








 Galápagos & South America  
1° 8' N 83° 34' W

## Wild Galápagos Escape (8-Day)

Explore Darwin's islands in one action-filled week aboard the elegant *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.

From  
**\$ 8,154** / per person  
Does not include flights

 <b>DATES</b> Year round	 <b>DURATION</b> 8 Days
 <b>SHIPS</b> <i>National Geographic Islander II</i>	
 <b>STARTS AT</b> Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador	→  <b>ENDS AT</b> Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

## Highlights

- ★ Experience all Galápagos offers in just over one week, with departures on Saturday and Thursday
- ★ Snorkel and kayak among colorful fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions, and walk among colonies of wildlife and seabirds unfazed by your presence
- ★ Maximize your time in the islands with options for exploration every day including hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, and more
- ★ Add a three-night post-expedition extension in Quito, Ecuador





## Day by day

### DAY 1

#### Guayaquil or Quito, 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 & Châteaux 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

#### Quito or 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 start exploring the islands.

**Meals included:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

### DAYS 3-6

#### Galápagos Islands

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. Our expeditions begin and end at Baltra and include visits to Isla Santa Cruz and 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

Galápagos National Park regulations.

**North Seymour:** Look for nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a beautiful coastal walk.

**Santa Cruz:** Head to the lush, green highlands to look for giant tortoises roaming in the wild.

**Isabela:** Toast crossing the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins as we ply these nutrient-rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

**Fernandina:** One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.

**San Cristóbal:** Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island.

**Española:** Located in the extreme southeast of the archipelago, this island is home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies, and seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatrosses at Punta Suárez.

**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 wooden barrel at Post Office Bay, and learn about its unusual postal system.

**Meals included:** lunch, breakfast, dinner

### DAY 7

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

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 8

### Guayaquil or Quito

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 8, or after 7:00 p.m. local time on day 7.

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

## Expedition

Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador → Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

### 2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

12 Sep	21 Sep	26 Sep		
05 Oct	19 Oct	24 Oct		
02 Nov	07 Nov	16 Nov	21 Nov	30 Nov
14 Dec	28 Dec			

### 2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

02 Jan	11 Jan	16 Jan	25 Jan	30 Jan
08 Feb	13 Feb	22 Feb	27 Feb	
08 Mar	13 Mar	22 Mar	27 Mar	
05 Apr	10 Apr	19 Apr	24 Apr	
03 May	08 May	17 May	22 May	31 May
14 Jun	19 Jun	28 Jun		
03 Jul	12 Jul	17 Jul	26 Jul	31 Jul
09 Aug	14 Aug	23 Aug	28 Aug	
04 Oct	09 Oct	18 Oct	23 Oct	
01 Nov	06 Nov	15 Nov	20 Nov	
04 Dec	13 Dec	27 Dec		

### 2026 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

01 Jan	10 Jan	15 Jan	24 Jan	29 Jan
07 Feb	12 Feb	21 Feb	26 Feb	
07 Mar	12 Mar	21 Mar	26 Mar	



## ***National Geographic Islander II***

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Guests	Suites
48	26

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### **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.



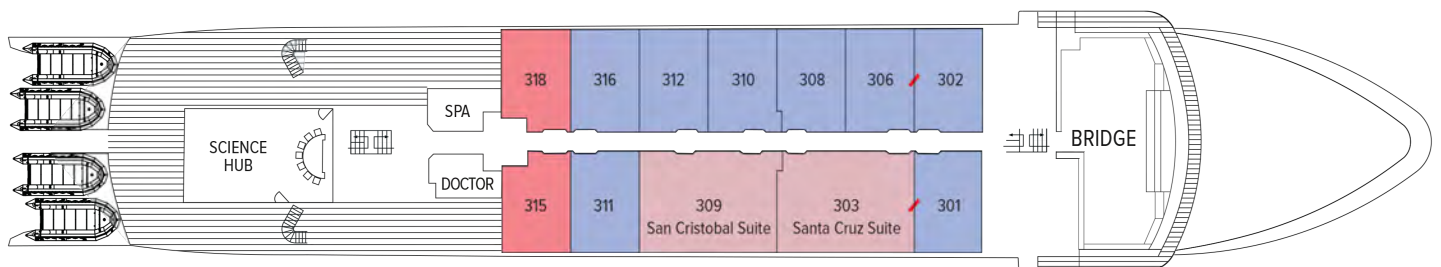
## Category IS

**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:



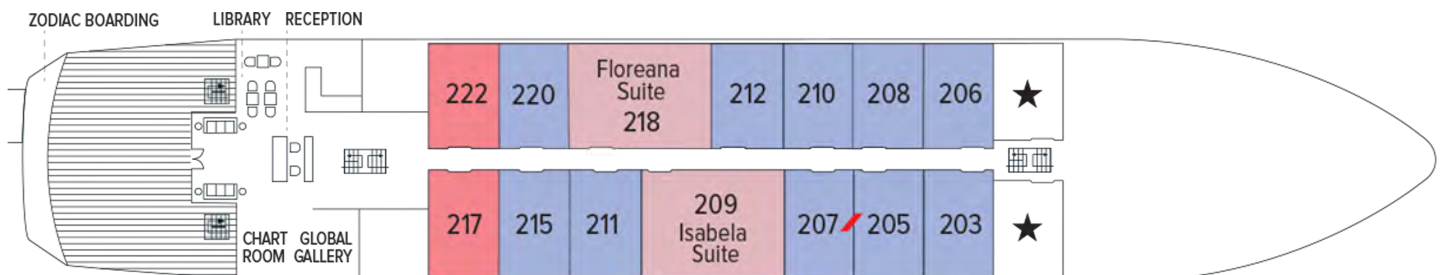
## Category SO

**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.

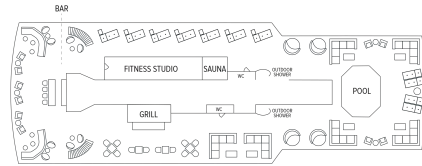


### Main Deck

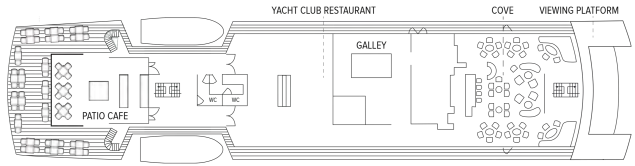


# Deck Plans

## Observation Deck

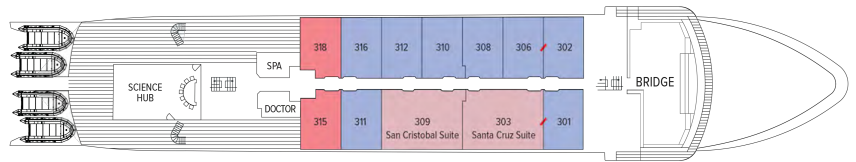


## Promenade Deck



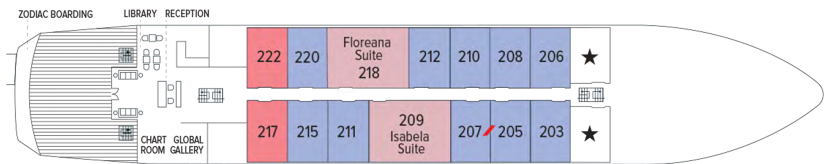
## Bridge Deck

- 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

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY: 25% SAVINGS

Book between August 27th–September 19th, 2024, and save 25% on the cabin fare when booking any Category 1, Category 2, or Category 3 cabins, including solo cabins, and Category SU on *National Geographic Islander II* and *National Geographic Delfin II*, and Category 4 cabins on *National Geographic Delfina*, when you pay in full at time of booking on select departures in 2024 and 2025. To qualify for the discount, non-refundable payment in full is due at the time of booking and standard cancellation terms will not apply. Valid for new bookings only, based on availability at time of booking, cannot be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

### SPECIAL SAVINGS OF AU\$1,714 + INTERNAL AIR

Book between July 26 and October 3, 2024. Receive a credit of AU\$1,7140 per person when booking a select 2024 or 2025 departure of *National Geographic Delfina*, *National Geographic Gemini*, *National Geographic Islander II*, and *National Geographic Endeavour II* on select Galápagos expeditions.

AU Special Savings Credit is deducted from cabin fare prior to any additional applicable savings. Special AU Savings must be communicated at time of booking by quoting "AU SAVINGS". Includes internal flights between mainland Ecuador and Galápagos. Internal flights included are worth up to AU742 per guest and does not include additional flights in Peru. Offer is valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on extensions. Call for details.

### COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS

We include arrival and departure airport transfers for all guests in Ecuador and Peru, whether by group, hotel shuttle, or private transfer (please share your flight information two weeks before your departure). In addition, we provide transfers for guests who are booked on ticketed internal flights from Guayaquil, Quito, or Lima to and from the Galapagos, Cusco or Iquitos.

### 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](#)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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## 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; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins); guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; one hour of Wi-Fi per person per day aboard ship; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

## Not included in price

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

## 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/>

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## Cancellation policy

Review our cancellation policy: <https://www.expeditions.com/cancellation-policy/>