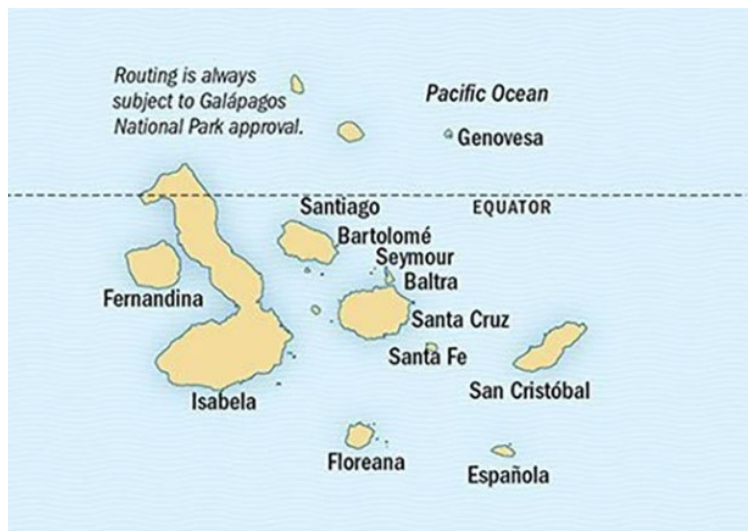




## ULTIMATE GALÁPAGOS HOLIDAY VOYAGE

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.



### 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 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. (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 Galápagos National Park regulations. (B,L,D Daily) 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 buccaniers 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.

### 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:

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Islander</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>49 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>48 guests (in 24 cabins)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>1982</b>

The National Geographic Islander is a versatile 164-foot twin-hulled vessel with 24 spacious cabins comfortably accommodating 48 guests. She is a sturdy expedition ship, designed for year-round discovery and active exploration of the Galápagos and can reach places inaccessible to larger ships due to its small size. Accessibility means freedom. Our captains have decades of sailing experience in the regions we explore. They know when and where to navigate so that you feel the places we visit are all ours. Thanks to our sturdy fleet of Zodiacs and virtually untipable kayaks, you can be off the ship and out exploring within a moment's notice. During your time with us, our expedition staff likes nothing better than to surprise and delight you by directing the ship toward alluring coves or bow-riding dolphins. Our seasoned crew consists of expert Zodiac drivers and considerate service providers. Their energy, enthusiasm and local field expertise are sure to enhance your experience. This is what expedition travel is all about: not just seeing wildness, but being out there, in it. Public Areas : Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; Global Market; LEXspa; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide

shows and presentations; and Sky Deck. Our Ecuadorian Captain and Officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our "Open Bridge" policy. Meals : Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair. Cabins : All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities, and climate controls. Expedition Equipment : Hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, and Zodiac landing craft. Special Features : Guest internet access, laundry service, LEXmarket, and Wellness Program. A ship's doctor, Undersea Specialist, and Video Chronicler are



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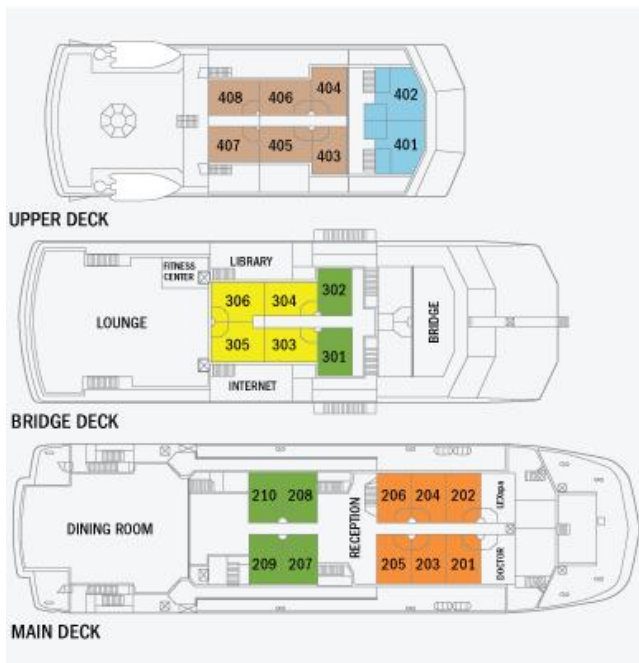
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