



# THE GALÁPAGOS

## TOP TEN REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS-NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 1. Experience matters.** Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has more experience than any other operator in Galápagos, and more experience in the expedition travel business. In 1967, Lars Eric Lindblad led the first non-scientific expedition to the Galápagos. We've been travelling there in one form or another ever since.
- 2. The most knowledgeable and experienced naturalists.** A core group of naturalists work exclusively for Lindblad-National Geographic, providing in-depth knowledge. We also provide one of the best naturalists-to-guest ratios in Galápagos.
- 3. Choice.** Guests are never "herded", they are offered options at every opportunity. Ingrained in our expedition DNA, this flexible, choice-based approach to experiencing the islands is uniquely ours. Swim, snorkel, walk, hike and kayak almost every day. Take advantage of our onboard certified photo instructor and Zodiac cruise the islands' fascinating shorelines.
- 4. Conservation commitment.** Since 1997, Lindblad-National Geographic has worked with its guests to raise funds for local conservation projects. More than \$5.5 million has been raised for projects such as fostering the restoration of native plants throughout the islands and tracking giant tortoises. We work closely with the Galápagos National Park and/or the Charles Darwin Research Station on all conservation initiatives.
- 5. We own and operate our two ships.** We are the only U.S. company to own and operate two ships in Galápagos, *National Geographic Islander* and *National Geographic Endeavour II*, giving us oversight and control that many others just don't have.
- 6. Year-round departures.** Our ships operate year-round, each offering full-week itineraries, with *National Geographic Endeavour II* departing every Friday, and *National Geographic Islander* departing every Saturday.
- 7. Tools for exploration.** No other company can match our range of technological tools for exploration: video microscopes, plasma screens, undersea specialists, hydrophones, video chroniclers, splash cams and daily expedition reports. All of these tools make exploring Galápagos with us a uniquely 360° experience.
- 8. The undersea, illuminated.** Both our ships carry complete snorkelling gear, yours for the duration of the voyage. An undersea specialist further brings underwater Galápagos to life through onboard video presentations. *National Geographic Endeavour II* is equipped with both an ROV for deeper ocean views, and a glass-bottom Zodiac for dry undersea exploring.
- 9. Ideal for groups & families.** All departures include staff members who are specially trained and skilled in organising activities for, and inspiring curiosity in, young people.
- 10. Wellness.** Our comprehensive wellness program features nature-inspired spa treatments, daily stretching under the guidance of an instructor, well-equipped air-conditioned gyms, exquisite cuisine, guest internet service, and seamless handling throughout your journey.



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