



GALÁPAGOS EASTERN ISLANDS ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II + PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

16 DAYS | YEAR-ROUND FRIDAY DEPARTURES GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR / LIMA, PERU

In one grand expedition, experience all the wildness of Galápagos and the sublime archaeological wonder of Machu Picchu. Experience the wildlife of Galápagos, legendary for its uniqueness and lack of fear. See its endemic species and explore the undersea. Then discover the culture and history of Peru and the iconic ruins of Machu Picchu. Throughout you'll explore with a top team of naturalists and historians who add layers of insight and interest to everything you do.



DAY 1: Guayaquil or Quito, Ecuador

Upon arrival in Guayaquil, transfer to the Hotel Oro Verde Guayaquil, a convenient locally owned hotel, for an overnight stay. Most international flights arrive in the late evening. You may instead opt to fly into Quito, Ecuador's historic capital city in the highlands, take a pre-voyage extension to Mashpi Reserve in the tropical andes, or arrive a day early in Guayaquil to rest and relax, and take an optional full-day excursion from Guayaquil to Hacienda La Danesa.

DAY 2: Guayaquil / San Cristóbal / Embark

After breakfast, fly to Baquerizo Moreno, capital of the Galápagos province on the easternmost island of San Cristobal, a little world unto itself in the Tropical Pacific. Take a short bus ride to the dock with our naturalists and embark the ship waiting at anchor. Join fellow guests on the observation deck for a welcome cocktail as the captain circumnavigates Kicker Rock, an iconic eroded tuff cone standing just offshore. Welcome to Galápagos!

DAY 3: Gardner Bay & Punta Suarez, Española

Morning: Explore the expanse of bright white sand at quiet Gardner Bay, where sea lions rest and play. Swim and snorkel from the beach, and those with experience can snorkel along the offshore islets from the Zodiacs. This is our first chance to kayak or paddleboard.

Afternoon : See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez, where we walk among vividly colored marine iguanas, and breeding colonies of sea lions. Landing at a small beach, optional trails lead inland across stepping-stones of iron-laden pillow basalt planks to the blowhole and seabird cliffs. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: Punta Cormorant, Champion Islet & Post Office Bay, Floreana

Morning: Land on a beach tinted green with olivine crystals on this most mysterious of the Galápagos islands, rich in human history. Hike past a lagoon popular with flamingos and other shore birds to a second beach of fine white sand, where green turtles nest. Later, board the Zodiacs to snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish-life at Champion Islet or take a Zodiac cruise along the shore looking out for the endangered Floreana mockingbird and other wildlife.

Afternoon: Join the 19th-century tradition of leaving and taking letters from the barrel for hand delivery at Post Office Bay. Paddleboard and kayak along the coast at Baroness Lookout, named after the early settler, the eccentric Eloise Bosquet de Wagner. (B, L, D)

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DAY 5: Puerto Ayora & Highlands, Santa Cruz

Morning: Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town in the archipelago and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals, a pioneering successful effort to return wild populations to a natural state supported by the Lindblad Expeditions National Geographic Fund. Spend some time in town before continuing to the highlands.

Afternoon: This afternoon we explore the cultural and natural attractions of the highlands of Santa Cruz, where much of our produce is grown on local farms. We stop for lunch at a local ranch, dedicated to conservation. This is our best opportunity to see tortoises roaming in the wild. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: Cerro Dragon & Borrero Bay, Santa Cruz / Daphne Major

Morning: Hike through giant cactus and a forest of Palo Santo forests to Dragon Hill, the habitat of the colorful Santa Cruz land iguanas, brought back from the brink of extinction.

Afternoon: Kayak, paddleboard and explore by Zodiac the wonderful mangrove-lined Borrero Bay, where schools and rays and other marine life is common. Join fellow guests on deck as the captain circumnavigates Daphne Major, the small volcanic island where Peter and Rosemary Grant have conducted ground-breaking research into the evolution of Darwin's finches. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Bartolomé / Sombrero Chino

Morning: Climb the steps to the 360-foot summit of Bartolomé, a volcanic wonderland of spatter and scoria cones and tuff formations. Enjoy a stunning view of wind- and water-sculpted Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding vista of land and sea. Admire stark lava flows across the way on Santiago, the most recent eruption dating from 1897. Comb the golden sand beach or immerse yourself among schools of multicolored reef fish. This is a spot where lucky snorkelers might encounter Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest penguins—incongruous in this equatorial setting.

Afternoon: Snorkel and explore by kayak and Zodiac the crystalline water surrounding Sombrero Chino, one of a group of distinctively shaped small islets off Santiago. Keep a keen eye for the Galápagos penguin, sometimes spotted along the coast (B, L, D)

DAY 8: Darwin Bay & Prince Philip's Steps, Genovesa

Morning: 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 frigates birds and other nesting seabirds. We have the caldera all to ourselves today with two landing sites to explore.

Afternoon: Kayak, paddleboard, snorkel and cruise along the caldera walls, where we may see shy Galápagos fur seals. Photograph red-footed boobies and frigate birds of two species perching precariously in the low-lying shrubs behind coral-strewn Darwin Bay Beach. At Prince Phillip's Steps, follow a trail inland, where more seabirds nest—and where we might see short-eared owls hunt for storm petrels, which nest in astounding numbers in the field of broken lava. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: Baltra / Disembark / Guayaquil, Ecuador

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

DAY 10: Lima

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. (B, L)

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



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our hotel. In 2024, our hotel is Sol y Luna, A Relais & Chateaux property, where we stay in individual casitas set in verdant greens. (B, L,D)

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. (B, L, D)

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. (B, L, D)

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 and a burgeoning cultural capital. 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 15: Cusco

Explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral, sacred Inca Temple of the Sun, and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuamán, 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. (B, L)

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 join our Upper Amazon Expedition aboard *Del in II*.

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