The Galápagos Islands
8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEMENT

FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024

with optional
MASHPI LODGE PRE-TOUR & MACHU PICCHU POST-TOUR

RESERVE RISK FREE
See reservation panel for details.

* 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 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 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
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

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.

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: Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel

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

Day 8: Quito / Depart for U.S. (B)
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)
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, plus 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners, 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.

- **Classical Twin**
  - Two twin beds, view window, private bathroom with shower.
  - 139 sq. ft.

- **Premium Suite**
  - Queen bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - 170 sq. ft.

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**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 group 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 7: Depart Main Program from Quito to Lima, Peru
Depart Quito and arrive in Lima, Peru for an overnight
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport

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 Tipón 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
Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru

Morning at leisure, flight to Lima, evening flights depart for U.S.
Group Day Room: Hospitality Suite at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (or similar accommodations)

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.
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Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: February 14-17, 2024
Machu Picchu Post-Tour: February 24-29, 2024

**Reserve by Credit Card:**
Online: 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 1376
Poulsbo, WA 98370

**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
Card #: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ___________ CVV: ______________
Name (as printed on card): ___________________________
Billing Address (if different from above):
City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: _______________

**CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:**
# _________ 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

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

**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/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of $350 per person for the main program and $200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

**Stateroom Category**
- [ ] Standard $5,992
- [ ] Classic Double $7,992
- [ ] Classic Twin $7,492
- [ ] Premium Suite $9,292
- [ ] Single (Standard) $19,992

**Special Rate**
- [ ] Standard $5,495
- [ ] Classic Double $6,595
- [ ] Classic Twin $6,995
- [ ] Premium Suite $8,795
- [ ] Single (Standard) $9,895

**Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour**
Double $1,895  |  Single $2,695

**Machu Picchu Post-Tour**
(Airfare between main program and post-tour is an additional $899 per person.)
Double $3,995  |  Double Deluxe $4,495
Single $5,895  |  Single Deluxe $6,495

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

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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 $899 (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.
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 and we will travel with Orbridge in the future.
~Linda E., Hanover, NH

This trip was an exceptional experience! Not only were the locations we visited superb in every aspect but the ground support exceeded all expectations. This program provided us with access to unique locations on our planet that should be preserved as they are but are made available to those interested in understanding the delicate nature of our ecosystems. The program was well planned, the guides excellent, accommodations first class.
~Nancy & Greg S., Kihei, HI