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GALAPAGOS BY CATAMARAN + MACHU PICCHU AND PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

In one grand expedition, experience all the wildness of Galapagos with a maximum of 16 guests, and continue to Peru in a small group to experience the sublime archaeological wonder of Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, and Cusco on our signature land program. Throughout, you will explore with a top team of naturalists and historians who add layers of insight and interest.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Quito or 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 overnight. Both cities are well-served by international carriers, and Galapagos flights start and end in Quito with a stop in Guayaquil. You may opt for a pre-voyage extension to Mashpi Reserve in the tropical Andes. Or arrive just one day early to join the See Quito Extension.

Arrival Time: Anytime.

Arrival City: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

DAY 2 Quito or Guayaquil / Galápagos Islands / Embark Ship

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Fly to the Galapagos and embark National Geographic Delfina, a stable and stylish catamaran accommodating 16 guests, available as a private charter. Explore the islands and their remarkable wildlife.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 3-8 Exploring the Galápagos Islands

Below are a selection of islands we may visit during our expedition. Itineraries are subject to Galapagos National Park regulations.

North Seymour: Follow coastal trails past playful Galapagos 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 where we may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus.

Bartolome: Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim, and snorkel from the beach. Catch a glimpse of Galapagos penguins, one of the world's rarest.

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

Isabela: Cross the Equator at Volcan Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, sea turtles, and the elusive ocean sunfish. Over two days, land in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore.

Fernandina: One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galapagos -- and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins, and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows.

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

Floreana: Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon sometimes frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the historic mail barrel at Post Office Bay.

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

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Genovesa: Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galapagos into this flooded caldera, home to over one million seabirds. Visit Prince Philip's Steps at the top of the island. Highlights along the trail are many, from Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies and frigates, to gulls, owls, fur seals, hammerhead sharks, turtles, and manta rays.

San Cristobal: Walk along the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 Galápagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Guayaquil / Lima, Peru

Depart Galapagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru, via Guayaquil. Check into the Belmond Miraflores Park, set on a wide promenade overlooking the Pacific, where we spend two nights.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10 Lima

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Explore World Heritage-designated colonial Lima this morning, where we stroll the Plaza Mayor and delight in a private welcome lunch with a special musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. Then visit the extraordinary Larco Museum dedicated to pre-Columbian art. Return to our hotel with dinner on your own to sample local fare.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11 Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

Board a short scenic flight to Cusco this morning and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site with dramatic agricultural terraces in the heart of the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley. After lunch and an opportunity to experience a local market, check into our hotel. Sol y Luna, a Relais & Chateaux property, is where we stay in individual casitas set in verdant greens.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12 Sacred Valley

Spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic expert Peter Frost (or a colleague), who has lived and worked in Peru for decades. He or a colleague joins us for a talk at our hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. Lunch is at a working, family-owned hacienda, where we are treated to a show of Peruvian Paso horses, and National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13 Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

Marvel at the dramatic scenery and life along the river en route this morning by train to Machu Picchu, the Inca royal retreat famously introduced to the world

by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 issue of National Geographic magazine. Check-in at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, adjacent to the World Heritage site, with the leisure to explore over two days in the company of our hand-picked tour director and local guides. Lunch and dinner at the hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14 Machu Picchu / Cusco

Awaken this morning at Machu Picchu, where our local and veteran guides share their intimate understanding of this site, focusing on the history and far-reaching cultural influence. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco—the center of the Inca universe, a burgeoning cultural capital, and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Check-in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio on Plaza Nazarenas in the heart of Cusco for two nights. Occupying a monastery founded in 1592, our hotel—like much of colonial Cusco—is built atop Inca stones.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 15 Cusco

Explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral, sacred Inca Temple of the Sun, and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuaman, where a series of imposing terrace walls, the most impressive yet, command views over the city. Relax, shop, or visit one of Cusco's many churches and museums this afternoon. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 16 Cusco / Lima

After breakfast and a final morning at leisure, say goodbye to the Land of the Inca and fly from Cusco back to Lima, connecting to flights home. Depending on your flight schedule, optional rooms at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel are available, or spend the night and fly to Iquitos to join our

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Upper Amazon Expedition aboard Delfin II on Sunday.

Departure Time: Depart after 7:00 p.m. local time.

Departure City: Lima, Peru

Meals Included: Breakfast

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DELFINA

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VESSEL TYPE: Catamaran

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 16

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

National Geographic Delfina is the newest and most intimate vessel in the Lindblad Expeditions Galapagos fleet, purpose-built to deliver a luxurious and stable cruising experience for just 16 guests. This sleek catamaran began sailing in early 2025 and offers an elegant setting with eight spacious, air-conditioned staterooms featuring warm wood finishes. Perfectly suited for families, friends, or private charters, Delfina operates the classic 10-day voyage year-round, including a pre- and post-cruise stay in either Quito or Guayaquil, with embarkation every Saturday.

Life aboard is unhurried and immersive, with generous public spaces designed to connect guests to the surrounding seascape. The open-air Observation Deck provides panoramic views, a shaded lounge area, and a whirlpool hot tub—ideal for relaxing after a day of adventure. The wrap-around Upper Deck invites al fresco dining and wildlife spotting from both stern and bow. Indoors, the Main Deck houses a welcoming lounge and library, full-service bar, and dining room, making Delfina a refined yet casual home base for discovering the extraordinary Galapagos Islands.



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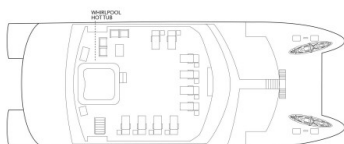
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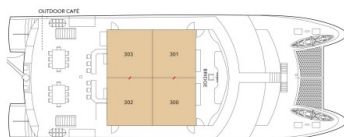
INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Observation Deck



Upper Deck

Category 4



Main Deck

Category 5



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