VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY: WONDERS OF THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

aboard the First-Class Exploration Vessel SANTA CRUZ II

January 23 to 31, 2020
Dear UC Davis Alumni and Friends,

Join us on this incredible, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience what Charles Darwin observed of the Galápagos Islands: “The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable ... the greater number of its inhabitants, both vegetable and animal, being found nowhere else.” Enjoy firsthand the natural biodiversity of this UNESCO World Heritage-designated archipelago, still intact much as it was when first encountered by happenstance in 1535. Home to the amazing mammals, reptiles, marine life and exotic birds and plants that inspired Darwin, this “living laboratory of evolution” continues to offer the excitement of original discovery to every visitor.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class exploration vessel SANTA CRUZ II, designed specifically to navigate the remote archipelago of the Galápagos. The ship is fully equipped to enrich your Galápagos experience with complimentary snorkeling gear, a fleet of Zodiacs and a glass-bottom boat. Certified onboard naturalists share their expert insights during lectures and excursions, enhancing your understanding of this unique, natural realm.

These islands, each with its own ecosystem, are teeming with vibrant flora and captivating fauna, including the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana—species unknown anywhere else in the world. With few natural predators on the islands, the abundant wildlife is uniquely receptive to up-close human company; only here can you almost touch spiny-backed iguanas and snorkel alongside playful seals and tropical penguins.

Complement your Galápagos Islands cruise with the exclusive Pre-Program Option to Quito, known for its UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town; nearby, stand on the equator with one foot in either hemisphere. On the Post-Program Option, explore the legendary “lost city” of Machu Picchu—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and the breathtaking Sacred Valley.

This incredible travel program is an exceptional value. Reserve now while Early Booking Savings are still available, as space is limited.

Regards from UC Davis,

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AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
The enigma of the Galápagos Islands

“"This archipelago is very remarkable: it seems to be a little world within itself...”
— Charles Darwin

Explore the islands and islets six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador that inspired one of the most revolutionary scientific theories in history. Formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, the Galápagos Islands’ dramatic landscapes now make safe homes for the iconic, 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 some Galápagos species were transported by birds or by whalers and buccaneers, and others by way of the Humboldt Current, a cold ocean stream flowing from the southern coast of Chile. This current makes the Galápagos the world’s only tropical region to support such species as the Galápagos penguin.

Darwin noted that life in the Galápagos Islands is comprised of “aboriginal creations, found nowhere else,” which led him to hypothesize that the islands’ species survived by evolving independently from their continental cousins. Without natural predators, a bevy of birds and animals were able to thrive and adapt in a manner not possible in other habitats. Thus, Galápagos wildlife has never developed a fear of humans and still allows the close encounters that will create an intimate and unforgettable experience!

Depart the U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador
Thursday, January 23
Arrive in Guayaquil, once a favored haven for 17th- and 18th-century English and French buccaneers, and check into the deluxe Hilton Colón Guayaquil Hotel.

Guayaquil/Galápagos Islands
Friday, January 24
Fly to the small island of Baltra and embark the Santa Cruz II in time for lunch. Attend an orientation by the ship’s English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists as you cruise toward Mosquera Islet, a volcanic uplift surrounded by lava reefs.

In small groups, make a wet landing by Zodiac and wade to shore along a shallow reef. Encounter sea lion colonies as your naturalist guide leads you along the shore and provides an introduction to this fragile ecosystem.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening.

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Photo this page: Watch for marine iguanas and Sally Lightfoot crabs in their natural habitat.

Cover photo: Observe the unique blue-footed booby along the rocky shores of the Galápagos Islands.
San Cristóbal Island  
**Saturday, January 25**
In the midst of an abundant deciduous forest on San Cristóbal Island, observe giant tortoises up close in their natural habitat during a visit to the conservation and breeding center. Keep an eye out for dozens of bird species and two endemic species, the San Cristóbal mockingbird and the lava lizard.

This afternoon, explore Punta Pitt and hear sea lions’ welcoming barks as you venture to the only site in the Galápagos Islands where the three species of boobies—the blue-footed, red-footed and Nazca—nest in one area. Look for swallow-tailed gulls, storm petrels and two species of frigatebirds as you enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the San Cristóbal shoreline.

Santa Fe Island/South Plaza Island  
**Sunday, January 26**
Prehistoric-looking land iguanas, colonies of sea lions, pristine white beaches and tree-like prickly pear cacti make Santa Fe Island and South Plaza Island essential landings.

Watch for cactus finches flying between bristling prickly pear cacti—where they make their nests—amid a landscape of crimson succulents. Enjoy glass-bottom boat rides, snorkeling, kayaking or swimming in the crystal-clear waters of the lagoon.

Join your naturalist guides for an evening of stargazing (weather permitting) and learn more about how mariners historically used the stars to navigate and chart their course.

Santa Cruz Island  
**Monday, January 27**
Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to find out about their mission for giant tortoise conservation. Continue to Santa Cruz’s cool, lush highlands for lunch amid mist-covered forests.

This afternoon, choose to swim in the clear blue waters of secluded Garapatero Beach, a nesting area for green turtles and home to lava gulls, pintails, tattlers and whimbrels.

The islands were named “galápagos,” meaning tortoise, based on Spanish sailors’ descriptions of their reptilian inhabitants in the 16th century.

Look for iguanas waiting to feast on sweet pear fruit dropping from prickly pear cacti.

The conical shape and steep slopes of the Galápagos Islands are a result of five million years of repeated volcanic activity.
Look for the magnificent male frigatebird, known for its striking red and black coloration.

Walk the sparkling white sandy beaches and search for Sally Lightfoot crabs. Look for brown pelicans diving for fish or explore the lush highlands, home of the giant tortoises.

Española Island
Tuesday, January 28
Visit Punta Suárez on Española Island for a guided nature walk. Watch the geyser-like spray of the famous Punta Suárez blowhole and observe the island’s red and green marine iguanas up close.

Cruise to Gardner Bay while scanning the skies and shorelines for mockingbirds, yellow warblers and varieties of Darwin’s finches. In Osborn Islet’s turquoise waters, snorkel, kayak or swim and keep an eye out for schools of tropical fish, seahorses, sea turtles, sea lions, coral hawkfish and other marine life.

Eden Islet/North Seymour Island
Wednesday, January 29
Visit Eden Islet off the coast of Santa Cruz Island to look for more incredible Galápagos wildlife. From a Zodiac, watch as blue-footed boobies dive into the lagoon, frigatebirds flit about and reef sharks glide smoothly along the ocean floor.

Enjoy a walk through the natural wonders of North Seymour Island and observe sea lions, blue-footed boobies, frigatebirds, swallow-tailed gulls and marine iguanas.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Baltra/Guayaquil
Thursday, January 30
Disembark in Baltra and fly to Guayaquil. Enjoy a day room in the Hilton Colón GUAYAQUIL HOTEL. Continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option or depart late this evening for the U.S.

U.S.
Friday, January 31
Arrive in the U.S.
Small Ship, Sustainable Cruising
The locally based, first-class SANTA CRUZ II is designed specifically to navigate the narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters of the Galápagos Islands. The ship employs the latest in sustainable cruising technology in order to protect the archipelago’s delicate ecosystem and maintains the highest international safety standards.

Exploration and Enrichment
Enjoy the most comprehensive access possible to the region’s marine and wildlife treasures with the ship’s glass-bottom boat, Zodias for island landings and complimentary kayaking and snorkeling equipment. A team of Ecuadorian naturalists will share their expert insights and in-depth knowledge about the Galápagos Islands’ distinctive ecosystem during daily excursions, natural history lectures and a nighttime stargazing program (weather permitting).

Professional, Attentive Service
The friendly staff is always at your service with a ratio of one crew member for every 1.8 guests. There is a full-time physician and onboard infirmary.

With Our Compliments
In addition to the included island and marine activities, enjoy complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner and a 24-hour coffee and tea station in the ship’s library.

Only 50 Suites and Cabins
All accommodations are ocean-view, air-conditioned and tastefully appointed, featuring a private bathroom with shower, a hair dryer and a safe. Cabins (163 to 192 square feet) offer one double bed convertible to two twin beds, and the three Suites (325 square feet) feature one fixed double bed.

Life on Board
All meals, featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties, are served in single seatings in the inviting Beagle Restaurant. Between excursions, guests may enjoy leisure time aboard ship in the two lounges, natural history library with Internet access (conditions permitting), bar, gift shop, observation deck, two hot tubs and fitness center.
Zodiacs allow for landings on island beaches for up-close encounters with wildlife, such as the red-footed booby.

**Included Features**

**In Guayaquil, Ecuador**
- One night in the deluxe **Hilton Colón Guayaquil Hotel**.
- One full American breakfast.
- Upon program conclusion, day room in the deluxe **Hilton Colón Guayaquil Hotel** before return flight to the U.S.

**On Board the First-Class Expedition Vessel Santa Cruz II**
- Six-night cruise of Ecuador’s Galápagos Islands round trip Baltra Island, with calls at six of the Galápagos’ fascinating islands: Santa Cruz, San Cristóbal, Santa Fe, South Plaza, Española and North Seymour.
- Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations.
- Three meals each day, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
- Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- English-speaking naturalists will share their expert insights and specialized knowledge about the Galápagos’ distinctive ecosystem and wildlife while on board, on shore and in the water.
- Island excursions each day by Zodiac landing craft, focusing on the unique wildlife, natural history and conservation efforts in the Galápagos, sea conditions and weather permitting.
- Complimentary snorkeling equipment and kayaks for further exploration of the Galápagos’ diverse marine life.
- Nighttime stargazing on the Sky Deck, weather permitting.

**Always Included**
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking naturalists and local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
- Galápagos National Park fee.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley
Post-Program Option

Delight in this extraordinary opportunity to experience Machu Picchu—a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of seven modern wonders of the world—the captivating Sacred Valley and the colonial and Inca traditions of Cuzco.

Cradled by the soaring peaks of the Andes Mountains, the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu summons awe and wonder like few other places—nothing can diminish your first glimpse of this fabled “lost city.” Undiscovered for four centuries until American explorer Hiram Bingham unearthed the site in 1911, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century as a retreat for the Inca emperor Pachacuti.

Admire the spectacular archaeological sites of 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 craftspeople employ age-old techniques to spin, dye and weave intricate tapestries and sculpt pottery painted with ancient, artistic patterns.

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

Enjoy deluxe, ideally located accommodations in Lima, Machu Picchu and Cuzco.

Day 1 Baltra Island, Ecuador/Fly to Guayaquil/
Fly to Lima, Perú
Day 2 Lima/Fly to Cuzco/Sacred Valley
Day 3 Sacred Valley/Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu
Day 4 Machu Picchu/Train to Ollantaytambo/
Transfer to Cuzco
Day 5 Cuzco
Day 6 Cuzco/Fly to Lima
Day 7 Lima/Return to the U.S.

The Post-Program Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

In Cuzco’s Plaza de Armas, see the 16th-century Jesuit church, one of the best examples of colonial Baroque style.
Santa Cruz II has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request.

Airfare Guayaquil/Baltra/Guayaquil (internal program air) is $625 per person additional and subject to change.

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 099-01/23/20-230

Email Address       (FAX)

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Telephone: (Home)   (Mobile)           (Business)

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wire transfer by October 18, 2020.

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or
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By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption

Singles are available in category 5 at $13295* and in category 3 at $15695* on or before June 24, 2019. Add $1000 for reservations made after June 24, 2019.

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"Taxes are an additional $195 per person and are subject to change.

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RESERVATION FORM

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For further information, call the offices of GoHagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1140.

Title    Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)  UC Davis Class Year

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and
$200 per person Colonial Quito Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per
person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option.

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Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Make checks payable to GoHagan & Company.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

Visa    MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

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wire transfer by October 18, 2020.

Membership: One participant of each travel party must be a member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. After trip reservation is processed, CAAA will follow up with the traveler to confirm membership status and coordinate payment if a $60 annual membership needs to be purchased. Membership is open to all alumni and friends of UC Davis.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

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PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:

LUGGAGE:

AIRFARE:

AIRBÉARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and, depending on the fare basis, likely is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Gohagan.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or assistance (i.e., the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion orGohagan staff and be able to walk independently without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNTED RATES: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by June 30, 2019. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be canceled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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