

# The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER  
& AMAZEMENT

*\* Think biology class  
- with deck chairs \**



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FEBRUARY 08, 2017 – FEBRUARY 15, 2017

# THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

In the extraordinary archipelago Charles Darwin called "a little world within itself," surround yourself with swimming-basking-flying examples of perfect adaptation.

Feel the thrill of encountering the flora and fauna that famously inspired Darwin—and in his footsteps, generations of nature lovers. Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galapagos Islands hold a central position in modern scientific and evolutionary history. In a place where human presence is relatively minimal, take the opportunity to observe and photograph these remarkable species up close—either sitting quietly in the midst of a colony of tropical penguins or snorkeling with inquisitive and playful sea lions.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends as we explore the Galapagos Islands. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a "unique living museum and showcase of evolution" and are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors.

This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito, in addition to a cruise through the archipelago with unparalleled access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve.

Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the *Isabela II*, an intimate, 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring both your comfort and maximum enjoyment of this truly extraordinary destination and its diverse inhabitants.

Stateroom availability is limited. For special Drexel alumni savings of more than \$800 per couple (family and friends are

also eligible), reserve today online at <http://drexel.orbridge.com>, by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Kind regards,

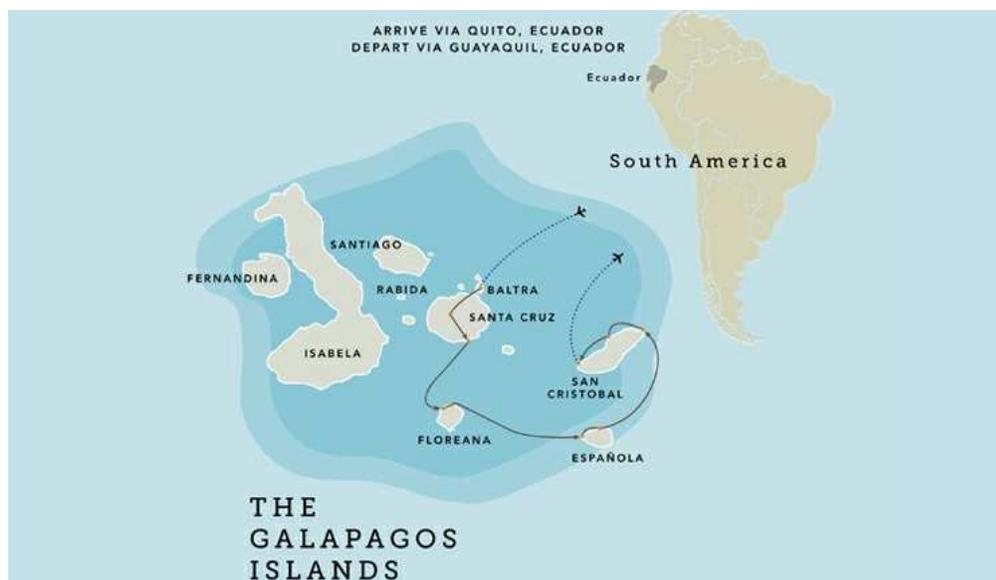


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## Program Highlights:

- \* Appreciate the diversity of life first-hand while observing endemic species such as the flightless cormorant, the Galapagos penguin, blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, and the famous "Darwin's finches."
- \* Swim with sea lions and snorkel among colorful tropical fish or sea turtles.
- \* Observe and discover amazing aquatic wildlife through a glass-bottom boat in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve.
- \* Explore remote coralline beaches and secluded inlets, such as Gardner Bay—where sea lions lounge and Española mockingbirds sing.
- \* Visit dramatic and historic places, including the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat for the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Cerro Brujo, one of the first sites visited by Charles Darwin.
- \* **What's included:** breakfast each morning and all on-board meals, including a welcome dinner; all excursions and presentations; airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times; and internal airfare between Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil.





## Day-by-Day Itinerary\*:

### Day 1: En route from U.S. / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador

After an evening arrival in Quito, transfer to your hotel for a comfortable night's sleep.

*Overnight: Hilton Colon – Quito*

### Day 2: Quito

Head out for a full-day, guided walking tour of historic Old Town. A local expert will take you through the Quito neighborhood called San Roque, where we'll visit with local artisans, shopkeepers, hat makers, and sweet confectioners. Next, explore the San Francisco Market—one of the oldest in the capital—up the hill on Calle Rocafuerte. There, learn about the unique fruits and vegetables grown in Ecuador, local culinary traditions, as well as meet herbal healers with shops in the market. Continue your journey downhill to the cobbled street of La Ronda, featuring balconies festooned with colorful flags. Speak with artisans in the workshops, and stop by a chocolatier to taste the finest chocolates of Ecuador! Next, head north toward the political heart of the city. Following a brief narrative, stroll to the Jesuit church of La Compañía to admire its stunning gold-leaf interior. A lunch of Ecuadorian specialties will be served in the beautiful Restaurant Cedrón. In the afternoon, head to the Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum, within a restored 17th-century colonial mansion, to view its collection of Pre-Columbian art.

*Overnight: Hilton Colon – Quito (B,L)*

### Day 3: Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz - Embarkation

Arrive by plane to Baltra Airport and transfer to the Itabaca Channel to ferry across to Santa Cruz Island. After a short, scenic drive across Santa Cruz Island, arrive in the Highlands to enjoy lunch. Take a late afternoon stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking on *Isabela II*. Join the captain this evening for a cocktail, followed by a welcome dinner and briefing.

*Overnight: Isabela II (B,L,D)*

### Day 4: Floreana

Floreana is perhaps best known for its colorful history of buccaneers, whalers and colonists. After breakfast, visit the historic Post Office Barrel, where, for over two centuries, letters continue to be hand carried to far-flung destinations by other visitors. Perhaps enjoy mid-morning snorkeling off the beach, then following lunch, walk along Punta Cormorant to see the flamingos, stilts, and sandpipers that inhabit a brackish-water lagoon.

*Overnight: Isabela II (B,L,D)*

### Day 5: Española

After breakfast, hike along the lava terrain of Punta Suárez to the blowhole that shoots water 50 feet into the air. Along the way, observe unique sea bird colonies, including the famous boobies and swallow-tail gulls. In the afternoon, disembark at Gardner Bay onto a white coralline beach, where you can watch sea lions, Hood mockingbirds and finches.

*Overnight: Isabela II (B,L,D)*

### Day 6: San Cristóbal

This morning, arrive at the eastern tip of the island for more spectacular wildlife viewing. Take a walk on the beach and, if conditions are favorable, there is a chance to swim, snorkel or kayak. After lunch on board, venture out on a panga ride along the shores to Cerro Brujo's expansive beach to enjoy a coastline stroll and more bird watching.

*Overnight: Isabela II (B,L,D)*

### Day 7: San Cristóbal / Flight to Guayaquil

Bid a fond farewell to the *Isabela II* crew this morning prior to departing San Cristóbal for Guayaquil, where you will spend your final night.

*Overnight: Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil (B,L aloft)*

### Day 8: Guayaquil / Depart for U.S.

In the morning, transfer to the airport to board your flight back home. (B)

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

\*Itinerary subject to change

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## What's Included:

- \* 4 nights aboard the *Isabela II*, with exploration by pangas, naturalist-led hikes and excursions, and evening lectures
  - \* Two nights at the Hilton Colon in Quito
  - \* One night at the Wyndham Hotel in Guayaquil
  - \* 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners
  - \* Complimentary use of kayaks, shorty wetsuits, and snorkeling equipment
  - \* Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card
  - \* Internal air travel (from Quito to the islands on day 3, and return to Guayaquil on day 7)
  - \* Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
  - \* Gratuities for airport and excursion drivers, hotel porters and local guide in Quito
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## Your Guide(s):

### Expedition Leader



This departure will be accompanied by a premier Expedition Leader who has extensive local knowledge and experience as a cultural, historic, and naturalist interpreter. With their contribution of exceptional know-how and enthusiasm adding depth to your experience, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

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## Program Accommodations:

### Hilton Colon – Quito



On the first two evenings before embarkation, you will stay at the elegant and 5-star rated, Hilton Colon. Located within a 10-minute walk from Quito's Spanish Colonial Old Town, the hotel offers easy access to the rich culture, tradition and charm of Quito's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. In addition, La Mariscal Craft Market is next to the hotel, offering unique and beautiful local crafts. The hotel offers four dining options, as well as a business center, pool, and fitness room.

*Room Amenities: Individual heat and air control, HD LCD TV, Wi-Fi (additional fee), phone, safe deposit box, tea and coffee-making facilities, bathroom sundries, and hairdryer.*

### Isabela II



With a capacity of only 40 guests, *Isabela II* has been designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and adventure in the Galapagos Islands. Her 20 cabins provide spacious, fully air-conditioned accommodations with *en suite* facilities. Guests can savor healthy, fresh, and delicious international and Ecuadorian cuisine at every meal. Enjoy its three public decks, dining, lounge, game room, library, spa area, and the services of an enthusiastic crew who are committed to your comfort.

Sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports. While on board, learn about the area's history, biology, and conservation from the ship's multilingual naturalists. Then, experience the Galapagos Islands up close while kayaking, snorkeling or hiking, or by panga or glass bottom boat—viewing all the islands have to offer from a variety of perspectives.

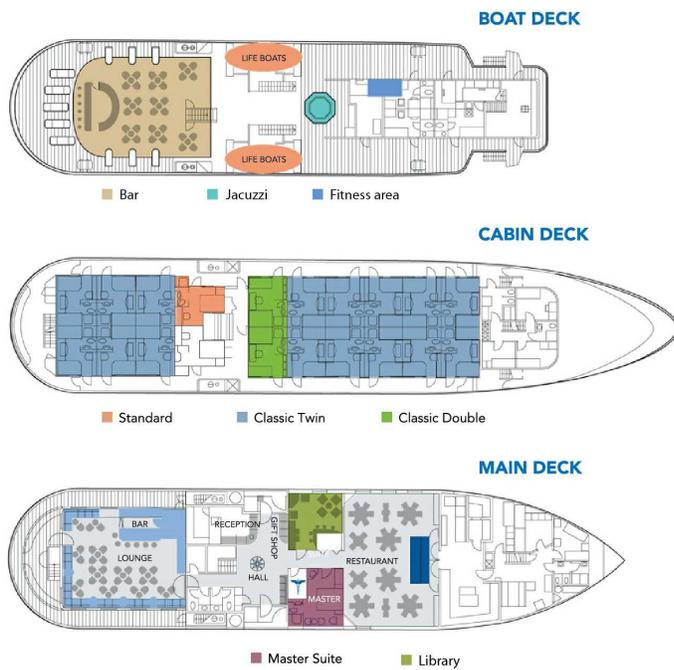
### Cabin Categories

**Standard:** Features a full-size bed, view window, private bathroom. 128 sq.ft.

**Classic Double:** Features a full-size bed, view window, private bathroom, and day bed. 139 sq.ft.

**Classic Twin:** Features two twin beds, view window, private bathroom. 139 sq.ft.

**Master Suite:** Features a queen bed, view window, private bathroom. 170 sq.ft.



## Highlights

- ✦ On-board lecture program and services of a premier Expedition Leader and the ship's multilingual naturalist guides
- ✦ Observation area and sundeck, bar/lounge, elegant dining room, boutique, game room, and an intimate library with a rich selection of reference books on the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador
- ✦ All on-board hand-crafted meals tastefully prepared with local flair
- ✦ Spa area with a hot tub and fitness equipment
- ✦ All of the equipment—and expertise—for kayaking and snorkeling

## Wyndham Hotel – Guayaquil



Conveniently located just 3 miles from José Joaquín de Olmedo airport, the Wyndham Hotel offers deluxe accommodations for the last night of the program. Nearby are the museums, gardens, shopping, and restaurants of the Malecón 2000, the boardwalk overlooking the Guayas River, as are the historic Santa Ana Hill and Lighthouse, and artistic Las Peñas neighborhood. The hotel offers a restaurant featuring local culinary menu options, bar, heated outdoor pool,

and fitness room, plus complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and complimentary airport shuttle.

*Room Amenities: Individual heat and air control, deluxe beds with pillow top, digital safe, flat screen satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, iPhone/iPod clock radio, bathrobes, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

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## Activity Level:

### Moderate

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as the nature treks can be on irregular and elevated terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of the *Isabela II*. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, to which you may not be accustomed.

Maximum elevation: 9,350 feet in Quito, Ecuador

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## What Guests Are Saying:

“Our guide was remarkable in every way! Knowledgeable, enthusiastic and all with a generous spirit! He was happy and helpful at every opportunity. He really made the trip extra special! All of the programs were informative and educational.”

–Lulu L., Sheboygan, WI

“If there was a category higher than excellent I would have used it. The naturalists were superb. The pace was perfect...never rushed...just enough down time to rally for the next activity. The ship was lovely...the staff including the naturalists were so delightful and helpful to be around. This was our first Orbridge experience and it far exceeded our expectations. We will recommend this exact trip, through Orbridge, to anyone who will listen. I may have to repeat it myself.”

–John M., Portland, OR

“The Isabela itself—boat and crew—were superb and so was the food. The guides were also great. And on the Machu Picchu extension, we LOVED the Sonesta Posadas del Inca, the Inkaterra in Machu Picchu, and the Aranwa Boutique Hotel in Cusco.”

–Kae H., Seattle, WA

“We are both professional naturalists at a large museum with research and educational components, and we conduct field excursions for public groups. We truly appreciate the logistical and technical expertise necessary to conduct this excellent trip. Thanks to Orbridge for a wonderful honeymoon!”

–Alvin B. & Jan W., Raleigh, NC

“I will have to say that I could not have asked for a better trip with the arrangements that were provided, particularly being a part of an expedition tour with a small group of participants! I want you to know that this trip far exceeded what I thought might be for the trip. Thank you for the great planning and service throughout the whole trip.”

–Lou Anne S., Duluth, MN

"I am a life-long world traveler and this was one of the best and most memorable vacations of my life!"

—Sonia C., Seattle, WA

"The entire trip exceeded our expectations in every sense of the word. Great program, ship, crew, and naturalists."

-- Lawrence C., Lincoln City, OR

"The trip to the Galapagos was a 10! The trip planning expertise of Orbridge, the Isabela II with healthy food and committed staff top to bottom, the camaraderie of the group with everyone engaged in the journey, the exceptional naturalists—all worked together to open the door to the Galapagos."

—Mack & Susan L., Raleigh, NC

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Optional Extension:

# MACHU PICCHU, CUSCO, AND THE SACRED VALLEY



Travel to the mist-shrouded mountain citadel of the Incas. So remote and inaccessible that it was left untouched by the Spanish conquistadors, Machu Picchu was unknown to the outside world until Hiram Bingham rediscovered it in 1911. During your time in the Peruvian highlands, you will have a chance to explore the famous city of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Visit the Pisac Market, ride the train through the Urubamba Valley, marvel at the massive stone stairs at Ollantaytambo, and break bread in the home of a local Peruvian family outside of Cusco.

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## Itinerary:

### **Day 8: Guayaquil / En route to Lima, Peru**

Welcome to Peru! After your adventure in the Galapagos Islands, arrive in Lima and transfer to your hotel. Refresh for tomorrow's exciting expedition to the heights of Peru—and into its past, when the largest empire in pre-Columbian America ruled the Andes and beyond.

*Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima*

### **Day 9: Lima / Flight to Cusco / Sacred Valley**

This morning, fly east over the Central Andes' peaks and plateaus to the ancient capital of Cusco, and then transfer to the Sacred Valley, with stops along the way to capture scenic photographs. Relax and sample traditional flavors during lunch at a lovely local restaurant before exploring this region of Inca sites and indigenous villages. In the village of Pisac, discover a vibrant market with the colorful handicrafts this region is known for: weavings, musical instruments, alpaca sweaters, jewelry, ceramics, and much more. Find a fruit and vegetable market at the main square where villagers from miles around visit, barter, and shop. Join this lively scene surrounded by the beauty of both the merchants' wares and the traditional clothing worn by locals. Later this afternoon, enjoy time to relax after checking in, and perhaps take a short stroll through the property's lush gardens, before dinner at the hotel.

*Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay (B,L,D)*

### **Day 10: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu**

After breakfast, make your way through the intimate cobblestone streets of Ollantaytambo, a "living" Inca town. Here, Inca descendants inhabit the largely unchanged homes of their ancestors and continue to maintain ancient customs and traditions. The massive fortress, perched among steep stone terraces carved into the hillside, is where the Inca won their greatest victory against the *conquistadores*. Next, board a Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, the most important site of the vast Inca empire. Enjoy views of the mountains, villages, and Inca vestiges as you descend into the Sacred Valley. From there, a short bus ride takes you to the archaeological site of "The Lost City of the Incas." Begin a guided exploration of the enigmatic citadel. As it lies before you, learn about the archaeology and history of Intihuatana (the Sun Dial), the Sacred Plaza, and the Temple of the Sun, with plenty of time to wander, hike, and take pictures of the photogenic site. This evening, share impressions of your day while dining with your travel companions at your Machu Picchu hotel.

*Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (B,L,D)*

### **Day 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco**

After an early breakfast, you have an excellent opportunity to experience the wonder of a quiet morning at Machu Picchu, and to imagine the sanctuary as it was centuries ago. Today, have a more in-depth look at this amazing place and its surroundings. Adventurers are welcome to hike the surrounding trails to other discoveries. Ascend to the Sun Gate, or walk to the Inca Bridge, a challenging path carved into a rock face with a sheer vertical drop of 1,900 feet. After lunch, return to Ollantaytambo via the Vistadome train, then continue to your relaxing Cusco accommodations. This evening we'll dine at a local restaurant offering Peruvian-fusion cuisine and a great atmosphere.

*Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco (B,L,D)*

### **Day 12: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / San Blas / Villa Tipón**

This morning, explore Cusco's streets still flanked in places by Inca walls built with gigantic carved granite blocks. View the unique masonry up close to truly appreciate the astonishing perfection and mass of this true Inca marvel. Walk the plaza of Saqsayhuaman, an Inca complex overlooking Cusco with stones so enormous the largest is estimated to weigh up to 200 tons. Visit the San Pedro local market, offering a sense of everyday life in Cusco, and the San Blas artists' colony for a picturesque stop. Mid-day, retreat to Villa Tipón, which is just outside the city of Cusco and set in the midst of awe-inspiring mountains and incredible gardens full of vividly colored flowers. A local family hosts a delicious Peruvian lunch followed by a traditional Shaman performing an Andean ceremony. Last we'll visit the Qorikancha, or Sun Temple—now referred to as Santo Domingo Church—to admire its smooth basalt foundation and learn about its period of transformation during Spanish rule. This evening, celebrate the rich rewards of your journey during a special farewell dinner.

*Overnight: Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco (B,L,D)*

### **Day 13: Cusco / Flight to Lima / U.S.**

After breakfast, head to Cusco for your flight to Lima. In Lima, share a final lunch with your fellow travelers in a lively, local restaurant. Check in to your day room at the Casa Andina Select Miraflores hotel, your own private and convenient home base while awaiting your flight this evening.

*Day Room: Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima (B,L)*

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

*Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.*

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## **Activity Level:**

### **Moderate**

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs of varying heights, able to walk at least two miles on rocky, uneven ground without assistance. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, to which you may not be accustomed.

Maximum elevation: 11,200 feet in Cusco

## Accommodations:

### Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima



Travelers appreciate this property for its convenient location directly across from the Lima airport. The hotel offers modern amenities and conveniences, including a restaurant, bar, indoor pool, fitness facilities, and complimentary wireless internet access.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, alarm clock/radio, cable/satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, safe, mini-bar, coffee and tea making facilities, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

### Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay



Located in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, this hotel is a former 18th-century, colonial-style monastery surrounded by beautiful gardens. Rooms offer the comfort of modern amenities and the charm of rustic decorative features.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

### Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel



Only a short walk away from Machu Picchu Pueblo (Aguas Calientes) and the train station, but worlds apart from its hustle and bustle, the Inkaterra is nestled on twelve quiet acres of forest with nature trails, waterfalls, and the world's largest private collection of indigenous orchids. This is a lovely hotel, where you will relax in an atmosphere

of refinement and warm hospitality while exploring nature and encountering the wonders of the Inca civilization.  
*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, complimentary Wi-Fi, and en suite bathroom with environmentally-friendly sundries and hair dryer.*

### Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco



This luxurious property is situated near Cusco's main square, only minutes away from colonial buildings, restaurants, and shops. Built in a 16th-century mansion, its decor, sculptures, and carvings accentuate the colonial period. Each room is well-appointed and elegantly decorated with traditional furniture and frescoes.

*Room Amenities: System supplying an additional 30% oxygen—to assist in preventing ill effects from altitude sickness (request at check-in to have this feature turned on), individual climate control, LCD TV, iPod docking station, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, safe, mini-bar, and en suite bathroom with organic sundries and hair dryer.*

### Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima



While in Lima on your day of departure, a day room is available at the Casa Andina Select hotel in the Miraflores Business District of Lima. Nearby locations include Sala Luis Miró Quesada Garland, Virgen Milagrosa Church, Kennedy Park, Ricardo Palma Cultural Center and Miraflores Central Park.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV, iPod docking station, Wi-Fi (additional fee), phone, safe, coffee-making facilities, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

*Subject to change. While specific accommodations are secured well in advance, it is sometimes necessary to substitute accommodations with as-good or better options.*

### Deluxe Accommodations Package\*\*

While all accommodations at the listed properties are exceptional, guests wishing the ultimate indulgence may choose to purchase the Deluxe Accommodations Package, which includes the following upgrades:

- **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel:** Upgrade to larger Superior Deluxe Room featuring a seating area with fireplace.
- **Aranwa Boutique Hotel – Cusco:** Upgrade to larger Superior Deluxe Room featuring jacuzzi tub, beautiful city views or the colonial patios of the property (views subject to availability at check-in).
- **Casa Andina Select Miraflores – Lima:** Upgrade to Junior Suite featuring additional seating area.

*\*\*Availability limited.*

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## What's Included:

- \* 5 nights choice accommodations (Deluxe Accommodations package available)
- \* 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, and bottled water on excursions
- \* Fully guided tours throughout the program as well as lectures and field presentations from local experts
- \* Internal flights between Lima and Cusco
- \* Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- \* All ground excursion transportation, including the Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu
- \* Gratuities to Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals



Reservation Form

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EXTENSION: FEBRUARY 15, 2017 — FEBRUARY 20, 2017

- Option 1:** Reserve online now at <http://drexel.orbridge.com> or call (866) 639-0079.
- Option 2:** Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

**Guest Information:**

Guest #1 (as printed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 (as printed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category Preference: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit:**

(#) \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

(#) \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining extension (\$500/person) = **Total deposit: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Extension Category (choose one):  Standard  Deluxe  Single

**Deposit Payment:**

Check enclosed  Online Check/ACH  MasterCard/Visa  American Express  Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at <http://terms.orbridge.com> and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:** Orbridge  
P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
Fax: (206) 452-5655

**Program Rates\***

Standard: \$3,995  
Classic Double: \$4,995  
Classic Twin: \$5,395  
Master Suite: \$6,495  
Single: \$6,995

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**Extension Rate\*\***

Standard: \$3,295  
Deluxe: \$3,695  
Single (Standard): \$4,695  
Airfare from main program to extension is additional \$690 per person

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**Early Reservation Bonus:**

Reserve by July 11, 2016 and receive a **FREE Orbridge Expedition Library \*\*\***  
Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

\*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Internal airfare between the mainland and the Galapagos Islands is included. Airfare otherwise not included. \*\*Extension rates are per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Extension rate includes internal airfare between Lima and Cusco on Days 9 and 13; airfare otherwise not included. Airfare from main program (Guayaquil) to extension (Lima) will be charged additionally at \$690 per person. \*\*\*\*

# Terms and Conditions

## ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is important. It includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. It must be signed by all participants.

**Responsibility.** Orbridge, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

**Rates.** Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

**Registration, Deposits and Final Payment.** To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per extension, plus any non-refundable deposits are due at the time of registration payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment including any extension(s) and optional(s) is payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made fewer than 90 days prior to departure, the entire cost of the program, plus any extension and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

**Reservation Grace Period.** Reservations (other than for the Rwanda Extension on the Tanzania Safari Migration program) made not fewer than 98 calendar days prior to the scheduled program departure date may be canceled at any time during the seven (7) calendar day period (the "Grace Period") immediately following the date of reservation for a full refund of all Payments received by Orbridge as of the effective date of termination. Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received by Orbridge in the Grace Period and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge. For all other reservations and cancellations, the terms of the Cancellations and Refunds section below apply.

**Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee ("Cancellation Fee") as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits, other than for the Rwanda Extension on the Tanzania Safari Migration program, will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be \$500 per person per program and \$300 per person per program for any extension other than Rwanda; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 and 91 days prior to the scheduled departure date the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

**Travel Insurance.** Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover some or all of your losses associated with damage or loss of luggage or personal effects. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us immediately.

**Canceled Programs.** All programs are subject to cancellation by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join another tour on a different date or to a different location. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference; or Orbridge shall refund all payments made to Orbridge at the time of cancellation should the alternative arrangement not be offered or selected.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, but adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures, additional costs or losses caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

**Not Included.** Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or GST taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authority; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); and ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable.

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your interests if possible.

**Travel Advisories and Warnings.** The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements, advisories and warnings about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at <http://www.travel.state.gov>, and the CDC statements can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>. We urge everyone to review these sites.

**Children.** Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any extension(s). Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

**Baggage.** Program rates include the price of two (2) pieces of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land or cruise portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers, and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

**Travel Documents.** For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program.

**Photos and Videos.** Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to Smugmug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or Smugmug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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**Other.** Dates, program details and costs, although given in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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**Please sign, date and print guest name(s).**

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Guest #1 Signature Date

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Print Name

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Guest #2 Signature Date

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Print Name

For a Minor

I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above. In the event the minor is not accompanied by all legal guardians on this trip, I agree to carry with me a notarized document from each legal guardian, not on the trip, granting his or her approval for the minor to travel on this trip and to present said document(s) to any authority requesting such. In the event I am the sole guardian of the minor, I agree to carry documentation evidencing such and present to any authority when requested.

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Name of Minor

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Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

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Print Name