NEW YEAR’S GALÁPAGOS
Aboard *Origin*
December 28, 2019 to January 6, 2020
with Daniel Lieberman,
Edwin M. Lerner II Professor of Biological Sciences
Hikers and Iguana

Ring in the New Year and a new decade on a comprehensive itinerary to the most spectacular outer islands of the Galápagos aboard the 20-passenger premium-class yacht, the 142-foot Origin. The Origin can reach places inaccessible to larger ships due to her size. Among the astounding geology of these volcanic islands, discover giant Galápagos tortoises, flocks of frigate birds and blue-footed boobies, Darwin’s finches and Galápagos penguins, and colonies of marine iguanas along with other fascinating sea life. Venture out in a kayak or meander along stretches of secluded beaches, swim with playful sea lions, snorkel among penguins and sea turtles. Get up close to the shore life on Zodiac rides through mangroves and along the cliffs. Watch for dolphins riding the bow wave, whale sightings, and rays. Accompanying you will be Harvard Professor Daniel Lieberman as well as expert local naturalist guides, helping to make this once-in-a-lifetime journey all the more compelling.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT

My walking shoes are laced up tight and I’m ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and/or flights we’ll take between cities. I enjoy getting around in Zodiac rafts and 4x4 vehicles for short durations. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

DANIEL LIEBERMAN is the Edwin M. Lerner II Professor of Biological Sciences and chair of Harvard’s Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. He studies the fossil record of human evolution to determine why the human body looks and functions as it does. Professor Lieberman was educated at Harvard and Cambridge University and has done fieldwork in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. His 2004 study on human evolution, “Endurance running and the evolution of Homo,” caught international attention by arguing that among the animal kingdom, humans are supremely adapted distance runners. Dan has been fascinated by Darwin, the Galápagos, and natural history ever since he read Darwin’s Voyage of the Beagle as a child. On this program Dan will discuss Darwin, his theories, and what we have learned about how species evolved (especially finches) in the Galápagos and elsewhere.

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AN ACTIVE EXPLORATION OF THE AZORES
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JEREMIAH TRIMBLE

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SUSANNE EBBINGHAUS

HMSC DISCOVER ETHIOPIA
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EXPLORE THE WINE REGIONS OF BORDEAUX & RIOJA
OCT 12–20, 2019
TOM CONLEY

CULTURAL LEGACY OF PITTSBURGH, AMERICA’S STEEL TOWN
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ALICE DELANA

LEBANON & JORDAN: FROM CASTLES TO CARAVANS
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JOSEPH GREENE

THE NATURAL GEMS & LUXURY LODGES OF PATAGONIA
MAR 22–APR 2, 2020
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JAN 8–22, 2020
ANDREW BERRY

EXPEDITION TO ANARCTICA ON LE BOREAL
JAN 15–31, 2020
JAMES SALZMAN

FAMILY ADVENTURES

HMSC GALÁPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE ON LA PINTA
JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019
BRIAN FARRELL

TANZANIA FAMILY SAFARI
DEC 22, 2019–JAN 2, 2020

NEW YEAR’S IN HAVANA: A FAMILY PROGRAM IN CUBA
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 1, 2020
GABRIELA SOTO

EGYPT & THE NILE (A FAMILY ADVENTURE) ON SANCTUARY NILE ADVENTURER
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 6, 2020
DAVID AGUILAR

CRUISES

SICILY BY SAIL: VALLETTA TO CATANIA ON SEA CLOUD II
OCT 3–11, 2019
LEO DAMROSC & JOYCE VAN DYKE

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Above: Sally Lightfoot Crab
Insets (top to bottom): Galápagos Island; Yellow Warbler; Nazca booby.
Schedule by Day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
U.S. / Guayaquil
Depart the U.S. on a flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador and transfer to the hotel upon arrival. Hilton Colón Guayaquil (meals aloft)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
Guayaquil / San Cristobal
Fly to San Cristobal, 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 the 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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
Genovesa (Tower) Island / Prince Philip’s Steps
Arrive at the incredible bird island of Genovesa. The morning starts with a Zodiac ride along the cliffs. Disembark for a steep climb up Prince Philip’s steps, named after the Duke of Edinburgh’s visit in 1964. Once at the top of the stairs, the land is flat, allowing for a stimulating walk of about a mile to the other side of this small island. Observe large colonies of masked boobies, frigate birds, and Storm Petrels. Those not wishing to disembark can enjoy a dinghy ride along the cliffs (depending on weather conditions). Land at the beach for an easy stroll to observe hundreds of birds, including frigate birds, red-footed, and Nazca boobies. Enjoy swimming and snorkeling at this beautiful natural harbor. Origin (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
Las Bachas and Cerro Dragón
This morning visit a white sand beach on Santa Cruz Island ideal for swimming. Locals named it Las Bachas, a pronunciation of “barges,” for the U.S. military ships that were beached and abandoned here after WWII. Today, the island is an important nesting ground for the east Pacific green sea turtle, while its brackish lagoons are the feeding grounds for various wading birds, including flamingos. In the afternoon sail to Cerro Dragón, home to the colorful and impressive Galápagos land iguana. Our visit includes a salt-water lagoon, where you may catch a glimpse of the elusive flamingo. Origin (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
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 Bolívar Channel past the upwelling of the Cromwell Current, where dolphins and whales are frequently seen. Origin (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
Elizabeth Bay and Tagus Cove
Regarded as an ideal marine site on Isabela Island, it 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, in addition to 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 Bolívar 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 disappointed Darwin when he found its water “salty as brine.” Origin (B, L, D)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
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, seahorses, 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. Origin (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
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 located 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 vermilion flycatcher, tree finches, and the elusive woodpecker finch. Additionally, go underground to explore dormant lava tubes. Origin (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
San Cristobal / Guayaquil
Our journey concludes this morning as we depart to the pier and airport for our flight to Guayaquil. Upon arrival, we’ll check into our hotel to rest and freshen up. Later, we gather for a festive farewell dinner, and some passengers may transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S. late this evening. Hilton Colon Guayaquil (B, D)

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on your return flight schedule, you may depart for flights back to the U.S. late on January 5th or early morning or early afternoon January 6th.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
Guayaquil / U.S.
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flights back to the U.S. or continue to Lima for a post-trip extension to see Machu Picchu. (B)

IMPORTANT NOTE: The itinerary and program are subject change without prior notice, due mainly to adjustments in the policies and regulations of the Galápagos National Park.

Optional Post-Trip Extension
JANUARY 6-12, 2020
Machu Picchu
Discover the breathtaking Lost City of the Inca, Machu Picchu. Fly Guayaquil to Lima and onward to Cusco, the capital city of the Inca Empire. From Cusco, transfer to the Urubamba Valley. Take a dramatic train ride to Machu Picchu. On the return spend two nights in Cusco. This seven-day post-tour extension includes deluxe and first-class accommodations, all excursions entrance fees; train ticket; five breakfasts, three 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. Accommodations include the Wyndham Costa del Sol in Lima, the Sol y Luna Lodge & Spa in the Urubamba Valley, Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel in Machu Picchu and the JW Marriott El Convento Cusco Hotel in Cusco. Airfare from Guayaquil to Lima is not included. Additional information and itinerary will be sent to confirmed travelers.
What to Expect

This program has been exclusively designed for Harvard Business School 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 the 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 are significant stair and step climbing at the ruins. Lima, the capital city of Peru, is at sea level.

Land/Cruise Rates (per person)

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TOUR COST INCLUDES Seven nights’ accommodations aboard the Origin; Two nights’ accommodations at the Hilton Guayaquil; Internal air (Guayaquil/Galápagos/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 pre- and post-trip meals, 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 post-trip extension. As part of the consideration and agreement for the tour, emergency evacuation insurance to cover unexpected trip interruptions, cancellations, and lost baggage. An application for trip cancellation insurance through our recommended provider, Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance, will be provided by Harvard Alumni Travels upon confirmation. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Neither Harvard Alumni Travels 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 costs, losses, damages, interruptions, cancellations, and lost accommodations or other trip features. RESPONSIBILITY Certain other provisions apply regarding limitations of liability and rights of Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator. The statement of responsibility is available in the Terms & Conditions document at alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/galapagos-2019. If you are not able to access the internet, please call Harvard Alumni 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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Registration Form

To register, fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $2,000 per person, plus $200 per person for the Machu Picchu post-trip extension.

Please return this form by mail to: Harvard Alumni Travels 124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138

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How did you hear about this trip?

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First name: ___________________________________________ Last name: _______________________________________

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I/We confirm that we have read and accept the General Information for this tour, including refunds and cancellations and the responsibility clause at alumni.harvard.edu/haa/travel/on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

Signature: _____________________________________________

Accommodations: Hotel room preference: double room, single room, share a room with...

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