

Galápagos & South America
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Ultimate Galápagos Holiday Voyage

Drawing from 50+ years of sharing the wild wonders of Galápagos with adventurous guests, this special action-packed holiday voyage allows for 10 days of exploration in the archipelago—our most in-depth Galápagos experience available. Step aboard our newest vessel, the *National Geographic Islander II*, with accommodations for just 48 guests, and see more islands, traveling from Santa Cruz south to Floreana, east to Española and San Cristóbal, and north across the Equator to Genovesa. Make the expedition as active as you choose with options to snorkel, hike, kayak, and paddleboard.

From

\$ 17,648 / per person
Does not include flights



DATES

Dec



DURATION

12 Days



SHIPS

National Geographic Islander II



STARTS AT

Guayaquil,
Ecuador



ENDS AT

Guayaquil,
Ecuador

Highlights

- ★ See more islands on this special extended voyage, enjoying 10 days to explore Galápagos
- ★ Spend Christmas aboard the new *National Geographic Islander II*, outfitted with amenities and programs perfect for families
- ★ Snorkel and kayak in rich waters among shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions
- ★ Walk among colonies of wildlife and seabirds unfazed by your presence





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Guayaquil, Ecuador

Upon arrival in Guayaquil transfer to the 44-room Hotel del Parque, a tranquil haven surrounded by lush gardens set in a lovingly restored 19th-century building. Choose to arrive early for an optional extra night to rest, relax, and prepare for your voyage. Or opt for the full-day excursion from Guayaquil to Hacienda La Danesa. Ask your expedition specialist about options.

Arrival Time: Anytime.

Arrival City: Guayaquil or Quito, Ecuador

◇ DAY 2

Guayaquil / Galápagos Islands / Embark Ship

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the tropical Pacific. We are welcomed by our naturalist staff and embark *National Geographic Islander II*. Gather on deck for a welcome cocktail at sunset as the captain circumnavigates Daphne Island.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-10

Galápagos Islands

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.

Bartolomé: Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim and snorkel from the beach. You may even see Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest.

Española: See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at this birdy paradise, also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the wide sand beach, and snorkel offshore, at Gardner Bay.

Floreana: Follow a trail past a rose 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.

Santa Cruz: Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. See the giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush, green highlands.

South Plaza: 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. Admire diverse seabirds swooping along high sea cliffs.

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

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 an eruption recorded by passing buccaneers in 1897. San Cristóbal: Land on a small, sparkling beach at Punta Pitt for a hike up to a plateau where blue and red-footed boobies nest and you may see endemic Cristóbal mockingbirds and lava lizards. On this easternmost island, explore the

celebrated expanse of powdery white sand at Cerro Brujo in the afternoon. Circumnavigate iconic Kicker Rock.

Genovesa: Sail north across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos, 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 Galápagos fur seals and sea lions haul out to rest.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 11

Galápagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Guayaquil

Bid farewell to the ship this morning and fly back to Guayaquil, where we transfer to Hotel del Parque, with the late afternoon and evening are free to explore. Ask your expedition specialist about Quito and other post-voyage options.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 12

Guayaquil

Transfer to the airport for flights home. There are flights in the early morning hours, or relax and take a later flight today.

Departure Time: Anytime on day 12, or after 7:00 p.m. local time on day 11.

Departure City: Guayaquil or Quito, Ecuador

Meals included: breakfast

Expedition

Guayaquil, Ecuador → Guayaquil, Ecuador

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

19 Dec		
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2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

18 Dec		
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National Geographic Islander II

Guests

48

Suites

26

A New Ship with Just 26 Spacious Staterooms and Suites Sailing the Galápagos Islands

Lindblad Expeditions is thrilled to welcome the National Geographic Islander II to our fleet. Sleek and elegant, she will sail year-round in the Galápagos Islands and elevate the guest experience to an entirely new level.

National Geographic Islander II is a gracious expedition vessel that feels like a private yacht. With only 26 staterooms and suites, and accommodating just 48 guests, she sails with a 1:1 guest-to-crew ratio.

Special features include teak decks, indoor-outdoor dining options, an impressive observation deck, and new amenities like a climate-controlled Marina and a dedicated Science Hub.

National Geographic *Islander II* provides an authentic sense of place, drawing on our decades of partnering with local communities and conservation groups. Contributing to the fully immersive Ecuadorian experience on board are Ecuadorian staff and locally sourced and sustainable farm-to-table and ocean-to-table culinary ingredients, as well as artisan spa elements and handcrafted textiles, art, and décor all regionally created.

An authentic, immersive experience in the Galàpagos

The *National Geographic Islander II* celebrates Lindblad's deep connection to the islands, Ecuador, and its people with a deeply immersive and truly unique Ecuadorian cultural experience. The carefully considered food and beverage program highlights the four regions of Ecuador with locally sourced farm-to-table ingredients. Regional ingredients can even be found in spa products. From Ecuadorian shipboard staff to artwork, textiles, and décor created by local artists and artisans and Ecuadorean music heard throughout the ship, guests will experience the beauty and wonder of Ecuador both on and off the ship.



Cabin Categories Bridge Deck

Category SU

Guest Suite: #301, 302, 306, 308, 310, 311, 312, 316

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower. #301, 302, 306, 308, 310-312, 316. #312 & #316 are triple occupancy with sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate. Connecting Suites: #301/303, 302/306



Category SO

Solo Suite: #315, 318.

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower; dedicated solo but otherwise identical to SU category.



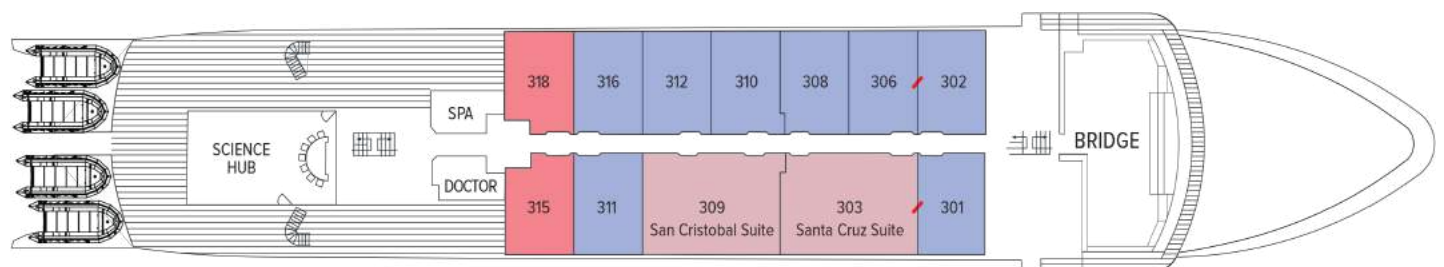
Category IS

Islander Suite: #303, 309

515 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, separate living areas with sofa, table and chairs, two lounge chairs, larger bathroom with both rain shower and tub. Triple occupancy with sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate. Connecting Suites: #301/303, 302/306



Bridge Deck



Cabin Categories Main Deck

Category IS

Islander Suite: #209, 218

515 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, separate living areas with sofa, table and chairs, two lounge chairs, larger bathroom with both rain shower and tub. Triple occupancy with sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate.



Category SU

Guest Suite: #205/207

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower. #203, 205-208, 210-212, 215, 220. Connecting Suites:



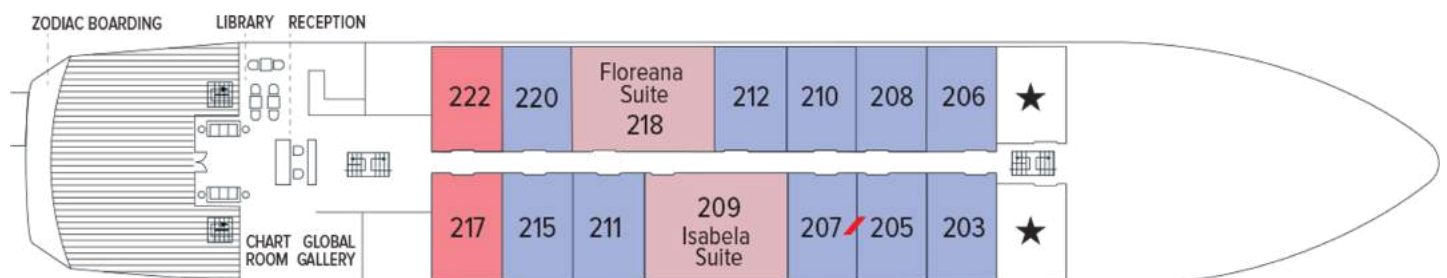
Category SO

Solo Suite: #217, 222

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower; dedicated solo but otherwise identical to SU category.

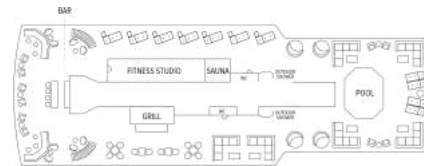


Main Deck

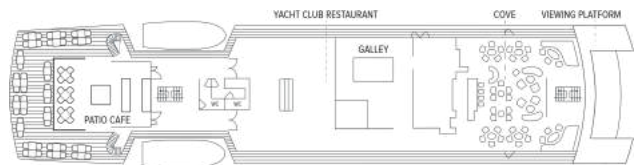


Deck Plans

Observation Deck

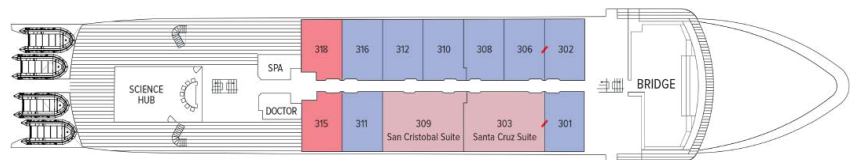


Promenade Deck



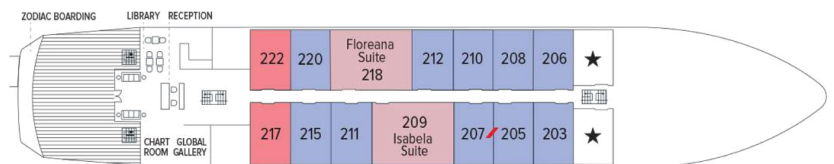
Bridge Deck

- Category SU
- Category SO
- Category IS



Main Deck

- Category IS
- Category SU
- Category SO



Marina Deck



Ship amenities

Indoor-Outdoor Dining

Enjoy meals in the expanded al fresco Patio Café, sophisticated Yacht Club Restaurant on the Promenade Deck, or Grill on the Observation Deck, where there's also a bar and ample seating to host events. Here, guests gather for wine tastings, chocolate tastings, and Bubble-Qs—BBQs made extra celebratory with Champagne. The convenient 24-hour beverage and snack stations in the Bar and Library are other welcome amenities.



Science Hub

Outfitted with scientific equipment, the exciting new Science Hub continues the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic legacy of supporting conservation and research. Equipped for underway oceanography, interactive video presentations, and an enhanced photo experience, the Science Hub is also a place for young guests in the [National Geographic Global Explorers Program](#) to experience hands-on learning.

Public Spaces

The ship's public spaces enhance the connection to the islands. Guests will find an open Bridge, surrounding teak decks, and a forward-viewing area. Two dining areas accommodate all guests in a single seating. The Cove, which has a bar, is the setting for daily Recaps. Other ship features include a Reception area with glass doors that lead to an open teak Viewing Deck, a Plunge Pool, a Chart Room, the Global Gallery, Library, Marina, Swim Platform, and Zodiac boarding area.



Expedition Tools

National Geographic Islander II carries a fleet of kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, a glass-bottom boat, an expanded flotilla of versatile Zodiacs, complete snorkel gear for adults and children, video microscope, and Science Hub.

The newly refitted teak-appointed marina is spacious and climate-controlled, designed for guests to comfortably get in and out of expedition gear.



Expanded Expedition Staff

The Expedition Team, led by a veteran Expedition Leader, includes a five Naturalists, Undersea Specialist, Certified Photo Instructor, and Certified Field Educators who run our exclusive [National Geographic Global Explorers Program](#) for kids and teens.

Special Offers

SUITE EXCLUSIVES

Spacious living areas and incredible views immerse you in the beauty of your marine surroundings. Our new Suite Exclusives package helps make your voyage all the more memorable. [Learn more](#)

BRINGING THE KIDS

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare. Call for details.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more

people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals and nonalcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages (except certain super-premium brands), and one hour of Wi-Fi per person per day aboard ship; meals on land as indicated, accompanied by nonalcoholic beverages; air transportation where indicated as included; shore excursions; sightseeing and entrance fees; special access permits; transfers to and from designated flights; use of snorkeling equipment, wetsuits, kayaks, stand-up paddleboard; tips (except to ship's crew); taxes and service charges; services of a ship physician and services of our expedition staff. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Air transportation (except where specified as included); extensions; passport; visa; immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of personal nature such as select premium alcoholic beverages and laundry.

Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

Cancellation policy

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