The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

FEBRUARY 21-28, 2018

Special Alumni Rate
SAVE MORE THAN $800 per couple

* Think biology class - with deck chairs *
Dear Alumni and 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,” and they are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors.

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

Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the Isabela II, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring both your comfort and maximum enjoyment of this truly extraordinary destination and its diverse inhabitants.

Stateroom availability is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at http://wustl.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Susan Cohen
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Alumni Relations
Washington University in St. Louis

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by June 15, 2017 to 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.

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.
Arrive via Quito, Ecuador 
Depart via Guayaquil, Ecuador

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**Program Highlights**

- **During a full day tour of Quito**, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit Church of La Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a curated collection of Pre-Columbian art.

- **Observe with remarkable proximity** the diversity of endemic species like the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; marine iguanas; and the famous “Darwin’s finches.”

- **Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife** in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

- **Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat.**

- **Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white sand beaches** 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 to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.

- **What's included:** A welcome reception in Quito, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners including a farewell dinner; all excursions and presentations; flights between Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil; gratuities to local guides, drivers in Quito and Guayaquil, and porterage at hotels; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

*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 Amazonas, and it 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 Joaquin 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 Galapagos 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 behaviors. Together on panga 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, and the Sacred Valley.

**Extension Itinerary***

**Day 8:** Guayaquil / Flight to Lima, Peru
Morning at leisure in Guayaquil, evening arrival to Lima
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima Airport

**Day 9:** Lima / Flight to Cusco / Sacred Valley (B,L,D)
Morning flight to Cusco, lunch with sweeping view of the Sacred Valley, explore the colorful markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca – Yucay

**Day 10:** Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu (B,L,D)
Stroll 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 / Saqsayhuaman / San Blas / Villa Tipón (B,L,D)
Walk through Cusco, Qorikancha Sun Temple, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco

**Day 13:** Cusco / Flight to Lima / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Morning flight to Lima, traditional Peruvian lunch, depart for U.S.
Day Room: Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima

**Extension Highlights**

- Seek out temples and ancient 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; flights 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
Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $1,700 per person for the Antarctica program and $850 per person for all other programs, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by check are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.”

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee (“Cancellation Fee”) as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for extensions; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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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