Cornell University Alumni Association Travel Program Presents:

The Galapagos Islands

OCTOBER 17, 2018 – OCTOBER 24, 2018

From $4,495* (optional extension: from $3,395*)

In the extraordinary archipelago Charles Darwin called "a little world within itself," surround yourself with swimming-basking-flying examples of perfect adaptation.

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers. Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galapagos Islands hold a central position in modern scientific and evolutionary history. In a place where human presence is relatively minimal, take the opportunity to observe and photograph these remarkable species up close—either sitting quietly to watch blue-footed boobies or snorkeling with inquisitive and playful sea lions.

Program Highlights†

- 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 curated collection of Pre-Columbian art.
- Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species such as the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; marine iguanas; and the famous "Darwin's finches."
- Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve.
- 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 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 to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.
- What's included: A welcome reception in Quito, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners including a farewell dinner; all excursions and presentations; flights between Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil on Days 3 and 7; gratuities to local guides, drivers in Quito and Guayaquil, and porterage at hotels; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your Itinerary†

Day 1: En route / arrive Quito, Ecuador
Day 2: Quito
Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz – Embarkation
Day 4: Floreana
Day 5: Española
Day 6: San Cristóbal
Day 7: San Cristóbal – Disembarkation / Flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador
Day 8: Guayaquil / Depart for U.S.
Optional Extension:
Day 8: Guayaquil / En route to Lima, Peru
Day 9: Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley
Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu
Day 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco
Day 12: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / San Blas / Villa Tipón
Day 13: Cusco / Lima / Depart for U.S.

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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 on Days 3 and 7 is included. Airfare otherwise not included.
†Subject to change.