

# Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

## **GALÁPAGOS EXPEDITION**

**June 21 to 29, 2022**

Marvel at the unique biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands, where humans can venture within a few feet of undaunted wild animals in their natural habitats. Witness the material evidence that solidified Charles Darwin's concepts, as vital today as when the naturalist voyaged to the archipelago more than 180 years ago. Snorkel off the islands' protected reefs amid iconic aquatic animals, including marine iguanas, sea turtles, seals, penguins and sea lions. Relax and enjoy the many amenities of our expedition ship, the *National Geographic Islander*, the perfect vessel for exploring the Galápagos Islands in safety and comfort.

## **FACULTY LEADER**

### **William Durham**

William Durham, '71, is an innovative teacher and administrator whose primary interests are the relationships between genetic and cultural change in human populations; the evolution and conservation of biodiversity in the tropics, especially in the Galápagos and the Amazon; and the relationships between human health and ecosystem health and degradation. His recent series of academic papers focuses on evaluating ecotourism in local communities as a means of combating poverty as well as promoting biodiversity conservation. In 1992, Professor Durham worked with Stanford Travel/Study to create the Field Seminar series, providing experiential learning for students in the Sophomore College, together with Stanford alumni, in the Galápagos, Patagonia, Peru and Tanzania. He travels to the Galápagos almost every year with students and alumni, and has conducted fieldwork throughout Central and South America and Africa. He believes that educational travel is one of the most enriching experiences one can have. Professor Durham is author of the book, *Exuberant Life: An Evolutionary Approach to Conservation in Galápagos*, published in 2021.

- Bing Professor in Human Biology, Emeritus (active)
- Senior fellow and co-director of the Osa & Gofito Initiative in Costa Rica, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
- Former director, program in human biology, and former chair, department of anthropological sciences
- Fellowships: Yang and Yamazaki University Fellow, MacArthur Prize, Harry Frank Guggenheim, California Academy of Sciences, Danforth Foundation and National Science Foundation
- Teaching awards: Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, Walter J. Gores, ASSU, Rhodes and Bing Fellow, and Richard W. Lyman
- BS, biological sciences, 1971, Stanford University
- MS, zoology, 1973, and PhD, ecology and evolutionary biology, 1977, University of Michigan

## **ITINERARY**

Tuesday, June 21

### **Quito, Ecuador**

Arrive in Quito and transfer to our hotel. CASA GANGOTENA

Wednesday, June 22

**Quito**

After breakfast set out on a walking tour of the capital city's old town. Walk the streets of colonial Quito, stopping at Independence Plaza, the presidential palace and the monastery of San Francisco, one of the most impressive religious buildings in the New World. Following lunch enjoy an afternoon on your own to rest and acclimate to the 9,350-foot altitude. You might choose a siesta or *café quiteño* (high tea) at our hotel. This evening attend a lecture before a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel's highly acclaimed restaurant. CASA GANGOTENA (B,L,D)

Thursday, June 23

**Quito / Santa Cruz Island**

Transfer to the airport after breakfast for our flight to Baltra Island in the Galápagos where we connect to Santa Cruz Island. In the city of Puerto Ayora visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about programs dedicated to breeding and rearing giant tortoises and to understand the efforts and results of Galápagos biology fieldwork. Check in to our hotel in time for dinner. FINCH BAY GALÁPAGOS HOTEL (B,L,D)

Friday, June 24

**Santa Cruz Island**

Today drive into the highlands for a hike at Los Gemelos, enormous twin craters surrounded by verdant foliage, including the endemic *Scalesia* trees. Here you can spot a variety of the emblematic Darwin's finches. Look for giant land tortoises as we drive back to Puerto Ayora for some free time before embarking our ship. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 25

**San Cristóbal Island**

Today we disembark at the eastern tip of San Cristóbal Island for a hike offering spectacular views of the shoreline, where three species of boobies are found. Observe frigate birds fluttering their red gular pouches and catch sight of a colony of bachelor sea lions. Following lunch enjoy a panga boat ride along shores lined with banks of tuff-stone layers to reach Cerro Brujo's wide white coral beach. These are the same shores Darwin walked upon in September 1835. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 26

**San Cristóbal Island**

This morning continue our exploration of San Cristóbal Island, passing by oft-photographed León Dormido islet. After lunch we land at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and drive to Cerro Colorado on the island's southern shore to the breeding center of endangered giant tortoises. The surrounding deciduous forest is home to dozens of bird species, as well as two species that are endemic to this island, the San Cristóbal mockingbird and the San Cristóbal lava lizard. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER (B,L,D)

Monday, June 27

**Española Island**

Our morning stop at Gardner Bay on Española Island includes a short jaunt to admire the sea lions, mockingbirds and finches with plenty of time to enjoy the beach. Partake in the area's great snorkeling or traverse the water by kayak or paddleboard. This afternoon at Punta Suarez, take a walk on lava and boulder terrain to gaze at sea bird colonies, including the waved albatross, boobies and swallow-tailed

gulls, and the island's famous blowhole, a geological formation. *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 28

### **Floreana Island**

Venture to the olivine-tinted beach at Punta Cormorant this morning for a walk across the isthmus past a shallow lagoon that flamingos frequent. Later wander around Champion Islet via panga, kayak or paddleboard, or snorkel in its waters. In the afternoon head to Post Office Bay, where you can drop postcards in the historic barrel that has served as a de facto mailbox for more than two centuries. Learn about the colorful history of the area, as well as the story of how visitors take mail from the barrel and deliver it all over the world today. *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, June 29

### **Baltra Island / Disembark / Guayaquil / Home**

After breakfast disembark our ship on Baltra Island and fly to Guayaquil, where we check in to our day rooms. Rest and relax before transferring independently to the airport for flights home. HOTEL DEL PARQUE—DAY ROOMS (B)

## **INFORMATION**

### **Covid-19 and Travel**

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for our program will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's general approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

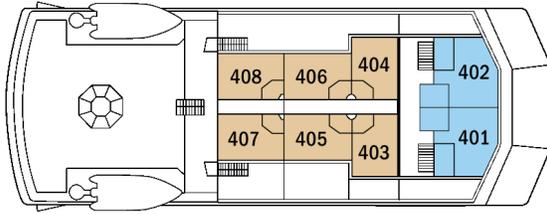
### **Size**

This trip is limited to 40 participants. Travel/Study is committed to providing a low-density experience on all programs and will implement protocols to do so, including social distancing on transportation as well as during lectures, meals and excursions. Single accommodations are limited.

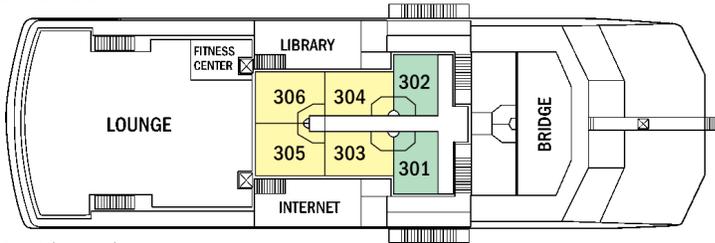
### **About Our Ship**

The *National Geographic Islander* has been sailing among the Galápagos Islands since 2004, with annual upgrades and retrofits. At only 164 feet, she can visit areas larger vessels can't reach. Guests often compare *Islander* to being aboard a private yacht—one that's as smart as she is lovely and dedicated to discovery. All 24 cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, hair dryers, Ethernet, Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Meals are served in the dining room in a single, unassigned seating with a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair. The ship offers inviting public spaces such as an open-air observation deck, a covered outside deck with hammocks, tables and chairs, a lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, a dining room and a library. The *Islander* also features a fitness center, a spa treatment room, exercise classes and a wellness specialist. There is a full-time doctor on board, as well as a variety of specialized staff, such as an undersea specialist, a certified photo instructor and a video chronicler. Zodiacs allow us to get to shore quickly. A fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wet suits for both adults and children, a video microscope and an underwater video camera allow for marine discovery.

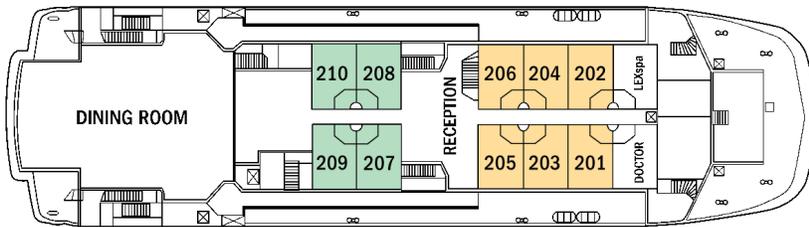
Gross tonnage: 1,021 / Overall length: 161 ft. / Beam: 43 ft. / Capacity: 50 passengers, 27 crew



UPPER DECK



BRIDGE DECK



MAIN DECK

**Cost\***

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

		Double	Single
<b>Category 1</b>	Main Deck: Cabins feature two single beds, which can convert to a queen-size bed, and a window. 124 sq. ft.	\$9,995	\$12,905
<b>Category 2</b>	Main Deck and Bridge Deck: Centrally located cabins feature two single beds, which can convert to a queen-size bed, and a window. 124 sq. ft.	\$10,865	\$14,125
<b>Category 3</b>	Bridge Deck: Conveniently located cabins feature two single beds, which can convert to a queen-size bed, and a window. 128 sq. ft.	\$11,575	-
<b>Category 4</b>	Upper Deck: Spacious cabins feature two single beds, which can convert to a queen-size bed, a window and an outside glassed-in terrace with seating. 125 sq. ft.	\$11,985	-
<b>Category 5</b>	Upper Deck: These are the largest cabins on board. They feature two single beds, which can convert to a queen-size bed, wraparound windows, an outside glassed-in terrace with seating, a desk, chairs and a table. 199 sq. ft.	\$13,615	-

\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

### Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- Services of the expedition team including naturalists, a certified photo instructor, a video chronicler, a wellness coordinator and a ship physician
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- 3 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations plus the use of day rooms on 6/29
- 5-nights cruise aboard *National Geographic Islander*
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Complimentary alcoholic beverages on board the ship (excluding certain premium brands)
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board the ship (one hour per day per person)
- Complimentary video chronicle of the trip
- Use of snorkeling equipment and wet suits
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Domestic flights within Ecuador
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

### Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

### Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

### What to Expect

Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We consider this program to be moderately strenuous, with a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events. During the cruise portion of the itinerary, most of our touring onshore is on sand, dirt or gravel paths and includes some rocky or boulder-strewn terrain. Walks range from short, relaxing strolls to more vigorous hikes, and most days include at least one opportunity to swim or snorkel in the Galápagos Islands' rich marine environment. Various excursion options will be presented each evening by our expert guides on board

ship, as will lectures by our faculty. Members of our expedition will also have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful scenery from the comfort of our ship's decks. Participants should feel comfortable walking on a rocking surface on board ship (with optional motion-relief medication or patches). Three days of this program are spent at high elevations: in Quito, at an elevation of 9,350 feet. Walking tours in Quito include strolls along historic city streets, which are, in some cases, uneven or cobblestone; these tours typically last two hours. Stairs may not have handrails, and elevators are not always available. We welcome travelers 10 years of age and older on this program.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Eligibility**

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership](https://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership).

### **Deposits, Payments and Cancellations**

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

### **Insurance**

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with general medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

### **Responsibility**

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk

entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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