

University of Ottawa Alumni Association

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY:

WONDERS OF THE
Galápagos Islands

aboard the M.V. SANTA CRUZ

January 23 to 31, 2015





Dear Alumni and Friends,

“The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable ... the greater number of its inhabitants, both vegetable and animal, being found nowhere else.”

Charles Darwin’s keen yet simple observation of the Galápagos Islands made famous this “living laboratory of evolution.” Today, 95 percent of its natural biodiversity, first seen when a Spanish ship drifted off course in 1535, is still intact—this UNESCO World Heritage site is home to the amazing exotic birds, animals and plants that inspired Darwin—and continues to offer the excitement of original discovery to every visitor.

Join us for an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime journey aboard the first-class exploration vessel M.V. SANTA CRUZ. Designed specifically to navigate the Galápagos Islands, it is fully equipped with everything necessary to make your Galápagos experience complete, from complimentary snorkelling gear to a fleet of Zodiacs and a glass-bottom Boston Whaler. Certified onboard naturalists lead excursions and share their knowledge to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this fascinating and mysterious natural realm.

These 19 islands, each with its own ecosystem, are teeming with flora and fauna and species unknown elsewhere in the world, like the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana. With few natural predators on the islands, the abundant wildlife is nearly fearless and innocently receptive to human company up close, unlike any other place on our planet! Here, you can almost touch spiny-backed iguanas and snorkel alongside playful seals and tropical penguins.

On mainland Ecuador, explore the magnificent colonial churches of Quito, with their opulent gold interiors, and its historic Old Town, and you will have an opportunity to stand on the Equator.

To complement your Galápagos Islands cruise, we are pleased to offer an exclusive Post-Tour Option to experience the marvels of the legendary “lost city” of Machu Picchu and the breathtaking Sacred Valley.

This exceptional travel value features all accommodations and an optimal cruising itinerary through the “Islands of Tortoises” and has been a fast sellout every year. We encourage you to reserve now as space is limited and Early Booking Savings are only available through July 21, 2014. Please note that activities and services are offered in English only.

Sincerely,

Craig S. Haynes, LLB '99
President,
Alumni Association

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The enigma of the Galápagos Islands

“The Archipelago is a little world within itself...”

— Charles Darwin, *The Voyage of the Beagle*

Amazingly, this remote volcanic archipelago, consisting of 19 islands and 42 islets located 965 kilometres off the coast of Ecuador, inspired one of the most revolutionary theories in the history of science. Formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, these islands’ dramatic landscapes now make a safe home for the quirky finches and primeval iguanas that inspired Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection and evolution, which he presented in *On The Origin of Species* in 1859.

Scientists theorize that most Galápagos species originally floated to the islands from the mainland or were transported by birds or deposited by whalers and buccaneers. Others, like penguins and sea lions, probably arrived by way of the Humboldt Current, a cold stream of ocean water flowing from the southern coast of Chile. This current makes the Galápagos the world’s only tropical region to support such species.

Darwin noted that life in the Galápagos Islands comprises mostly “aboriginal creations, found nowhere else,” which led him to hypothesize that the islands’ species survived by evolving over time independently from their continental cousins. Because natural predators failed to survive—possibly due to the lack of fresh water, which deterred even permanent human settlement until the 20th century—its bevy of birds and animals was able to thrive and adapt in a manner not possible in other habitats.

This also explains why Galápagos species never developed a fear of humans and allow the near contact that makes your experience on the islands so thrilling and unique.



Canada/Quito, Ecuador

Friday, Day 1

Fly to Quito, the highest capital city in the world at 2850 metres, and transfer to your deluxe hotel. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, yet only kilometres from the Equator, Quito is known for its magnificent Spanish colonial architecture and lively street life.

Quito

Saturday, Day 2

Quito is a city of startling contrasts, where thousands of years of native South American tradition are interwoven with imported Catholicism, the Spanish language and European culture. Quaint family-owned shops and open-air markets are steps away from gleaming skyscrapers and ornate

Cover photo: *The unique and amazing naturally coloured blue-footed and red-footed boobies nest along the rocky shores of the Galápagos Islands.*

Photo this page: *Marine iguanas bask in the afternoon sun in the company of Sally Lightfoot crabs.*

Photo above: *Look for spiny red starfish and sea turtles from the comfort of a glass-bottom boat.*





Spanish Baroque-style cathedrals favoured by the Conquistadors. On the city tour, visit the Museo Nacional del Banco Central's Archaeological Gallery and Golden Court and the noble, 16th-century Iglesia (Church) de San Francisco. Continue to the heart of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the Moorish-influenced Cathedral Metropolitana and Iglesia de La Compañía de Jesus, renowned for its lavish interiors decorated with an estimated 6.35 tonnes of gold leaf.

This evening, attend a private Welcome Reception in the hotel.

Quito

Sunday, Day 3

Spend the day at leisure in Quito or join an optional excursion to the Equator at zero degrees latitude. Stand with one foot in each hemisphere in the "middle of the world," where an 18th-century multinational expedition located the Equator and established for the first time an accurate measurement of the earth's size. Step inside the 30-metre-tall monument to this endeavour and tour the Ethnographic Museum, illustrating the diversity of Ecuador's indigenous peoples. Afterward, enjoy lunch in a restaurant with a view of the vast Pululahua volcanic crater.

Quito/Baltra, Galápagos Islands/Santa Cruz

Monday, Day 4

Fly to the small Galápagos island of Baltra. Embark the M.V. SANTA CRUZ in time for lunch and attend your first briefing by the English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists.

Santa Cruz Island's pristine white beaches, giant prickly pear cactus forests, vibrantly coloured flamingos and prehistoric-looking iguanas make it an ideal introduction to the archipelago. Cruise aboard Zodiacs along beautiful mangrove-lined islets and seek out blue- and red-footed boobies, great frigate birds and brown pelicans. Make a landing in the surf at Las Bachas Beach, and explore a small lagoon favoured by elegant wading birds, including black-necked stilts and golden eagles. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

Please note that the M.V. SANTA CRUZ's specific itinerary and cruise pattern is dependent on weather, sea conditions and Galápagos National Park Service regulations.



Take photographs of a lifetime during up-close Galápagos wildlife encounters.

On Bartolomé Island, see the famous Pinnacle Rock and watch for reef sharks and ray-like skates swimming in the crystal-clear water.





Look for the unique mating “dance” of the magnificent frigate birds, one of the Galápagos Islands’ hallmark species.

Santiago Tuesday, Day 5

Experience the scenic beauty of Santiago Island’s Buccaneer Cove surrounded by dramatic volcanic cliffs where hundreds of sea birds perch. Go ashore for a closer look at wildlife, much like the British pirates, sailors and whalers did in the 18th and 19th centuries while using this protected harbour as a safe haven, making repairs and gathering salt, fresh water and firewood.

Later, in Puerto Egas at low tide, walk beside the best tide pools in the Galápagos. Look for land iguanas and marine iguanas—the world’s only seagoing iguanas—grazing on algae beds along the rocky shore. Nearby, observe fur seals and sea lions swimming in the grotto’s turquoise pools.

Rábida/Bartolomé Wednesday, Day 6

Make a wet landing on the otherworldly red sands of Rábida Island. Walk among sea lions and marine iguanas and see a variety of birds, including mockingbirds, yellow warblers and nine species of Darwin’s legendary finches. Continue inland to the island’s unique saltwater pond to search for its famous bright pink flamingos.

This afternoon, make a dry landing on the tiny isle of Bartolomé. From the top of Cerro Bartolomé, enjoy unsurpassed views of lunar-like craters, mangroves and lava formations. Particularly impressive is Pinnacle Rock, a jagged 68-metre tower of honeycombed stone. Below, the island’s pristine beaches and sparking clear water are ideal for swimming and watching the antics of tropical penguins. Then, look for dolphins, manta rays and an abundance of colourful sea creatures from the comfort of a glass-bottom boat.

Genovesa Thursday, Day 7

The remote northern island of Genovesa offers unforgettable bird-watching in the archipelago and is home to the world’s largest colony of red-footed boobies. Following a dry landing at Prince Philip’s Steps, walk up to a broad lava flow overlooking the sea, one of the best places to see the masked faces of Nazca boobies and flurries of tiny storm petrels swirling above.

Later, cruise into Darwin Bay, inhabited by fur seals, hammerhead sharks and swallow-tailed gulls, and make a wet landing for a more leisurely stroll on a coral beach. Among the prickly pear cacti, saltbush and red mangroves, look for magnificent frigate birds, yellow-crowned night herons and four types of Darwin’s finches. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

San Cristóbal/ Guayaquil, Ecuador Friday, Day 8

Arrive this morning at San Cristóbal, where Darwin first landed in 1835, and observe the giant tortoises—the largest in



In 1570, the islands were named “galápagos,” meaning tortoise, based on sailors’ descriptions of their inhabitants.

the world—at the Cerro Colorado breeding station. These remarkable creatures, while reaching weights of up to 408 kilograms, are born with soft shells vulnerable to invasive nonnative species. The breeding station protects the young tortoises until they are able to survive in their natural habitat.

Then fly to Guayaquil and enjoy dinner in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN HOTEL, with late-evening departure to Canada, or continue on to the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option with an overnight in Guayaquil.

Guayaquil/Canada Saturday, Day 9

Arrive in Canada.

The Post-Tour Option and Optional Excursion are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



M.V. SANTA CRUZ

The intimacy and personal service of a small cruise ship experience are the hallmarks of travel aboard the first-class expedition vessel M.V. SANTA CRUZ. It is designed specifically to navigate the Galápagos archipelago's narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters and provides the most comprehensive access possible to the region's marine and wildlife treasures. Refurbished in late 2011, the air-conditioned M.V. SANTA CRUZ features only 43 cabins and offers modern amenities and facilities.

A team of multilingual onboard Ecuadorian expert naturalists will share their in-depth insight and knowledge about the Galápagos' distinctive ecosystem during daily excursions and natural history lectures. The ship provides a Boston Whaler glass-bottom boat to observe marine life, Zodiacs for island landings and excursions, complimentary snorkelling equipment and a nighttime stargazing program.

Each outside, air-conditioned cabin is tastefully appointed with a window or porthole, private bathroom, safe and hair dryer.

All meals, featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties, are served in single seatings in the ship's inviting dining room.

The ship's public facilities include a lounge, natural history library and reading room with Internet access, bar, boutique, observation platform for dolphin watching, jacuzzi and medical clinic with a full-time physician.

The M.V. SANTA CRUZ's staff provides professional, attentive service. The ship maintains the highest international safety and environmental standards.



Junior Suite



Dining Room



Sun Deck

Included Features

In Quito

- ◆ Three nights in a deluxe hotel.
- ◆ Full American breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Welcome Reception.
- ◆ Tour of Quito's historic Colonial District, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

On board the M.V. SANTA CRUZ

- ◆ Four-night cruise from Baltra Island to San Cristóbal Island, with calls at Santa Cruz, Santiago, Rábida, Bartolomé and Genovesa Islands.
- ◆ Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations with private bathroom facilities.
- ◆ Three meals each day, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
- ◆ House wine and beer served with dinner.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ Multilingual naturalists will share their in-depth insights and specialized expertise about the Galápagos' distinctive ecosystem and wildlife on board, on shore and underwater.
- ◆ Snorkelling equipment and glass-bottom boat for further exploration of the Galápagos' diverse marine life.
- ◆ Two island excursions each day by Zodiac landing craft, conditions and weather permitting, focusing on the natural history, unique wildlife and conservation efforts in the Galápagos.

In Guayaquil

- ◆ Dinner in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN HOTEL.



Enhanced Travel Services

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced naturalists and local guides.
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- ◆ Galápagos National Park fee.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the travel program.
- ◆ An optional excursion to the Equator is available at additional cost.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Small Zodiacs allow for landings on remote island beaches for up-close encounters with the miraculous array of wildlife found ashore, such as these Nazca boobies.



Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas;” the lush Sacred Valley; and the colonial and Incan traditions of Cuzco.

Located high in the Peruvian Andes, Machu Picchu was obscured from humankind for 400 years until Yale Professor Hiram Bingham literally stumbled upon it in 1911. A century of extensive research and study still has not revealed the secrets of its purpose, its residents or its abandonment; nevertheless, this UNESCO World Heritage site has been carefully excavated and preserved.

The rushing Urubamba River flows through the beautiful Sacred Valley, where ancient engineering marvels, such as the fortress of Ollantaytambo, stand as lasting testimony to the powerful and far-reaching Inca empire. Here, village craftsmen employ age-old techniques to weave intricate tapestries and sculpt colourful pottery.

In the historic Incan capital of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Incan stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches provide a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.

Day 1 *Guayaquil/Fly to Lima, Peru*

Day 2 *Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley*

Day 3 *Sacred Valley/Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu*

Day 4 *Machu Picchu/Transfer to Cuzco*

Day 5 *Cuzco*

Day 6 *Cuzco/Lima*

Day 7 *Lima/Return to Canada*

Plaza de Armas is the magnificent centre of historic Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site.





LAND/CRUISE TARIFF *(in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy)*

Cabin Category*	Description - Each outside cabin is equipped with a private bathroom and shower, air conditioning and hair dryer.	Early Booking Price through July 21, 2014	Regular Price after July 21, 2014
6	Standard cabin with two twin beds and a large porthole. <i>Main Deck, midship.</i>	\$4410	\$5410
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4	Standard cabin with two twin beds and a large window. <i>Upper Deck.</i>	\$6180	\$7180
3	Standard cabin with two twin beds or one double bed* and a large window. <i>Boat Deck.</i> (*very limited availability)	\$6810	\$7810
2	Larger standard cabin with two twin beds and an extra large porthole. <i>Boat Deck.</i>	\$7120	\$8120
1	Superior cabin with two twin beds or one double bed* and full-length windows. <i>Boat Deck.</i> (*very limited availability)	\$7430	\$8430
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♦ Singles are available in category 4 at \$9410 USD and category 3 at \$10450 USD on or before July 21, 2014. Add \$1000 USD for reservations made after July 21, 2014. (very limited availability)

♦ Taxes are an additional \$170 USD per person and are subject to change.

♦ Airfare Quito/Galápagos/Guayaquil (internal program air) is \$595 USD per person additional and subject to change.

*M.V. SANTA CRUZ has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$600 USD per person and \$200 USD per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:

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☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds).

☐ Double occupancy (one double bed).

☐ Single accommodations.

☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

☐ Double at \$3395 USD per person.

☐ Single at \$4295 USD per person.

☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

☐ I/We want you to book my/our air from

_____ (fill in departure city)
to Quito, Ecuador, with return from Guayaquil, Ecuador, at additional cost to be advised.†

☐ Economy Class

☐ Business Class

☐ First Class

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

☐ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.



Observe the distinct creatures indigenous to the Galápagos Islands, like this land iguana, the same way Charles Darwin did more than 150 years ago.

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