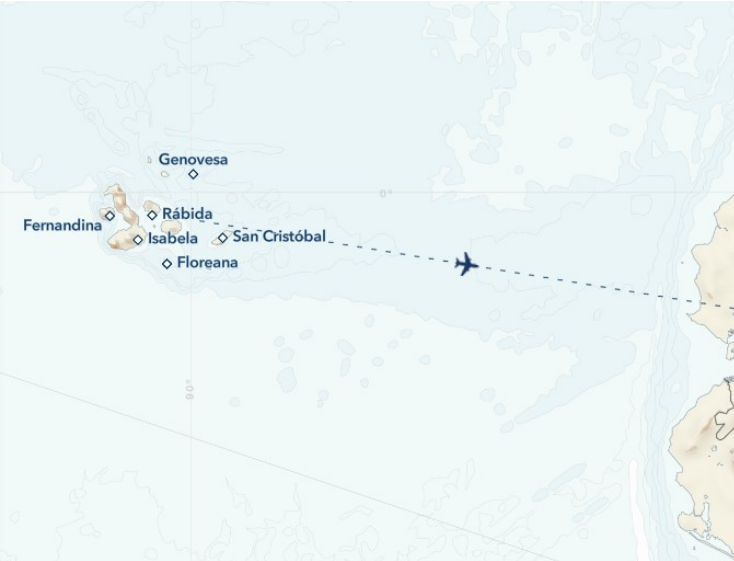




## EPIC GALAPAGOS ESCAPE SMALL SHIP CRUISE

Experience the Galapagos on an in-depth voyage to 10 iconic islands, with more opportunities to witness the wildlife and landscapes that inspired Darwin's theory of evolution. Snorkel rich waters teeming with sea lions and sea turtles, hike black-sand beaches and lush highlands and gain insight into this extraordinary ecosystem from expert local naturalists. Drawing on more than 55 years of expedition heritage, this immersive journey delivers an epic Galapagos experience, with multiple adventures each day both on land and at sea.



### ITINERARY

**Day 1 Guayaquil or Quito, Ecuador**  
Arrive in Ecuador and begin your journey with an overnight stay in either Quito--Ecuador's capital high in the Andes--or the coastal city of Guayaquil. An included transfer will bring you to your hotel upon arrival. Both cities are well served by international carriers, and flights to and from the Galapagos operate via Quito with a stop in Guayaquil.

In Guayaquil, guests stay at the elegant Hotel del Parque, and in Quito, guests may choose from several hotel options, including a convenient airport hotel. Please note that Quito sits at an elevation of 9,350 feet and is offered as an alternative to Guayaquil at no additional cost. Quito is especially



recommended for those wishing to extend their stay with extra hotel nights or pre-voyage city tours.

**\*\*Arrival Time:\*\*** Anytime.

**\*\*Arrival City:\*\*** Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

#### Day 2 Quito or Guayaquil / Galápagos Islands / Embark Ship

In the morning, guests taking the recommended flight to the Galapagos will receive airport transfers and luggage assistance. Upon arrival in Baltra, you will be met and escorted to the ship for embarkation.

#### Day 3-11 Galápagos Islands

This extended exploration offers the rare opportunity to visit all of the remarkable islands listed below. All ship itineraries are subject to Galapagos National Park regulations.

Please note that Day 7 will mark a transition, as some guests conclude their voyage while others embark to begin their adventure. Some staff may also rotate, bringing fresh energy and expertise for the journey ahead. During this turnaround, you'll explore a new site on shore with a naturalist.

**\*\*North Seymour:\*\*** Stroll along a scenic coastal trail in search of nesting frigatebirds and blue-footed boobies, as well as land and marine iguanas and other wildlife.

**\*\*Rabida:\*\*** Step ashore on striking red-sand beaches and snorkel in the shallows alongside Galapagos sea lions and vibrant tropical fish. Later, enjoy a nature or photo walk to spot hawks, other terrestrial birds, and--at times--flamingos in a small saltwater lagoon.

**\*\*Santa Cruz:\*\*** Visit Puerto Ayora, the archipelago's largest town and the headquarters of both the Galapagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. Venture into the lush highlands to encounter giant tortoises roaming in the wild and learn about the lives of the island's early settlers. Explore the island's north coast, where forests of towering prickly pear cacti shelter large land iguanas, and enjoy a Zodiac cruise through mangrove ecosystems in search of turtles, rays and sharks.

**\*\*Isabela:\*\*** Raise a toast as you cross the Equator at Volcan Ecuador, the northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Watch for whales, dolphins, sea turtles and the elusive ocean sunfish along the way. Over two days, explore these dramatically eroded volcanic shores in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, encountering abundant wildlife and remarkable geology. Zodiac cruise along the coast in search of Galapagos penguins and fur seals, and snorkel among green sea turtles and shimmering schools of endemic fish.

**\*\*Fernandina:\*\*** One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most untamed island in Galapagos--and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins and the largest marine iguana colonies in the archipelago. Hike across recent black lava flows alongside scampering Sally Lightfoot crabs and sea lions playing in tidepools.

**\*\*San Cristobal:\*\*** Hike to the plateau of Punta Pitt for spectacular views and fascinating geology. This is the only site



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in the Galapagos where all three booby species nest together. Later, swim off the beach alongside playful young sea lions.

Kayak past the striking tuff-stone cliffs of Cerro Brujo or stroll its white-sand beach in search of red-footed boobies, endemic mockingbirds, and lava lizards. Cap the day with a sunset cruise around the dramatic spires of iconic Kicker Rock.

**\*\*Española:\*\*** Located in the far southeastern reaches of the archipelago, Española is home to an extraordinary array of wildlife, including red and black marine iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls, Nazca boobies and endemic mockingbirds and lava lizards. Seasonally, Punta Suarez also hosts the world's only breeding population of waved albatrosses. Snorkel and kayak alongside playful sea lions and colorful fish at Gardner Bay, then set out on an afternoon walk at Punta Suarez to encounter more of the island's remarkable species.

**\*\*Floreana:\*\*** Follow a trail past a pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous wooden barrel at Post Office Bay and learn about its unusual postal system.

**\*\*Santiago:\*\*** Begin the day with a nature or photo walk along a black volcanic beach, or head out early by kayak. Later, explore spectacular Buccaneer Cove by Zodiac and paddle its dramatic coastline. Snorkel among dense schools of reef fish sheltering in the rugged shoreline. In the afternoon, hike at Puerto Egas through a striking landscape of ash and lava flows, tidal pools, and sea caves--home to sea lions and fur seals, land and marine iguanas, shore birds, and vibrant Sally

Lightfoot crabs.

**\*\*Bartolomé:\*\*** Hike to the summit of a 300-foot volcanic cone for sweeping panoramic views. Later, snorkel or join a glass-bottom boat excursion around the base of iconic Pinnacle Rock, where you may spot sea lions, small reef sharks, and even Galapagos penguins.

### Day 12 Galápagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Guayaquil or Quito

Disembark this morning and fly back to the mainland, where you'll transfer to Hotel del Parque in Guayaquil for an overnight stay. Guests returning via Quito may choose from several hotel options. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at your leisure, with the opportunity to connect with overnight flights home. For those wishing to continue the journey, ask your expedition specialist about a culturally rich post-voyage extension to Quito and Otavalo, a renowned market town.

### Day 13 Guayaquil or Quito

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home, unless you've arranged additional hotel nights or a post-voyage extension.

**\*\*Departure Time:\*\*** Anytime on day 13, or after 7:00 p.m. local time on day 12.

**\*\*Departure City:\*\*** Guayaquil or Quito, Ecuador

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEMINI

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Gemini</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Small Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	

The newly christened National Geographic Gemini joins the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Galapagos fleet with a heritage of small-ship expedition cruising. Launched in 2001 from the same shipyard as National Geographic Orion, National Geographic Gemini is a highly maneuverable, shallow-draft expedition ship purpose built to explore remote areas with ease. Sailing year round with a maximum of 48 guests on weeklong voyages departing Fridays, National Geographic Gemini offers guests the choice of larger suites, cabins with balconies, and a mix of doubles, solos, and triples. All cabins are ocean facing with ample storage, beds that can be configured as a queen or two twins, a sofa, desk, television, and a well-stocked mini fridge. Bathrooms are large and feature glass showers. Suite 601 on the Upper Deck (Category 7) is the largest in the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Galapagos fleet with a separate living room, forward-facing balcony, private jacuzzi, side balcony, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Cabins on the Bridge Deck (Category 4 & 5S) all have private balconies with seating. Enjoy the outdoors on the Upper Deck, which features a whirlpool hot tub, and windowed fitness center and spa. An outdoor cafe on the Lounge Deck accommodates all guests in a

single open seating, as does the restaurant on the Marina Deck. The open, windowed lounge for presentations and informal gatherings has a large bar, well-stocked library, and adjacent reception area. Carrying a fleet of quick-to-deploy Mark VI Zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, the ship is well-equipped for exploring the islands and marine reserve. It is also stocked with snorkeling gear for all guests, including shortie wetsuits. An authentic, immersive experience in the Galapagos National Geographic Gemini provides an authentic sense of place informed by our decades-long relationships with local communities and conservation groups. Contributing to the fully immersive Ecuadorian experience on board is the passionate and knowledgeable Ecuadorian crew. Meals are designed to support the community--comprising locally sourced farm-to-table and ocean-to-table



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