The Galapagos Islands
8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

* Think biology class – with deck chairs *
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join Professor Steve Walsh, Director of UNC’s Center for Galapagos Studies & Galapagos Science Center, fellow Tar Heels and friends as you explore the Galapagos Islands. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a “unique living museum and showcase of evolution” and are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors.

This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito, in addition to a cruise through the archipelago with unparalleled access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve.

Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the Isabela II, an intimate, 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring both your comfort and maximum enjoyment of this truly extraordinary destination and its diverse inhabitants.

Stateroom availability is limited. For University of North Carolina General Alumni Association savings of more than $800 per couple (family and friends are also eligible), reserve today online at http://unc.orbridge.com, by phone at UNC’s GAA (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

Professor Walsh will accompany the tour with a minimum of 15 UNC participants.

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by November 4, 2016 and receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Discover the Galapagos
—intriguing islands of limitless natural wonders

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers.

“The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.”
—Charles Darwin

This archipelago, from which Darwin conceived his theory of evolution by natural selection, is one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world. With fascinating wildlife that exists from the ocean floor to the skies above the sea, discover for yourself the captivating diversity that inhabits these remarkable islands.
Your 8-Day Itinerary*

Day 1:  
*En route* / arrive Quito, Ecuador  
Overnight: Hilton Colon, Quito

Day 2:  
Quito (B,L)  
Guided walking tour of Old Town, market shopping, Jesuit church of La Compañía, Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum  
Overnight: Hilton Colon – Quito

Day 3:  
Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz – Embarkation (B,L,D)  
Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz Highlands, Puerto Ayora, welcome dinner on board  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 4:  
Floreana (B,L,D)  
Historic Post Office Barrel, snorkeling or kayaking, Punta Cormorant beach stroll, green sea turtle nests  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 5:  
Española (B,L,D)  
Punta Suárez hike, Gardner Bay, sea lion colony, glass-bottom boat ride  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 6:  
San Cristóbal (B,L,D)  
Wildlife viewing at Punta Pitt, panga ride along the shores of Cerro Brujo, snorkeling or kayaking  
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 7:  
San Cristóbal – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil (B,L aloft)  
Overnight: Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Day 8:  
Guayaquil / Depart for U.S. (B)  

Optional Extension: Days B-13 in Machu Picchu, Cusco & the Sacred Valley

Activity Level: Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as the nature treks can be on irregular and elevated terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of Isabela II.  
Max elevation: 9,350 ft. in Quito, Ecuador

Program Highlights

- Appreciate the diversity of life first-hand while observing endemic species such as the flightless cormorant, the Galapagos penguin, blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, and the famous “Darwin’s finches.”

- Swim with sea lions, and snorkel among colorful tropical fish and sea turtles.

- Discover amazing aquatic wildlife as you observe through a glass-bottom boat in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

- Explore remote coraline beaches and secluded inlets, such as Gardner Bay—where sea lions lounge and Española mockingbirds sing.

- Visit dramatic and historic places, including the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat for the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.

- **What’s included:** breakfast each morning and all on-board meals, including a welcome dinner; all excursions and presentations; airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times; and internal airfare between Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil.

*Subject to change.
Isabela II

The 40-guest capacity of Isabela II provides 20 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities.

- **Standard**
  Full-size bed, view window, private bathroom with shower. 128 sq. ft.

- **Classic Twin**
  Two twin beds, view window, private bathroom with shower. 139 sq. ft.

- **Classic Double**
  Full-size bed, view window, daybed, private bathroom with shower. 139 sq. ft.

- **Master Suite**
  Queen bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with shower. 170 sq. ft.

Hilton Colon – Quito

On the first two evenings, you will stay at the Hilton Colon. This elegant hotel is located in the city center’s bustling Avenida Amazonas, and is a 10-minute walk to Quito’s Spanish Colonial Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil

Conveniently located just 3 miles from José Joaquín de Olmedo airport, this property offers deluxe accommodations for the last night of the program. Nearby are museums, gardens, shopping, and restaurants of the Malecón 2000, the boardwalk overlooking the Guayas River.

Your Expedition Leader

Viewing the Galapagos Islands alongside an Orbridge Expedition Leader is a special experience. While observing wildlife, your Expedition Leader will offer expert descriptions of methods of survival and behaviors. Together on skiff rides, nature walks, and aboard the Isabela II, you will gain understanding of the endangered species who inhabit the waters and land of the archipelago.
Optional Extension
Machu Picchu, Cusco, & the Sacred Valley

Travel to the mist-shrouded citadel of the Incas on this deluxe extension to Machu Picchu, Cusco, & the Sacred Valley.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 8: Guayaquil / Overnight Lima, Peru
Morning at leisure, en route via air to Lima
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima

Day 9: Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley (B,L,D)
En route via air to Cusco, explore the colorful and lively markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay

Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu (B,L,D)
Stroll Ollantaytambo, scenic Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, guided tour of “The Lost City of the Incas”
Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Day 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning guided tour with time to hike at your own pace, Vistadome train to Cusco, afternoon at leisure
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco

Day 12: Cusco / Saqsaywaman / San Blas / Villa Tipón (B,L,D)
Walk through Cusco, Qorikancha Sun Temple, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco

Day 13: Cusco / Lima / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Return via air to Lima, traditional Peruvian fare, return to the U.S.
Day Room: Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima

Extension Highlights

• Seek out ancient temples and sites dotting the Sacred Valley and Cusco, each a vestige of pre-Columbian history that offers an in-depth understanding of the Incan empire.

• Visit Ollantaytambo, where Inca descendants continue to inhabit the largely unchanged homes of their ancestors.

• Experience the magic of a sunset on the “top of the world,” a traditional Peruvian lunch hosted by a local family, and an Andean Shamanic healing ceremony.

• What’s included: 5 nights choice accommodations; meals including 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners; flight between Lima and Cusco on Days 9 and 13; fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts; all ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley; gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals; and airport transfers, including porterage, for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru

Early Reservation Bonus:
See reverse for details.
The Galapagos Islands

JUNE 14-21, 2017
Machu Picchu Extension: June 21-26, 2017

☐ Option 1: Reserve online now at http://unc.orbridge.com or call UNC’s GAA at (877) 962-3980.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 (as printed on passport):________________________ Class Year:________________________

Guest #2 (as printed on passport):________________________ Class Year:________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________

City:________________________ State:________________________ Zip:________________________

Email:________________________ Phone:________________________ Alt. Phone:________________________

Category Preference: 1st choice________________________ 2nd choice________________________

Deposit:

(#) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) +

(#) ______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $_____

Extension Category (please circle): Standard Deluxe Single

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed  ☐ Online Check/ACH  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ Visa  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover

Card #:________________________ Exp. date:________________________ CVV:________________________

Name (as printed on card):________________________

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City:________________________ State:________________________ Zip:________________________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature:________________________ Date:________________________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:

UNC GAA
P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660
Fax: (919) 843-4144

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($45 for single; $55 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

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Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, may be payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#020875-40 4W58028894

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person, based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Internal airfare between the mainland and the Galapagos Islands is included; airfare otherwise not included. Extension rates include internal airfare between Lima and Cusco on days 9 & 13; airfare otherwise not included. Airfare from main program (Goyazapal to extension Lima), will be charged additionally at $490 per person. Machu Picchu Deluxe Category includes room-upgrades at the following properties: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco, and Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima. Upgrade availability is limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; call for details.

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Walsh leads the UNC Galapagos Initiative with faculty from across campus as well as with the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Galápagos National Park, and other organizations. Institutions around the world are partnering with UNC & USFQ through the International Galapagos Science Consortium. In research, Walsh is conducting studies on mangrove forests, land use and invasive plant species, social-ecological vulnerability of beaches, and the integration of the social, terrestrial and marine subsystems in the Galapagos and threats to island ecosystems and their sustainability. Much of the research is conducted at the Galapagos Science Center, which is also shared with students from UNC through Study Abroad Programs as well as Theses and Dissertation. In addition, Walsh is the Co-Editor of a new Galapagos Book Series with Springer Science + Business Media, titled Social and Ecological Interactions in the Galapagos Islands. Three books in the Series have been published Science and Conservation in the Galapagos Islands: Frameworks & Perspectives (Walsh & Mena, Editors), Evolution from the Galapagos: Two Centuries after Darwin (Trueba & Montufar, Editors) & The Galapagos Marine Reserve: A Dynamic Social-Ecological System (Denkinger & Vinueza, Editors).