Voyage of Discovery

Wonders of the
Galápagos Islands

aboard the First-Class Exploration Vessel
SANTA CRUZ II
February 9 to 17, 2022

featuring Colin Orians,
Professor of Biology and Director of Environmental Studies

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Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Tufts,

Along with alumni from our like-minded partner institutions on this departure, the University of Maryland, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the University of California-Davis, join us for this voyage and share in the wonder of Charles Darwin’s revolutionary observations. Home to unique animals, plants and aquatic life, Darwin’s “living laboratory of evolution” continues to inspire every visitor.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, First-Class SANTA CRUZ II. The ship is fully equipped with a fleet of panga boats, a glass-bottom boat and snorkeling gear. Certified onboard naturalists share their expert insights during excursions.

Complement your cruise with the Post-Program Option, combining Machu Picchu, Cuzco and the Sacred Valley. All island excursions and activities are included. To make a reservation, call our Tufts representative at Gohagan & Company at 1-800-922-3088.

Cheers!

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Faculty Host

Colin Orians, Professor of Biology and Director of Environmental Studies, is interested in global change biology, with particular emphasis on climate change, species invasion and sustainability of natural and agricultural ecosystems. He has been at Tufts since 1995 and teaches courses in environmental biology, tropical ecology and sustainable agriculture. His research group works in diverse agroecosystems—coffee in Costa Rica, tea in China, sugar maples in New England and vegetables and grains in Massachusetts. As an impressionable undergraduate, it was a trip to the Galápagos that filled his mind with the wonders of the living world and cemented his decision to pursue a career in research and teaching.

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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.
The conical shapes and steep slopes of the Galápagos Islands are a result of five million years of repeated volcanic activity.

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

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

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

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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.

Go ashore on panga boats to enjoy up-close encounters with Galápagos wildlife, including seal lions.

Quito

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.
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 kayaking 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.
Santa Cruz II has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request.

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

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Horizon Deck
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**LAND/Cruise Tariff including taxes**
Per person, based on double occupancy

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Suites: Suite with two windows, one double bed, sitting area and walk-in closet. Panorama Deck.

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

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**Wonders of the Galápagos Islands Reservation Form**

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: 1st Choice 2nd Choice

☐ 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.

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person.

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

Make check payable to 2022 Wonders of the Galápagos Islands.

☐ I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_____ to:

American Express  □ Discover  □ MasterCard  □ Visa

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First participant’s signature  Today’s date

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