

Galápagos Expedition

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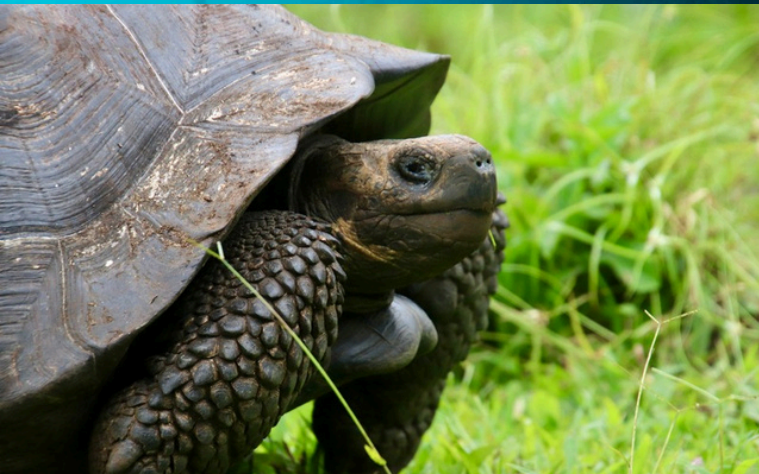
From \$12,500 per person, twin share

From \$16,000 per person, solo cabin

Tour Highlights

- Abundant wildlife, unfazed by your presence:
- Colonies of marine and land iguanas, all with unique features
- Unique birdlife, including blue-footed boobies and Darwin's finches
- The Galápagos giant tortoises of the Santa Cruz highlands
- Share a beach with sea lions and their playful, friendly pups
- Snorkel with sea lions, turtles, penguins, and abundant fish in protected waters
- Explore the coastline by kayak, glass-bottom boat, and Zodiac
- Benefit from Lindblad's 50 years of experience in the Galápagos Archipelago





Tour overview

Few places on the planet offer a wildlife experience like the Galapagos Islands.

Governed by Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands lie about 1,000 km off the coast of South America and comprise around 20 main islands, most uninhabited. The word Galapagos loosely translates from "Insulae de los Galopegos (Islands of the Tortoises)" in old Spanish, with a number of species of these gentle giants endemic to the island. Most of the area is National Parkland and is UNESCO world heritage-listed. The islands are best known as the source of research supporting Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. One of the pleasing things you will notice when you visit is that the vast majority of people working in the tourism and hospitality segment in the region are locals from mainland Ecuador.

There's never a bad time to visit these islands, but in November, there is an opportunity to observe whale sharks and baby sea lion pups in addition to the plethora of ocean, bird and ground wildlife. The famous blue and red-footed boobies, the spitting marine and land iguanas, Darwin's finches, sea turtles, Galapagos giant tortoise, Galapagos penguins, fur seals, pink flamingos, hawks and dozens of bird species make it a nature-lover's must-see. The wildlife of Galápagos is legendary for being without fear in the presence of humans.

Experience the Galápagos aboard the Lindblad NG Endeavour II, an elegant 96-passenger small ship, well-equipped for up-close exploration. This is a fabulous opportunity to see this truly unique and unforgettable part of the planet.



Activity rating: Moderate

You must be capable of: walking up to 8,000 steps daily; occasionally ascending 3-4 flights of steps; standing at attractions for up to 30 minutes; boarding and disembarking transport unaided, and handling your own luggage.



DEPARTURE

Fly directly from Australia to Quito* or Guayaquil*, Ecuador, before transferring to the Galapagos Archipelago, or extend your stay in South America by joining one of our South American pre-tours prior to embarkation. * We will confirm the starting city closer in the coming months.

- **Brazil's Best** - [click here](#)
- **Argentina's Highlights** - [click here](#)
- **Essential Ecuador** - details coming soon

Day 1, Friday 12th November QUITO or GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

On arrival in Ecuador, we'll be transferred to our hotel for a one-night stay. Lindblad NG representatives will be on hand to assist and facilitate preparations for our expedition. Overnight: Quito or Guayaquil **D**

Day 2, Saturday 13th November FLY TO GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Today, we'll fly to Galapagos, embark our the ship and set sail on our Galapagos cruise. We'll spend 7 nights onboard and flights will be determined closer to the time. Overnight on board. **B/D**

Day 3 to 8, Sunday 14th - Friday 19th November GALÁPAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

Below are some of the islands we may visit during our expedition. Our captain will plan an itinerary that is best suited to the conditions and in accordance with Galapagos National Park regulations. **B/L/D**

NORTH SEYMOUR

Follow coastal trails past playful Galapagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigate birds nest, blue-footed boobies dance, and where we may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus. **B/L/D**

ISABELA

Cross the Equator at Volcán, Ecuador, the northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Watch for whales, dolphins, sea turtles, and the elusive ocean sunfish. Over two days, land in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore. **B/L/D**

FERNANDINA

One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galapagos — and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galapagos penguins, and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows. **B/L/D**

ESPAÑOLA

Observe swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at this bird paradise, also home to vividly coloured marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the white sand beach and snorkel offshore at Gardner Bay. **B/L/D**

FLOREANA:

Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon sometimes frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the historic mail barrel at Post Office Bay. **B/L/D**

SANTA CRUZ:

Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of the Galapagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. Witness giant tortoises roaming the wilds of the lush, green highlands. **B/L/D**

BARTOLOMÉ:

Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim, and snorkel from the beach. Catch a glimpse of Galapagos penguins, one of the world's rarest. **B/L/D**

SANTIAGO:

Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak, and paddleboard along Santiago's spectacular coast, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked. **B/L/D**

GENOVESA:

Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galapagos into this flooded caldera, home to over one million seabirds. Visit Prince Philip's Steps at the top of the island. Highlights along the trail are many, from Nazca, red and blue-footed boobies and frigates to gulls, owls, fur seals, hammerhead sharks, turtles, and manta rays. **B/L/D**

SAN CRISTOBAL:

Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard — found only on this easternmost island. Walk along the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town. **B/L/D**

Day 9, Saturday 20th November DISEMBARKATION - QUITO or GUAYAQUIL,

This morning, we'll disembark the ship before flying back to the mainland for your final night's accommodation in Ecuador. Overnight: Quito or Guayaquil **B**

Day 10, Sunday 21st November QUITO or GUAYAQUIL - HOME

After breakfast, we'll depart for the airport for our flight home. Depending on the flight schedule, there may be a day tour option. **B**

Note: Tipping is not included in your Galapagos Expedition cost. Prices based on Category 2 Cabins.





Ship Information

Lindblad NG Endeavour II is an elegant 96-passenger ship, well-equipped for up-close exploration.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Included amenities and services

- Dining room, bar & beverage station
- Lounge: Daily recaps, cocktail hour and socialising
- Library: with novels, puzzles, reference and illustrated books
- Observation deck: The best place to view marine life & wildlife
- Ship bridge: Guests are invited to visit the ship's bridge to meet the watch officers and learn about navigation
 - Medical: Doctor on board available 24 hours a day
 - Fitness centre: with cardio equipment and free weights
- Water activities: Snorkelling gear and wetsuits are available
 - Zodiacs: Sturdy inflatable craft used for daily excursions
- Kayaks: Explore scenic shorelines, where you might encounter sea lions, turtles, penguins, and more
- Glass-bottom boat: Explore the undersea while staying dry
 - Underwater camera: Undersea specialists will dive at snorkelling sites, shooting video to share during recaps
 - Video microscope: To see the minute flora and fauna that teem in the Archipelago's rich waters
 - Photo kiosks: iMac stations available for use in sorting and transferring your photos. Equipped with a digital media reader and USB outlets

Available for an extra cost

- Wellness and spa treatments
- Laundry

Why Blue Dot?

Travel is more than just moving from one place to another; it is an opportunity to explore this vast planet, connect with its people and marvel at its beauty. We have established a group of loyal, like-minded travellers who share this feeling and have taken multiple tours with us.

With Blue Dot, you'll experience thoughtfully designed itineraries with unique experiences. Our programs are designed to meet the needs of mature-age travellers. We offer hands-on, personalised service including customised flight bookings. Australian leaders accompany groups with more than 10 travellers.


Blue Dot welcomes solo travellers

In fact, over half of our clients are solo travellers. We understand it can be daunting to travel on your own, and we'll ensure your travel is safe, inclusive and enjoyable. You can confidently join our groups, knowing that we bring solo travellers together to share the camaraderie of an unforgettable adventure.

Enquiries and bookings

A \$1,000 deposit is required to secure your booking.

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