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# Galapagos Aboard the Islander II

*Discover the Islands on a Panoramic Ship-Based Adventure with Lindblad Expeditions*



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## Trip Details:

### Days

8 Days / Year-Round

### Price

From \$6523 (+Air)

### Physical

### Requirements

Easy to Moderate

## Galapagos Aboard the Islander II

### Discover the Islands on a Panoramic Ship-Based Adventure with Lindblad Expeditions

Like a floating safari camp, this deluxe expedition ship is your base for a thrilling "360-degree" in-depth encounter with the Galapagos and its prolific wildlife. Every day holds a full slate of exhilarating activities that get you wholly into nature and face to face with the menagerie of creatures that make these islands so captivating. Look for sea turtles, swimming penguins and schools of tropical fish as you explore the undersea realm on daily snorkeling adventures. Hiking, kayaking and Zodiac excursions offer additional perspectives on the archipelago's multitude of natural wonders. An underwater camera and video microscope reveal secrets of the world beneath the waves. At every turn, you're accompanied by a cast of resident shipboard experts, including an expedition leader, naturalist guides, an undersea specialist, a National Geographic-certified photography instructor and a wellness specialist.

## Trip Highlights

The *Islander II* features a Science Hub and spacious guest suites, comfortable common areas, plunge pool and 360-degree views

This action-packed voyage features varied modes of exploration on land and sea—hiking, kayaking, Zodiac excursions, undersea cameras and more

Snorkel with sea lions, turtles and abundant fish in the protected waters of the Galápagos Marine Reserve





A large tortoise, likely a Galapagos tortoise, is the central focus, moving through tall green grass. Its shell is dark and textured. In the background, a person is crouching and taking a photograph of the tortoise with a camera. The scene is set in a lush, green, natural environment with trees in the distance.

## Galapagos Aboard the Islander II Itinerary

## Guayaquil or Quito / Depart

## Day 1: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

Guests have the choice to arrive into Quito, Ecuador's capital with its World Heritage-status colonial Old Town, or Guayaquil, a vibrant coastal city with a lively waterfront malecon along the Rio Guayas. Guests in Quito will have the choice of several hotels, while those arriving into Guayaquil will spend the night at the Hotel del Parque, an elegantly restored 19th-century boutique inn surrounded by tropical gardens, before flying to the islands tomorrow. In both cities, a selection of local tours is available.





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## **Day 2: Quito or Guayaquil / Baltra, Galapagos / Embark Ship**

Fly this morning to the Galapagos island of Baltra, and transfer to the pier on arrival to board the *National Geographic Islander II*. Once you're settled in, the ship sets sail straightaway for a week of adventure. Crossings between islands generally take place at night to maximize time for exploration during the day. Look forward to waking each morning to fresh vistas and daily discoveries.



### Days 3 - 6: Cruising the Galapagos Islands

Each day a new island awaits, and with flexibility a hallmark of Lindblad's expedition style, opportunities for discovery abound. Below is a sampler of the islands we may visit. In each location, enjoy personal encounters with the fascinating animals of the Galapagos, which are perfectly comfortable with humans and won't run away in fear. Choose among multiple modes of exploration each day: Take a guided hike with the ship's naturalists. Swim with tropical fish, sea turtles and penguins on daily snorkeling excursions—sometimes twice a day—that showcase the rich marine life of the Galapagos. Paddle a single or tandem kayak for water-level investigation of the scenic coastline. Step onto a stand-up paddleboard for meditative exploration of quiet bays. Hop onto a Zodiac to cruise along rocky shores dotted with blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas and bright orange Sally lightfoot crabs—an ideal excursion for photography, illuminated with a naturalist's narration.

*Your itinerary will include a selection of these islands:*

#### North Seymour

Encounter plentiful sea lions, nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a striking views on a coastal walk.

#### Santa Cruz

Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both Galapagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station, which operate in partnership. At Darwin Station, learn about the efforts of scientists, guides, rangers and park managers to preserve the unique features of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the Galapagos Islands. At the tortoise-rearing facility, see tiny babies bred to help increase the depleted tortoise population, a central part of the station's conservation mission. To date, more than 5,000 tortoises have been returned to the wild in the Galapagos through the program. Santa Cruz is also home to wild Galapagos tortoises, the islands' namesake, which dwell in the misty Scalesia forests of the highlands.

#### Isabela

Isabela, largest of the Galapagos islands, was created when six volcanoes flowed together. Today, its shape resembles a seahorse. In addition to kayaking and deep-water snorkeling, a small black sand beach offers excellent swimming. Varied choices for walks and hikes ashore reveal Isabela's intriguing features, including an iguana colony and a chance to cross the equator at Ecuador Volcano, the northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins as we ply these waters rich in marine life, which were once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

#### Fernandina

The youngest and most active volcano in the Galapagos, Fernandina is one of the most pristine tropical islands left on Earth. Hike over relatively recent lava flows among hundreds of placid marine iguanas (the largest in the Galapagos), flightless cormorants, and bright orange Sally Lightfoot crabs that speckle the black lava rocks. Galapagos hawks soar overhead while sea lions loll on the sun-baked lava.

#### San Cristobal

Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.



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### **Española**

Española is one of the most prolific wildlife sites in the Galapagos. Hike to Punta Suarez, the seasonal home of the world's only population of waved albatross. The island's endemic red-and-green marine iguanas are also found only here. Española is also home to Darwin's finches, Galapagos mockingbirds, Galapagos hawks, Galapagos doves, Nazca boobies, and the famous blue-footed boobies. A huge colony of sea lions lazes on the beach at Gardner Bay, covering the long stretch of fine, powdery white sand. Snorkeling in the bay is generally excellent, too.

### **Floreana**

One of the few Galapagos islands inhabited by humans, Floreana has a rich cultural history filled with intrigue, including tales of pirates who once hid out here. A post office established by British whalers in 1793 is still a means for travelers to leave mail in the barrel for personal delivery via visitors passing through. Snorkel among sea lions and schools of tropical fish in the clear waters off Champion Islet, where we may also find flamingos, pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a pristine white sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

### **Day 7: Galapagos Islands—Disembark / Guayaquil or Quito**

Our ship has returned to our disembarkation port overnight, and we depart after breakfast this morning, heading to the airport for our flight back to the mainland. You may choose to overnight in Guayaquil, where a transfer is included to the Hotel del Parque, or in Quito, where a choice of hotels is available. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. Depending on flight schedules, you may be able to take advantage of an overnight flight home.

### **Day 8: Guayaquil or Quito / Depart**

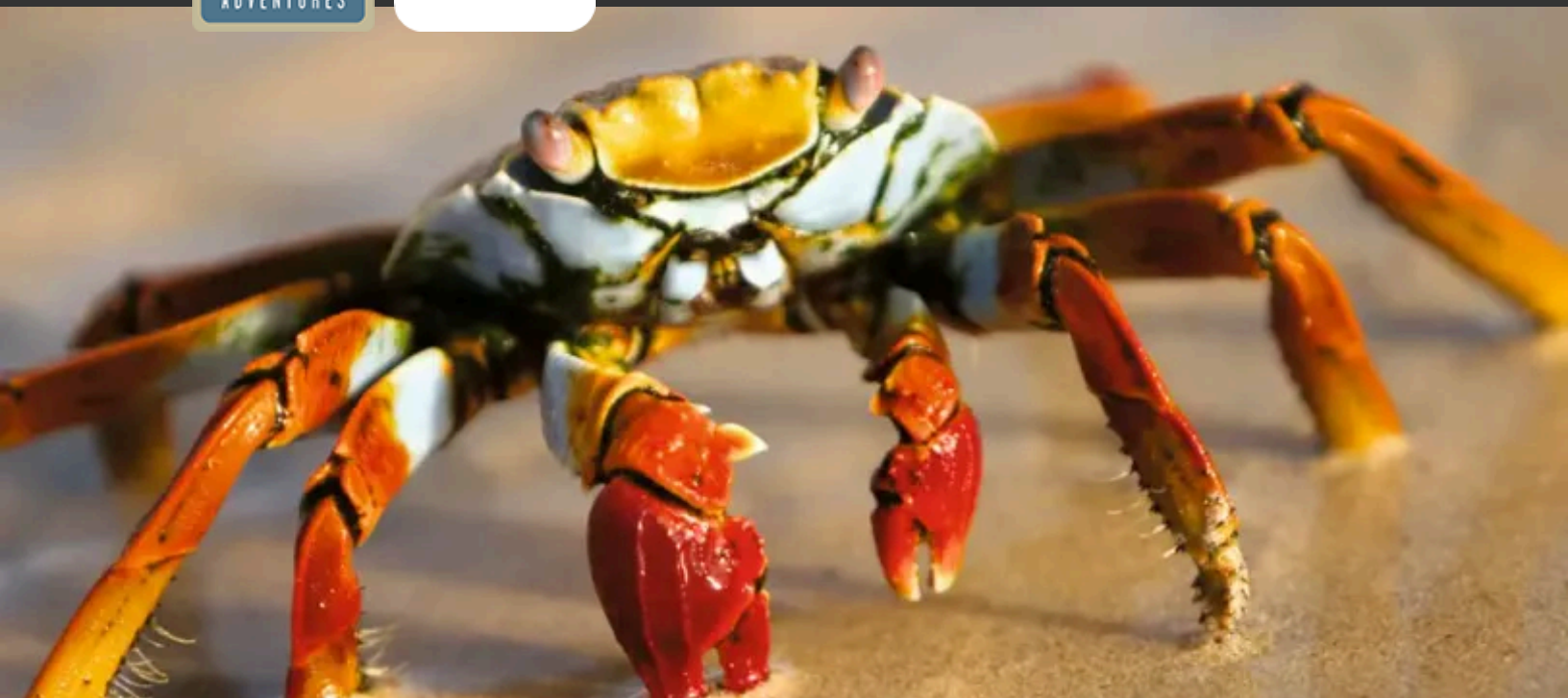
You are free to depart at any time today. A transfer to the airport is included. Fly homeward, or stay on for an optional extension in the Ecuadorian Andes.

*Learn more about the seasonal variations of **Galapagos weather** and **wildlife viewing** .*





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## Accommodation Details:

Wyndham Quito Airport

Hotel del Parque

National Geographic Islander II

For detailed descriptions, visit [nathab.com/adventure-cruises/galapagos-wildlife-cruise/ships](http://nathab.com/adventure-cruises/galapagos-wildlife-cruise/ships)

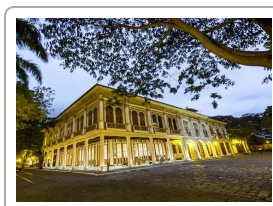
## Galapagos Aboard the Islander II Accommodations

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### Wyndham Quito Airport

Just minutes from Quito's international airport, this ultra-modern new hotel offers a tranquil layover retreat, with striking design elements, a gym and spa, and guest rooms with every convenience.



### Hotel del Parque

Hotel del Parque is Guayaquil's finest boutique hotel, an exquisitely restored 19th-century property set within the lavish gardens of the Parque Historico, with the ambience of a private estate.



### National Geographic Islander II

Discover the wonders of the Galapagos aboard this exceptionally spacious, well-appointed expedition ship, with 26 all-suite staterooms accommodating up to 48 guests—plus a host of varied exploratory modes.





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## Sail with the World Leader in Conservation-Focused Small Ship Cruising

We're proud to offer a worldwide slate of Adventure Cruises through our partner Lindblad Expeditions. Nat Hab joined forces with Lindblad in 2016 to expand our mutual collection of nature adventures. Founded in 1958 by Lars-Eric Lindblad, the company pioneered eco-conscious expeditions for "citizen explorers" and today is the world leader in conservation-focused small-ship cruises. Our Adventure Specialists are intimately familiar with the ships and itineraries and are on call to answer any questions you might have. When you choose Lindblad in the Galapagos, you'll get all these advantages:

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### Lindblad Leads in Experience and Knowledge

Lindblad has led expeditions to the Galapagos for more than 50 years, operating its own ships year-round, each with a core team of naturalists who work exclusively for Lindblad-National Geographic. Every departure sails with a veteran Expedition Leader and team of passionate experts with specialties like marine biology, evolutionary biology and ornithology, plus an undersea specialist and certified photo instructor trained by National Geographic. During the summer months, when families travel most, an additional naturalist leads kids-only activities such as scavenger hunts, journaling and smartphone photography.

2

### A Range of Tools for Optimum Exploration

Activities are plentiful: Choose to swim, snorkel, kayak, walk leisurely, hike vigorously, cruise in a Zodiac with a naturalist or relax aboard ship. The *National Geographic Islander II* is outfitted with snorkel gear including wetsuits, tandem and single kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards. Explore deeper with video microscopes, plasma screens, recorded dives by onboard undersea specialists, hydrophones, video chroniclers, splash cams and daily expedition reports.

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### Go Home with Photos as Thrilling as the Wildlife

Legendary wildlife in the Galapagos and its lack of fear create a dream setting for nature photographers. Whether you're angling for a magical shot of giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies or marine iguanas, our onboard photo instructors have been trained at National Geographic headquarters to help you make the most of each wildlife encounter—making sure you go home with your best photos ever!



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### Locally Sourced, Sustainable Dining

Our chefs cook with fresh, local ingredients whenever possible, including locally grown produce, sustainably caught fish and other local and indigenous products. Ecuadorian ingredients and flavors embellish the menu and offer a more genuine sense of the region's cuisine and culture. Reusable water bottles are found in every cabin, with chilled fresh water stations around the ship to make staying hydrated convenient and refreshing—and helping to keep plastic bottles out of the islands.

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### Lindblad Supports Galapagos Conservation

Lindblad has played an active role in Galapagos conservation since 1967, working in conjunction with Galapagos National Park, Charles Darwin Research Station, local nonprofits and community groups. Since 1997, together with its guests, Lindblad has helped raise nearly \$7 million to support conservation, education, research and community development priorities, and established the LEX-NG Fund to manage grants made in the region.

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### We're Committed to the Planet

Natural Habitat Adventures is a standard-setter in eco-conscious travel. We have been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007. And we continue to break innovative ground in adopting practices that help to protect our global environment. Because of our concern for the environment, we only choose cruise travel partners who share our commitment—and Lindblad certainly does.

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### Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our environmental commitment and the outstanding quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund has chosen Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation we're very proud of! When you book your Lindblad Expeditions cruise with us, a portion of your trip fee supports WWF.



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## Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:**  
From \$6523  
(+Air)

**Group Size:**  
Limited to 48-96  
Travelers

**Physical Requirements:**  
Easy to Moderate

## Galapagos Aboard the Islander II Dates, Pricing & Info

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### 2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Apr 19, 2025	Apr 26, 2025	
Apr 24, 2025	May 1, 2025	
May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025	
May 8, 2025	May 15, 2025	
May 17, 2025	May 24, 2025	
May 22, 2025	May 29, 2025	
May 31, 2025	Jun 7, 2025	
Jun 14, 2025	Jun 21, 2025	
Jun 19, 2025	Jun 26, 2025	
Jun 28, 2025	Jul 5, 2025	
Jul 3, 2025	Jul 10, 2025	



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Jul 12, 2025	Jul 19, 2025	
Jul 17, 2025	Jul 24, 2025	
Jul 26, 2025	Aug 2, 2025	
Jul 31, 2025	Aug 7, 2025	
Aug 9, 2025	Aug 16, 2025	
Aug 14, 2025	Aug 21, 2025	
Aug 23, 2025	Aug 30, 2025	
Aug 28, 2025	Sep 4, 2025	
Oct 4, 2025	Oct 11, 2025	
Oct 9, 2025	Oct 16, 2025	
Oct 18, 2025	Oct 25, 2025	
Oct 23, 2025	Oct 30, 2025	
Nov 1, 2025	Nov 8, 2025	
Nov 6, 2025	Nov 13, 2025	
Nov 15, 2025	Nov 22, 2025	
Nov 20, 2025	Nov 27, 2025	
Dec 4, 2025	Dec 11, 2025	
Dec 13, 2025	Dec 20, 2025	
Dec 27, 2025	Jan 3, 2026	

## 2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 1, 2026	Jan 8, 2026	
Jan 10, 2026	Jan 17, 2026	
Jan 15, 2026	Jan 22, 2026	





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Feb 26, 2026	Mar 5, 2026	
Mar 7, 2026	Mar 14, 2026	
Mar 12, 2026	Mar 19, 2026	
Mar 21, 2026	Mar 28, 2026	
Mar 26, 2026	Apr 2, 2026	
Apr 4, 2026	Apr 11, 2026	
Apr 9, 2026	Apr 16, 2026	
Apr 18, 2026	Apr 25, 2026	
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## 2027 Departures



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Jan 9, 2027	Jan 16, 2027	
Jan 14, 2027	Jan 21, 2027	
Jan 23, 2027	Jan 30, 2027	
Jan 28, 2027	Feb 4, 2027	
Feb 6, 2027	Feb 13, 2027	
Feb 11, 2027	Feb 18, 2027	
Feb 20, 2027	Feb 27, 2027	
Feb 25, 2027	Mar 4, 2027	
Mar 6, 2027	Mar 13, 2027	
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Mar 20, 2027	Mar 27, 2027	
Mar 25, 2027	Apr 1, 2027	



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### Pricing

2025 Prices

#### Pricing

*Note that pricing is subject to change and may vary based on availability. For per-departure pricing, hover your cursor over the dates above (desktop) or tap the date of your choosing (mobile).*



Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. Single cabins may be available on ships without dedicated single cabins at higher rates. Internal airfare is an additional **\$520** per person for adults or **\$350** per person for children 11 years old and younger. A deposit of **15%** of the cabin fare is required to reserve your space.

**Please read Lindblad's Payment & Refund Policy here.**

### Included

Accommodations; meals indicated; excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, naturalist staff, expert guides and a ship's doctor; use of kayaks, snorkeling gear and wet suits; port charges and service taxes, bar tab excluding some premium brands of alcohol; one hour of wireless internet per day.

### Not Included

Air transportation; personal items such as alcoholic beverages (except those noted above), laundry, voyage DVD, etc.; discretionary tips to ship's crew; optional travel and/or medical evacuation insurance.

### Physical Requirements

#### *Easy to Moderate*

This Galapagos expedition cruise features a packed itinerary, with early mornings and long days filled with varied activities including island walks, swimming, snorkeling, kayaking and paddleboarding. Trails are often rough and uneven, traversing sharp lava fields and loose rocks and gravel. It is sometimes necessary to walk over slippery rocks when making a Zodiac landing to come ashore. Guests must be able to walk a minimum of two miles to participate in this trip, as well as walk up and down stairs and be able to get in and out of the motorized pangas (rigid inflatable rafts), which can be very unsteady in rough water. A few wet landings, where we disembark from the panga directly into shallow water and walk up onto the beach, are required. Snorkeling is a big component of this trip, with excursions offered nearly every day, sometimes twice a day. While no snorkeling experience is required, prior practice is recommended, and travelers should be comfortable swimming in moderate currents, near shore and in deep water. Our Expedition Leaders will also offer guidance for those in need of additional snorkeling instruction. Travelers are not required to participate in every activity.





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## Important Information About This Trip

### Recommended Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we strongly recommend that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. While this is not required, we make this strong suggestion in the interest of our guests' safety. We recommend that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

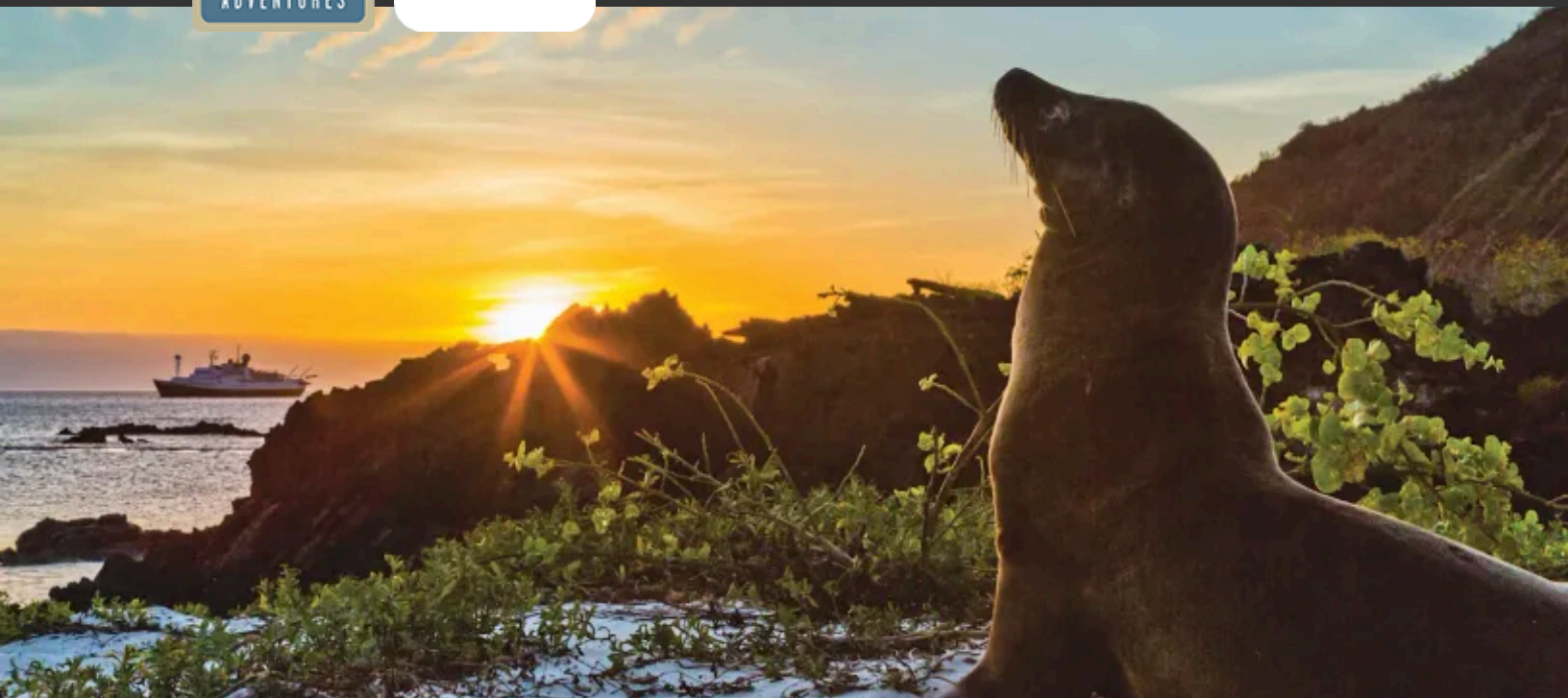
## Getting There & Getting Home

You can arrive in Guayaquil, Ecuador on the afternoon or evening of Day 1 of your itinerary. You are free to depart from Guayaquil in the evening of the last day of the itinerary. Please contact your Adventure Specialist for more specific arrival and departure timing.

We can best serve you by having Lindblad Expeditions' air department book your flights, since Lindblad is most familiar with the special requirements of each trip. Please call Lindblad directly at 800-397-3348. Note that while Lindblad Expeditions' air department will offer you its best available rates on airfare, you may find better fares online.



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## Extension Details:

**See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension**  
From \$449

**Quito & Otavalo Post-Voyage Extension**  
\$1150

## Galapagos Aboard the Islander II Extensions

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### See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension

Arrive a day early and explore Ecuador's colonial capital. Tour the plazas, Baroque churches, and cobbled streets of Quito's 16th-century historical center.

**From \$449**



### Quito & Otavalo Post-Voyage Extension

Discover Ecuador's rich cultural heritage on this four-day adventure in the Andean highlands, exploring the vibrant capital, Quito, and Otavalo, home to one of the largest indigenous markets in South America.

**\$1150**



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