



WILLIAMS COLLEGE PRESENTS
10-Day Galapagos Voyage
August 19-28, 2016

6-Day Optional Extension

Machu Picchu & Cusco
August 28-September 3, 2016

Join Dr. Claire Ting and Bob Behr for a special Galapagos departure!



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- Cabins C4-C5 & D1-D4. \$5,698**
- Cabins C1-C3 & C6-C9 \$6,098**
- Cabins A2-A3 \$6,598**
- Cabin A1 \$6,998**

Price is per person, double occupancy.
 Single Occupancy: \$7,098
 Limited singles available in cabins C4-C5 & D1-D4 only.

- Plus in-country airfare
 (Guayaquil / Galapagos / Guayaquil) . . . \$575**
- Plus Galapagos Park Tax \$120**

**6-Day Extension: Machu Picchu & Cusco
August 28-September 3, 2016**

\$3,298
 Price is per person, double occupancy.
 Single Occupancy: \$4,196

- Plus in-country airfare
 (Quito / Lima / Cusco / Lima) \$728**
- Plus Park Tax \$185**

Airfare and park taxes are subject to change until ticketed.



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Dear Travelers,

The Galapagos Islands are a preeminent destination for those who love wildlife and the natural world. Isolated for millions of years, the Galapagos Islands were colonized by plants and animals that evolved and were literally shaped in this pristine ecosystem. Tortoises grew to giant proportions, iguanas took to the ocean in search of food, and tiny finches adapted in this timeless world. Discoveries about the inhabitants of the islands and surrounding waters - including finches, waved albatrosses, penguins, storm petrels, hammerhead sharks - have changed our understanding of life and its evolution on this planet.

Join Williams College and study leader Prof. Claire Ting for a journey to the magnificent isles of the Galapagos. Prof. Ting trained as a plant and microbial biologist at Yale and Cornell Universities, and is a professor of biology at Williams. She now studies the genomes, physiology and evolution of marine microbes, and most recently served as chief scientist for a National Science Foundation-funded project on board the *R/V Atlantic Explorer* in the Sargasso Sea. She has taught courses on Integrative Plant Biology, Life at Extremes, Genome Sciences, and the Organism, and draws on discoveries from the Galapagos to inspire students to look closely at the natural world and its remarkable diversity.

Through the lens of her work as a biologist, Dr. Claire Ting will present lectures on the history, evolution, and geology of the Galapagos Islands as a microcosm of biodiversity. She will also explore Darwin's famous finches, the development of their beaks, and the long-time studies tracking these endemic bird species. Bringing her own research into focus, Dr. Ting will additionally share her exciting work on environmentally important marine cyanobacteria and the organisms of the oceans surrounding the Galapagos.

Adding to the Williams presence are Bob and Carolyn Behr. Bob has recently retired after 35 years in the Alumni Office and looks forward to seeing some familiar faces aboard the *Evolution*.

The 10-day voyage affords the opportunity to revel in the unrivaled beauty and captivating wildlife found only in the Galapagos. As one of just 32 guests aboard the *M/V Evolution*, enjoy unique opportunities to quickly board zodiacs (excursion boats) to cruise along volcanic cliffs, watch blue-footed boobies "dive-bombing" for food and more. Each day is full of new discoveries but this tour allows plenty of time to swim, snorkel or just relax in the cool waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Expert naturalist guides will accompany you to provide a better understanding of your unique and beautiful surroundings. Perhaps most importantly, you will enjoy the camaraderie of a wonderful group of fellow travelers who will make this experience as enriching as it is memorable.

Experience the Galapagos' intoxicating blend of nature and extraordinary wildlife! This cruise is especially suited to youngsters. Nature was never more accessible than in the Galapagos.

Sincerely,

Leila Derstine
 Coordinator, Alumni Travel-Study

**Join Us at Williams on
 March 3, 2016 at 7:30 pm**
 for an engaging talk by Jonathan Weiner,
 "In Darwin's Footsteps: Witnessing the
 Origin of a New Species in Galapagos."



DARWIN'S ENCHANTED ISLES: 1 The "babies" of the Galapagos, Fernandina and Isabela are still volcanically active. 2 Enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch in the highlands while observing famous giant tortoises in their natural habitat. 3 Española, the oldest island, is home to thousands of nesting sea birds and is the only place to view the majestic waved albatross.

10-Day Itinerary

Friday, August 19 — U.S. / Guayaquil Fly independently to Guayaquil, Ecuador, and transfer to the Hotel Oro Verde. (Meals Aloft)

Saturday, August 20 — Guayaquil / Baltra / Santa Cruz: Whaler Bay / Daphne Major Island Fly to Galapagos and board the *Evolution*. After a safety briefing, enjoy a circumnavigation of Daphne Major, a large tuff cone island which is a paradise for sea birds such as magnificent frigatebird. The island is home to populations of four finch species. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 21 — Isabela Island / Fernandina Island Zodiacs take you on a dramatic ride into the heart of a sunken volcano at Punta Vicente Roca. Take to the water, where we swim and snorkel among sea turtles, penguins and possibly even sea horses. Explore the lava fields of Punta Espinosa, located on Fernandina, the youngest and most volcanically active island in the Galapagos. Here we spot flightless cormorants and marine iguanas. Whale watch from the *Evolution's* open-air decks as we cross the Bolivar Channel. (B,L,D)



Monday, August 22 — Isabela Island Hike along the uplifted section of sea floor in Urvina Bay at the base of the Alcedo Volcano. Our naturalists point out the tortoises, colorful land iguanas and other wildlife that feed on the vegetation. Board our Zodiacs for an excursion to Tagus Cove, where we look for penguins, flightless cormorants and pelicans along the cliffs before a chance to snorkel and swim. (B,L,D)



**Tuesday, August 23 —
Bartolomé / Santiago
Island: Sullivan Bay**

Visit Bartolomé Island, hiking to the top of a dormant volcano for a dramatic panorama, including famed Pinnacle Rock. Our Zodiac drivers will take “non-hikers” for a

ride around the cliffs, observing a stunning volcanic landscape and Galapagos penguins. Swim and snorkel with sea lions and maybe even speedy penguins. This afternoon, hike across the pahoehoe lava of Sullivan Bay, seeing some of the hearty flora colonizing the landscapes. Stroll along the coralline beach spotting black and white oystercatchers. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 24 — Santa Cruz Island: Bachas

Beach & Dragon Hill Walk along the white sands of Bachas Beach looking for Sally Lightfoot crabs, black necked stilts and whimbrels. Snorkel in the calm waters where sea turtles nest. Named for the area’s large land iguanas, Dragon Hill is an important nesting site for iguanas re-introduced by the Charles Darwin Research Center. Walk to a lagoon where we often find flamingos, common stilts and pintail ducks. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 25 — Santa Cruz Island Begin our day in the forested highlands, with ample opportunity to see and photograph giant tortoises in the wild. Stop at a family run farm before learning about the work being done to study and preserve wildlife at Fausto Llerena Tortoise Breeding Center at the Darwin Research Center. (B,L,D)

Friday, August 26 — Española Island Enjoy a Zodiac ride before wading ashore to Punta Suarez through a sea lion colony. Walk along the cliffs looking for waved albatrosses, Galapagos hawks, Hood mockingbirds and the red-colored race of marine iguana en route to Española’s blowhole, where waves spout 90 feet into the air. After a relaxing lunch, swim, snorkel and kayak in the waters off Gardner Bay, or simply bring along your book or a camera and relax on the white sands. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 27 — San Cristóbal Island / Guayaquil Return to San Cristóbal and visit the Interpretation Center. Fly to Guayaquil, with time to relax at the Hotel Oro Verde. (B,L Aloft)

Sunday, August 28 — Guayaquil / U.S. Sunday we fly to the U.S. and connect with flights home. (B, Meals Aloft)

Please Note: Itineraries may vary due to changes in air schedules, weather, Galapagos National Park regulations or other local conditions.



Machu Picchu & Cusco Extension

Saturday, August 27 — Galapagos / Lima Fly to Lima, and overnight at the Costa del Sol. (Meals Aloft)

Sunday, August 28 — Lima / Cusco / Urubamba Valley Fly to Cusco — the heart of the Inca Empire — and drive into the Urubamba Valley. Stop in Chinchero to browse and shop for Andean handicrafts. Visit the Urubamba Market and spend tonight at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

Monday, August 29 — Machu Picchu Board the train to Machu Picchu, where we spend the afternoon exploring the ruins with our guide. Spend two nights at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 30 — Machu Picchu Today is yours to explore Machu Picchu or simply relax! Wake early and hike to the Sun Gate, or enjoy birding in the abundant gardens surrounding our hotel. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 31 — Ollantaytambo / Sacsayhuamán / Cusco Catch the train to Urubamba. Explore Ollantaytambo, where temples and fortresses were built to protect the Sacred Valley. After a Paso Fino horse show, continue across the valley toward Cusco. We stop at Sacsayhuamán — a fortress of massive stones which zigzags across the side of the mountain. Spend two nights at the Aranwa Hotel. (B,L,D)

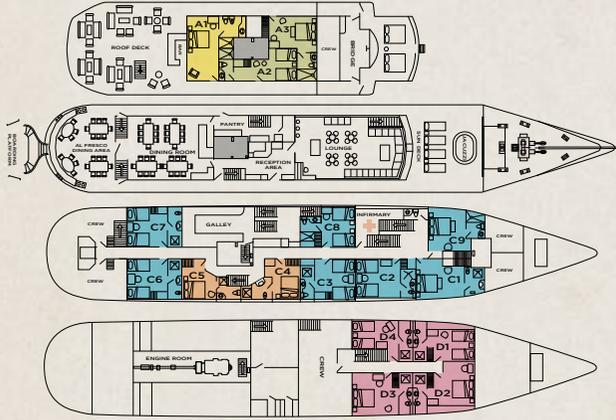
Thursday, September 1 — Cusco Stroll the streets of Cusco, exploring the Koricancha, Santa Catalina Convent, and the Cathedral. The afternoon is free to explore on your own before a farewell dinner featuring Andean fare. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 2 — Cusco / Lima / En Route Fly to Lima for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Transfer to the airport for overnight flights. (B,L)

Saturday, September 3 — U.S. Arrive in the U.S. and connect with your flight home. (Meals Aloft)

Voyage Accommodations

While the intimate *Evolution* may carry just 32 guests, she features an abundance of public space, including a comfortable lounge for briefings by our naturalists, a canopied bar perfect for enjoying a drink on deck, and a sun deck to relax between excursions. Your air-conditioned cabin is the perfect haven, featuring private facilities and ample storage space. And whether in the dining room or al fresco dining area, each meal boasts international and traditional Ecuadorian cuisine, fresh fruit and sumptuous desserts.



What's Included:

- Snorkeling gear and wet suits
- Full educational program with lectures and field interpretation
- All scheduled transportation by land and ship.
- All excursions accompanied by English speaking naturalist guides. (Three guides for groups 26-32)
- Complete pre-departure information to help you get the most out of your expedition.
- Most meals.
- All transfers, portorage and service charges.
- In summary, everything except international and in-country airfare; ticketing fee; U.S. domestic and international departure taxes; air or ship fuel surcharges; tips to naturalist guides and *Evolution* crew; passport fees; and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, etc.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be made in writing and are effective upon receipt in our office. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded all monies less an administrative charge of \$300. Cancellations between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are assessed 50 percent of the cost of the voyage. Cancellations between 60 and 0 days prior to departure are assessed the full cost of the voyage.

Rates and Fares: All rates and fares are accurate and available at the time of publication. Costs are based on a minimum of 10 guests for the expedition and 10 for the extension.

Insurance: Travel protection information will be sent upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit.

Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. CST:2045230-20

Galapagos Voyage • Reservation Certificate

A deposit of \$600 per person is required for the Galapagos Voyage. If you wish to take the Machu Picchu extension, an additional \$150 per person is required. **Please make checks payable to International Expeditions**, and return your deposit and reservation form to:

INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS ATTN: WILLIAMS COLLEGE
One Environs Park • Helena, Alabama 35080
(800) 633-4734

Departure Date: August 19, 2016

Please guarantee _____ spaces for Galapagos Voyage Machu Picchu

Cabin A1: \$6,998 Cabins A2-A3: \$6,598 Cabins C1-C3 & C6-C9: \$6,098

Cabins C4-C5 & D1-D4: \$5,698 Single Cabin (C4-C5 & D1-D4): \$7,098

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Fax _____ E-mail _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Credit Card Name _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

(Deposit, airfare and final payment may be charged to credit card. If your deposit is paid by credit card, the final payment will automatically be charged to the same credit card on the appropriate due date.)

ACCOMMODATIONS: Prices are per person, double occupancy. Person with whom you wish to room:

- Assign roommate for me on the Galapagos Voyage.
 Assign roommate for me on the Machu Picchu pre-voyage extension.
 Smoker

(Limited singles available in cabins C4-C5 & D1-D4 only. Single supplement charges will be applied when applicable.)

AIR TRANSPORTATION: I/We authorize International Expeditions to:

- Book my air reservations from _____ to Guayaquil, for an additional cost. (Airfare subject to change until ticketed. \$50 ticketing fee will apply.)
 I am taking the Machu Picchu extension. Book my air reservations from Guayaquil to Lima, Peru.

I have read and accept the conditions and further understand and agree that the trip I am taking may have risks. I therefore assume all risks involved with regard to this trip and agree that Williams College, International Expeditions and its affiliates will in no way be responsible for any injury or damage to me. This is acknowledged by me knowingly and willfully and shall be binding on my heirs and next of kin. EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER.

Date _____ Signature(s) _____

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Our Ship

Carrying a maximum of just 32 guests, the spacious *Evolution* is large enough for comfort while providing you with an intimate experience in nature.

Small Group

The Galapagos are a treasure meant to be experienced with a small-group of true nature lovers — not 100 “tourists.” Our small group size ensures you enjoy ample time and attention as you explore.

Highest-Rated Guides

You’ll learn from local guides and an expedition leader who are passionate about the islands and licensed at the highest level (level 3) by the Galapagos National Park.

Explore More & See More

Our in-depth exploration of a wide variety of islands offers more than the typical “tourist overview” — we expose you to the greatest variety of wildlife.

GALAPAGOS

Exploring Darwin's Enchanted Isles

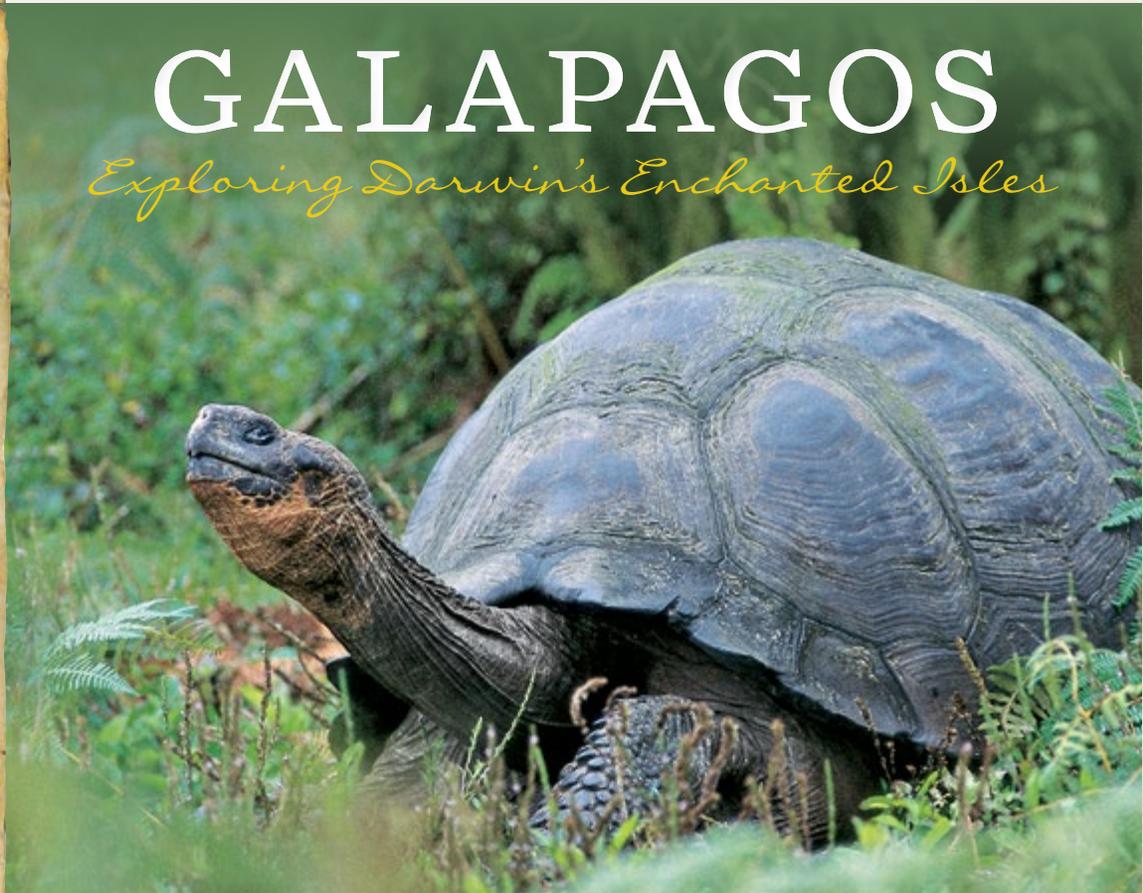


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