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Wonders of the

Galápagos Islands

aboard the

First-Class Exploration Vessel

Santa Cruz II

January 23 to 31, 2020

Featuring Guest Speaker

Michael Wyssession

Professor of Geophysics

Washington University in St. Louis
Washington University Alumni and Friends:  
Be part of a wonderful group—on a remarkable journey!

Join Washington University alumni and friends on a trip of a lifetime: Enjoy firsthand the natural biodiversity of this UNESCO World Heritage-designated archipelago, still intact much as it was when first encountered by happenstance in 1535. Home to the amazing mammals, reptiles, marine life and exotic birds and plants that inspired Darwin, this “living laboratory of evolution” continues to offer the excitement of original discovery to every visitor.

What’s So Special About Traveling with Washington University?  
Just about everything!

First and foremost, you’ll enjoy traveling with a wonderful group of alumni and friends who share your love of learning through travel. Certified onboard naturalists share their expert insights during lectures and excursions through ecosystems teeming with vibrant flora and captivating fauna, including the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana—species unknown anywhere else in the world. You’ll find camaraderie and a contagious spirit of adventure while you snorkel alongside playful seals and tropical penguins.

In selecting this itinerary our Alumni Travel Committee also knew how much our group members would appreciate the luxury of the exclusively chartered, first-class exploration vessel SANTA CRUZ II.

Do you have to be an alum to join a Washington University Travel Program trip?
Alumni, parents, friends—and their friends—are all welcome. The travel experience is made even more special when shared with others who love learning through travel. So sign up today—on your own or with a friend—either way you’ll enjoy an unforgettable travel experience!

Don’t Wait: Space is limited, and our $2000 (per couple) early booking savings offer is only valid until June 24, 2019!

P.S. The Washington University Travel Committee strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance for every trip on which you plan to embark. Unforeseen circumstances may cause you to cancel your trip at the last minute, and travel insurance will help to ensure that your fees are refunded. Washington University does not offer its own travel insurance, but Gohagan & Company recommends a policy you may purchase.

Study Leader

Michael Wysession, a Professor of Geophysics and the Executive Director of The Teaching Center at Washington University in St. Louis, is a leader in the areas of seismology and geophysical education. He has authored or co-authored over 100 papers and reports in geophysics and science education, and over 30 textbooks ranging from grade school to graduate school. Wysession was Chair of the NSF’s Earth Science Literacy Initiative, Chair of Earth and Space Science for the National Academy of Science report A Framework for K-12 Science Education, and one of the lead architects of the new national K-12 Next Generation Science Standards. His awards include the Packard Foundation’s Science and Engineering Fellowship, the National Science Foundation Presidential Faculty Fellowship, the Innovation Award from the St. Louis Science Academy, the inaugural Ambassador Award from the American Geophysical Union, for which he is a Fellow, and, in 2016, the Frank Press Award from the Seismological Society of America. He is the author of four video lecture courses with the Teaching Company’s Great Courses series: How the Earth Works, The World’s Greatest Geologic Wonders, National Geographic’s Polar Explorations and The Science of Energy.
The enigma of the Galápagos Islands

“This archipelago is very remarkable: it seems to be a little world within itself…”
— Charles Darwin

Explore the islands and islets six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador that inspired one of the most revolutionary scientific theories in history. Formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, the Galápagos Islands’ dramatic landscapes now make safe homes for the iconic, quirky finches and primeval iguanas that inspired Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection and evolution, which he presented in On the Origin of Species in 1859.

Scientists theorize that some Galápagos species were transported by birds or by whalers and buccaneers, and others by way of the Humboldt Current, a cold ocean stream flowing from the southern coast of Chile. This current makes the Galápagos the world’s only tropical region to support such species as the Galápagos penguin.

Darwin noted that life in the Galápagos Islands is comprised of “aboriginal creations, found nowhere else,” which led him to hypothesize that the islands’ species survived by evolving independently from their continental cousins. Without natural predators, a bevy of birds and animals were able to thrive and adapt in a manner not possible in other habitats. Thus, Galápagos wildlife has never developed a fear of humans and still allows the close encounters that will create an intimate and unforgettable experience!

In small groups, make a wet landing by Zodiac and wade to shore along a shallow reef. Encounter sea lion colonies as your naturalist guide leads you along the shore and provides an introduction to this fragile ecosystem. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

Wildlife sightings and the ship’s cruising pattern are dependent on weather, sea conditions and Galápagos National Park Service regulations.

Photo this page: Watch for marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot crabs in their natural habitat.

Cover photo: Observe the unique blue-footed booby along the rocky shores of the Galápagos Islands.

Depart the U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador
Thursday, January 23
Arrive in Guayaquil, once a favored haven for 17th- and 18th-century English and French buccaneers, and check into the deluxe Hilton Colón Guayaquil Hotel.

Guayaquil/Galápagos Islands
Friday, January 24
Fly to the small island of Baltra and embark the Santa Cruz II in time for lunch. Attend an orientation by the ship’s English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists as you cruise toward Mosquera Islet, a volcanic uplift surrounded by lava reefs.
San Cristóbal Island  
Saturday, January 25  
In the midst of an abundant deciduous forest on San Cristóbal Island, observe giant tortoises up close in their natural habitat during a visit to the conservation and breeding center. Keep an eye out for dozens of bird species and two endemic species, the San Cristóbal mockingbird and the lava lizard.  
  
This afternoon, explore Punta Pitt and hear sea lions’ welcoming barks as you venture to the only site in the Galápagos Islands where the three species of boobies—the blue-footed, red-footed and Nazca—nest in one area. Look for swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and two species of frigatebirds as you enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the San Cristóbal shoreline.

Santa Fe Island/South Plaza Island  
Sunday, January 26  
Prehistoric-looking land iguanas, colonies of sea lions, pristine white beaches and tree-like prickly pear cacti make Santa Fe Island and South Plaza Island essential landings. Watch for cactus finches flying between bristling prickly pear cacti—where they make their nests—amid a landscape of crimson succulents. Enjoy glass-bottom boat rides, snorkeling, kayaking or swimming in the crystal-clear waters of the lagoon.  
  
Join your naturalist guides for an evening of stargazing (weather permitting) and learn more about how mariners historically used the stars to navigate and chart their course.

Santa Cruz Island  
Monday, January 27  
Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to find out about their mission for giant tortoise conservation. Continue to Santa Cruz’s cool, lush highlands for lunch amid mist-covered forests.  
  
This afternoon, choose to swim in the clear blue waters of secluded Garapatero Beach, a nesting area for green turtles and home to lava gulls, pintails, tattlers and whimbrels.

The conical shape and steep slopes of the Galápagos Islands are a result of five million years of repeated volcanic activity.
Look for the magnificent male frigatebird, known for its striking red and black coloration.

Walk the sparkling white sandy beaches and search for Sally Lightfoot crabs. Look for brown pelicans diving for fish or explore the lush highlands, home of the giant tortoises.

**Española Island**  
**Tuesday, January 28**  
Visit Punta Suárez on Española Island for a guided nature walk. Watch the geyser-like spray of the famous Punta Suárez blowhole and observe the island’s red and green marine iguanas up close.

Cruise to Gardner Bay while scanning the skies and shorelines for mockingbirds, yellow warblers and varieties of Darwin’s finches. In Osborn Islet’s turquoise waters, snorkel, kayak or swim and keep an eye out for schools of tropical fish, seahorses, sea turtles, sea lions, coral hawkfish and other marine life.

**Eden Islet/North Seymour Island**  
**Wednesday, January 29**  
Visit Eden Islet off the coast of Santa Cruz Island to look for more incredible Galápagos wildlife. From a Zodiac, watch as blue-footed boobies dive into the lagoon, frigatebirds flit about and reef sharks glide smoothly along the ocean floor.

Enjoy a walk through the natural wonders of North Seymour Island and observe sea lions, blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls and marine iguanas.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

**Baltra/Guayaquil**  
**Thursday, January 30**  
Disembark in Baltra and fly to Guayaquil. Enjoy a day room in the Hilton Colón Guayaquil Hotel. Continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option or depart late this evening for the U.S.

**U.S.**  
**Friday, January 31**  
Arrive in the U.S.

Colonial Quito  
**Pre-Program Option**

Explore the UNESCO treasures, rich indigenous traditions and contemporary verve of Quito, South America’s prettiest and most beguiling capital city. Walk the streets of the Old Town, where Spanish colonial grandeur and pre-Columbian rituals coalesce in a panoply of Baroque cathedrals, ornate palaces and lively plazas. Uncover Quito’s artistic soul along La Ronda, one of the city’s oldest streets, to Plaza San Francisco where the continent’s most feted religious structure, the breathtaking Iglesia de San Francisco, is sublimely framed by Volcán Pichincha. Accommodations are for three nights in the Five-Star JW Marriott Hotel Quito.

The Pre-Program Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

See the Catedral Metropolitana de Quito, located in the Plaza Grande.

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The locally based, first-class Santa Cruz II is designed specifically to navigate the narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters of the Galápagos Islands. The ship employs the latest in sustainable cruising technology in order to protect the archipelago’s delicate ecosystem and maintains the highest international safety standards.

Enjoy the most comprehensive access possible to the region’s marine and wildlife treasures with the ship’s glass-bottom boat, Zodiacs for island landings and complimentary kayaking and snorkeling equipment. A team of Ecuadorian naturalists will share their expert insights and in-depth knowledge about the Galápagos Islands’ distinctive ecosystem during daily excursions, natural history lectures and a nighttime stargazing program (weather permitting).

The friendly staff is always at your service with a ratio of one crew member for every 1.8 guests. There is a full-time physician and onboard infirmary.

All meals, featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties, are served in single seatings in the inviting Beagle Restaurant. Between excursions, guests may enjoy leisure time aboard ship in the two lounges, natural history library with Internet access (conditions permitting), bar, gift shop, observation deck, two hot tubs and fitness center.

In addition to the included island and marine activities, enjoy complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner and a 24-hour coffee and tea station in the ship’s library.

All accommodations are ocean-view, air-conditioned and tastefully appointed, featuring a private bathroom with shower, a hair dryer and a safe. Cabins (163 to 192 square feet) offer one double bed convertible to two twin beds, and the three Suites (325 square feet) feature one fixed double bed.
Included Features

In Guayaquil, Ecuador

◆ One night in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN GUAYAQUIL HOTEL.
◆ One full American breakfast.
◆ Upon program conclusion, day room in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN GUAYAQUIL HOTEL before return flight to the U.S.

On Board the First-Class Expedition Vessel SANTA CRUZ II

◆ Six-night cruise of Ecuador’s Galápagos Islands round trip Baltra Island, with calls at six of the Galápagos’ fascinating islands: Santa Cruz, San Cristóbal, Santa Fe, South Plaza, Española and North Seymour.
◆ Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations.
◆ Three meals each day, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ English-speaking naturalists will share their expert insights and specialized knowledge about the Galápagos’ distinctive ecosystem and wildlife while on board, on shore and in the water.
◆ Island excursions each day by Zodiac landing craft, focusing on the unique wildlife, natural history and conservation efforts in the Galápagos, sea conditions and weather permitting.
◆ Complimentary snorkeling equipment and kayaks for further exploration of the Galápagos’ diverse marine life.
◆ Nighttime stargazing on the Sky Deck, weather permitting.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking naturalists and local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ Galápagos National Park fee.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

Zodiacs allow for landings on island beaches for up-close encounters with wildlife, such as the red-footed booby.
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley
Post-Program Option

Delight in this extraordinary opportunity to experience Machu Picchu—a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of seven modern wonders of the world—the captivating Sacred Valley and the colonial and Inca traditions of Cuzco.

Cradled by the soaring peaks of the Andes Mountains, the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu summons awe and wonder like few other places—nothing can diminish your first glimpse of this fabled “lost city.” Undiscovered for four centuries until American explorer Hiram Bingham unearthed the site in 1911, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century as a retreat for the Inca emperor Pachacuti.

Admire the spectacular archaeological sites of the beautiful Sacred Valley, where ancient engineering marvels, such as the fortress of Ollantaytambo, stand as lasting testimony to the powerful and far-reaching Inca Empire. Here, village craftspeople employ age-old techniques to spin, dye and weave intricate tapestries and sculpt pottery painted with ancient, artistic patterns.

In the historic Inca capital of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches that provide a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.

Enjoy deluxe, ideally located accommodations in Lima, Machu Picchu and Cuzco.

Day 1  Baltra Island, Ecuador/Fly to Guayaquil/ Fly to Lima, Perú
Day 2  Lima/Fly to Cuzco/Sacred Valley
Day 3  Sacred Valley/Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu
Day 4  Machu Picchu/Train to Ollantaytambo/ Transfer to Cuzco
Day 5  Cuzco
Day 6  Cuzco/Fly to Lima
Day 7  Lima/Return to the U.S.

The Post-Program Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

In Cuzco’s Plaza de Armas, see the 16th-century Jesuit church, one of the best examples of colonial Baroque style.
SANTA CRUZ II

**Cabin Category** | **LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes** | **Early Booking** | **TARIFF**
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6 | Standard cabin with one window. Horizon Deck, forward. | $5995 | $6995
5 | Standard cabin with one window. Horizon Deck, aft. | $7495 | $8495
4 | Standard cabin with one window. Horizon Deck, midship. | $845 | $9495
3 | Standard cabin with one window. Expedition Deck, midship. | $8995 | $9995
2 | Standard cabin with one window. Expedition Deck, aft. | $9595 | $10595
1 | Standard cabin with one window. Panorama Deck. | $9995 | $10995

**Suite** | Suite with two windows, one double bed, sitting area and walk-in closet. Panorama Deck. | $11495 | $12495

Singles are available in category 5 at $13295* and in category 3 at $15695* on or before June 24, 2019. Add $1000 for reservations made after June 24, 2019.

Airfare Guayaquil/Baltra/Guayaquil (internal program air) is $625 per person additional and subject to change.‡

*Taxes are an additional $195 per person and are subject to change.

I/We have reserved as a single but prefer:

- **Single at $4845 per person.**
- **Double at $3795 per person.**
- **Double occupancy (two twin beds).**
- **Double occupancy (one double bed).**
- **Single accommodations.**

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

**Send to:** Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

You may also phone the Alumni Association for information at (314) 935-7378 or (866) WUTRIPS.

If you have questions regarding tour logistics, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 and ask for the Passenger Services Coordinator for this tour.

**WONDERS OF THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**

Send your reservation(s) to:

- **Colonial Quito Pre-Program Option**
  - **Double at $795 per person.**
  - **Single at $995 per person.**

- **Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option**
  - **Double at $3795 per person.**
  - **Single at $4845 per person.**

1/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised,‡ from:

- **Economy Class**
- **Upgraded Economy**
- **Business Class**
- **First Class**

**ALL FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 18, 2020.**

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by June 24, 2019. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare rate. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. You should have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $250 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $400 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Gohagan and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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To secure the special details applicable to you, you will be responsible for an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to substitute vessels, hotels, inns or lodges for cruise accommodations if necessary due to weather, water conditions or levels, other events of force majeure, mechanical or other conditions beyond the control of Gohagan. Gohagan is not responsible therefor and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. Gohagan may cancel a trip (or an option) for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant(s) to Gohagan. In the event that Gohagan cancels your trip, all trip costs (except for subsequently imposed governmental tax increases) will be returned to you, if applicable. Changes in port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and goods and services not specifically covered in the itinerary may be substituted without notice. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute motorcoach transportation using hotels, inns or lodges for cruise accommodations if necessary due to weather, water conditions or levels, other events of force majeure, mechanical or other conditions beyond the control of Gohagan. Gohagan is not responsible therefor and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances.

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