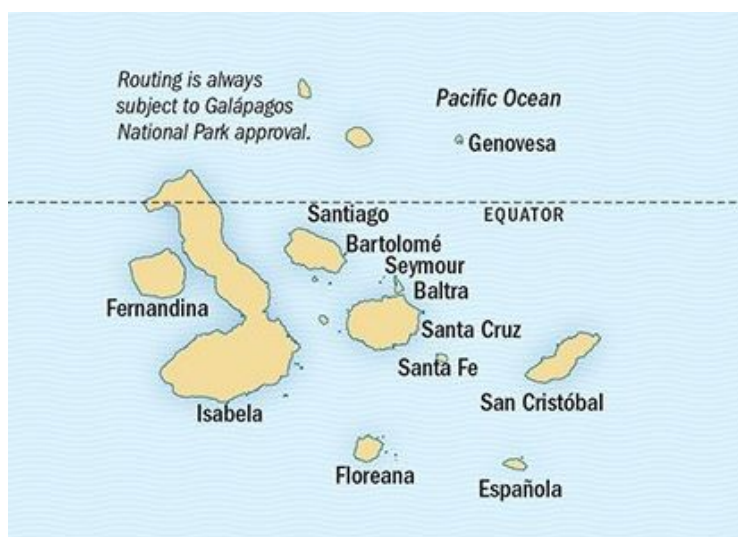




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### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Arrive in Guayaquil and transfer to the 44-room Hotel del Parque. Call for recommended international flights or additional nights at the hotel.

#### DAY 2: Guayaquil / Galápagos / Embark

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the Tropical Pacific. We are welcomed by our naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3-6: Galápagos

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. Our expeditions begin and end at Baltra, and include visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse



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islands. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations. (B,L,D Daily) North Seymour: Encounter nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a beautiful coastal walk. Santa Cruz: Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild. Isabela: Toast crossing the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins as you ply these rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates. Fernandina: One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, it's the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas. San Cristobal: Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town. Española: Home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez. Floreana: Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change

**DAY 7: Disembark / Baltra / Guyaquil / Depart**

Return by air to Guayaquil, where we enjoy dayrooms at the Hotel del Parque before flights home—or continue to Quito for an optional two- night extension. You may also opt to overnight and fly home on Day 8 at no additional cost. Ask your Expedition Specialist for details. (B)



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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Islander</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>49 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>48 guests (in 24 cabins)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>1982</b>

The National Geographic Islander is a versatile 164-foot twin-hulled vessel with 24 spacious cabins comfortably accommodating 48 guests. She is a sturdy expedition ship, designed for year-round discovery and active exploration of the Galápagos and can reach places inaccessible to larger ships due to its small size. Accessibility means freedom. Our captains have decades of sailing experience in the regions we explore. They know when and where to navigate so that you feel the places we visit are all ours. Thanks to our sturdy fleet of Zodiacs and virtually untippable kayaks, you can be off the ship and out exploring within a moment's notice. During your time with us, our expedition staff likes nothing better than to surprise and delight you by directing the ship toward alluring coves or bow-riding dolphins. Our seasoned crew consists of expert Zodiac drivers and considerate service providers. Their energy, enthusiasm and local field expertise are sure to enhance your experience. This is what expedition travel is all about: not just seeing wildness, but being out there, in it. Public Areas : Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; Global Market; LEXspa; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide

shows and presentations; and Sky Deck. Our Ecuadorian Captain and Officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our "Open Bridge" policy. Meals : Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair. Cabins : All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities, and climate controls. Expedition Equipment : Hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, and Zodiac landing craft. Special Features : Guest internet access, laundry service, LEXmarket, and Wellness Program. A ship's doctor, Undersea Specialist, and Video Chronicler are

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