

# Wild Earth Travel

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## ULTIMATE GALAPAGOS HOLIDAY VOYAGE

Drawing from 50+ years of sharing the wild wonders of Galapagos with adventurous guests, this special action-packed holiday voyage allows for 10 days of exploration in the archipelago--our most in-depth Galapagos 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 Cristobal, and north across the Equator to Genovesa. Make the expedition as active as you choose with options to snorkel, hike, kayak, and paddleboard.



### ITINERARY

#### 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.

#### DAY 2: Guayaquil / Galápagos / Embark

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galapagos, 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. (B,L,D)

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## DAY 3-10: Galápagos Islands

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. All ship itineraries are subject to Galapagos National Park regulations. (B,L,D Daily) Bartolome: 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 Galapagos 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 Galapagos 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 Galapagos. The Santa Fe land iguana is found only on this island, where Galapagos 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 Cristobal: 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 Cristobal 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 Galapagos, 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 Galapagos fur seals and sea lions haul out to rest.

## DAY 11: Galápagos / Disembark / Baltra / 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. (B)

## DAY 12: Guayaquil / Depart

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

### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER II

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**VESSEL TYPE:** Luxury Expedition

**LENGTH:** 49 metres

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 48 guests (in 26 cabins)

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Lindblad Expeditions is thrilled to welcome the new, all-suite National Geographic Islander II to our fleet in August 2022. Sleek and elegant, she will sail year-round in the Galapagos Islands and elevate the guest experience to an entirely new level.

A best-in-class expedition vessel that feels like a private yacht, National Geographic Islander II is a spacious all-suite ship. With only 26 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 high-tech Science Hub.

The new, all-suite 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 decor all regionally created.

All-Suite Accommodations

18 Suites, 4 Solo suites, and 4 Islander Suites accommodating just 48 guests--all with large windows, convertible king/twin beds with 600-thread count bedding, ample closets, sofa, and marble double-sink bathrooms with a collection of organic amenities crafted exclusively for Lindblad Expeditions. In addition, a stocked mini-bar can be customized to guests' preferences, and there's in-room coffee and tea, Wi-Fi, and a flat-screen TV.

### Indoor-Outdoor Dining

Fresh, locally sourced, and sustainable farm-to-table cuisine representing all the regions of the country is developed in partnership with Ecuadorian chefs. Plant-based options are available as well and cocktails and mocktails are crafted with ingredients from the islands.

Enjoy meals in the expanded al fresco Patio Cafe, 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.

### The Cove

The newly reimagined Cove is a gathering spot for pre-dinner Recaps, camaraderie with like-minded travelers, and craft cocktails. Four flat-screen TVs are part of a state-of-the-art communications system for engaging and informative audiovisual presentations. A forward-facing viewing platform invites you to step outside to take in the beauty of the islands.



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## 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.

## Expedition Tools

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

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.

## 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.



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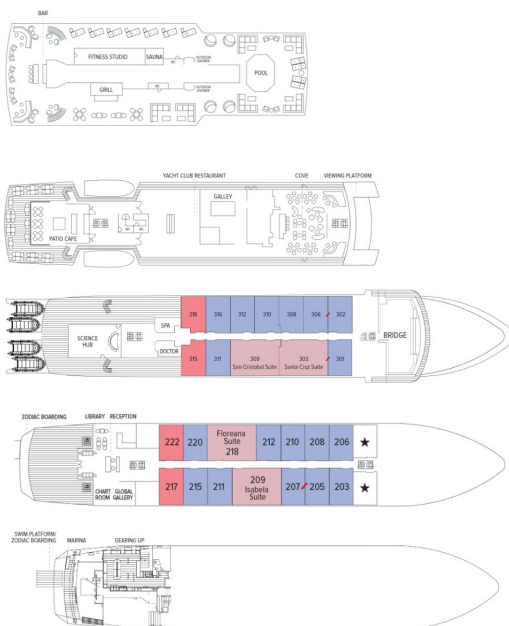
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



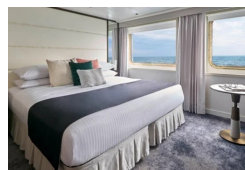
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## PRICING

**18-Dec-2025 to 29-Dec-2025**

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## 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.

### **\*\*BAR TAB & ONE (1) HOUR WI-FI INCLUDED\*\***

Your bar tab and Wi-Fi (up to one hour a day per person) on all departures aboard National Geographic Endeavour II and National Geographic Islander II are included in your fare. Bar tab excludes certain super premium brands, which are available for sale. 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.

### **\*\*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.

### **\*\*BRINGING THE KIDS\*\***

We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So take \$625 off for each child under the age of 18.

### **\*\*COMBINING OFFERS\*\***

Combine now and save!

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.



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