NEW YEAR’S GALÁPAGOS
ABOARD ORIGIN

With ZARIN MACHANDA,
College Fellow in Human Evolutionary Biology

December 29, 2016–January 9, 2017
Harvard Study Leader

ZARIN MACHANDA

Zarin Machanda received her PhD from the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University. Her research revolves around understanding the factors that shape the quality and development of social relationships among primates and specifically chimpanzees. Zarin has spent the last 14 years working with both captive and wild chimpanzees. She has spent almost three years living and conducting research in western Uganda. Zarin has traveled with the HAA over the past five years, receiving rave traveler reviews! Zarin led many trips to the destinations such as Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Borneo, along the Amazon River, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This program has been exclusively designed for Harvard alumni, family, and friends to explore the Galápagos Islands and learn about the island’s natural history. This is a moderately active program. In the Galápagos, walks are approximately one to two miles long (sometimes over uneven and rocky terrain) at a leisurely pace suitable for wildlife observation. There will be wet landings on many islands. Dinghy rides along the coast and shorter walks are available for participants as an alternative to longer and more challenging walks. There are opportunities for swimming, snorkeling and sea kayaking (snorkeling equipment, wet suits, and kayaks are available aboard Origin at no charge). The Galápagos Islands are at sea level and temperatures range between the 70s and 90s F on the islands. Travel is by regular scheduled commercial airlines, motor coach, air-conditioned ship, and inflatable “Zodiac-style” dinghies.

The Post-Trip Machu Picchu optional extension is a moderately active program. Throughout Andean cities, temperatures range from 30°–40° F at night to 60°–75° F during the day, and we’ll spend several days at elevations from 7,600 to 11,200 feet. The Machu Picchu extension has been designed to allow for an easier acclimatization when we travel to the Andean highlands by overnighting in the Urubamba Valley at approximately 8,000 feet. We continue to Machu Picchu at 7,600 feet, leaving Cusco for the end when you have had a chance to get acclimatized. There is significant stair and step climbing at the ruins. Lima, the capital city of Peru, is at sea level.
Ring in the New Year on a comprehensive and exclusive seven-night itinerary to the most spectacular outer islands of the Galápagos aboard the new 20 passenger premium-class yacht, the 142-foot Origin. Your journey begins in the capital city of Quito, Ecuador where we will discover the country’s rich pre-Colombian and colonial heritage. Savor the palpable culture and history of the Andean Highlands with breathtaking snow-capped mountains, sweeping plains, and small artisan villages. Fly from Quito to the Galápagos Islands. Enjoy two daily guided shore excursions, led by an expert naturalist guide (one guide for ten passengers) and allowing plenty of time for photography, questions and contemplation of birds, reptiles, plants, and volcanic formations. Venture out in a kayak or meander along stretches of secluded beaches, swim with playful sea lions, or snorkel among penguins and sea turtles. Get up close to the shore life on Zodiac rides through mangroves and along the cliffs. Watch out for dolphins riding the bow wave, whale sightings, rays, frigates, and boobies diving for fish.

Optional Post-Trip Extension:
MACHU PICCHU
JANUARY 9-15, 2017
Discover the breathtaking Lost City of the Inca, Machu Picchu. Fly from Lima to Cusco, the capital city of the Inca Empire. From Cusco, transfer to the lovely town of Yucay in Urubamba Valley. Visit the Pisac market plus the weaving and the llama, alpaca and vicuña center of Awanacancha. Along the way, explore the massive fortress of Sacsayhuamán among other Incan sites. Overnight in Yucay, which is located at a lower elevation, to allow for an easier acclimatization. The next day, take a dramatic train ride through the Urubamba Valley to the enchanting and mystical site of Machu Picchu. Stay overnight at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel. On the return, spend two nights in Cusco and absorb a colorful mix of past and present. This seven-day post-tour extension includes deluxe and first-class accommodations; all excursions; entrance fees; train ticket; six breakfasts, four lunches, and two dinners; air transportation from Lima to Cusco and back; airport taxes; airport-to-hotel transfers; and the services of a Peruvian guide. Airfare from Guayaquil to Lima is not included. Additional information and itinerary will be sent to confirmed travelers.
and women with the distinctive gold hair, blue ponchos, and white trousers, Otavalo Indian men with long braided narrow cobblestone streets alongside. Meander through the open-air market’s times offering colorful handicrafts.

1. **Famous Indigenous Market, Otavalo, a Spectacular View Towards the Town of the Northern Sierra.** Spend 4,000 years. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at your own leisure. Hilton Colon Quito (meals aloft)

2. **Friday, December 30**

- **Quito**
  - Enjoy a city tour of the wonderfully preserved colonial section of Quito, including the graceful plazas and arcades, the cathedral’s unique gargoyles, and the impressive gilded interior of the stunning baroque Jesuit church of La Compañía. Tour the Museo Casa del Alabado with a collection of pieces that date back 4,000 years. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at your own leisure. Hilton Colon Quito (B, L)

3. **Saturday, December 31**

- **Quito / Otavalo**
  - From Quito, drive north through dramatic mountain scenery and spectacular views towards the town of Otavalo in the northern Sierra. Spend the morning at South America’s most famous indigenous market, Otavalo, a market which dates back to pre-Inca times offering colorful handicrafts. Meander through the open-air market’s narrow cobblestone streets alongside Otavalo Indian men with long braided hair, blue ponchos, and white trousers, and women with the distinctive gold beads around their neck and dark headaddress. Lunch is at the 18th century Hacienda La Compañía and its surrounding rose plantation. Spend this special evening together with a New Year’s dinner and midnight countdown. Hilton Colon Quito (B, L, D)

4. **Sunday, January 1**

- **Quito / San Cristóbal**
  - Fly to San Cristóbal, in the Galápagos where Charles Darwin first set foot in September of 1835. Twelve large islands and many smaller ones, all volcanic in origin, combine to form an ecological niche renowned for its unique and fearless wildlife. Upon arrival, board the new luxury yacht Origin, your floating home for the next eight days. After lunch travel by bus to the highlands to see giant land tortoises in their natural habitat. A hike along the trails here is an excellent way to do some bird-watching and wildlife-viewing. This evening join fellow HAA yacht mates for the Captain’s welcome cocktail party and dinner as we set sail for Genovesa Island. Origin (B, L, D)

5. **Monday, January 2**

- **Fernandina Island and Isabela Island**
  - This morning visit one of the youngest and most volcanically active islands in the archipelago. Fernandina Island has only indigenous mammals and, consequently, is one of the only places to see the flightless cormorant. The island is also known for the highest population of marine iguanas. In the afternoon, sail through to the Bolivar Channel past the upwelling of the Cromwell Current, where dolphins and whales are frequently seen. Origin (B, L, D)

6. **Tuesday, January 3**

- **Elizabeth Bay and Tagus Cove**
  - Regarded as an ideal marine site on Isabela Island, Elizabeth Bay contrasts mangroves with lava fields. This site boasts two volcanoes, Alcedo and Sierra Negra, considered one of the most active volcanos on the planet. The bay is home to the Galápagos Iguana, flightless cormorants, gulls, masked boobies and blue-footed boobies, and Galápagos penguins. Look out for spotted eagle rays, mangrove snappers, and golden rays in the clear waters and low tides. In the afternoon visit Tagus Cove, located across from Fernandina Island near the Bolivar Channel dividing the two islands. Here you may be able to swim with the penguins. An uphill hike takes you to the dramatic viewpoint at the rim of the beautifully symmetrical crater which so
The new 142-foot Origin offers a premium class and eco-friendly vessel with locally sourced food, high level of comfort and service and some of the best guides in the Galapagos. It features four decks with multiple common and social areas, staterooms, a concierge, library, computer station, Jacuzzi, al fresco barbecue, sun deck with loungers, gym and open bar for passengers to enjoy. The ship features ten deluxe double stateroom cabins (140 square feet) all located on the main deck with large panoramic windows for ocean views and a private bathroom. Each cabin has two twin beds which can be converted into one king bed, two cabins have interconnecting doors, and two cabins can accommodate triples. Cabin amenities include an ample sectional closet, seating area, fine linens and towels, bathrobes, hair dryer, biodegradable soap and shampoo, climate controls, satellite TV/DVD, iPod docking station and safe deposit box. The ship provides passengers with snorkel gear and wetsuits and has one single and five double kayaks aboard.

disappointed Darwin when he found its water “salty as brine.”

**ORIGIN**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

**Port Egas and Rábida Island**

Visit the dark, red sand beach at Port Egas. This is a good area for spotting herons and for enjoying the sight of marine iguanas grazing upon algae beds at low tide. Walk along the shoreline to a colony of fur seals thriving right on the equator thanks to the cool Humboldt Current waters. Swim and snorkel in search of octopuses, sea horses, and starfish. Later disembark on Rábida Island, known for its rusted-colored beach and teal waters. A stroll along this beach allows for the observation of a large sea lion colony, marine iguanas, and Galápagos Finches. A salt-water lagoon provides occasional sights of flamingos. This small island is also a breeding ground for pelicans and provides opportunities for excellent snorkeling from the beach.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

**Santa Cruz (Charles Darwin Research Station) / Highlands**

The Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora is staffed with international scientists conducting biological research and conservation projects. Here, view the giant tortoise pens within an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest that is also home to many land birds. These are the headquarters of scientific investigation, conservation and the National Park administration. Then, stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before traveling to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island to view the giant tortoises roaming in their natural habitat. The lush vegetation on this island includes the scalesia forest and birds such as the vermillion flycatcher, tree finches, and the elusive woodpecker finch. Additionally, you may go underground to explore dormant lava tubes.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

**San Cristóbal / Guayaquil**

The journey concludes this morning as we depart to the pier and airport for the flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival, check into your hotel to rest and freshen up. Later, gather for a festive farewell dinner, and some passengers may transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S. late this evening.

**Guayaquil / U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flights back to the U.S. or continue on to Lima for a post-extension to see Machu Picchu.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The itinerary and program are subject to change without prior notice, due mainly to adjustments in the policies and regulations of the Galápagos National Park.
**TO BOOK A TRIP CALL 800-422-1636 OR VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL**

**PROGRAM COST:**

- $11,895 per person, double occupancy.
- $18,595 single occupancy. Limited availability.

Price per trip is quoted upon request. Limited availability.

**Sample Airfare:**

- Boston/Guayaquil/Boston: $1,200 (not included, as of January 2016, quoted separately and subject to change)

**MACHU PICCHU OPTIONAL POST EXTENSION**

- January 9–15, 2017
- $3,500 per person, double occupancy.
- $900 single supplement.

**Sample Airfare:**

- Guayaquil/Lima: $700 (not included, as of January 2016, quoted separately and subject to change)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Tour Cost Includes:**

- Seven nights’ accommodations aboard the Origin • Three nights’ accommodations at the Hilton Guayaquil and one night at the Hilton Guayaquil internal air (Quito/ Guayaquil/ Guayaquil) • Professional tour director throughout program • English speaking guides on land and ship • Naturalist guides • Galápagos entrance fees and taxes • Meals as set forth in itinerary (all meals aboard the Origin) • Open bar aboard the Origin excluding premium brands • Wine and/or beer with meals aboard the Origin • Optional Years’ Eve dinner with wine and beer • Transportation via private motor coach • Airport transfers for those using or meeting group flights • Full program of briefings, lectures, guided field trips, and presentations • Baggage handling • Gratuities to guides, porters, shipboard staff, restaurant staff and service charges and taxes • Pre-trip information • $200,000 medical emergency evacuation insurance.

**Tour Cost Excludes:**

- International Airfare (quoted separately) • International departure tax from Ecuador (usually included in cost of international ticket) • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, fax or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages, dishes or beverages not included with meals on land • Room service • Passport fees or visas • Individual transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour • On the optional Machu Picchu post-trip extension, the flight from Guayaquil to Lima is not included • Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the program cost) • Airport taxes, security or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included • There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

**Reservations, Deposits & Final Payment:**

To reserve your space on this program, a $2,000 deposit is required per person plus $200 per person for the Machu Picchu extension, if applicable. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form. Reservations may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due August 16, 2016 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40.

**Cancellations & Refunds:**

Cancellations must be in writing. Refunds, less a cancellation fee are made, as set forth in the following schedule: If your notice is received on or before June 15, 2016, you will receive a refund of your deposit less a $500 per person cancellation fee. If your notice is received from June 16, 2016 to August 15, 2016, you will receive a refund of your deposit less a $1,500 per person cancellation fee. If your notice is received on or after August 16, 2016, there will be no refunds. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features.

**Changes In Itinerary:**

The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Association 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.

**Rates:**

Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change.

- **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 the HAA 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 Association 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.

**Responsibility:** Certain other provisions apply regarding limitations of liability and rights of HAA and the tour operator. The statement of responsibility is available in the Terms & Conditions document at alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/new-years-galapagos-2016. If you are not able to access the internet, please call HAA Travels at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806. 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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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Stroll** Quito’s old city plazas, churches, and museums—rich with Spanish Colonial and Pre-Colombian history.

- **See** South America’s most famous indigenous market, Otavalo.

- **Explore** the Galápagos Islands aboard a new 20-passenger exclusive luxury vessel with expert naturalists for eight days.

- **Snorkel and kayak** alongside sea lions, sea turtles, and Galápagos penguins.

- **Marvel** at the giant Galápagos tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and frigate birds.

- **Learn** about the conservation successes and challenges at the Charles Darwin Research Station.
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Please return this form by mail to: HAA Travels, Harvard Alumni Association 124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138 Or by fax: 617-496-4011

Please call with any questions: 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

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REGISTRATION FORM
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