Salapagos Expedition

Enchanting Wildlife, Captivating Islands

July 24 to August 4, 2011

a program of the stanford alumni association
There is no other place on earth like the Galápagos. Nowhere else have animals evolved without fear of people, allowing us to step right into their world and observe their natural behavior from mere inches away. Nowhere else will you find rare and unusual species such as blue-footed boobies, flightless cormorants and century-old giant tortoises that make this archipelago their home. The islands of the Galápagos inspired Darwin and his theory of evolution. I invite you to let the Galápagos inspire you — to achieve a greater understanding of the world we live in and the creatures we share it with, while enjoying the spectacular beauty and incomparable natural history experiences to be found here.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

EXPLORE the Galápagos Islands for eight days with expert naturalists.

PHOTOGRAPH nesting sea birds, salt-encrusted marine iguanas and colorful crabs.

SNORKEL alongside sea lions, sea turtles and Galápagos penguins.

GET TO KNOW Quito’s historic quarter, museums, restaurants and galleries.

RED-BILLED TROPIC BIRD
CAROL BOGGS is a professor of biology, Bing Director of the Program in Human Biology and an affiliated faculty member of the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University. Dr. Boggs’ research uses butterflies to illustrate how environmental variation affects reproduction, survival, population size and species interactions over ecological and evolutionary time. The aim is to better understand the effects of both natural and anthropogenic environmental changes. Her teaching curriculum currently includes the core course on ecology and evolution in the Program in Human Biology and an upper division course in conservation biology. She also participates in the Earth Systems Program and the Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources (E-IPER).

Dr. Boggs has served on the advisory boards of several environmental and educational organizations, including the board of trustees of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Colorado, of which she is twice past-president. Her professional service includes being on the editorial boards of Evolution, Ecological Applications, Functional Ecology and the Journal of Insect Conservation. She is a fellow of the California Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

- Stanford Friends University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, 2010–2015
- Named Outstanding Faculty Advisor, Program in Human Biology, 2001
- PhD, zoology, University of Texas at Austin, 1979

“...The Galápagos Islands are amazing! We have lasting memories that will stay with us always.”

DAVID FIDANQUE, ’71
GALÁPAGOS EXPEDITION, 2007

Reservation Form
Galápagos Expedition
July 24 to August 4, 2011

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them. Signature _________________________________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I wish to have single accommodations.

OR  ☐ I plan to share accommodations with ________________________

OR  ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for ___ space(s) on the program.

☐ Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association)  OR

☐ Charge my deposit to my:  □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ American Express

CARD #                        EXPIRES

AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE                        DATE

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?galapagos2011. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
SUNDAY, JULY 24
U.S. / QUITO, ECUADOR
Fly from home to Ecuador. Upon our late-evening arrival in Quito, transfer to our hotel. HOTEL HILTON COLÓN QUITO

MONDAY, JULY 25
QUITO / BALTRA ISLAND / SANTA CRUZ ISLAND
Early this morning return to the Quito airport to board our flight to the Galápagos Islands. Upon arrival on Baltra Island, transfer by ferry across the Itabaca Channel, which separates Baltra from Santa Cruz Island. Continue by bus to Puerto Ayora and check in to our hotel. Enjoy time at leisure and a lecture before joining fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. ANGERMEYER WATERFRONT INN (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 26
BALTRA ISLAND / NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND
After breakfast, travel by ferry back across the Itabaca Channel to Baltra Island to board our ship. Enjoy lunch onboard, followed by an afternoon excursion to North Seymour Island for a walk along the coast and the interior of the island, observing colonies of blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, swallow-tailed gulls, sea lions and marine iguanas. This evening, join the captain for a welcome cocktail before dinner. ISABELA II (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
ESPAÑOLA (HOOD) ISLAND
After breakfast, disembark at one of the white coral beaches on Española Island where we can either take a short walk and watch the sea lions, mockinbirds and finches or relax on the beach. Enjoy some of the great snorkeling in this area or observe the underwater life from the glass-bottom boat. This afternoon at Punta Suárez walk on lava terrain to view the famous blowhole and the island’s unique sea bird colonies, including the waved albatross. ISABELA II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 28
FLOREANA ISLAND
After breakfast, disembark at Point Cormorant on Floreana Island for a walk to view the flamingos that inhabit the brackish-water lagoon where ducks, storks, sandpipers and other bird species can also be seen. Return to the beach for a swim or snorkel, or take out a kayak for an offshore paddle. After lunch, snorkel around Champion Islet or enjoy a ride in a glass-bottom boat. Late this afternoon, visit Post Office Bay where we can place our postcards in the historic barrel that once served as an informal “post office” for passing ships. While there, learn about the human side of the island, its early inhabitants and the exploits of pirates and whalers. ISABELA II (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 29
SANTA CRUZ ISLAND
After breakfast, disembark to visit the giant tortoises that live in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, stop in a scalesia (daisy tree) forest and continue on to marvel at the twin pit craters, Media Luna and Los Gemelos. Enjoy a barbecue lunch at the Finch Bay Eco Hotel. This afternoon visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and hear a special presentation by the facility’s director. Tour the giant tortoise pens, visit an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest and keep an eye out for some of the many land birds living on the island. Take a stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking our ship. ISABELA II (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 30
GENOVESA (TOWER) ISLAND
Visit Genovesa Island this morning and observe colonies of frigate birds, red-footed and nazca boobies, gulls, herons, finches and mockingbirds. Hike along the rocky cliffs where we may also see marine iguanas and sea lions. This afternoon take a panga (small skiff) ride
along the cliffs, then disembark for a walk to the other side of this small island, observing large colonies of nazca boobies, frigate birds and storm petrels along the way. ISabela II (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 31
ISABELA ISLAND / FERNANDINA ISLAND
Early risers will enjoy cruising in front of the famous Ecuador Volcano on Isabela Island, which rises off the water line with half of it completely collapsed and resting underwater. On the northwest side of the island, view secluded Tagus Cove, used in past centuries as a favorite anchor for pirates and whalers. Hike to Darwin Crater, now filled with salt water, and enjoy spectacular views. This afternoon brings us to the youngest island, Fernandina. Enjoy a walk along the jagged lava terrain. Free of introduced mammals, Fernandina has a very unique environment with the highest density of marine iguanas who share their space with sea lions, sally lightfoot crabs, hawks, penguins and flightless cormorants. ISabela II (B,L,D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
SANTIAGO (JAMES) ISLAND / BARTOLOMÉ ISLAND
Most of the landscape of Santiago Island is tuff-stone layers and lava flows. Observe marine iguanas as they graze upon algae beds, and perhaps spot the colony of fur seals that lives on the island. Enjoy opportunities to swim, snorkel, hike or ride in a glass-bottom boat before returning to our ship for lunch. In the afternoon, disembark at Bartolomé Island for a hike to the summit. This short climb is aided by a wooden staircase and boardwalk, and the view from the top is worth the effort. This afternoon, go for a panga ride or snorkel around Pinnacle Rock to observe penguins and other aquatic life. Enjoy the captain's farewell reception, followed by dinner. ISabela II (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
BALTRA ISLAND / QUITO
After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the airport on Baltra Island for our flight back to Quito. Upon arrival, check in to our hotel. Enjoy an opportunity to explore this charming city independently for the remainder of the day, choosing restaurants for lunch and dinner on our own. HOTEL HILTON COLÓN QUITO (B)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
QUITO
Enjoy a buffet breakfast in our hotel and a morning at leisure. This afternoon, take a walking tour of the vibrant old town, founded by the Spanish on the ruins of an Inca settlement and the best-preserved colonial center in Latin America. Visit the Jesuit Church where we see baroque art masterpieces and observe the church's ongoing restoration process. Drive up to El Ventanal for a scenic view of the city's layout. Our festive farewell reception and dinner takes place at our hotel this evening. HOTEL HILTON COLÓN QUITO (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
QUITO / U.S.
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights back home. (B)

What to Expect
Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. We consider this program to be moderately strenuous with a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events. Most of our touring onshore is on sand, dirt or gravel paths, with some rocky or boulder-strewn terrain. Walks range from short, relaxing strolls to more vigorous hikes, and most days include at least one opportunity to swim or snorkel in the Galápagos Islands’ rich marine environment. Options that should appeal to most levels of interest will be presented each evening by our expert guides onboard ship. Travelers will also have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful scenery from the comfort of our ship. Three days of this program are spent on the mainland in Quito, Ecuador, at an elevation of 9,200 feet. Walking tours here take place on historic city streets, which are, in some cases, uneven or cobblestoned; these tours typically last two to three hours. Stairs may not have handrails, and elevators are limited or unavailable. Participants should feel comfortable walking on a rocking surface aboard ship. We welcome travelers 10 years of age and older on this program.
Isabela II

The 40-guest *Isabela II*, with 20 outside cabins, is one of the most luxurious yachts cruising the Galápagos. Presenting an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere, her helpful and warm staff attend to your every need. All passenger cabins are spacious and have private bathrooms. The *Isabela II* is fully air-conditioned and has the amenities of a larger vessel, including a bar, dining room and sun deck. The sun deck comprises a bar with ample outdoor seating, an observation area for whale and dolphin watching, a gym and Jacuzzi, and solarium. The *Isabela II* carries sea kayaks and three Zodiacs, and as an alternative to snorkeling, her glass-bottom boat offers a great opportunity to observe the marine life from above the waves. From dining room to stateroom, one senses the superior quality at all levels of service. The yacht’s trained chefs prepare a superb a la carte selection of all dinner meals. The library contains the largest variety of books on the Galápagos and Ecuador of any ship in Galápagos waters, as well as excellent nature and conservation videos.

- $6,795 Deluxe Cabin, Double Occupancy
- $7,795 Owner’s Suite, Double Occupancy
- $8,795 Deluxe Cabin, Single Occupancy

**Deck Plans**

**Main Deck**

**Cabin Deck**

**Boat Deck**

**LENGTH:** 270 feet  |  **BEAM:** 31 feet  |  **CRUISING SPEED:** 16 knots  |  **REGISTRY:** France  |  **CREW MEMBERS:** 26
Information

D A T E S
July 24 to August 4, 2011 (12 days)

S I Z E
Limited to 36 participants

C O S T*
All prices are per person
$6,795 Deluxe Cabin, double occupancy
$7,795 Owner’s Suite, double occupancy
$8,795 Deluxe Cabin, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

I N C L U D E D
4 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations • 7-night cruise aboard the Isabela II • 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
• Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Bottled water on excursions • Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities • All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary • Round-trip flight between Quito and Baltra Island • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Port and park entrance fees and embarkation taxes • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

N O T I N C L U D E D
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Continental Airlines from San Francisco to Quito, Ecuador; via Houston is approximately $1,164 as of November 2010 and is subject to change without notice.

F U E L C O S T S
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

Terms & Conditions

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the Galápagos Expedition. If you have not already placed a deposit, complete and return the enclosed reservation form or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip/galapagos2011.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days before departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
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“This trip exceeded my expectations in every way. The wildlife, topography and history of these islands are magical.”

RADHA BASU, GALÁPAGOS FIELD SEMINAR, 2009