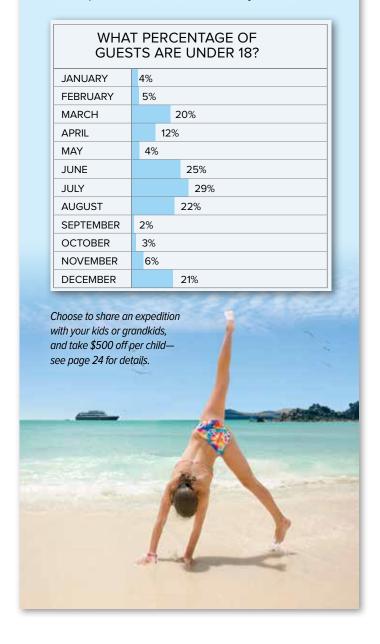


- Observe the behavior of endemic creatures like marine iguanas up-close or use the onboard video microscope to see life in miniature, in naturalist-led sessions
- Keep an expedition journal to preserve all the new, enriching experiences—write, draw, paint, or paste in photos to link art & science

### ✓ Give back

Kids can contribute in Galápagos by donating their favorite book, in English or Spanish, to the Tomás de Berlanga School while it's in session, where they meet other kids who are learning in a unique open-air school context, connected to the natural world

Galápagos is our number one family destination (see below for just how many families travel and when) and for good reason—it's fascinating for all ages. Our new ship, National Geographic Endeavour II, makes sharing an expedition even better: with 14 interconnecting cabins in three different categories, including a family suite, and a few triple cabins with kid-friendly bunks.



### TAKE YOUR BEST PHOTOS EVER-IN

Does Galápagos offer the best photo ops on Earth? Well, it is the rare place where wild animals display remarkable behavior right in front of you, so close you don't even need a zoom lens. And they exhibit no fear at all, in fact, calmly sitting still for portraits. Try that in the Serengeti! And the Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors aboard our ships are not only skilled photographers—trained to help you understand your camera and improve your skills—they're naturalists. That means they can explain the animal's behavior so you can better predict and capture the perfect moment of wild behavior or arresting beauty.

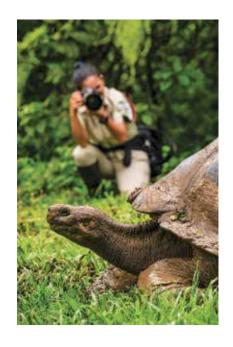


Don't think you're a photographer? Photography aboard our ships is so engaging, so much fun that nearly everyone gets caught up in infectious "aim & create" activity. You'll go home with photos you'll be proud to share.

### TAG YOUR SHOTS—SHOW YOUR SKILLS!



### THE BEST PLACE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY



# PASSIONATE ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY? GREAT NEWS!

### Epic Galápagos Photo Expedition

Join a team of National Geographic wildlife photographers, featuring veteran photographer Michael Melford, on our third annual 17-day dedicated photo expedition, visiting all the major islands, Nov. 24 - Dec. 10, 2017. Learn more at

expeditions.com/galaphoto





Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.

### PHOTO EXPEDITION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2017 & 2018



### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

We add a top National Geographic photographer—the ones who shoot the magazine stories you know and love—to give photo enthusiasts an exclusive advantage on select departures.



### MICHAEL MELFORD

A veteran at National Geographic, Michael has produced 18 stories celebrating U.S. National Parks and wild places around the world for *National Geographic* magazine alone. Epic Galápagos Photo Expedition, **Nov**, **24**, **2017**, *National Geographic Endeavour II*.



RALPH LEE HOPKINS

Ralph is founder and director of the Lindblad-National Geographic Expedition Photography program. May 12, 2018, *National Geographic Endeavour II*.





Join a Photo Expedition in the Upper Amazon on Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Apr. 21, Apr. 28, 2018. Learn more at **expeditions.com/amazonphoto** 

### **GALÁPAGOS**

### 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS-ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II, AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

DATES: 2017 & 2018: Expeditions depart Fridays on the National Geographic Endeavour II and Saturdays on the National Geographic Islander.

PRICES FROM: \$6,960 to \$14,160 (See pages 20-23 for complete prices.)

### • INAUGURAL SEASON FREE ROUND-TRIP AIR

All departures Jan. 6-Mar. 31 and Aug. 24-Nov. 17, 2017 aboard National Geographic Endeavour II, from Miami to Ecuador and on to Galápagos. Free air is also available on select departures aboard both ships throughout 2017.

### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME & SAVE

Combine your Galápagos expedition with either a voyage to the Upper Amazon (page 17) or a trip to Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca (page 16) and receive free round-trip air from Miami during our Jan. 6-Mar. 31 and Aug. 24-Nov. 17 Endeavour II inaugural season, and on select departures throughout 2017. Plus, save 10% when you combine your Galápagos voyage with an Upper Amazon voyage.

• TAKE THE KIDS & SAVE \$500 Share the wonder with kids or grandkids under 18 and take \$500 off the double occupancy rate per kid.

### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



We're celebrating 50 years of exploring Galápagos. We've introduced generations of travelers to its magic and mystery. We're

committed to Galápagos; and have raised millions, along with our quests, for its conservation. And we're fully invested, too; we operate two ships based there year round. An expedition leader, our team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, wellness specialist, and video chronicler all contribute to your experience of the wonders of Galápagos. Visit our website to read staff bios.



## **DAY 1:** U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR Depart for Guayaquil and upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Hilton Colón.

#### DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board *National Geographic Endeavour II* or *National Geographic Islander*. After lunch, we begin our exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 3-8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

Listed below is a sample of the islands we may visit during our expedition.\* (B,L,D Daily)

#### ISLA BARTOLOMÉ

Walk to the top of Bartolomé's volcanic cone for a stunning view of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding golden sand beaches. After the hike, immerse yourself among schools of multicolored reef fish. You may also have the opportunity to swim with Galápagos penguins.

#### **ISLA SANTIAGO**

Follow a path along a series of tide pools and underwater caverns in search of Galápagos fur seals, marine iguanas, sea lions, shore birds and Sally Lightfoot crabs.

#### **ISLA SANTA CRUZ**

Santa Cruz is 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, by their partners in conservation, the Galápagos National Park Service. Later, travel into the highlands where wild tortoises forage, to observe and photograph these tortoises in the wild.

#### **ISLA ISABELA**

Explore the largest island in the group, home to enormous marine iguanas, abundant sea turtles, the only species of flightless cormorant in the world, and the only penguin species that inhabits the equator. Cruise by Zodiac and hike against the backdrop of giant shield volcanoes, and snorkel in the cool, rich waters that often draw whales and dolphins to the area.

### **ISLA FLOREANA**

At Champion Islet, snorkel among sea lions, or peer into an underwater world in a

glass-bottom boat or Zodiac while keeping an eye out for the endangered Floreana mocking-bird. Those interested can visit Post Office Bay, founded by whalers in the 18th century—if you see a letter addressed to someone who lives near you, the tradition is to deliver it by hand.



#### **ISLA FERNANDINA**

Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza as we hike over lava flows. Galápagos hawks, sea lion nurseries and the rare Galápagos flightless cormorant will be found as we explore this island.

### **ISLA ESPAÑOLA**

See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, boobies, and, seasonally, waved albatross on this birder's paradise. Walk among vivid green and red marine iguanas and unique lava lizards, and observe sea lions up close on a pristine white-sand beach.

### DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Guayaquil. The evening is at your leisure at the Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

#### DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/U.S.

Depart Guayaquil this morning, arriving home the same day. (B)

\*Please note: All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations. Our expeditions, which sail between Isla San Cristobal and Isla Baltra include Isla Santa Cruz and a hand-picked selection of these and other visitor sites.



#### PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION

Tropical Andes & Colonial Quito Featuring Mashpi, A National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World

For details, please call or see our website.

Experience Ecuador's fantastic culture, landscapes and wild nature on this six-day adventure featuring the Ecuadorian Chocó, one of the world's top five biodiversity hotspots.

Stay at Mashpi, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, with 22 spacious rooms boasting a glass wall, windows, stone floors and a luxe bath with rain shower.

A biodiversity reserve with resident biologists, naturalist guides, and a life center, Mashpi provides extraordinary access to habitats from cloud forest to towering tropical rain forest with hiking trails, a stunning open-air tram, innovative skybike and observation towers. Its riches include 400 species of birds.



In Quito, stay at the 31-room Casa Gangotena on Plaza San Francisco in the heart of Ecuador's capital. And enjoy a full day exploring the city's markets, churches and culture at the beginning of the program and again at your leisure in the afternoon before continuing to Galápagos the next day.

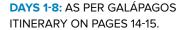
### GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

### 16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

PRICES FROM: \$12,650 to \$21,960 (See pages 20-23 for complete prices.)

### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ▶ Walk and snorkel among the abundant and fearless wildlife of Galápagos
- ► See daybreak over the ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate
- ▶ Discover Cusco's varied influences and visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca





### DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/ LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the comfortable and conveniently located Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

### DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Fly to Cusco then drive to Moray, a stunning Inca site believed to have been an agricultural laboratory where Incan priests would test soils and crops. Lunch at Parador Moray, overlooking the ruins. En route to the hotel, walk through a typical local market before an optional visit to the pottery studio Pablo Seminario, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. Check into Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11:** SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA Visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. Lunch is at Casa Orihuela, a

working, family-owned hacienda, then visit the family's private museum. See a Peruvian Paso horse demonstration, with Marinera dancers and live music. Attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. After dinner at the hotel, see a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Enjoy the views from the valley to Machu Picchu via train with large picture windows. Spend the day exploring Machu Picchu's extraordinary structures with your guide. Overnight at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge set next to the archaeological site. (B,L,D)

### DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Hike to the Sun Gate this morning, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu, and watch daybreak over the sacred ruins. Explore Machu Picchu on your own or with your guide. After a train and bus ride, visit Awanacancha, where llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas are bred. En route to Cusco, we'll stop for photos at Plaza San Cristobal, which offers sweeping views of colonial Cusco. Check into the Belmond Monasterio Hotel for two nights. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the magnificent 17th-century cathedral and convent of Koricancha, and the vast Sacsayhuaman fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon is at leisure to discover the city. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)



### **DAY 15:** CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is in traditional Latin American style. Experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 16:** LIMA/U.S. (B)

#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** Year-round, weekly departures following Galápagos aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander.* 

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Gain insights from National Geographic historian Peter Frost (or a colleague) on our Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca departures.

### **SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book now and receive free round-trip air from Miami to Galápagos & Peru during our inaugural season Jan. 6–Mar. 31 and Aug. 25–Nov. 17, 2017 aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and on select departures throughout our celebratory year, a savings of \$2,250 per guest. Please see page 24 or call for details.

Take advantage of your proximity and save—extend this Galápagos + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca journey with an Upper Amazon expedition (page 19), receive free round-trip air from Miami on select departures and save 10%. Please call for details.

### GALÁPAGOS + UPPER AMAZON

### 20 DAYS/19 NIGHTS

DEPARTURE: Combine a Galápagos expedition with Upper Amazon on many 2017 & 2018 departures. Prices from \$13,950 per person, double occupancy. Please call for details.

### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk and snorkel among the abundant, iconic Galápagos wildlife that is unfazed by your presence
- ▶ Hike pristine islands, kayak their peaceful shorelines, and explore the Galápagos undersea
- ► In the Amazon, discover an entirely different kind of biodiversity—macaws, monkeys, sloths, and more, plus meet the ribereños—inhabitants of the jungle we explore

DAYS 1-8: PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 14-15.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/ LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the conveniently located Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

### DAY 10: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/ EMBARK

Enjoy a morning tour of Lima, then fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 11-18: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

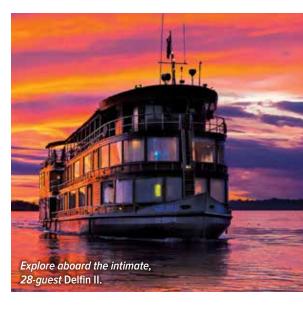
Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—



more than five million acres, and harboring some of the Amazon's most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, two powerful rivers that converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by the glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, hikes on terra firma. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for massive *paiche* fish, the Amazon's largest.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve's interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then look for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.



Pay a visit to communities on the reserve's edge, and meet the Amazon *ribereños* in their dugout canoes, and in their stilt-home villages. One of the unexpected joys of this region is our interaction with local people. Engage with women, men, and youth eager to share their community improvement projects, many of them supported by the Lindblad-National Geographic Fund and our local partner, Minga Peru. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 19: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta, and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima, and overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

#### DAY 20: LIMA/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDE EQUIPPED TO OFFER THE

Designed to meet our exacting standards, *National Geographic Endeavour II* is the newest ship in our fleet, and the newest ship in Galápagos. Gleaming from bow to stern, she began voyaging in December 2016, and will be permanently based in Galápagos. She accommodates 96 guests in 52 outside cabins, and features 14 connecting cabins and suites for family or friends' sharing, plus 9 solo cabins. A beautiful ship, she is lavishly windowed to better frame the neverending panorama as she voyages from island to island. Her spacious lounge is the heart of the expedition community, where daily recaps plus informative and interesting presentations take place. Her gracious dining room is designed for inclusive sit-anywhere informality. And her private spaces are the perfect ending to the active exploratory days you'll enjoy aboard.





# AVOUR II: BEST GALÁPAGOS EXPERIENCE





Clockwise from upper left: National Geographic Endeavour II's dual launch deck means faster Zodiac deployment to get every guest swiftly off ship and on to daily adventures like this sunrise photo outing at Floreana; the casual dining room is designed for sociability and inclusivity with no assigned seating—mingling is encouraged, solo travelers feel welcome, and families can dine together; the Lounge, the expedition community center, offers panoramic views & seating for all; large windows in a luminous Suite B cabin.



### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II

### OUR NEWEST SHIP IN GALÁPAGOS, OFFERING EXPEDITION AMENITIES FOR 96 GUESTS

CAPACITY: 96 guests in 52 outside cabins. REGISTRY: Ecuador. OVERALL LENGTH: 236 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: New forward lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, restaurant, large library with Mac kiosks, open-air observation deck, underwater gear area and dual Zodiac boarding platform, and open bridge, where guests can meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation. Ship refitted for Galápagos in 2016.

**MEALS:** Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

**CABINS:** All face outside with large windows, and feature twin beds that convert to a queen. With private facilities and climate control, nightstands, desk, and storage. Seven sets of cabins with a connecting door.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Nine Zodiacs, including one with a glass-bottom, kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wet suits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Shipboard doctor, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, program for kids, snorkel instruction. Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

**WELLNESS:** New LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

Clockwise from top: National Geographic Endeavour II features 52 cabins accommodating 96 guests; gym; Category 4 cabin; Suite C.







CATEGORY 1: Upper Deck, Forward #201, 202

**CATEGORY 2:** Upper Deck #211, 213-219, 221, 222, 224-229

**CATEGORY 3:** Lounge Deck #311, 313-319, 321, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330

**CATEGORY 4:** Bridge Deck #409, 411-414, 416, 418

**SUITE A:** Lounge Deck, Mid-Ship #320—with two windows, larger bath, arm chair. Connecting door to #322.

**SUITE B:** Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #420, 422—with two floor-to-ceiling windows, larger bath, convertible sofa for a third person.

**SUITE C:** Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #415—with two large windows, larger bath, separate sitting area with convertible sofa for a third person and arm chairs, largest cabin on ship.

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #203-209—with a queen bed.

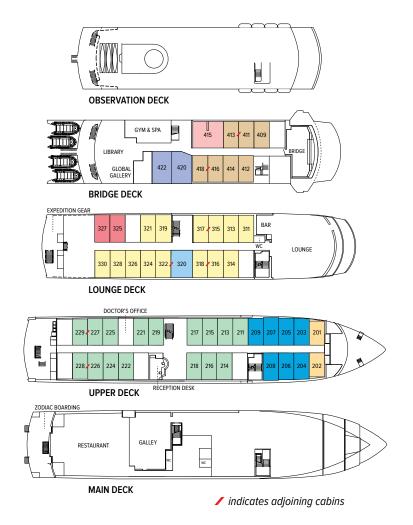
CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Lounge Deck #325, 327—with a queen bed.

**NOTE**: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet.

**CONNECTING CABINS:** #226/228, 227/229, 315/317, 316/318, 320/322, 411/413, 416/418

**TRIPLE OCCUPANCY:** #224, 225, 326, 328 with fold-down upper third bunk, Suites B and C with convertible sofa bed. Third person rates are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

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



Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.	Prices are per person,	double occupancy	unless indicated as solo.
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ITINERARY	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	SUITE A	SUITE B	SUITE C	CAT. 2 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
2017/18 Galápagos: Aboard <i>National Geographic Endeavour II</i> -Page 14											
Jan. 6 - Dec. 15, 2017; Jan. 5 - Dec. 14, 2018*	\$6,960	\$7,940	\$8,740	\$9,590	\$11,440	\$12,280	\$12,980	\$9,930	\$10,930	\$750	
Holiday: Dec. 22 & 29, 2017; Dec. 21 & 28, 2018*	\$7,780	\$8,880	\$9,780	\$10,720	\$12,810	\$13,760	\$14,530	\$11,120	\$12,240	\$1,000	
2017/18 Galápagos + Machu Picchu & The Land of the Inca–Page 16											
Jan. 6 - Dec. 8, 2017; Jan. 5 - Dec. 7, 2018*	\$12,650	\$13,630	\$14,430	\$15,280	\$17,130	\$17,970	\$18,670	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$1,500	
Dec. 15, 2017; Dec. 14 & Dec. 28, 2018*	\$13,380	\$14,360	\$15,160	\$16,010	\$17,860	\$18,700	\$19,400	\$17,730	\$18,730	\$1,500	
Holiday: Dec. 29, 2017; Dec. 22, 2018*	\$14,200	\$15,300	\$16,200	\$17,140	\$19,230	\$20,180	\$20,950	\$18,920	\$20,040	\$1,500	
2017 Epic Galápagos Photo Expedition Aboard National Geographic Endeavour II											
Nov. 24	\$13,920	\$15,880	\$17,480	\$19,180	\$22,880	\$24,560	\$25,960	\$19,860	\$21,860	\$1,500	
2017/2018 Galápagos + Upper Ama	2017/2018 Galápagos + Upper Amazon – Page 50										
Back-to-back expeditions available on many 2017-2018 departures. Please call for dates and rates.											
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International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaguil: Economy from \$500; Business from \$800. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/ Galápagos: Adult from \$520 Children (Under 12) from \$260. Call for sample Peru airfare.

NOTE

<sup>\*2017</sup> prices guaranteed for 2018 departures if booked by March 31, 2017. After March 31, 2017, call or visit Expeditions.com for new 2018 prices.



### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

# YACHT-SCALED AND TRIM, OFFERING EXPEDITION AMENITIES FOR JUST 48 GUESTS

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. OVERALL LENGTH: 164 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Open-air observation deck, second covered outside deck with hammocks, tables and chairs. Lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, dining room, library, Mac kiosks and Internet. The captain and officers welcome guests to visit the open bridge.

**MEALS:** Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

**CABINS:** All have a window with an outside view, private facilities, ample storage and climate controls. Bed can be configured as two twins or as a single queen.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiacs, a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wet suits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Shipboard doctor, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction. Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

**WELLNESS:** New LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.







Insets clockwise from top: Our hospitality staff is at your service and an integral part of your expedition; library; spacious and comfortable lounge.





Category 4 cabin; Category 5 cabin.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck, Forward #201-206

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #207-210

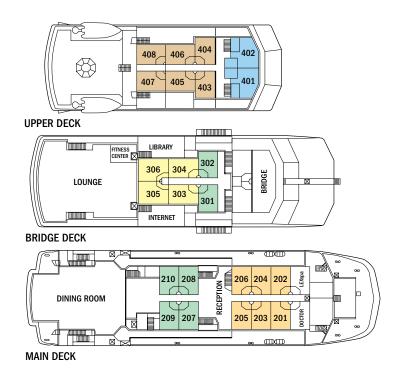
**CATEGORY 3:** Bridge Deck #303-306. Cabins 305 and 306 can accommodate a third person with sofa bed.

**CATEGORY 4:** Upper Deck #403-408—with outside, glassed-in terraces with windowed door and seating.

**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck, #401 and 402—forward facing with additional seating, desk, wrap-around windows, glassed-in terrace with seating. Largest cabins aboard.

**NOTE:** All cabins offer two twin beds that can be converted to a queen. Sole occupancy in categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates for cabins 305 and 306 are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

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



Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.										
	ITINERARY	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
	2017/18 Galápagos: Aboard National Geographic	Islander-	-Page 14							
	Dec. 31, 2016 - Dec. 16, 2017; Jan. 26 - Dec. 15, 2018*	\$7,330	\$8,290	\$9,170	\$9,750	\$11,860	\$10,990	\$12,440	\$750	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued
	Holiday: Dec. 23 & 30, 2017; Dec. 22 & 29, 2018*	\$8,390	\$9,440	\$10,270	\$10,900	\$13,070	\$12,590	\$14,160	\$1,000	separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaquil:
	2017/18 Galápagos + Machu Picchu & The Land C	18 Galápagos + Machu Picchu & The Land Of The Inca-Page 16								Economy from \$500; Business from \$800. Sample Internal
	Jan. 14 - Dec. 2, 2017; Jan. 13 - Dec. 1, 2018*	\$13,020	\$13,980	\$14,860	\$15,440	\$17,550	\$18,060	\$19,510	\$1,500	Airfares: Guayaquil/ Galápagos: Adult from \$520 Children (Under 12) from \$260. Call for sample Peru airfare.
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### **EXCLUSIVE INCENTIVES + OUR INCLUSIVE PRICING**

### **CELEBRATE OUR INAUGURAL WITH FREE ROUND-TRIP AIR**

on all departures Jan. 6–Mar. 31, and Aug. 25–Nov. 17, 2017, on *National Geographic Endeavour II*. And take advantage of free air on select departures on both ships throughout our 50th anniversary year. **UPGRADE TO BUSINESS CLASS FOR \$500** on select departures, limited availability.\* Call for details.

### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN THE REGION AND SAVE

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**TAKE THE KIDS & SAVE \$500** Share the wonder of Galápagos with kids under 18 and take \$500 off the double occupancy rate per kid. Our connecting cabins, triples and suites book quickly, so act fast.

**BRING FAMILY OR FRIENDS** Like to explore with like-minded others, or want to bring the whole clan? **SAVE 5%** when traveling as a group of 8 or more—whether it's your friends, book club, member organization, or extended family. Private charters are also available. Call an Expedition Specialist for details.

**BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS: SAVE 10%** on any consecutive journeys taken aboard one of our expedition ships. These savings are applicable on voyage fares only, and are not valid on extensions or airfare.

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#### **NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ACTIVITIES**

All the daily activities—from Zodiac explorations to kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking, and snorkeling—and all shore activities are included in the price. And the ship carries complete snorkeling gear (wet suit, mask, snorkel, fins).

#### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Meals on board and on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Round-trip airport to hotel transfers for group flights
- ✓ Two nights hotel accommodation at the Hilton Colón Guayaquil
- ✓ Access to the VIP lounge at Baltra Airport in Galápagos

### AND FREELY ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
- Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card
- ✓ Fitness Center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
- ✓ Access to navigational bridge
- ✓ Services of an onboard doctor
- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room, to outdoor BBQs, hors d'oeuvres and snacks during daily recap, tea-time cookies and all-day fruit
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The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff, plus all lectures and presentations, and daily recaps and briefings are open to all and included in the price.

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Combined Itineraries Costs Include: Hotel nights as described; sightseeing; porterage; services of local guides and tour leaders.

Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, optional Scuba excursions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

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