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Galápagos Escape: An 8-Day Voyage

Aboard the *National Geographic Gemini*

June 15–22, 2028









Dear Salk Discovery Society Members,

Some of the greatest scientific discoveries begin with a simple question about the natural world. More than 190 years ago, Charles Darwin's observations in the Galápagos Islands helped transform our understanding of life on Earth. Today, those same islands continue to inspire scientists and travelers alike, offering extraordinary opportunities to explore evolution, adaptation, and the remarkable diversity of life.

In this spirit, I am delighted to invite you to join me and fellow Discovery Society members from the Salk Institute for an unforgettable expedition to the Galápagos Islands, June 15–22, 2028, aboard the beautiful *National Geographic Gemini*.

As a cancer researcher, I spend much of my time studying how cells grow, respond to their environment, and adapt to changing conditions. These fundamental biological processes are central to understanding cancer, but they also connect to some of the most fascinating questions in evolutionary biology. How do living organisms respond to stress? How do they adapt when resources are scarce? What allows some to thrive while others struggle to survive? These are questions that connect the extraordinary wildlife of the Galápagos to the discoveries we pursue every day at Salk.

During our journey, we will encounter giant tortoises, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, sea lions, whales, and other remarkable species that have adapted to life in this extraordinary archipelago. We will explore volcanic landscapes, snorkel in pristine waters, and experience firsthand the natural wonders that have inspired generations of scientists.

Our expedition, operated by National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions, will combine exceptional wildlife encounters with the expertise of naturalists and expedition leaders. Along the way, I look forward to sharing insights from my research, discussing exciting advances in cancer biology, and exploring how discoveries across scientific disciplines can deepen our understanding of human health and disease.

What excites me most, however, is the opportunity to share this experience with you. Salk's supporters play an essential role in making bold, innovative research possible. I am looking forward to spending time together, exchanging ideas, sharing stories, and enjoying the kind of conversations that remind us why scientific exploration is so rewarding.

The Galápagos is a place unlike any other, where the wonders of nature invite us to look more closely, ask new questions, and appreciate just how much there is still to discover. I can think of few better places to celebrate the spirit of scientific curiosity that defines the Salk Institute.

I hope you will join me for this remarkable adventure. I look forward to exploring the Galápagos together!

Warm regards,

Reuben J. Shaw, PhD
Professor, Molecular and Cell Biology Laboratory
Director, Salk's NCI Cancer Center
William R. Brody Chair
Salk Institute for Biological Studies



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Expedition Highlights

- ✓ Experience all Galápagos has to offer in just over one week.
- ✓ Snorkel and kayak among colorful fish, sea turtles, penguins and curious sea lions, and walk among colonies of seabirds that have no instinctive fear of humans.
- ✓ With the exclusive National Geographic Explorers-in-Training, kids and teens can learn how to explore this remarkable archipelago like scientists.
- ✓ Maximize your time in the islands with multiple options for exploration every day, including hiking, kayaking, snorkeling and more.

Itinerary

DAY 1

QUITO, ECUADOR

Begin your journey in Quito, Ecuador's vibrant Andean capital, where an included transfer takes you to your hotel for an overnight stay. Served by major international airlines, Quito is the gateway for all flights to and from the Galápagos. Guests may choose from several hotel options, including a convenient airport hotel.

DAY 2

QUITO/GALÁPAGOS/EMBARK

This morning, fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Get to know your naturalists as you begin to explore the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-6

GALÁPAGOS

The expedition begins and ends in Baltra and includes visits to a careful selection of diverse islands. Your itinerary offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes and experiences. All itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations. Here is a sample of islands you may visit during the expedition. (B,L,D Daily)



NORTH SEYMOUR

Follow coastal trails past Galápagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigatebirds nest, blue-footed boobies dance and prehistoric-looking land iguanas feed on cacti.

SANTIAGO

Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak and paddleboard along spectacular shorelines, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked.

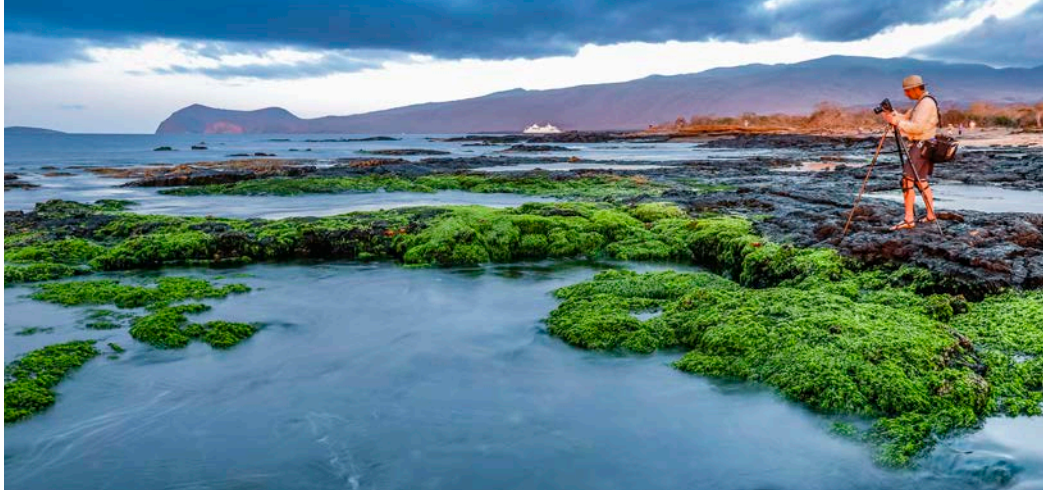
RÁBIDA

Land on a red-sand beach on this volcanically varied island, where we explore inland. We may see flamingos feeding in a brackish lagoon and clownish brown pelicans entertaining from their nests. Jump in the surrounding waters for a snorkel, or explore by kayak or paddleboard.

ISABELA

Cross the equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, sea turtles and the elusive ocean sunfish. Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and Herman Melville and look for wildlife along the volcanic shore.





FERNANDINA
One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest island in Galápagos—and home to the unusual flightless cormorant, Galápagos penguins and the archipelago's largest marine iguanas. On shore, hike across impressive recent lava flows.

SANTA CRUZ
Call at Puerto Ayora, the archipelago's largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild.

SAN CRISTÓBAL
Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

ESPAÑOLA
Home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez.

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 barrel at Post Office Bay.

DAY 7 **GALÁPAGOS/DISEMBARK/QUITO**
Disembark this morning for a return flight to the mainland, then transfer to Quito, where you'll have several hotel options, including a convenient airport hotel. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. You may be able to take advantage of overnight flights home. (B)

DAY 8 **QUITO**
Explore the city at your leisure, or take an early flight home today. (B)



National Geographic Gemini

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 27 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 296 feet.

Fully equipped Galápagos expedition ship for 48 guests.

PUBLIC AREAS: The Upper Deck features an outdoor shower, Whirlpool hot tub with adjacent shaded seating area and a windowed fitness center and spa that are perfect for relaxing. The outdoor café accommodates all guests in a single seating, while the expansive lounge hosts presentations and recaps, and features a well-stocked comfortable bar. The Global Gallery and reception are all located on the Lounge Deck. On the Marina Deck, there is the main dining room with open, flexible seating, plus an area for gearing up and boarding Zodiacs.

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

CABINS: All face outside with large windows and feature single beds that convert to a queen, with private facilities and climate control, nightstands, desk and storage. Three sets of cabins have connecting doors. Thirteen cabins have private balconies, including two suites with large private balconies and one suite with private jacuzzi on deck.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, glass-bottom boat, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

SPECIAL FEATURES: National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor, shipboard doctor, National Geographic Explorers-in-Training family program, snorkel and kayak instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

WELLNESS: Spa and fitness center, exercise classes and wellness specialist.

PIONEERING RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION: From offsetting 100% of our carbon emissions to supporting conservation, science and education initiatives around the planet and investing in the communities in the places we explore, we are guided by a commitment to explore responsibly.

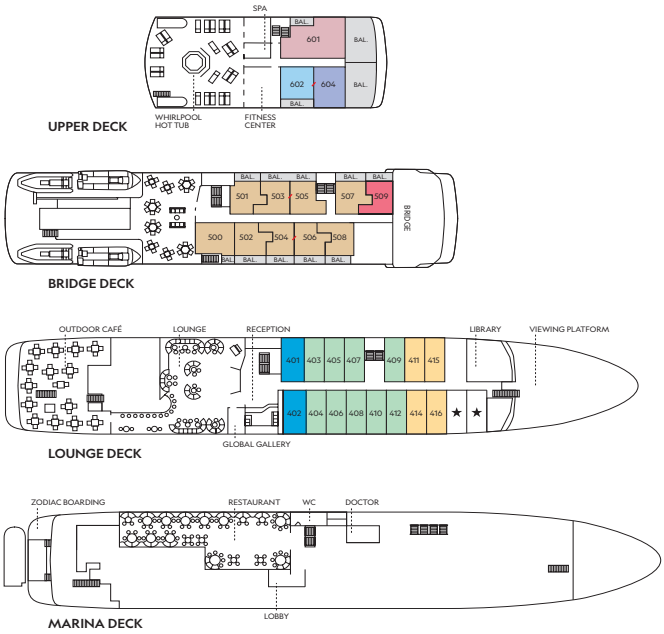






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VOYAGE DATE: June 15–22, 2028

Advance Payment Details: 15% of the cabin fare, per person

With compliments, your bar tab and basic Wi-Fi are included. Premium wines and spirits are available for purchase.

**This itinerary has recommended internal group flights that will be added to your reservation at the time of booking at an additional cost of $624.*

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo

Category 1	**$8,550**
Lounge Deck #411, 414, 415, 416	
Category 2	**$10,555**
Lounge Deck #403–408, 410, 412	
Category 4	**$12,973**
Bridge Deck #500–508	
Category 5	**$15,504**
Upper Deck #602	
Category 6	**$16,659**
Upper Deck #604	
Category 7	**$18,407**
Upper Deck #601	
Category 2 Solo	**$13,719**
Lounge Deck #401 and 402	
Category 5 Solo	**$20,140**
Bridge Deck #509	

Note: Third-person rates are available in certain categories at one-half the double-occupancy rate.

Shared Accommodations: Shares can be arranged at the double-occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

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Reservation Information

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double-occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking. For complete terms and conditions please visit **expeditions.com/terms**.

COST INCLUDES: All accommodations aboard ship; excursions and hotels as indicated in the itinerary; airport transfers for flights arriving and departing within the recommended window; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, plus hors d'oeuvres and 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, nonalcoholic beverages and filtered water; selection of exploration tools curated to the destination, such as kayaks, Zodiacs, etc.; presentations on your destination by expedition staff; gratuities to local guides, drivers and local tour escorts, where applicable; the services of a medical professional where applicable; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment where available; 24-hour access to the lounge, library, observation decks and other shared spaces; complimentary reusable water bottle; park and site entrance fees, special access permits and port taxes; beer, wine, cocktails and spirits: your bar tab is included, with premium wines and spirits available for purchase; complimentary basic Wi-Fi, with upgrades available, ranging in price from $25 per day to $300 for the entire voyage.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare (except flights when indicated as included and/or as required); pre- and post expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; crew gratuities; premium brand cocktails and spirits; private transfers; enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans aboard expedition fleet; laundry, spa treatments and phone services; travel protection plans; passport, visa and immigration fees.

ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS: Itinerary routing may vary and stops may be subject to modification and/or permitting. Visit website itinerary pages for details and exceptions.

AIRFARE: Airfare is not included in program pricing unless otherwise specified. International and domestic Ecuador flights must be ticketed separately. Round-trip internal flights between Quito and the Galápagos are required and must be purchased through Lindblad Expeditions, with fares starting at $624 per person. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions is happy to assist with international air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENTS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: It is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel protection plan and medical insurance, which are available at an extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

120 or more days prior to expedition start: **No penalty.**
Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition*
119-90 days prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost****
89-0 days prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost****

**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.*

***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.*

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions and all other additional services. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received.

Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier and type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees. The cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. We strongly recommend purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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RESERVATION FORM

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To register, please contact:
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PASSENGER INFORMATION

Please reserve _____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Guest 2: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend

☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Advance Payment Information: 15% of the cabin fare, per person.

☐ If paying by check, please make payable to: **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**
Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _____

☐ If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.

Interested in extending your travels?
Be sure to check the MYLEX portal after your booking is confirmed to explore available options.

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