Voyage of Discovery

Wonders of the Galápagos Islands

aboard the First-Class Exploration Vessel SANTA CRUZ II

February 9 to 17, 2022

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!

No land/cruise cancellation fees for new bookings until 96 days prior to trip departure.

SAVE $2000 PER COUPLE!

RESERVE BY OCTOBER 29, 2021
Dear UC Davis Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this voyage-of-a-lifetime and share in the wonder of Charles Darwin’s revolutionary observations of this remarkable world unto itself. Experience the astounding biodiversity of the UNESCO-inscribed Galápagos archipelago, preserved much as it was when Spanish colonists arrived in 1535. Home to unique animals, reptiles, birds, plants and aquatic life, Darwin’s “living laboratory of evolution” continues to inspire the thrill of original discovery in 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 a fleet of panga boats, a glass-bottom boat and complimentary snorkeling gear. Certified onboard naturalists share their expert insights during excursions into this extraordinary biome. These legendary islands teem with endemic flora and fauna, including the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana. Without large land predators, the wildlife is uniquely receptive to up-close human company.

Complement your cruise with the exclusive Post-Program Option, combining fabled Machu Picchu, the Inca citadel of Cuzco and the breathtaking Sacred Valley. This carefully designed itinerary features the emblematic species and landscapes that define the Galápagos Islands’ fragile ecosystem. All island excursions and activities are included, creating an immersive, personal and exceptional value Galápagos cruise experience. Reserve now while space is still available.

Regards from UC Davis,

Mary Jo Ford
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The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.
The Enigma of the Galápagos Islands

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

An astonishing vision of life completely devoid of human presence, the Galápagos Islands represent a truly unique and incomparable environment. Located six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador, the archipelago’s isolation combined with the nutrient-rich waters of the Humboldt Current have created one of the world’s richest marine ecosystems.

Darwin’s “living laboratory,” the Galápagos Islands spurred the naturalist’s paradigm-shifting work, On the Origin of the Species. Published in 1859, his speculations on natural selection in the role of “aboriginal creations, found nowhere else,” inspired one of the most revolutionary scientific theories in history.

One of the first and most treasured UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Galápagos sustains an astounding number of endemic species which continue to thrive with the absence of natural predators. The legendary fearlessness of Galápagos wildlife allows for intimate, up-close encounters. Visitors delight in coming face to face with giant tortoises and marine iguanas, seeing Darwin’s finches, and swimming alongside playful Galápagos sea lions and swift Galápagos penguins.

U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador
Wednesday, February 9
Depart the U.S. Upon arrival in Guayaquil, transfer to the Hilton Colón Guayaquil Hotel.

Guayaquil/Baltra, Galápagos Islands/Santa Cruz Island
Thursday, February 10
Fly to the small island of Baltra and embark the expedition vessel Santa Cruz II in time for lunch. Attend an orientation by the ship’s English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists while cruising to Santa Cruz Island, known for endemic marine iguanas, prickly pear cacti, giant land tortoises and pristine white beaches.

Aboard panga boats, explore the shores of mangrove-lined islets and observe emblematic blue- and red-footed boobies, brown pelicans and magnificent frigatebirds. Visit a small lagoon frequented by pink flamingos and shorebirds before a short ascent of Dragon Hill, which provides sanctuary to a large population of land iguanas and affords spectacular views.

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

Please note that the itinerary and cruise pattern are dependent on weather, ocean conditions and Galápagos National Park Service regulations.

Photo this page: Explore the landscapes of Isabela and Fernandina Islands, which are home to over 90 percent of the islands’ endemic Galápagos penguins.

Cover photo: Observe unique blue-footed boobies along the rocky shores of the Galápagos Islands.
Isabela Island/Fernandina Island  
**Friday, February 11**
Cruise through the ecologically rich Bolivar Channel, framed by the dramatic volcanic peaks of Isabela and Fernandina. Spend the morning at seahorse-shaped Isabela, a younger island formed by six shield volcanoes, notably Volcán Sierra Negra—the world's second largest caldera. Enjoy opportunities to snorkel off Punta Vicente Roca or search the northern shores for Nazca boobies, Darwin’s finches and Galápagos hawks.

The rocky landscapes of Fernandina are the most untouched of all the Galápagos Islands. Look for Galápagos penguins and sea lions competing for fish, marine iguanas basking in the sun and flightless cormorants drying their wings amid scuttling Sally Lightfoot crabs. Discover how recent volcanic activity has reshaped the island's topography, creating an ever-changing environment for thriving species found nowhere else.

Santa Cruz Island  
**Saturday, February 12**
Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station—established in 1965—where over two hundred scientists collaborate in conservation efforts, including a breeding program for rare giant tortoises. Transfer to Santa Cruz’s cool, lush highlands for lunch amid an endemic Scalesia cloud forest.

This afternoon, choose from a variety of leisure activities at Tortuga Bay. Stroll along an immaculate sweep of white sand that shelters nesting sea turtles, marine iguanas and lava gulls. Snorkel in the clear waters of a secluded cove amid colorful reef fish or walk the island’s trails and keep watch for warblers, finches, mockingbirds and lava lizards.

Post Office Bay, Floreana Island/Champion Islet/Cormorant Point  
**Sunday, February 13**
Floreana was one of the first islands in the archipelago to be settled by European whalers and buccaneers. At Post Office Bay, peruse the mail in the wooden barrel “post office,” established by whalers to...
transport letters home on passing ships. Select a piece of mail to hand deliver to its final destination or leave your own message to be delivered by a future visitor.

Cruise via panga or snorkel in the sparkling waters surrounding pristine Champion Islet—one of the best areas to snorkel in the archipelago. Encounter sea horses, sea turtles, sea lions, coral hawkfish and other aquatic wonders. Scan the skies and shorelines for a rare sighting of the endemic Floreana mockingbird, common to the islands when Darwin visited but endangered today. Walk along the brackish lagoons and mangroves near Cormorant Point, a haven for flamingos and pelicans.

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

**Baltra/Quito**

**Monday, February 14**

Dock in Baltra and disembark the ship. Board your late-morning flight to Quito, one of the highest capital cities in the world at 9,350 feet. Transfer to the ideally located JW Marriott Quito. Surrounded by snowcapped peaks, yet only miles from the equator, Quito is arguably South America’s most attractive and beguiling capital city.

**Quito**

**Tuesday, February 15**

Quito is a city of startling contrasts, where thousands of years of South American traditions are interwoven with Catholicism, the Spanish language and Western European culture. Experience the architectural splendor, indigenous traditions and contemporary verve of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Visit the noble, 16th-century Iglesia de San Francisco—the continent’s most feted religious structure—Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús, renowned for its lavish interior adorned with an estimated seven tons of gold leaf, and see the Moorish-influenced Catedral Metropolitana. Tour Casa del Alabado, an impressive private museum of pre-Columbian art and archaeological artifacts housed in a 17th-century colonial mansion.

**Wednesday, February 16**

Stand in the “middle of the world” with one foot in each hemisphere at the equator. See the hundred-foot-tall Equatorial Monument, which commemorates the 18th-century multinational expedition that located zero degrees latitude, accurately establishing the Earth’s size for the first time. In the Ethnographic Museum, see exhibits that celebrate Ecuador’s cultural diversity.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Quito.

**Quito/U.S.**

**Thursday, February 17**

Continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option or enjoy day room accommodations in the HILTON COLÓN GUAYAQUIL HOTEL and depart late this evening for the U.S.

Visit Quito’s legendary Iglesia de San Francisco, a fusion of colonial and indigenous aesthetics.
**First-Class Expedition Vessel Santa Cruz II**

**Small Ship, Sustainable Cruising**
The Galápagos Island-based, First-Class SANTA CRUZ II is designed specifically to navigate these narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters. 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 panga boats for island landings, a glass-bottom boat and complimentary kayaking and snorkeling equipment. A team of Ecuadorian naturalists will share their expertise of 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 two crew members for every three guests. There is a full-time physician and onboard infirmary.

**With Our Compliments**
All island excursions and marine activities are included. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner. The ship's library features a 24-hour coffee and tea station.

**Only 50 Suites and Cabins**
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. All accommodations are ocean-view, air-conditioned and tastefully appointed, featuring a private bathroom with shower, hair dryer and safe.

**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 in the ship's bar, observation deck, natural history library with Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting), fitness center, two hot tubs and two lounges.
Included Features

In Guayaquil, Ecuador
♦ One night in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN GUAYAQUIL HOTEL.
♦ One full American breakfast.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered Expedition Vessel SANTA CRUZ II
♦ Four-night cruise of Ecuador’s Galápagos Islands, round-trip Baltra Island, calling at the Galápagos’ most emblematic islands: Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina and Floreana.
♦ Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations.
♦ All meals aboard ship, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
♦ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
♦ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
♦ Daily island excursions by panga landing craft, focusing on the unique wildlife, natural history and conservation efforts in the Galápagos (ocean conditions and weather permitting).
♦ Complimentary snorkeling and kayak equipment for further exploration of the Galápagos’ diverse marine life.
♦ English-speaking naturalists share their expert insights and specialized knowledge about the Galápagos’ distinctive ecosystem and wildlife while on board, on shore and in the water.
♦ Nighttime stargazing on the Sky Deck, weather permitting.

In Quito
♦ Three nights in the deluxe JW MARRIOTT QUITO.
♦ Full American breakfast each morning.
♦ Farewell Reception in the hotel.
♦ Tour of Quito’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated colonial district.
♦ Visits to Quito’s most celebrated ecclesiastical edifices: Iglesia de San Francisco, Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús, and see the Catedral Metropolitana.
♦ Tour of Casa del Alabado, a private museum of pre-Columbian art.
♦ Excursion to the equator and a visit to the Ethnographic Museum.

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 refillable water bottle 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

Explore Peru’s UNESCO-inscribed archaeological treasures and signature landscapes on this comprehensive Post-Program Option featuring Machu Picchu, Cuzco and the Sacred Valley. 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.”

Machu Picchu was unknown to the Western world for four centuries until American explorer Hiram Bingham III discovered the site in 1911. Research and excavation has revealed that Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century as a retreat for the Inca emperor Pachacuti.

Admire the spectacular archaeological sites of the 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 historical 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 Quito, Ecuador/Fly to Lima, Peru/
Fly to Sacred Valley
Day 2 Sacred Valley
Day 3 Sacred Valley/Scenic Vistadome 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 available 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.
**PROOF**

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**Sky Deck**

**Panorama Deck**

**Expedition Deck**

**Horizon Deck**

**Ocean Deck**

**SANTA CRUZ II**

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Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.*

Airfare Guayaquil/Baltra and Baltra/Quito (internal program air) is included.

*Santa Cruz II has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

**WONDERS of the GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS RESERVATION FORM**

**Send to:** Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

For further information, call the offices of Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1146.

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**Welcome Back Tariff** through Oct. 29, 2021

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Please make my/our reservation(s):

- **Category:**
- **Welcome Back Tariff** through Oct. 29, 2021
- **Tariff** after Oct. 29, 2021

- **Double occupancy**
  - (two twin beds).
- **Double occupancy**
  - (one queen bed).
- **Single accommodations**.
- **Single but prefer to share** and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option**

- **Double at $2995 per person.**
- **Single at $3795 per person.**
- **I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.**

- **I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:**

- **(fill in departure city)***

**Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person.**

- **Enclosed is my/our check(s) for**
  - as deposit.
- **Make check(s) payable to Gohagan & Company.**
- **I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of**
  - to:
  - American Express
  - Discover
  - MasterCard
  - Visa
- **I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for deposit via ACH or wire transfer.**

**Card Number**

**Exp. Date**

**Signature as it appears on credit card**

**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.**

**First participant’s signature**

**Second participant’s signature**

**Today’s date**

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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.

**Final Payment due November 5, 2021**

make by check, ACH, wire transfer or credit card. No land/cruise cancellation fees until 96 days prior to February 9, 2022!
Cancellation fees and penalties apply as follows:

- 100% of program price for cancellations 44-0 days prior to departure
- 75% of program price for cancellations 60-45 days prior
- 50% of program price for cancellations 90-61 days prior
- 25% of program price for cancellations 120-89 days prior
- 10% of program price for cancellations 180-119 days prior
- No refund for cancellations prior to 180 days prior

If you are unable to travel due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. An application will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available to comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. An application will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation.

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In the event of any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, further, I release Gohagan from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

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