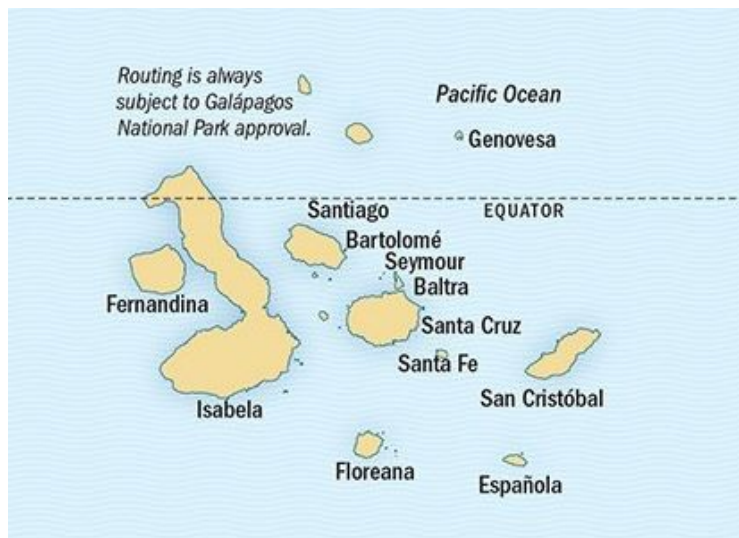




WILD GALAPAGOS ESCAPE 7 DAY ADVENTURE

Departs Tuesdays year round. Explore Darwin's islands in one action-filled week aboard our new National Geographic Islander II. Witness the iconic wildlife that sparked the theory of evolution by natural selection, snorkel pristine waters teeming with sea lions and sea turtles, and hike black-sand beaches and lush highlands. As with our classic, 10-day expeditions, honed over more than 50 years, each voyage is crafted to offer a diverse perspective of the archipelago with multiple adventures daily on land and undersea. An 8-day cruise option is available. Please contact us for more information.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Guayaquil, Ecuador

We meet you on arrival in Ecuador, either in Quito, Ecuador's capital city in the Andes, or in the coastal city of Guayaquil, for an included transfer to your convenient hotel for an overnight stay. Both cities are well-served by international carriers, and Galapagos flights start and end in Quito with a stop in Guayaquil. Guests in Guayaquil stay at the Hotel del Parque, a 44-room Relais & Chateaux hotel set along the river in lush tropical gardens. And in Quito guests have the choice of several hotels including a convenient airport hotel. You may opt to reserve additional hotel nights and tours in Quito or Guayaquil.

Arrival Time: Anytime.



Arrival City: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

DAY 2: Guayaquil / Galápagos / Embark

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galapagos, a little world unto itself in the Tropical Pacific. We are welcomed by our naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

DAY 3-5: Galápagos

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. Our expeditions begin and end at Isla Santa Cruz and include a careful selection of diverse islands. No two days are alike. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes, and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galapagos National Park regulations.

Santa Fe: Snorkel and kayak in the secluded cove at Barrington Bay. On shore, a trail leads us through the largest cactus trees in Galapagos. The Santa Fe land iguana is found only on this island, where Galapagos hawks are also thriving once again.

Plaza Sur: Sea lions greet us at South Plaza, an uplifted block carpeted in salt-loving succulents and teeming with wildlife, including a noisy group of bachelor sea lions and a population of land iguanas.

Santiago: Hike over the smooth pahoehoe lava and admire spatter cones, little miniature hornitos, and the wild riot of black lava at Sullivan Bay, the result of an eruption recorded by passing buccaneers in 1897. Snorkel and explore by kayak and Zodiac the crystalline water surrounding Sombrero Chino. Keep a keen eye for the Galapagos penguin, sometimes spotted along the coast.

Genovesa: Sail north across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galapagos, bathed in warmer tropical waters and home to the red-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, great frigate birds and other nesting seabirds. Paddle and kayak along the cliffs of this flooded caldera, where Galapagos fur seals and sea lions haul out to rest.

Santa Cruz: Journey to the lush, green highlands, where we see giant Galapagos tortoises roaming wild at a local ranch. Continue to Baltra for a flight back to the mainland.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6: Disembark / Baltra / Guayaquil / Depart

Disembark this morning for a return flight to the mainland, where we transfer to Hotel del Parque in Guayaquil. In Quito there are several hotel options. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. You may be able to take advantage of overnight flights home. Ask your expedition specialist about joining a culturally rich post-voyage extension to Quito and Otavalo, a celebrated market town.

Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 7: Guayaquil

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board flights home, unless you have arranged for additional nights or an extension.

Departure Time: Anytime on day 7, or after 7:00 p.m. local time on day 6.



Departure City: Quito or Guayaquil

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change



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YOUR SHIP:	National Geographic Gemini
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PASSENGER CAPACITY:	48
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

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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