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Family Galápagos Adventure
& the Andean Highlands
aboard La Pinta
with Brian D. Farrell
June 23–July 2, 2019
Create lasting memories for your family this summer in the highlands of Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands! This family adventure features a combination of a cruise to the amazing Galápagos Islands with the rich culture of the Andean Highlands. Your adventure begins on the Galápagos Islands with nature walks, beautiful beaches, a glass bottomed boat, snorkeling, kayaking, sightseeing, and science lectures. Located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, these legendary islands feature 26 species found nowhere else on earth including the marine iguana, Darwin’s Finches, and giant tortoises. The islands offer a varied terrain to explore including lava fields, lush green vegetation in the highlands, and sandy beaches. Among these spectacular geological features, one can encounter flocks of frigate birds, blue footed boobies, colonies of marine iguanas, sea turtles, and Galápagos Penguins, along with other fascinating sea life.

After the cruise stay in a 17th-century hacienda, your base for exploring Andean landscapes, indigenous markets, a condor sanctuary, rose plantation, and artisan villages. End your adventure in Quito, Ecuador with a tour of with its gilded churches, cobblestone streets, and Spanish Baroque architecture.

Activity Level 3: 🔻🔻🔺

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!

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Children and sea lions

Harvard Study Leader

Brian D. Farrell is the director of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, and curator in Entomology at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. He received a BA degree in Zoology and Botany from the University of Vermont, and MS and PhD degrees from the University of Maryland. Professor Farrell is an authority on coevolution between insects and plants. His studies have shown that some of their associations have coevolved since before dinosaurs up to today, and produced the most diverse groups of species in modern biomes. He is the author of many dozens of scientific papers and book chapters on the evolution of ecological interactions in the tropics and temperate zones. For over twenty years, he has also spearheaded initiatives to digitize scientific specimens in museums for free sharing and education via the internet. He and his wife, Irina Ferreras, are faculty deans of Leverett House and together they have led several Harvard travel programs.

On this program Professor Farrell will lecture on biodiversity, evolutionary biology, acoustic biology and the origin of music, and the biology of culture and consciousness.
Other Trips Available in 2019

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TANZANIA MIGRATION SAFARI
MAR 10–20, 2019
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HMSC GALÁPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE ON LA PINTA
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Above: Land Iguana; disembarking a Zodiac; Tortoise

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Schedule by Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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)

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Baltra Island / Santa Cruz (Highlands)
Fly this morning to Baltra Island in the center of the Galápagos Archipelago. Upon arrival, take a small ferry across a channel to the north shore of Santa Cruz Island. Then, transfer by bus to the highlands, where you will learn about Santa Cruz’s unique ecosystems and biodiversity. After lunch, continue by bus to a reserve to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat and several lava tunnels. A short bus ride takes you down to Puerto Ayora to board Yacht La Pinta. Yacht La Pinta (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Eden Islet, Santa Cruz Island / Sombrero Chino Islet
After breakfast, a panga ride takes you to Eden Islet, located off the coast of Santa Cruz, where you can observe blue footed boobies, reef sharks and frigate birds. There will be a chance to snorkel and, if weather conditions permit, to ride in the glass-bottom boat. The cove offers excellent swimming and snorkeling opportunities with its white sandy beach amid white-tipped reef sharks and Galápagos penguins. Yacht La Pinta (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Darwin Bay / Prince Philip’s Steps, Genovesa Island
Today, arrive at the incredible bird island of Genovesa. Begin the exploration of this island with an easy stroll to observe hundreds of birds, including frigate birds, Red-footed and Nazca Boobies, herons, finches, and mockingbirds. There is an optional walk over sharp lava and uneven terrain for dramatic views, or else return to the beach to enjoy swimming and snorkeling at this beautiful natural harbor. The more adventurous can snorkel along the cliffs or paddle-sea kayaks. The afternoon starts with a very interesting panga ride along the cliffs before disembarking for a short but steep climb up Prince Philip’s steps, named after the Duke of Edinburgh’s visit in 1964. Once at the top, the land is flat. Take a captivating walk of about a mile to the other side of this small island for the opportunity to observe large colonies of Nazca boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and the elusive short eared owl. Yacht La Pinta (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Baltra Island
Disembark at Baltra Island and transfer to the airport to take the flight back to the mainland and flight to Quito’s International Airport. Transfer to Otavalo where and settle into your accommodations for the next two nights at the lovely Hacienda Cusín, a restored, 17th-century estate in the Ecuadorian Sierra with beautiful gardens. Hacienda Cusín (B, Box L, D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Otavalo
Spend the morning at one of South America’s most famous indigenous markets, Otavalo, a market which dates back to pre-Inca times and where colorful handicrafts are on display. 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 wearing distinctive gold beads and dark headdress. Lunch is at a restaurant overlooking San Pablo Lake with views of the Imbabura Volcano. Later, choose to visit the Condor Park at the summit of Curiolca, a magical place home to the majestic...
Andean Condor, or saddle up for a horseback-ride amongst the beauty of the Ecuadorian highlands, or relax at the hacienda. Hacienda Cusín (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
 Otavalo / Quito

Explore the fertile Valley of Otavalo with its landscapes of mountains, lakes, and corn fields, its craft centers, dairy farms, flower plantations, and wonderful people. Visit Cuicocha Crater Lake in the Cotacachi-Cayapas Reserve. The lake lies within a large caldera created by a volcanic eruption some 3,100 years ago. A gentle hike around the rim offers wonderful views and an opportunity for wildlife viewing. Later, visit La Compaña de Jesus, a rose plantation where over 70 varieties of roses are grown. After exploring the neo classically styled main house, have lunch at the plantation. In the afternoon, return to Quito. JW Marriott (B, L)

MONDAY, JULY 1
 Quito

Depart on a city tour of Quito’s wonderfully preserved colonial section, including the graceful plazas and arcades, the Cathedral’s unique gargoyles, and the impressive gold gilded interior of the stunning baroque Jesuit church of La Compañía. In the afternoon, visit the Intinan Museum which is on the equatorial line and offers some interactive exhibits and fun scientific experiments. In the evening gather for a farewell dinner. JW Marriott (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, JULY 2
 Quito / U.S.

This morning transfer to the Quito International Airport for flights back to the U.S.

Optional Post-Trip Extension
JULY 2–8, 2019
 Machu Picchu

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, Awanaacancha, a weaving center and home to four species of cameloids, and the massive fortress of Sacsayhuamán among other Incan sites. Take a dramatic train ride through the Urubamba Valley to the enchanting site of Machu Picchu for overnight. On the return, spend two nights in Cusco. Additional information and itinerary will be sent to confirmed travelers.

Highlights
• Enhance your experience with lectures and discussions from Brian D. Farrell, professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology.
• Embrace two UNESCO World Heritage sites: the fabled Galápagos Islands and Quito’s celebrated Colonial city center.
• Explore the Galápagos Islands aboard Yacht La Pinta and come face-to-face with rare and wondrous wildlife.
• Snorkel alongside sea lions, sea turtles, and Galápagos penguins.
• Visit Quito’s old city plazas, churches, and museums—rich with Spanish Colonial and Pre-Colombian history.
• Stay at a lovely hacienda in the highlands of Ecuador.
• Experience Andean culture at the famous Otavalo Indian open-air market.
La Pinta

Yacht La Pinta is built to luxurious standards and encourages an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere. Meeting the strictest environmental and hospitality standards, the 207-foot yacht accommodates 48 guests and features a host of amenities, including a sundeck, exercise room, library, boutique, bar, and Jacuzzi. The yacht boasts among the largest cabins (177 to 236 square feet) of any Galápagos vessel with floor-to-ceiling windows in all cabins. In addition, the yacht features complimentary adventure gear for guests, including snorkeling equipment, wetsuits kayaks, and a glass-bottom boat. While on board, work out in the fitness center or relax on the Sun Deck. Take advantage of the Jacuzzi and an observation platform for dolphin and whale watching on the top deck called Darwin Balcony. The dining room, lounge, and bar are elegantly appointed, as is the well-stocked reading room. Depending on location and local weather, meals al fresco can be arranged. All 24 staterooms are outside cabins and feature air conditioning, private bathrooms, hairdryers, and safety deposit boxes. The yacht’s straightforward cabin configuration is distributed across the Cabin Deck. There are 20 Luxury Cabins (Twin/Doubles) and 4 Luxury Plus Cabins (Triples). All of the beds can be separated or joined according to guest’s needs. Four cabins can be interconnected for friends or families travelling together. Complimentary satellite internet connection and Wi-Fi access aboard ship are available.

Land/Cruise Rates (per person)

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*When sharing a hotel room and cabin with an adult. **Teen prices are quoted on a double occupancy basis.

A Luxury Plus Cabin can be occupied as a Triple, each adult paying $8,995 or the corresponding amount for a teen ($8,695) or a child ($7,995) when rooming with his or her parents.

Optional Post-Trip Extension to Machu Picchu

Adult (Double) $3,450

Single supplement for the extension is $790. The third person sharing the same room is $200 less. Extension prices are based on a minimum of 8 guests. Airfare from Quito to Lima is not included and is approximately $474 and is subject to change.

What to Expect

This program has been exclusively designed for Harvard alumni, family, and friends to explore the highlands of Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. While this is an exclusive HMSC travel program, there will be other passengers on board La Pinta during the Galápagos part of the tour. 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 or glass bottom boat rides along the coast and shorter walks are available for participants as an alternative to longer and more challenging excursions. There are opportunities for swimming and snorkeling and sea kayaking (snorkeling equipment, wetsuits, and kayaks are available aboard La Pinta at no charge) and internet service although available can be spotty. The Galápagos Islands are at sea level and temperatures range between the 70s and 90°F in the islands. Travel is by regular scheduled commercial airlines, motor coach, air-conditioned ship, and inflatable “Zodiac-style” dinghies. Quito has a spring-like climate for most of the year due to its high altitude (9,252 feet). Otavalo, (8,441 feet) in elevation is in the Ecuadorian sierra, where Hacienda Cusín is located, also enjoys a spring-like-climate. Travel is during the dry season when temperatures range from 50°F at night to the 70s°F during the day. 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.
General Information

TOUR COST INCLUDES: 
- Internal flights from Guayaquil/Galápagos/Quito; airport transfers for those using group flights; four nights aboard La Pinta, one night at Hilton Colon Guayaquil; two night’s hotel accommodation at JW Marriott Quito, two nights at Hacienda Cusín in the highlands; meals as indicated in the itinerary, wine and beer with all dinners; wetsuit rental and snorkeling gear; professional English-speaking guides and tour manager throughout; naturalists on ship and islands; guided field trips, excursions and tours; baggage handling; all tips to local guides, porters, restaurants, service charges and taxes; shipboard gratuities; entrance fee to Galápagos National Park and INGALA control card; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance. 

TOUR COST EXCLUDES: 
- International airfare; Airfare to Lima on optional Post-Trip Extension; passport fees, room service, liquor (outside of wine and beer with dinners), personal items such as laundry, fax, phone calls, gratuities for non-group services; meals and alcoholic beverages not indicated in itinerary; individual transfers for those not on recommended flights; medical expenses and immunizations; travel insurance; private touring, optional excursions or deviations for the scheduled itinerary; excess baggage charges; any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the main program cost); security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included. 

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