“A little world within itself,” as Darwin described it, where life-altering encounters with animals—curious, or sublimely indifferent to our presence—happen like nowhere else on earth. Each island is diversely fascinating and magical. You’ll discover the islands and habitats of this legendary volcanic archipelago aboard our intimate expedition ship, National Geographic Endeavour II, waking each day to fresh adventures. We’ll use our onboard fleet of nimble Zodiacs and kayaks to explore natural wonders up-close. Gain remarkable insights from our knowledgeable team. Hike among the wildlife; investigate the vibrant sea—snorkeling and swimming daily with sea lions, sea turtles, and penguins; and capture these moments in your best photos ever with the help of our certified photo instructor.

Meals indicated as (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner).

**AUG. 24: U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador**
Depart U.S. and arrive Guayaquil by late evening; it’s a short drive to Hotel Hilton Colón, where we spend the night.

**AUG. 25: Guayaquil/Galápagos/Embark**
After the 1 1/2-hour flight to the Galápagos, we’ll immediately board the ship. Over the course of the week, our exact routing depends on the National Park Service. (B, L, D)

**AUG. 26-31: Galápagos Islands**
The following itinerary is a representative sample of the islands we may visit during your week on board: (B, L, D daily)
Bartolome
This is an enchanting landscape where lava, mangroves, and golden sand converge. Great walks and views abound, with a chance to snorkel with Galápagos penguins.

Santiago
Santiago offers close encounters with Galápagos fur seals, along with an opportunity to study the inhabitants of the island’s countless tide pools.

Santa Cruz
Learn about the science taking place at the Charles Darwin Research station and visit the neighboring captive breeding program for endangered species of Galápagos giant tortoises, run by their partners in conservation, the Galápagos National Park Service.

Isabela
The largest of the Galápagos Islands, Isabela offers opportunities for a refreshing morning swim or walk along the black-sand beach. Enjoy a more challenging hike over rugged shoreline and a shorter walk within an iguana colony, or experience kayaking and deep water snorkeling in which the animal, bird, and marine life is beyond compare.

Fernandina
This is the youngest island in the Galápagos and one of the most pristine tropical islands left on earth. Look forward to hikes over relatively recent lava flows and wildlife spotting for marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, and Sally Lightfoot crabs.

Floreana
Snorkel among sea lions in the clear waters off Champion Islet. We may also find flamingos, pintail ducks, and various shorebirds. Hike to a pristine white-sand beach—a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

España
The exclusive home to waved albatross (seasonal) and colorful marine iguanas, España is also a paradise for Darwin’s finches, sea lions galore, and the famous blue-footed boobies. Snorkel and stroll along the island’s lovely beaches.

SEPT. 1: Galápagos / Disembark / Guayaquil
Disembark and fly to Guayaquil. The late afternoon and evening are free to explore the city. Overnight Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

SEPT. 2: Guayaquil / Home
Morning departure flights home. (B)

ROB PHILLIPS
Fred and Nancy Morris Professor of Biophysics and Biology

"The Galápagos are completely iconic," says Rob Phillips, professor of biophysics and biology, whose research at Caltech addresses the physics of genome management such as how viruses and cells physically manipulate DNA as part of their standard repertoire during their life cycles and how transcriptional networks lead to regulatory decisions. On his most recent trip in 2014, Phillips shared the marvel of the Galápagos Islands, “Right before your eyes you can see the products of evolution, if you like. You can swim in the water with the flightless cormorants. The famed Darwin’s finches are there. You can wonder what penguins are doing at the equator.”

Prior to the privilege of a life in science, Phillips spent seven years of travel and self-study (and work as an electrician). Over the last decade, he has merged his love of travel with his research by exploring the ways in which the study of DNA sequences can help us understand the living world around us, with special emphasis on the hidden sphere of viruses and bacteria. As a result, he has led student trips to the Galápagos Islands, the Wallace Line in Indonesia, and the South Island of New Zealand.
$500 off for children under the age of 18.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** Book by June 1, 2017, and we’ll honor 2017 prices (as indicated below) for this 2018 voyage.

**PLUS:** Book now and receive an $800 air credit per person.

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**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare: U.S./Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil/U.S; passport, visa or immigration fees (for non-U.S. citizens); meals not indicated; travel protection plan; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, email, laundry, etc.; voyage DVD.

**Advance Payment:** $750 per person

**Important Flight Information:** International and internal Ecuador flight tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages.

**Sample International Airfares Miami/Guayaquil –** Economy from $500; Business Class from $800

**Internal Airfares:** Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from $520; Children (under 12) from $260

Airfares are subject to change.

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**FOR QUESTIONS OR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT:**

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CAPACITY: 96 guests in 52 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Ecuador. OVERALL LENGTH: 236 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: New forward lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, restaurant, large library with Mac kiosks, open-air observation deck, underwater gear area and dual Zodiac boarding platform, and open bridge, where guests can meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation. Ship refitted for Galápagos in 2016.

MEALS: Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All face outside with large windows, and feature twin beds that convert to a queen. With private facilities and climate control, nightstands, desk, and storage. Seven sets of cabins with a connecting door.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Nine Zodius, including one with a glass-bottom, kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wet suits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Shipboard doctor, LEX-NG certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction. Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

WELLNESS: New LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

CATEGORY 1: Upper Deck, Forward #201, 202
CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck #211, 213-219, 221, 222, 224-229
CATEGORY 3: Lounge Deck #311, 313-319, 321, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330
CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck #409, 411-414, 416, 418

SUITE A: Lounge Deck, Mid-Ship #320—with two windows, larger bath, armchair. Connecting door to #322.

SUITE B: Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #420, 422—with two floor-to-ceiling windows, larger bath, convertible sofa for a third person.

SUITE C: Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #415—with two large windows, larger bath, separate sitting area with convertible sofa for a third person and armchairs, largest cabin on ship.

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #203-209—with a queen bed.

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Lounge Deck #325, 327—with a queen bed.

NOTE: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet.

CONNECTING CABINS: #226/228, 227/229, 315/317, 316/318, 320/322, 411/413, 416/418

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: #224, 225, 326, 328 with fold down third bed, Suites B and C with convertible sofa bed. Third person rates are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.