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MASHPI LODGE PRE-TOUR &  
MACHU PICCHU POST-TOUR

# The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER  
& AMAZEMENT

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**100%  
REFUND  
GUARANTEE**

See reservation  
panel for details.  
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*\* Think biology class - with deck chairs \**



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends as we 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. 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 more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

Reserve today online at [wakeforest.orbridge.com](http://wakeforest.orbridge.com), by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.


Sincerely,



Kelly Meachum McConnico ('00)  
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Engagement  
Wake Forest University  
Office of Alumni Engagement

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](http://orbridge.com/wellness).

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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: Buccaneer Cove Bay (B,L,D)  
Lagoon walk, avian wildlife viewing, snorkel opportunity  
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: 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 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 frolic in a fine display of multi-species tolerance in the nearby lagoon.
- Visit dramatic and historic places, including the Charles Darwin Research Station.

## 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.



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## Isabela II

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



Cabin deck



Main deck



### 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.



## Optional Pre-Tour Mashpi Lodge



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 portage
- 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



## Optional Post-Tour Machu Picchu



Travel to the mist-shrouded mountain citadel of the Incas. So remote and inaccessible that it was left untouched by the Spanish conquistadors, Machu Picchu was unknown to the outside world until Hiram Bingham rediscovered it in 1911.

### 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

**Day 13:** Cusco / Flight to Lima / Depart for U.S. (B,L)  
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

### 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 portage
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
- Airport assistance for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





# The Galapagos Islands

MARCH 28 - APRIL 4, 2023

Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: March 25-28, 2023

Machu Picchu Post-Tour: April 4-9, 2023

## Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: [wakeforest.orbridge.com](http://wakeforest.orbridge.com)

Phone: (866) 639-0079

Fax: (206) 452-5655

## Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 10339

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Standard	<del>\$5,499</del>	\$4,995
Classic Double	<del>\$6,499</del>	\$5,995
Classic Twin	<del>\$6,899</del>	\$6,395
Master Suite	<del>\$8,499</del>	\$7,995
Single (Standard)	<del>\$9,499</del>	\$8,995

**Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour\***  
Double \$1,795 | Single \$2,495

**Machu Picchu Post-Tour\***  
(Airfare between main program and post-tour is an additional \$880 per person.)  
Double \$3,895 | Double Deluxe \$4,295  
Single \$5,495 | Single Deluxe \$6,095

*Deluxe package includes room upgrades at Sonesta Posada del Inca, Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel, and Wyndham Costa del Sol. Availability limited.*

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check  ACH (Automated Clearing House)  MasterCard/Visa  American Express  Discover

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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's 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

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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 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.





# The Galapagos Islands

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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than \$1,000** per couple

## What Guests Are Saying...

This was a superb itinerary and was spectacularly organized. We loved the program. We would like to travel to many places, but we will come to Orbridge in the future.

~Linda E., Hanover, NH

The Galapagos Islands trip was a bucket list, anniversary trip for me and truly was the trip of a lifetime. The program is polished, professional, educational, active, engaging, and incredibly well organized.

~Knox B., Greensboro, NC

I can't imagine coordinating a trip of this caliber myself. The hotels were gems and the activities were perfectly paced. I never felt rushed or that an activity was a waste of time. The attention to detail and the knowledge of the guides exceeded my expectations. Everyday was a new adventure to enjoy!

~Shawn & Jeff H., Abington, PA

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