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The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

*Think biology class – with deck chairs*

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Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join 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.” They 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 plus an intimate cruise through the archipelago with up-close 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, a 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. Sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports.

Stateroom availability is limited. With significant savings of up to $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

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

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Your 8-Day Itinerary  (Subject to change)

Day 1: En Route / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador
   Overnight: Casa Gangotena – Quito

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

Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz: Highlands / Puerto Ayora – Embarkation (B,L,D)
   Santa Cruz Highlands, Puerto Ayora, giant tortoises at Charles Darwin Research Station
   Overnight: Isabela II

Day 4: Bartolomé / Santiago: Sullivan Bay (B,L,D)
   Beach walk, Pinnacle Rock, snorkel opportunity
   Overnight: Isabela II

Day 5: Santa Cruz: Dragon Hill / Santiago: Salt Mine James Bay (B,L,D)
   Lagoon walk, avian wildlife viewing, crater hike
   Overnight: Isabela II

Day 6: Isabela: Punta Vicente Roca / Fernandina: Punta Espinoza (B,L,D)
   Panoramic island viewing, glass-bottom boat ride, white sand beach, sea turtle spotting, farewell dinner
   Overnight: Isabela II

Day 7: Baltra – Disembarkation / Flight to Quito, Ecuador (B,L-aloft)
   Overnight: Hilton Colon – Quito

Day 8: Quito / Depart for U.S. (B)
   (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

Activity Level: Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as some nature hikes will be on irregular and steep terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing wet beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of Isabela II. Maximum elevation: 9,350 feet in Quito, Ecuador.
Immerse

• During a full day tour of Quito, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit church of la Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a unique collection of pre-Columbian art.

Uncover

• Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species such as the Nazca and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; marine and land iguanas; the flightless Galapagos cormorant; and the famous Darwin’s finches.

• Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

Marvel

• Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat.

• Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white sand beaches such as Punta Espinoza, where a variety of animals frolick in a fine display of multi-species tolerance in the nearby lagoon.

• Visit dramatic and historic places, including the Charles Darwin Research Station—the site of a former salt mine, and an ideal location to see the Galapagos fur seal.

What’s Included

• 3 nights hotel accommodations and 4 nights aboard the Isabela II

• A welcome reception in Quito, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners (served with house wine), including a farewell dinner

• All excursions and presentations

• Complimentary use of kayaks, paddle boards, shorty wetsuits, and snorkeling equipment

• Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card

• Internal airfare (from Quito to the islands on day 3, and return to Quito on day 7)

• Gratuities to local guides, hotel porters, and drivers in Quito and the Galapagos Islands

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Isabela II

The 40-guest capacity of Isabela II provides 21 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities.

- **Standard**
  - Full-size bed, 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.

Hotel Accommodations *(subject to change)*

**CASA GANGOTENA – QUITO**

Before embarkation, stay at five-star Casa Gangotena. Located across from Plaza San Francisco in the heart of Quito's Spanish Colonial Old Town, the hotel offers easy access to the rich culture, tradition, and charm of the city's historic center.

**HILTON COLON – QUITO**

This five-star property is ideally situated just 10 minutes from Quito's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. In addition, La Mariscal Craft Market—offering unique and beautiful handmade products from local artisans—is next to the hotel.
The breathtaking surroundings of the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve look and feel like a dream—misty clouds, crashing waterfalls, and endemic species of wildlife found in the Ecuadorian Chocó, one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Take the unparalleled opportunity to visit both a cloud forest and a rainforest—each rich with a myriad of flora and fauna species, in every layer—from below the forest floor to above the canopy.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

**Day +1:** En Route / Arrive Quito, Ecuador
Overnight: Casa Gangotena

**Day +2:** Mashpi Lodge / Mashpi Reserve (B,L,D)
Morning drive to Mashpi, forest activities, night walk
Overnight: Mashpi Lodge

**Day +3:** Mashpi Lodge / Mashpi Forest (B,L,D)
Leisure time, forest exploration, lectures
Overnight: Mashpi Lodge

**Day +4:** Mashpi / Quito / Main Program (B,L)
Late morning group transfer to Quito to join the main program

What’s Included

- 1 night accommodations at Casa Gangotena in Quito and 2 nights accommodations at award-winning Mashpi Lodge
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Entrance to Mashpi Reserve
- Dragonfly aerial tram experience
- Full guiding services, including interpretation on all activities and experiences within the reserve, and use of spotting scopes and binoculars
- Specialized lectures and field presentations on research conducted in the reserve by local experts
- All transportation for excursions using vehicle transport in the reserve; and all gratuities and porterage
- Group transfers from Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport to Casa Gangotena during suggested arrival times, from Casa Gangotena to Mashpi Lodge, and return to Quito to join the main program
What's Included

- 5 nights premium accommodations and a private day room on departure day
- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts
- All ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
- Airport assistance for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 8: Quito / Flight to Cusco, Peru via Lima / Sacred Valley (L,D)
Depart Quito for flight to Cusco; after arrival, lunch with sweeping view of the Sacred Valley, explore the colorful markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca – Yucay

Day 9: 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 10: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning guided tour with time to hike at your own pace, Vistadome train ride to Ollanta, return to Cusco
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 11: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / Kenko / Villa Tipón / Cusco (B,L,D)
San Pedro Market, Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun), Saqsayhuaman and Kenko archaeological sites, private home lunch at Villa Tipon with Pachamama experience
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 12: Cusco (B,L,D)
Full day to explore Cusco, visit local artisans or museums, evening farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Morning at leisure, flight to Lima, evening flights depart for U.S.
Day Room: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima Airport

Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru
The Galapagos Islands

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Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: July 2-5, 2022
Machu Picchu Post-Tour: July 12-17, 2022

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Special Faculty Host: Professor Stephen J. Walsh

Professor Stephen J. Walsh is the Lyle V. Jones Distinguished Professor of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also the Director of the UNC Center for Galapagos Studies and the Galapagos Science Center on San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Archipelago of Ecuador. Professor Walsh founded and leads the UNC Galapagos Initiative. Through a collaborative partnership with the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, the Galapagos Science Center (GSC) was constructed in 2011 – a facility dedicated to the study of the social, terrestrial, and marine subsystems of the Galapagos. The GSC is approximately 20,000 square feet in size and contains a Microbiology & Genetics Lab, Terrestrial Ecology Lab, Marine Ecology Lab, and Spatial Analysis & Modeling Lab and a permanent staff to support scientists from around the globe.

Professor Walsh was an Invited Speaker at the National Academy of Sciences. His paper, “Interactions of social, terrestrial, and marine sub-systems in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador,” was published by the National Academy of Sciences. Walsh also launched a Book Series on the Galapagos Islands, with Springer Nature, “Social, Terrestrial, and Marine Interactions in the Galapagos Islands,” that has included several edited volumes. Walsh was also a Fulbright Scholar to Australia, an Invited Project Scientist at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and an Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In addition, he was awarded National Research Honors for Distinguished Scholarship from the Association of American Geographers. Walsh is conducting a host of research topics in the Galapagos Islands that include land use and invasive plant species; social and ecological vulnerability of beaches; and dynamic systems modeling of social, terrestrial and marine subsystems and the interactions of local factors and global forces on social and ecological dynamics on island sustainability.

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