

Galápagos by Catamaran, Machu Picchu and Peru's Land of the Inca

In one grand expedition, experience all the wildness of Galápagos with a maximum of 16 guests, and continue to Peru in a small group to experience the sublime archaeological wonder of Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, and Cusco on our signature land program. Throughout, you will explore with a top team of naturalists and historians who add layers of insight and interest. *National Geographic Delfina* is available as a private charter. The ship is perfectly sized for a group of family and friends, or your organization.

From
$ 17,250 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES
Year round

DURATION
16 Days

SHIPS
National Geographic Delfina

STARTS AT
Quito, Ecuador

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ENDS AT
Lima, Peru

Note: Passport information to secure Machu Picchu tickets is needed at time of booking due to an increase in demand. Bookings within 140 days are subject to confirmation of availability and not guaranteed until purchased with guest passport information.

Highlights



- Encounter Galápagos wildlife up close—and explore the undersea realm, too—on an exclusive catamaran with 16 guests and two veteran expedition staff to guide you over a full week in the islands

- Explore fabled Machu Picchu, royal sanctuary of Inca Pachacuti, over two days

- Discover the Sacred Valley at Sol y Luna, an






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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Quito, Ecuador

Arrive in Quito, Ecuador's capital city in the Andes, where guests are met and transferred to a hotel for an overnight stay.

At 9,350 feet above sea level, Quito's elevation makes early arrival beneficial for acclimatization. Pre-voyage extensions are available, including experiences in the lush cloud forest of the tropical Andes or additional time to explore Quito and its surrounding cultural highlights. Additional nights in Quito may also be reserved to further enhance the journey.

Arrival Time: Anytime.
Arrival City: Quito, Ecuador

◇ DAY 2

Quito / Galápagos Islands / Embark Ship

In the morning, transfers to the airport and luggage assistance are provided for the recommended flight to the Galápagos Islands. Upon arrival, embark the ship.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-8

Exploring the Galápagos Islands

Below are a selection of islands you may visit during your expedition. Itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.

North Seymour: Follow coastal trails past playful Galápagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigatebirds nest, blue-footed boobies dance and where you may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus.

Bartolomé: Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim and snorkel from the beach. Catch a glimpse of Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest.

Santiago: Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak and paddleboard along Santiago's spectacular coast, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked.

Isabela: Cross the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, the northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, sea turtles and the elusive ocean sunfish. Over two days, land in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore.

Fernandina: One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galápagos penguins and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows.

Española: See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at this bird paradise, also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the white sand beach, and snorkel offshore at Gardner Bay.

Floreana: Follow a trail past a pink-tinted lagoon sometimes frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish or cruise along

Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the historic mail barrel at Post Office Bay.

Santa Cruz: Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. Witness giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush, green highlands**.**

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Genovesa: Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos into this flooded caldera, home to over one million seabirds. Visit Prince Philip's Steps at the top of the island. Highlights along the trail are many, from Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies and frigates to gulls, owls, fur seals, hammerhead sharks, turtles and manta rays.

San Cristobal: Walk along the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

Galápagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Quito / Lima, Peru

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru, via Quito. Check into the Belmond Miraflores Park, set on a wide promenade overlooking the Pacific, where you'll spend two nights.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

◇ DAY 10

Lima

After breakfast, explore World Heritage-designated colonial Lima. Visit the extraordinary Larco Museum, dedicated to pre-Columbian art. Then stroll the Plaza Mayor and delight in a private welcome lunch with a special musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. Tonight, dinner is on your own to sample Lima's amazing award-winning fare.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

◇ DAY 11

Lima / Cusco / Sacred Valley

Board a short scenic flight to Cusco this morning and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site with dramatic agricultural terraces in the heart of the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley. After lunch, check into your hotel. Sol y Luna, a Relais & Châteaux property, is where you'll stay in individual casitas set in verdant greens.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 12

Sacred Valley

Spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic expert Peter Frost (or a colleague), who has lived and worked in Peru for decades. He or a colleague joins you for a talk at your hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. Lunch is at a working, family-owned hacienda, where you'll be treated to a show of Peruvian Paso horses, and National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of *El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco*, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions. Don't forget to pack your duffel bag (bags will be provided) for your 2-day trip to Machu Picchu.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 13

Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu

Marvel at the dramatic scenery and life along the river en route this morning by train to Machu Picchu, the Inca royal retreat famously introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Check into the Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, a luxury riverside retreat that blends Andean culture with upscale comfort. Over the next two days you will explore Machu Picchu in the company of your handpicked tour director and local guides. Enjoy lunch in town and dinner at hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 14

Machu Picchu / Cusco

Awaken this morning and return to Machu Picchu, where your local and veteran guides share their intimate understanding of this site, focusing on the history and far-reaching cultural influence. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco—the center of the Inca universe, a burgeoning cultural capital, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check into the Belmond Hotel Monasterio on Plaza Nazarenas in the heart of Cusco for two nights. Occupying a monastery founded in 1592, the hotel—like much of colonial Cusco—is built atop Inca stones.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 15

Cusco

Explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral, sacred Inca Temple of the Sun and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuamán, where a series of imposing terrace walls, the most impressive yet, command views over the city. Relax, shop or visit one of Cusco's many churches and museums this afternoon. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

■ DAY 16

Cusco / Lima

After breakfast and a final morning at leisure, say goodbye to the Land of the Inca and fly from Cusco back to Lima, connecting to flights home. Depending on your flight schedule, optional rooms at the Wyndham Lima Airport Hotel are available, or spend the night and fly to Iquitos to join the Upper Amazon Expedition aboard Delfin II on Sunday.

Departure Time: Depart after 7:00 p.m. local time.
Departure City: Lima, Peru

Meals included: breakfast

Expedition

Quito, Ecuador → Lima, Peru

2026 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *National Geographic Delfina*

04 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec	

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *National Geographic Delfina*

08 Jan	15 Jan	22 Jan	29 Jan	
05 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb		
05 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar	26 Mar	
02 Apr	09 Apr	16 Apr	23 Apr	
07 May	14 May	21 May	28 May	
04 Jun	11 Jun	18 Jun	25 Jun	
02 Jul	09 Jul	16 Jul	23 Jul	30 Jul
13 Aug	20 Aug	27 Aug		
03 Sep	10 Sep	17 Sep	24 Sep	
01 Oct	08 Oct	15 Oct	22 Oct	29 Oct
05 Nov	12 Nov			
03 Dec	10 Dec	17 Dec	24 Dec	31 Dec

2028 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *National Geographic Delfina*

07 Jan	14 Jan	21 Jan	28 Jan	
04 Feb	11 Feb			
03 Mar	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar	31 Mar
14 Apr	21 Apr			
19 May	26 May			
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03 Nov	10 Nov	17 Nov	24 Nov	
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2029 DEPARTURE DATES

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05 Jan	12 Jan	19 Jan	26 Jan	
02 Feb	09 Feb	16 Feb		
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National Geographic Delfina

GUESTS	CABINS
16	8

The ultimate, intimate Galápagos expedition aboard a 16-guest catamaran

Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic welcomes the newest and most intimate addition to the Galápagos fleet, the *National Geographic Delfina*. Setting sail in early 2025, this sleek, contemporary vessel is a luxury catamaran designed for cruising the Galápagos Islands in style and stable comfort. The elegant, well-appointed ship, with a double hull, accommodates 16 guests in eight spacious, air-conditioned cabins featuring polished wood décor. Located on two decks, staterooms have either a private balcony (Category 5) or direct access to an expansive wood deck (Category 4).

The open-air Observation Deck, which provides 360-degree views, has a shaded area for relaxation, a whirlpool hot tub and lounge chairs to take in your surroundings.

On the wrap-around Upper Deck, dine al fresco at the stern and enjoy spectacular island views from the bow as you watch for dolphins, whales and other dazzling marine life. The dining room, bar and cozy lounge with library are on the Main Deck, which is also the boarding area and marina.

National Geographic Delfina provides an authentic sense of these legendary islands informed by decades working closely with local communities and conservation groups. Contributing to the fully immersive experience on board are the Ecuadorian officers and crew as well as the locally sourced and sustainable farm-to-table and ocean-to-table culinary ingredients you'll enjoy at every meal. You will travel in the good company of a veteran Expedition Leader and National Geographic certified photo instructor, both licensed naturalists who will guide you on all your adventures in the Galápagos National Park and Marine Reserve.

As the home base for our classic 10-day voyage, round-trip from Baltra in the center of the islands, *National Geographic Delfina* departs Fridays year-round, with an included night in Quito or Guayaquil before and after the voyage. Embark Saturday for a full week exploring the Galápagos islands.

Available as a charter, the ship is perfectly sized for a group of family and friends, or your organization.







Cabin Categories

Category 4

UPPER DECK **#300-303**

The four Upper Deck staterooms, which can be reserved as interconnected port and starboard for friends and family, have ensuite bathrooms, ample storage and can be set up with either queen or two twin beds. Staterooms are 172 square feet with a large window and a door that opens directly onto the outside deck.



Category 5

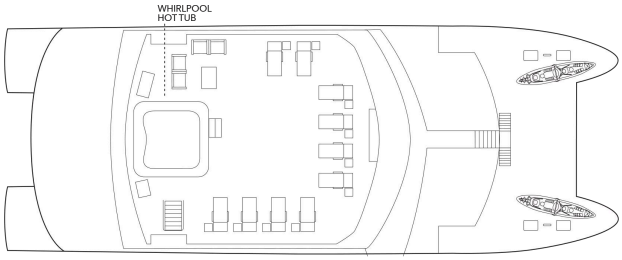
MAIN DECK **#200-203**

The four main-deck staterooms have private balconies, ensuite bathrooms, ample storage, and can be set up with either queen or two twin beds. Staterooms are 172 square feet with a 43 square-foot balcony, seating and two large windows.



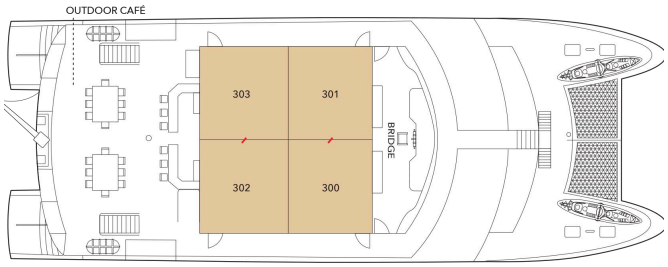
Deck Plans

Observation Deck



Upper Deck

Category 4



Main Deck

Category 5



Ship Amenities

Expansive Open-Air Decks

Accommodating 16 guests, the intimate, comfortable and stylish *National Geographic Delfina II* features an Observation Deck, a wrap-around Upper Deck with al fresco dining and access to the bow, open-air stairs between decks and a compact marina to gear up for snorkeling excursions. The eight staterooms have either a balcony (Category 5) or direct access onto the deck (Category 4).



In Good Company

Explore Galápagos in the company of two veteran Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic expedition staff, a veteran Expedition Leader and Certified Photo Instructor, both licensed naturalists. Staff are certified as Field Educators to offer the National Geographic Explorers-in-Training Program for kids and teens.

Note: This vessel does not carry a medical professional. Please call with questions.

Special Offers

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise.
For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions; arrival/departure transfers are included for hotel arrangements made through National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions; gratuities in Guayaquil, and Quito to local guides, drivers and tour escort; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins); guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; basic Wi-Fi aboard ship; complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounge, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare* (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, scuba diving, and phone services; travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

*Recommended flight costs include flight(s) that take place during the date range of your trip to transport travelers from one itinerary destination to another. This cost also includes ground transportation, luggage transfer, and airport assistance. If you prefer to arrange your own flights privately, have alternate means of transport, or wish to modify at a later time, please contact an Expedition Specialist at 1.833.400.0831

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non- refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

CANCELLATION POLICY

Review our cancellation policy: https://www.expeditions.com/cancellation-policy/