GALÁPAGOS EXPEDITION
on board the *M/V Eclipse* | AUGUST 4-12, 2016

with Harvard Study Leader

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HBS ALUMNI TRAVEL
Janet Browne’s interests range widely over the history of the life sciences and natural history. After a first degree in zoology she studied for a PhD in the history of science at Imperial College London, published as *The Secular Ark: Studies in the History of Biogeography* (1983). Ever since then she has specialized in Charles Darwin’s work, first as associate editor of the early volumes of *The Correspondence of Charles Darwin*, and more recently as author of a biographical study that integrated Darwin’s science with his life and times. The biography was awarded several prizes, including the James Tait Black award for non-fiction, the W. H. Heinemann Prize from the Royal Literary Society, and the Pfizer Prize from the History of Science Society. In 2006 she moved to the USA to join the History of Science Department at Harvard University.

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**EXPEDITION SUMMARY**

Embark on the journey of a lifetime with our Galápagos Expedition. The Galápagos Islands, a historic archipelago located far off the Ecuadorian coast, are home to unique wildlife, including birds, fish, reptiles, and other animals found nowhere else on earth. Get up close and personal with these unique creatures during nature walks led by naturalist guides and shoreline explorations in small boats known as pangas. Walk in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and his quest for scientific discovery, but also take time to relax aboard *M/V Eclipse*.

Spend a day exploring Quito, Ecuador’s colorful capital city. Then fly from Quito to the Galápagos, where our guides will assist you in clearing the control point of Galápagos National Park. Once on board *M/V Eclipse*, listen to an introductory briefing that will go over life on board, safety procedures, and the National Park Service’s rules and regulations for Galápagos National Park. During the cruise portion of your trip, you will be based aboard *M/V Eclipse* and will disembark to explore the islands. Daily excursions include walking, snorkeling, kayaking, and boating in one of the ship’s accompanying pangas.

In order to protect the islands and their unique flora and fauna, the Ecuadorian National Park Service limits tourism to certain terrestrial visitor sites apart from the islands’ small towns and communities. These sites have been selected because they provide access to the islands’ best wildlife-viewing opportunities. Visitors reach the designated areas via pangas, which facilitate non-invasive shoreline explorations and landings. Experience the breathtaking scenery and learn about the incredible wildlife of the region, before disembarking *M/V Eclipse* and returning to mainland Ecuador to connect with international flights home. Don’t miss this once in a lifetime adventure to the Galápagos Islands!

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**EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

This trip is rated Easy. While no experience is required, travelers should be in good physical health to make the most of their trip to Ecuador and to fully enjoy the trip’s activities. A typical day in the Galápagos includes visits to the Galápagos Islands during the day, traveling by pangas from the larger yacht to land. While on land, naturalist guides will lead the group on a walking tour of each site. At the end of the tour, there may be extra time for swimming, kayaking, and snorkeling before returning to the ship.

**EXCURSIONS**

Most excursion landing sites are on sandy beaches or rocky promontories as there are very few docks on the islands. A “wet landing” requires passengers to disembark in water up to their knees and then wade into shore. A “dry landing” does not require visitors to get wet as the panga will pull up to a rocky outcropping or a dock. Even with dry landings, it is likely that you will get splashed at least once during the trip. We therefore recommend that you bring dry-bags or waterproof day packs to protect any valuables you will be taking ashore, such as camera equipment.
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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY  (B = breakfast; L = lunch; D = dinner)

**Thursday, August 4 QUITO, ECUADOR**
Depart from home and fly to Ecuador. Arrive in Quito at Mariscal Sucre International Airport (UIO). Meet your guide and driver outside of the baggage collection area, and transfer to your hotel.  *JW Marriott Quito*

**Friday, August 5 QUITO**
At over 9,000 feet above sea level, Quito is the highest capital city in the world. Spend the morning exploring the historic city center, just outside your hotel's front door. The colonial city center is one of the best preserved in the Americas, and was named a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in 1978. Next, visit Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World) Landmark, which marks the spot of Earth’s midpoint at the Equator. Return to the hotel after lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure before a welcome reception and dinner this evening. "JW Marriott Quito (B, L, D)"

**Saturday, August 6 QUITO / GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**
This morning, transfer to the airport. Fly to the Galapagos Islands via Guayaquil. Upon arrival at the airport on Baltra Island, transfer to the dock and board the *M/V Eclipse*. Have lunch on board and enjoy a welcome briefing. This afternoon, embark by dry landing, stepping from the panga onto rocks or a dock, on North Seymour Island for a walk along the coast and through the interior of the island. Observe bird colonies of blue-footed boobies, and frigate birds, as well as sea lions and marine iguanas. Return to the ship for the evening briefing, welcome cocktail, and dinner.  *M/V Eclipse (B, L, D)*

**Sunday, August 7 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**
This morning disembark by dry landing on South Plaza Island, where the tilt of the island creates a lavishly colorful sight. Notice the luminescent green prickly-pear cactus, Opuntia Cacti, and a plethora of land iguanas. This afternoon, visit Santa Fe Island to discover yet another white sand beach, surrounded by a sea lion colony. This island is home to a number of endemic species including Galapagos hawks, Galapagos snakes, a variety of finches, and one of the four species of Galapagos mockingbirds. Hike on a trail past saltbushes where Galapagos hawks as well as the Santa Fe land iguanas tend to roam. After the walk, enjoy time at leisure to swim, snorkel in the company of playful sea lions, or kayak off the beach.  *M/V Eclipse (B, L, D)*

**Tuesday, August 9 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**
After breakfast, disembark by dry landing within Baroness Cove and take a short walk up to the observation tower to enjoy breathtaking views of Floreana and its nearby islets. See Post Office Bay to learn about its early human inhabitants, and the adventures of pirates and whalers. After lunch disembark on Punta Cormorant. Enjoy an easy walk to a brackish water lagoon to see flamingos, pintail ducks, common stilts, and other birds, in Champion Islet. The excursion ends on the beach with an opportunity to swim or snorkel.  *M/V Eclipse (B, L, D)*

**Wednesday, August 10 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**
Today explore Isabela Island’s Elizabeth Bay. Isabela Island is known for its low-lying rocky shoreline, black and red mangrove lagoons, and abundant population of shore birds. The island’s desolate, pristine landscape is covered by relatively new black lava flows where extraordinary and unusual arid-zone vegetation thrives. Look for a wide variety of bird life, such as flightless cormorants, herons, and blue-footed boobies. Enter a sheltered cove—a wonderful mangrove ecosystem that is a refuge for sea turtles and rays. This afternoon visit Punta Moreno and enjoy close views of volcanoes Alcedo, Sierra Negra, and Cerro Azul. Wildlife here includes Darwin’s finches, Galapagos doves, mockingbirds, penguins, cormorants, brown pelicans, and blue-footed boobies. Enjoy a panga ride along the coast for the best wildlife viewing before returning to the ship for dinner.  *M/V Eclipse (B, L, D)*

**Thursday, August 11 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS / GUAYAQUIL OR QUITO / ALIGHT**
This morning, disembark the ship and transfer to Puerto Ayora via panga. On Santa Cruz Island, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, a working branch of the Charles Darwin Foundation, which provides scientific research and technical information and assistance to ensure the proper preservation of the Galápagos Islands. Learn about the natural history and issues concerning the islands, and see the resident giant tortoises. Transfer to the airport and fly Guayaquil or Quito to connect with your international flight home.  *(B)*

*contact us today to reserve your space: 1-800-422-1636 or 1-617-496-0806, or email alumni_travel@hbs.edu*
With a capacity of only 48 guests, expeditions on M/V Eclipse offers intimate contact with wildlife, active volcanoes, a vast marine reserve, adventure, comfort, and safety. The expertise of four English-speaking naturalist guides matches their contagious enthusiasm, whether discussing geology or bird-watching, snorkeling or stargazing, evolution or marine activities. The yacht is fully air-conditioned; all cabins are spacious and have private bathrooms. The M/V Eclipse features a library, boutique, lounge, dining room, al fresco dining area, sun deck, and infirmary with a doctor on board at all times. The dining room and al fresco dining area serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and special diets can be accommodated with advance notice. The sun deck is comprised of outdoor seating, an observation area for whale and dolphin watching, and a jacuzzi.
RESERVATION FORM

Please make checks payable to “Global Adrenaline, Inc.” and mail reservation to:

Harvard Alumni Travel
124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

TRIP DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE)
☐ Enclosed is my check for $________________________
  ($1,000 per person) made payable to Harvard University

☐ Please charge the following card for $________________________
  ($1,000 per person)

  VISA          AMEX          MASTERCARD

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TRAVELER INFORMATION

# of People in Group _______ # of Rooms Needed _______

Name 1 (as on passport) ____________________________

Date of Birth ______________

Name 2 (as on passport) ____________________________

Date of Birth ______________

Street Address ____________________________________

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ROOM PREFERENCE (circle one)

STATEROOM  |  SUPERIOR  |  DELUXE

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer single accommodations

☐ I plan to room with ______________________________

☐ I prefer to share accommodations (If a roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

By submitting my non-refundable $1,000 trip deposit I am registering for HBS Galápagos Expedition from August 4-12, 2016.

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program posted on the trip web page and agree to them. See next page.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES  prices are per person

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* $375 check price applies when deposit and final payment are paid by check.

WHAT IS INCLUDED
domestic flights (Quito/UIO – Galápagos – Guayaquil/GYE or Quito/UIO) • Harvard Study Leader and lectures • professional tour director • local English-speaking Ecuadorian guides • Galápagos National Park admission fee • Transit Control Card for Galápagos • accommodations as indicated in itinerary • meals as indicated in itinerary • bottled water at meals and on all group transfers and tours • activities as indicated in itinerary • entrance fees to sites as indicated in itinerary • airport transfers on designated arrival and departure dates • best available ground transportation • taxes, service charges, and handling fees • gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel porters, ship naturalists and crew, and restaurant staff at all included meals • $200,000 emergency medical assistance

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED
international flights (USA – Quito/UIO; Quito/UIO or Guayaquil/GYE – USA) international airport departure tax (included in most international tickets) • domestic airport departure tax • meals not noted in itinerary • beverages (discretionary) • travel insurance (discretionary) • passport fees, visas, and visa photos as required (discretionary) • phone calls, laundry, and other items of a personal nature (discretionary)
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PROGRAM RATES: Per person double occupancy

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PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS: Enrichment program of lectures and discussions; accommodation as indicated in itinerary; internal flights (Quito-Galápagos-Guayaquil or Quito); professional tour director; English-speaking Ecuadorian guides; Galápagos National Park admission fee and Transit Control Charge for Galápagos; bottled water at meals and in vehicles; meals as indicated in itinerary; entrance fees; airport transfers on designated arrival and departure dates; ground transportation as indicated in itinerary; gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel staff, ship nationalists and crew and restaurant staff at included meals; welcome and farewell dinners and receptions; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS: International airfare; baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport tax(es); meals and beverages not noted as included; passport fees, visas and visa photos as required; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and internet access.

PROGRAM SIZE: This trip, developed for Harvard Alumni Travel, is limited to 24 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum group size is 20. Should the minimum not be met, we reserve the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard Alumni Travel study leader. We retain the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any of our group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation. Note: the M/V Eclipse (cruse) will be shared with other guests not associated with Harvard Alumni Travel nor the tour operator.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this program, a $1,000 deposit is required per person. You may also book online at http://alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/hbs-galapagos-2016. Please either call us at 800.422.1636 or 617.496.0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form to 617.495.0434. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made by check, payable to Global Adrenaline, Inc., or with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by check or credit card, is due 90 days before departure.

Note: The check price applies when both deposit and final payment are paid by check.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by Harvard Alumni Travel from the participant. At the time written notification of cancellation is received, the following penalties will apply:

- 90 or more days prior to departure: loss of $1,000 deposit
- 0-90 days prior to departure: 100% of trip cost

We recommend that you purchase a travel insurance policy to cover cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.

INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to cover unexpected trip interruptions, cancellations, and lost baggage. An application for trip cancellation insurance will be provided by Harvard Alumni Travel upon confirmation. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 15 days of initial deposit. Neither the Harvard Alumni Travel nor our tour operators, including their representatives, employees and agents, will take responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guests’ dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Nor do they accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: International and U.S. domestic airfare are not included in the program cost. The tour operator can assist you with your air arrangements. Neither Harvard Alumni Travel nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH: All participants must be in generally good health. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

Participants with medical issues and/or dietary restrictions must make them known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed prior to booking. If you have any questions about the level of activity of this program or your ability to participate, please call Harvard Alumni Travel at 800.422.1636.

PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY: You will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing, a recommended reading list and amenities pack.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & EVACUATION INSURANCE: As a service to our travelers Harvard Alumni Travel automatically provides basic emergency medical evacuation insurance. At the time of publication, this policy has the following schedule of benefits: $5,000 Accident/Sickness Medical Expense; $200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation & Return of Remains; $3,000 Emergency Reunion; $5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

This insurance covers travelers for Harvard Alumni Travel-sponsored program dates, but not for any extensions or independent travel plans. You will receive detailed information on this coverage approximately 30 days prior to your departure. Should you also purchase the Travel Insurance Select offered to you at confirmation, it will provide you with benefits which are additional to those stated above. This insurance is secondary to any insurance the traveler may already have.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM AND COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Travel and the tour operator. We reserve the right to change a program’s dates, staff (including study leader*), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect as of October 2015 and are subject to change.

*In the event of a cancellation by the Harvard study leader, we will attempt to notify all travelers as soon as possible. We will make every reasonable effort to find a replacement study leader, but our ability to do so will depend on the availability of appropriate lecturers and proximity to the departure date. If we are not able to provide an appropriate substitute we will make every reasonable effort to provide other educational opportunities or program enhancements to ensure a viable travel study experience. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether or not a replacement study leader is found.

RESPONSIBILITY: The tour operator, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services, and transportation are offered or provided, and Harvard Alumni Travel and the tour operator and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability therefore. Harvard Alumni Travel and the tour operator, assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or such other causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Harvard Alumni Travel and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are at the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.

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*Please let us know if you would like to opt out of sharing your email address on the tour participant list.

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