The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

MARCH 18-25, 2023

with Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus Jim Carlton

100% REFUND GUARANTEE
See reservation panel for details.

*Think biology class— with deck chairs*
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends:

Join fellow Ephs and Williams Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus Jim Carlton as we explore the Galapagos Islands on this educational tour organized by Orbridge, a third-party travel operator. 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. And 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 $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

Reserve today online at williams.orbridge.com, by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Leila Derstine
Director of Intellectual Engagement
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Please review the Williams College participation agreement information here: https://bit.ly/WilliamsAlumTravel-Agreement

From Orbridge:
As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
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)
Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz Highlands, Puerto Ayora
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 4: Santiago: Puerto Egas / Chinese Hat Islet (B,L,D)
Snorkeling or kayaking, beach walk
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 5: Genovesa: Prince Philip’s Steps / Darwin Bay (B,L,D)
Bird colony spotting, snorkeling or kayaking, island walk
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 6: Santa Fe / South Plaza (B,L,D)
Panoramic island viewing, glass-bottom boat ride, white sand beach, wildlife spotting, farewell dinner
Overnight: Isabela II

Day 7: Baltra – Disembarkation / Flight to Quito, Ecuador (B,L-aloft)
Overnight: Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel

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, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; Santa Fe land 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.

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 coral beaches, such as Darwin Bay. See tidal pools and pass by colonies of various bird species.

• Visit the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise. Journey to Puerto Egas on Santiago Island—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

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

Your Expedition Leader

Viewing the Galapagos Islands alongside an Orbridge Expedition Leader is a special experience. While observing wildlife, they will offer expert descriptions of methods of survival and behaviors. Together on panga 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.
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.

**WYNDHAM QUITO AIRPORT HOTEL**
Conveniently located near the Mariscal Sucre International Airport, the Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel offers comfortable and convenient accommodations for the last night of the program.
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: Arrive Cusco, Peru / Sacred Valley (L,D)
After arrival, lunch with sweeping views of the Sacred Valley
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 (or similar accommodations)

Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru
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Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: March 15-18, 2023
Machu Picchu Post-Tour: March 25-30, 2023

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**Reserve by Check:**
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 10339
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

**GUEST INFORMATION:**
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________ Class Year: ___________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: ___________________________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________ Class Year: ___________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: ___________________________

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**
- Check
- ACH (Automated Clearing House)
- MasterCard/Visa
- American Express
- Discover

Card #: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ___________ CVV: ___________

**Name (as printed on card):_______________________________________________________________**

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**CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:**
Category Preference: 1st choice ___________________________ 2nd choice ___________________________
# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ___________

**Post-Tour Category (choose one):**
- Double
- Deluxe
- Single

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**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program/scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST #2098750-40 WST #602828994

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge: (a) more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full; (b) between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (c) between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (d) within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program will be refunded, in full, if the trip is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances or the program is not offered.

**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. For the post-tour, airfare for internal flights will be charged additionally at $880 (subject to change) per person. **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 after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
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Special Alumni Rate: Save up to $1,000 per couple

FREE Expedition Library
AN EXCLUSIVE EARLY RESERVATION BONUS
Reserve your space by August 26, 2022
to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.**

Williams Study Leader: Marine Sciences Professor Jim Carlton

Williams College Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus James T. Carlton is a world-renowned marine ecologist whose research is focused on the environmental history of coastal marine ecosystems, including non-native species invasions and modern-day extinctions. His research sites include the Galapagos Islands, the Hawai’ian Islands, and the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of North and South America. He is Founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal Biological Invasions, a Pew Fellow for Marine Conservation, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, and he has been a Distinguished Research Fellow of the University of California at Davis’s Bodega Marine Laboratory, as well as the Paul Ilg Distinguished Lecturer at the University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories. He has authored or co-authored more than 275 peer-reviewed publications and co-edited/authored 6 books. Jim received his undergraduate degree in Paleontology from the University of California-Berkeley, his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California-Davis, and did his postdoctoral work at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.