UC SANTA CRUZ

JUNE 8-15, 2024

Featuring study leaders
Roxanne Beltran &
Patrick Robinson

The
Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER & AMAZEメント

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

30-day refund guarantee

* Think biology class – with deck chairs *
Dear UC Santa Cruz Alumni & 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.” They 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 plus an intimate cruise through the archipelago with up-close 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, a 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. And sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports.

Stateroom availability is limited. Booking through UC Santa Cruz provides you with significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today.

Reserve today online at ucsc.orbridge.com, by phone at (831) 459-3689 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Nichole Silva
Director of UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions

*Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.*
Your 8-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

**Day 1:** En Route / Arrive in Quito, Ecuador  
Overnight: Casa Gangotena – Quito

**Day 2:** Quito (B,L,R)  
Guided walking tour of Old Town, market shopping, Jesuit Church of la Compañía, Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum  
Overnight: Casa Gangotena – Quito

**Day 3:** Quito / Flight to Baltra / Santa Cruz: Highlands / Puerto Ayora – Embarkation (B,L,D)  
Giant tortoises in Santa Cruz Highlands, Puerto Ayora  
Overnight: Isabela II

**Day 4:** Santiago: Puerto Egas / Chinese Hat Islet (B,L,D)  
Snorkeling or kayaking, beach walk  
Overnight: Isabela II

**Day 5:** Genovesa: Prince Philip’s Steps / Darwin Bay (B,L,D)  
Bird colony spotting, snorkeling or kayaking, island walk  
Overnight: Isabela II

**Day 6:** Santa Fe / South Plaza (B,L,D)  
Panoramic island viewing, glass-bottom boat ride, white sand beach, wildlife spotting, farewell dinner  
Overnight: Isabela II

**Day 7:** Baltra – Disembarkation / Flight to Quito, Ecuador (B,L)  
Overnight: Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel

**Day 8:** Quito / Depart for U.S. (B)  
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

**Activity Level:** Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk at least one mile on rocky, volcanic, and uneven ground, as some nature hikes will be on irregular and steep terrain. Guests should also be comfortable managing wet beach landings and boarding small vessels, both from shore and the deck of Isabela II. Maximum elevation: 9,350 feet in Quito, Ecuador.
Immerse

• During a full day tour of Quito, marvel at the gold leaf interior of the Jesuit Church of la Compañía—a fine example of the mix of European influences and indigenous art called the Baroque school of Quito; enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties; and view a unique collection of pre-Columbian art.

Uncover

• Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of endemic species such as the Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies; giant tortoises; Santa Fe land iguanas; and the famous Darwin’s finches.

• Discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve.

Marvel

• Snorkel with sea lions, colorful tropical fish, and sea turtles—or observe them through a glass bottom boat.

• Explore secluded inlets and stroll sweeping white coral beaches, such as Darwin Bay. See tidal pools and pass by colonies of various bird species.

• Visit the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise. Journey to Puerto Egas on Santiago Island—an ideal location to see the Galapagos fur seal.

What’s Included

• 3 nights hotel accommodations and 4 nights aboard the Isabela II

• A welcome reception in Quito, plus 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners, including a farewell dinner

• All excursions and presentations

• Complimentary use of kayaks, paddle boards, shorty wetsuits, and snorkeling equipment

• Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card

• Internal airfare (from Quito to the islands on day 3, and return to Quito on day 7)

• Gratuities to local guides, hotel porters, and drivers in Quito

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Your Expedition Leader

Viewing the Galapagos Islands alongside an Orbridge Expedition Leader is a special experience. While observing wildlife, they will offer expert descriptions of methods of survival and behaviors. Together on panga rides, nature walks, and aboard the Isabela II, you will gain understanding of the endangered species who inhabit the waters and land of the archipelago.
Isabela II

The 40-guest capacity of Isabela II provides 21 staterooms with spacious, comfortable accommodations and en suite facilities.

- **Standard**
  - Full-size bed, window, private bathroom with shower.
  - 128 sq. ft.

- **Classic Twin**
  - Two twin beds, view window, private bathroom with shower.
  - 139 sq. ft.

- **Classic Double**
  - Full-size bed, view window, daybed, private bathroom with shower.
  - 139 sq. ft.

- **Premium Suite**
  - Queen bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - 170 sq. ft.

Hotel Accommodations (subject to change)

**CASA GANGOTENA – QUITO**

Before embarkation, stay at five-star Casa Gangotena. Located across from Plaza San Francisco in the heart of Quito’s Spanish Colonial Old Town, the hotel offers easy access to the rich culture, tradition, and charm of the city’s historic center.

**WYNDHAM QUITO AIRPORT HOTEL**

Conveniently located near the Mariscal Sucre International Airport, the Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel offers comfortable and convenient accommodations for the last night of the program.
The breathtaking surroundings of the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve look and feel like a dream—misty clouds, crashing waterfalls, and endemic species of wildlife found in the Ecuadorian Chocó, one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Take the unparalleled opportunity to visit both a cloud forest and a rainforest—each rich with a myriad of flora and fauna species, in every layer—from below the forest floor to above the canopy.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: En Route / Arrive Quito, Ecuador
Overnight: Casa Gangotena

Day +2: Mashpi Lodge / Mashpi Reserve (B,L,D)
Morning drive to Mashpi, forest activities, night walk
Overnight: Mashpi Lodge

Day +3: Mashpi Lodge / Mashpi Forest (B,L,D)
Leisure time, forest exploration, lectures
Overnight: Mashpi Lodge

Day +4: Mashpi / Quito / Main Program (B,L)
Late morning group transfer to Quito to join the main program

What’s Included

• 1 night accommodations at Casa Gangotena in Quito and 2 nights accommodations at award-winning Mashpi Lodge
• 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
• Entrance to Mashpi Reserve
• Dragonfly aerial tram experience
• Full guiding services, including interpretation on all activities and experiences within the reserve, and use of spotting scopes and binoculars
• Specialized lectures and field presentations on research conducted in the reserve by local experts
• All transportation for excursions using vehicle transport in the reserve; and all gratuities and porterage
• Group transfers from Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport to Casa Gangotena during suggested arrival times, from Casa Gangotena to Mashpi Lodge, and return to Quito to join the main program
What’s Included
• 5 nights premium accommodations and a group day room on departure day
• 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
• Fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts
• All ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley
• Luggage porterage
• Gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
• Airport assistance for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Optional Post-Tour Machu Picchu

Morning at leisure, flight to Lima, evening flights depart for U.S.
Group Day Room: Hospitality Suite at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (or similar accommodations)

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 7: Depart Main Program from Quito to Lima, Peru
Depart Quito and arrive in Lima, Peru for an overnight
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport

Day 8: Arrive Cusco, Peru / Sacred Valley (L,D)
After arrival, lunch with sweeping views of the Sacred Valley
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca – Yucay

Day 9: Sacred Valley / Machu Picchu (B,L,D)
Stroll Ollantaytambo, scenic Vistadome train to Machu Picchu, guided tour of “The Lost City of the Incas”
Overnight: Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel

Day 10: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning guided tour with time to hike at your own pace, Vistadome train ride to Ollanta, return to Cusco
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 11: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / Kenko / Villa Tipón / Cusco (B,L,D)
San Pedro Market, Qorikancha (Temple of the Sun), Saqsayhuaman and Kenko archaeological sites, private home lunch at Villa Tipon with Pachamama experience
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 12: Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning tour of local artisans or museums, afternoon at leisure, evening farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel
Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru

Morning at leisure, flight to Lima, evening flights depart for U.S.
Group Day Room: Hospitality Suite at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (or similar accommodations)

What’s Included
• 5 nights premium accommodations and a group day room on departure day
• 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
• Fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts
• All ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley
• Luggage porterage
• Gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
• Airport assistance for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Optional Post-Tour Machu Picchu

Morning at leisure, flight to Lima, evening flights depart for U.S.
Group Day Room: Hospitality Suite at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (or similar accommodations)
The Galapagos Islands

JUNE 8-15, 2024
Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: June 5-8, 2024
Machu Picchu Post-Tour: June 15-20, 2024

Reserve by Credit Card:
Online: ucs.orbridge.com
Phone: (831) 459-3689

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):__________________________
Email:________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Alt. Phone:__________________________
City:________________________ State:____________ Zip:__________________________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):__________________________
Email:________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Alt. Phone:__________________________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #:________________________________________ Exp. Date:________ CVV:________
Name (as printed on card):________________________
Billing Address (if different from above):
City:________________________ State:____________ Zip:__________________________

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:
Category Preference: 1st choice ___________________ 2nd choice ___________________
#________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
#________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
#________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $________
Post-Tour Category (choose one): ☐ Double ☐ Deluxe ☐ Single

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

Signature:________________________________________________________________________
Date:________________________________________________________________________

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#209875-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable); (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of $350 per person for the main program and $500 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

For complete Terms & Conditions, visit terms.orbridge.com | Copyright © 2023 Orbridge, LLC | orbridge.com | (866) 639-0079

*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. For the post-tour, airfare for internal flights will be charged additionally at $899 per person. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

2nd choice
Date:________________________ Class Year:________________________

Reservations Grace Period. Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $________
Post-Tour Category (choose one): ☐ Double ☐ Deluxe ☐ Single

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

Signature:________________________________________________________________________
Date:________________________________________________________________________

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#209875-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable); (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of $350 per person for the main program and $500 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

For complete Terms & Conditions, visit terms.orbridge.com | Copyright © 2023 Orbridge, LLC | orbridge.com | (866) 639-0079

*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. For the post-tour, airfare for internal flights will be charged additionally at $899 per person. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

UCSC.GAL.24
The Galapagos Islands

JUNE 8-15, 2024

Special UC Santa Cruz Rate: Save more than $1,000 per couple

Featuring study leaders:
Roxanne Beltran and Patrick Robinson

Roxanne Beltran is an Assistant Professor in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department at UC Santa Cruz. She received her BS at UC Santa Cruz, her MS at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and her PhD at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. At UC Santa Cruz she leads the Beltran Lab, a group of postdocs, graduate students, technicians and 12 undergraduate student researchers from a wide range of backgrounds. Most of Roxanne’s research projects focus on elephant seals, such as exploring how behavior and physiology interact to drive the ecological and evolutionary patterns we see in nature.

Patrick Robinson is the Director of Año Nuevo Reserve at UC Santa Cruz. He received his BS and PhD at UC Santa Cruz where he studied seals and sea lions from California to the Galapagos and Antarctica. He is interested in the at-sea behavior of pinnipeds and developing tools to understand how they make a living in their environment. This encompasses a variety of research areas ranging from movement ecology to diving physiology and foraging energetics. In his current role, he facilitates internationally recognized research programs and interprets findings to classes, docents, and the public.

UC SANTA CRUZ

UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

FREE Expedition Library
AN EXCLUSIVE EARLY RESERVATION BONUS
Reserve your space by December 1, 2023
to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.**