



OCT. 30 - NOV. 6, 2021

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MASHPI LODGE PRE-TOUR &
MACHU PICCHU POST-TOUR

The Galapagos Islands

8 DAYS OF WONDER
& AMAZEMENT

100%
REFUND
GUARANTEE

See reservation
panel for details.

** Think biology class – with deck chairs **





Dear Friends,

Join fellow NC State 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 WolfTreks 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.

Given the significant savings of up to \$800 per couple and the past popularity of this trip with NC State travelers, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today.


Reserve today online at ncsu.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 627-2586 or (919) 515-0508, or by emailing hart@ncsu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kathy Hart
WolfTreks Travel Director
NC State Alumni Association

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

 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 on-going 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 stroll
Overnight: *Isabela II*

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

Day 6: Santa Fe / Santa Cruz: Punta Carrion (B,L,D)
Panoramic island viewing, glass-bottom boat ride, white sand beach, sea turtle spotting, farewell dinner
Overnight: *Isabela II*

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

Day 8: Guayaquil / 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 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, where among tidal pools, pass by colonies of various bird species.
- Visit the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect habitat to see the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, and Puerto Egas on Santiago Island—the site of a former salt mine and where you're most likely 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, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners (served with house wine), 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 Guayaquil on day 7)
- Gratuities to local guides, hotel porters, and drivers in Quito, the Galapagos Islands, and Guayaquil
- 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.



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Isabela II

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



Cabin deck



Main deck



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.



Master 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 5-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 HOTEL – GUAYAQUIL

Conveniently located just 3 miles from José Joaquín de Olmedo airport, this property offers deluxe accommodations for the last night of the program. Nearby are museums, gardens, shopping, and restaurants of the Malecón 2000, the boardwalk overlooking the Guayas River.



Optional Pre-Tour Mashpi Lodge



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, including 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 portage
- 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



Optional Post-Tour Machu Picchu



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.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 8: Guayaquil / Flight to Lima, Peru
Morning at leisure in Guayaquil, evening arrival to Lima
Overnight: Wyndham Costa del Sol – Lima Airport

Day 9: Lima / Flight to Cusco / Sacred Valley (B,L,D)
Morning flight to Cusco, lunch with sweeping view of the Sacred Valley, explore the colorful markets of Pisac
Overnight: Sonesta Posadas del Inca – Yucay

Day 10: 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 11: Machu Picchu / Sacred Valley / Cusco (B,L,D)
Morning guided tour with time to hike at your own pace, Vistadome train to Cusco, afternoon at leisure
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 12: Cusco / Saqsayhuaman / Kenko / Villa Tipón (B,L,D)
Walk through Cusco, Qorikancha Sun Temple, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel

Day 13: Cusco / Flight to Lima / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Morning flight to Lima, traditional Peruvian lunch, depart for U.S.
Day Room: Hotel Estelar Miraflores – Lima

Max elevation: 11,200 ft. in Cusco, Peru

What's Included

- 5 nights premium accommodations including a private day room on departure day
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners
- Round-trip internal airfare between Lima and Cusco
- Fully guided tours and field presentations from local experts
- All ground excursion transportation, including Vistadome train through the Urubamba Valley
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and waiters for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



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Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: October 27-30, 2021

Machu Picchu Post-Tour: November 6-11, 2021

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GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

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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): ☐ Standard ☐ Deluxe ☐ Single

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at 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: _____

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-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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*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. Post-tour rate includes internal airfare between Lima and Cusco on days 9 & 13; airfare otherwise not included. Airfare from main program (Guayaquil) to post-tour (Lima), will be charged additionally at \$740 per person. Machu Picchu Deluxe Category includes room upgrades at the following properties: Inkaterma Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel, and Hotel Estelar Miraflores – Lima. Upgrade availability is limited. **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.

Stateroom Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Standard	\$5,399	\$4,995
Classic Double	\$5,999	\$5,695
Classic Twin	\$6,299	\$5,995
Master Suite	\$7,699	\$7,395
Single (Standard)	\$8,399	\$7,995
Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour*		
\$1,595 Single \$2,295		
Machu Picchu Post-Tour*		
Standard \$3,695 Deluxe \$3,995 Single \$4,995		
Airfare between main program and post-tour is an additional \$740 per person.		



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Special Alumni Rate: **Save up to \$800**
per couple

What Guests Are Saying...

This was a superb itinerary and was spectacularly organized. We loved the program. We would like to travel to many places, but we will come to Orbridge in the future.

~Linda E., Hanover, NH

The Galapagos Islands trip was a bucket list, anniversary trip for me and truly was the trip of a lifetime. The program is polished, professional, educational, active, engaging, and incredibly well organized.

~Knox B., Greensboro, NC

I can't imagine coordinating a trip of this caliber myself. The hotels were gems and the activities were perfectly paced. I never felt rushed or that an activity was a waste of time. The attention to detail and the knowledge of the guides exceeded my expectations. Everyday was a new adventure to enjoy!

~Shawn & Jeff H., Abington, PA



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