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Wild Galápagos Escape Aboard the *National Geographic Islander II*

September 22 –28, 2024
With Optional Extension to Quito & Otavalo



HIGHLIGHTS

- Coda Tours signature small group size
- Coda Tours signature comprehensive sightseeing programs
- Coda Tours signature inclusive meal plan
- Coda Tours signature deluxe accommodations aboard the *NGI II*, intimate, yacht-like ship
- UNESCO World Heritage Site of Quito (extension only)
- Cross the Equator and see Isabela's six great shield volcanoes and one of the largest active oceanic volcanos in the world
- Snorkel and Kayak among fish, sea turtles, penguins, and sea lions
- Opportunity to view wildlife: whales, dolphins, giant tortoises, marine iguanas, swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies, waved albatross, and flightless cormorant

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ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Sun, Sept. 22	Depart USA Arrive in Guayaquil
Day 2: Mon, Sept. 23	Flight to Baltra Embark
Day 3: Tue, Sept. 24	Galápagos Islands
Day 4: Wed, Sept. 25	Galápagos Islands
Day 5: Thu, Sept. 26	Galápagos Islands
Day 6: Fri, Sept. 27	Galápagos Islands
Day 7: Sat, Sept. 28	Disembark Flight to Guayaquil
Day 8: Sun, Sept. 29	Departure flights to USA

Optional Extension to Quito & Otavalo

Day 7: Sat, Sept. 28	Disembark Flight to Quito
Day 8: Sun, Sept. 29	Quito
Day 9: Wed, Oct. 2	Otavalo
Day 10: Thu, Oct. 3	Departure to USA

Coda Tours is partnering with Lindblad Expeditions/National Geographic for an exciting 6-night cruise in the Galapagos Islands in September 2024. The voyage will be aboard the newest vessel in the Galapagos, the National Geographic Islander II. Coda Tours founder, Jim Smith, has a long history with this vessel, dating back to the early 1990s. Jim served as cruise director aboard this vessel throughout Europe and the Middle East. The first-ever National Geographic travel program was operated on this ship under the direction of Jim Smith.

Now the vessel, freshly renovated and looking fabulous, is plying the waters of the Galapagos under the Lindblad Expeditions/National Geographic.

With only a total capacity of 24 guests, Coda will have a significant group on board. A Galapagos cruise is one of life's best travel experiences.

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FULL ITINERARY

Day 1 – Depart the USA | Arrive in Guayaquil
Sunday, September 22, 2024

Depart on any regularly scheduled flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival, transfer to our 5-star accommodations for a free evening.

Accommodations: Hotel del Parque ★★★★★
Room: Deluxe

Day 2 – Flight to Baltra | Embark
Monday, September 23, 2024

Today we fly to Baltra, at the heart of the Galápagos. A world unto itself, we will embark aboard the *National Geographic Islander II*, welcomed by our naturalist staff to begin an in-depth exploration of these magical Tropical Pacific islands.

Accommodations: National Geographic Islander II ★★★★★
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Galápagos Islands: Santa Cruz & North Seymour
Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Call at Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz, the largest town and headquarters of both Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild. Next, encounter nesting frigatebirds and land and marine iguanas on a coastal walk on the island of North Seymour.*

Accommodations: National Geographic Islander II ★★★★★
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Galápagos Islands: Isabela & Fernandina
Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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. Next, visit one of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, it is the youngest and most pristine island in the Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.*

Accommodations: National Geographic Islander II ★★★★★
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Galápagos Islands: San Cristobal
Thursday, September 26, 2024

Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island of San Cristobal. Next, venture to the center of town to explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive.*

Accommodations: National Geographic Islander II ★★★★★
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 6 – Galápagos Islands: Española & Floreana
Friday, September 27, 2024

Home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez. Then, at Floreana, follow the trail towards the pink-tinted lagoon full of flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac and visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.*

Accommodations: National Geographic Islander II ★★★★★

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

***These are sample itineraries of the islands we may visit. Our expeditions begin and end at Baltra, and include visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.**

Day 7 – Disembark | Flight to Baltra | Guayaquil
Saturday, September 28, 2024

Say goodbye to the ship as we disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for return flights to Guayaquil. Enjoy a room for the day until departure flights to the USA, or stay overnight.

Accommodations: Hotel del Parque ★★★★★

Room: Deluxe

Day 8 – Departure Flights to USA
Sunday, September 29, 2024

If departure flights scheduled today, check-out and transfer to the airport.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO QUITO & OTAVALO

Day 7 – Disembark | Flight to Quito
Saturday, September 28, 2024

Follow the mystery and magic of Galápagos with a four-day cultural experience in the Andes of Ecuador on this post-voyage extension. Say goodbye to the ship as we disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights to Quito, the capital and cultural center of Ecuador. Heralded as one of Latin America's most beautifully preserved cities, the historic center of Quito is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, transfer to Casa Gangotena, a converted mansion in the heart of the colonial center on Plaza San Francisco.

Accommodations: Casa Gangotena ★★★★★

Room: Standard

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 – Quito
Sunday, September 29, 2024

After breakfast, set out to explore the original plazas, impressive churches and Baroque splendors outside your doorstep. This half-day adventure also features a visit to the Mercado San Francisco, oldest in the city. Opt to stay in the center for lunch on your own, wander la Ronda or return to the hotel. Later, opt to join an exclusive neighborhood activity at the hotel. Dinner and the evening at leisure.

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Accommodations: Casa Gangotena ★★☆☆

Room: Standard

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 – Otavalo

Monday, September 30, 2024

Today we drive north with our guide on a private tour through the Andean highlands to Otavalo—crossing the Equator along the way. We take the day to explore the celebrated handicraft markets, visit a nearby weaving village, and relax over lunch at a historic hacienda. Evening at leisure. Note: depending on market schedule, days 8 and 9 may be reversed.

Accommodations: Casa Gangotena ★★☆☆

Room: Standard

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 10– Departure Flights to USA

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

This morning, transfer to the airport for departure flights to the USA.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDED

- Seven nights aboard the luxury *NGI II*; Two nights luxury hotel accommodations (Four nights with extension)
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner while aboard the *NGI II* (Additional five meals with extension)
- Private transportation and tours throughout the tour
- Sightseeing excursions and entry fees, as stated in the itinerary
- Professional, English-speaking local guides in each country
- Coda Tour Representative, with minimum participation
- Pre-departure assistance and Information Portfolio from Coda Tours
- Taxes and service charges

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare and baggage fees
- Intra-tour airfare (quoted separately)
- Trip Cancellation & Interruption insurance (highly recommended)
- Passport and visa fees; no visa is required for this tour
- Departure tax, if applicable
- Personal meals, transfers, drinks, telephone, gifts, and expenses not outlined in the itinerary
- Any optional sightseeing excursions or additional visits not outlined in the itinerary
- Gratuity for local guides, drivers, staff, and Coda Tour Manager

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INTRA-TOUR AIRFARE

Intra-tour flights are at an additional cost and are outlined below. Coda Tours will book these on your behalf.

Monday, September 23, 2024	Guayaquil / Galapagos
Saturday, September 28, 2024	Galapagos / Guayaquil
Optional Extension Airfare	
Saturday, September 28, 2024	Galapagos / Quito

Wild Galápagos Escape Rates

RATES PER PERSON	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
SU (Bridge Deck – Main Deck)	\$9,790	N/A
IS (Main Deck – Bridge Deck)	\$13,650	N/A
SO (Bridge Deck – Main Deck)	ONLY 3 SINGLES AVAILABLE	\$14,590
Intra-tour flights (subject to change until ticketed)		
Economy Class	\$TBD	
Business Class	\$TBD	

Note: Single occupancy rates can be avoided if matched with another single traveler. If no share is available, the single rate will apply. Rates are based on current rates of exchange at the time of publishing and is subject to change until final payment has been made. Rates are also based on a minimum participation which, if minimum participation is not met, may need to be revised.

TO BOOK THE TRIP

DEPOSIT REQUIRED

- A Deposit Payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person, will hold a cabin for you.
- **EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS** – Book by January 13, 2023, and 2023 prices are guaranteed on for this 2024 departure (as noted above). After 1/13/23 voyage rates will change.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure date.

Date Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	None*
119-90 days	50% of trip cost**
89-0 days	100% of trip cost**

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INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

Airlines serving Guayaquil (GYE) are American, United, Latam Ecuador, and Copa. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer. Please request a quote if you would like Coda Tours to assist with international airfare bookings. We often can offer favorable rates for Business or Economy class at a standard fee of \$35 per ticket.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 6 months after the return date of travel and have two blank pages available per country visited. No visa is required for American and Canadian passport holders.

HEALTH

All travelers must be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and have proof of vaccination that is verified by a medical professional. No other immunizations are required for travel on this tour; however, the Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers be up to date on routine vaccines, including Chickenpox (Varicella), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Flu (influenza), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, and Shingles. For this tour, it is especially important to be up to date on your Hepatitis A and B vaccines.

ATTIRE / WEATHER

The average temperature will likely range from a low of 64°F and a high of 75°F on this tour. Being on the water can bring a cool breeze. While September is one of the driest months, the sky may be either sunny or overcast and there might be a bit of drizzle from time to time.

MINIMUMS

All departures and rates are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour or customized and repriced based on a final itinerary.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

A portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to departure.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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Lindblad Expeditions introduced the new, all-suite *National Geographic Islander II* to its fleet in August 2022. Sleek and elegant, she sails year-round in the Galápagos Islands and elevates the guest experience to an entirely new level. A best-in-class expedition vessel that feels like a private yacht, National Geographic Islander II is a spacious all-suite ship. With only 26 suites and accommodating just 48 guests, she sails with a 1:1 guest-to-crew ratio. Special features include teak decks, indoor-outdoor dining options, an impressive observation deck, and new amenities like a climate-controlled Marina and a high-tech Science Hub.

PHOTOS

<https://www.beautiful.ai/player/-N93unPxs-AVByE3cmuT/NATIONAL-GEOGRAPHIC-ISLANDER-II>.

VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyv2yHPKDWU>

Hotels for the program and optional extension



[Hotel del Parque](#) ★★★★★



[Casa Gangotena](#) ★★★★★