



# TRAVELS 2014

**GALÁPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE**

aboard the *Santa Cruz*

with Scott Edwards, Professor of  
Organismic and Evolutionary Biology

July 7–15, 2014



**HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
2014 WORLDWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM

## HAA STUDY LEADER



**Scott Edwards** received his undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1986 and returned as a professor of organismic and evolutionary biology in 2003. He is also Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology and Curator of Ornithology the Museum of Comparative Zoology, where he uses genomics, museum collections and field studies to understand the evolution and diversity of birds and other vertebrates. His major interests include evolution, population genetics and biogeography of birds and the effects of disease on avian populations. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in Australia, the Pacific basin, Mongolia and North America, and in his classes has brought Harvard students to localities throughout the Neotropics.

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*Explore the unique geology of the islands by zodiac with a local naturalist. Inset: Snorkel with frolicking sea lions off Floreana Island*



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# GALÁPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE

ABOARD THE SANTA CRUZ

July 7-15, 2014 (9 nights/10 days)

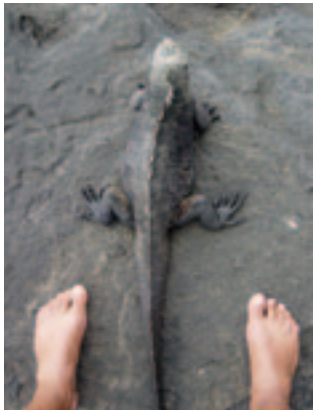


*Above: Watch the Blue Footed Booby do its signature "dance". ON THE COVER: Get up close and personal with playful sea lion cubs.  
Below: Watch your step! Marine Iguanas blend into the seaside rocks.*

## THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS ARE A PARADISE OF DIVERSE LANDSCAPES,

vibrant sea life, and an amazing array of wildlife species, many of which are found only in the Galápagos. Most of the animals have never learned fear of humans, enabling

incredible up-close encounters to safely take place. In addition, the sandy beaches, plentiful sea turtles, playful sea lions, and rocky reefs also offer some of the most unforgettable snorkeling and swimming experiences in the world.



In addition to your Harvard study leader, this family adventure is enriched by a team of youth coordinators, naturalists, and guides who are passionate about their work and will eagerly share their diverse knowledge. Throughout the cruise, the team of youth leaders will conduct fun-filled, interactive learning activities for children of all ages, and expert naturalists will lead excursions the entire family will enjoy.

Begin your family adventure with an optional six-night pre-extension to Machu Picchu, Peru, the incomparable lost city of the Incas.

## SCHEDULE BY DAY



Clockwise from top left: North Seymour Island is a haven for sea lion families; Galápagos Penguins are the only penguins that live north of the Equator; Santa Cruz Island is home to the largest species of tortoise, growing as heavy as 880 pounds.

MONDAY JULY 7

### Quito, Ecuador

Depart U.S. and fly to Quito. Transfer to the Hilton Colon and meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. *Hilton Colon (D)*

TUESDAY JULY 8

### Quito

Central Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the largest and best-preserved colonial quarter in South America. After a morning orientation and sightseeing tour, including Independence Plaza, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building, and the Archbishop's Palace, continue to the 16th-century Monastery of San Francisco, one of the great religious buildings of the New World. Also venture north of town to the "Middle of the World" monument, located directly on the equator, and stand with one foot in each hemisphere. *Hilton Colon (BLD)*

WEDNESDAY JULY 9

### Baltra and North Seymour Islands, Galápagos

Fly to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Upon arrival, board *Santa Cruz*, your home for the next five nights. Cruise to North Seymour Island, one of the few islands in the Galápagos uplifted from the ocean bed. Its pristine sandy shores teem with sea lions and marine iguanas. In the interior

of the island, visit colonies of blue-footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds, and swallow-tailed gulls. *Santa Cruz (BLD)*

THURSDAY JULY 10

### Isabela/Fernandina Islands

This morning, snorkel with sea turtles along the cliffs of the partially submerged Ecuador Volcano on the northern tip of Isabela Island. Explore the coast by dinghy as naturalists discuss the dramatic geology of the area. Continue to Fernandina, the youngest island of the group, to walk among the hundreds of marine iguanas on black lava rocks. Also, see the curious flightless cormorants, penguins, pelicans, sea lions and beautiful mangrove forests. *Santa Cruz (BLD)*

FRIDAY JULY 11

### Isabela Island

Isabela, the largest island in the Galápagos, is comprised of six volcanic peaks fused together. Disembark at the natural harbor of Tagus Cove for a hike to Darwin Crater and take in spectacular views of the islands. Sail to nearby Urbina Bay and land on a dark volcanic sand beach. See colorful land iguanas in their ideal nesting grounds, giant tortoises, Darwin's finches, and the bay's uplifted coral reef. *Santa Cruz (BLD)*

SATURDAY JULY 12

### Santa Cruz Island

Call at the town of Puerto Ayora to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, an international team of over 100 scientists, educators, volunteers, research students, and support staff conduct scientific research and environmental education year-round. See the station's giant tortoises before they are released to the wild. This afternoon, choose from kayaking along the island's shore, mountain biking to the highlands, bird watching, or simply relaxing together aboard *Santa Cruz*. *Santa Cruz (BLD)*

SUNDAY JULY 13

### Floreana Island

Named for the informal postal service set up by 18th-century whalers, Post Office Bay is a haven for sea turtles and Galápagos penguins. Also visit the secluded lagoon at Punta Cormorant, inhabited by bright pink flamingos and nesting herons, and Champion Islet for premiere snorkeling and a chance at spotting the elusive Floreana Mockingbird. *Santa Cruz (BLD)*

MONDAY JULY 14

### Baltra Island/Guayaquil

Return to Baltra for a flight to Guayaquil. Enjoy free time before a finale dinner at the hotel. *Hilton Colon (BLD)*



Equator; Galápagos Tortoises are the largest living

TUESDAY JULY 15

## Guayaquil/Home

Transfer to the airport for flights home to the U.S. (B)



## Post-Tour Extension to Machu Picchu

JULY 15–20

Explore Peru's dazzling natural beauty, rich cultural traditions and intriguing history of empire in this journey to the heart of the Incan world. Begin in Cuzco to explore the Inca fortresses, temples and shrines of Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo, and the highlight of our adventure—Machu Picchu—the legendary Inca city buried under the jungle and undiscovered for centuries. A stay at the family friendly Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel allows unparalleled intimacy with this amazing site, with special access before and after the daily tourists visit.

Cost: \$3,690 per person, sharing  
 \$990 single supplement  
 \$760 approximate on-tour air  
 (Quito/Cuzco, Cuzco/Lima)



## DETAILS

Activity Level: Active

Co-sponsors: Smith College and The American Museum of Natural History

Group size: Although Santa Cruz may accommodate up to 90 passengers, this program will be limited to 80 guests.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

While the Galápagos Islands straddle the equator, ocean breezes can temper the daytime heat and keep the nights cool. Temperatures are usually in the high 70s to high 80s. All participants should be in good health, capable of walking over sometimes uneven terrain, and be able to get on and off the inflatable Zodiac boats on shore. 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 HAA at 800-422-1636.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a five-night sailing on the 90-passenger *Santa Cruz*, an expedition-grade ship built exclusively for operation among the Galápagos. Cabin configurations are family-friendly and her team of naturalists and crew make it the best vessel for an active educational family travel program.
- Snorkel and kayak among playful and curious sea lions by day, and stargaze from the deck of the *Santa Cruz* at night.
- Marvel at wildlife such as tortoise, iguanas, penguins, blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, mockingbirds, and the finches that made Darwin famous.
- Specially designed youth activities, such as stargazing, treasure hunts, expedition journals and Galápagos materials for kids to learn about animal life and Darwin's work on evolution.

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# SANTA CRUZ

Ideal for cruising the Galápagos, Santa Cruz carries 90 passengers in comfortable, air-conditioned cabins that can house families of all sizes. The ship features sun decks, a lounge, a large dining room that accommodates all passengers in a single seating, a library/reading room, observations decks, and a hot tub. Zodiacs land small groups directly on the islands, and snorkeling equipment is provided for passengers.



## PROGRAM RATES, per person

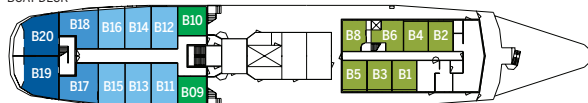
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| ➡ MASTER SUITE              | \$8,790 | —      |

Standard Single Cabin: \$11,590

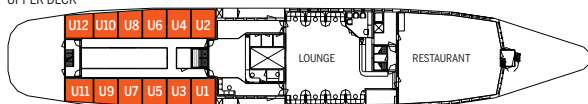
Reduction for children age 18 and younger: \$500.

Reduction for a third child in a triple (not combinable): \$2,000

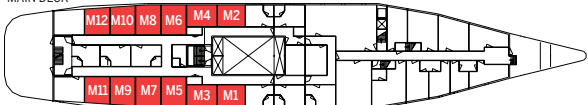
BOAT DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



## AIR ARRANGEMENTS

International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare Boston to Quito and Guayaquil to Boston is approximately \$905 as of August 2013 and is subject to change without notice.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**TOUR COST INCLUSIONS:** All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Five nights aboard the Santa Cruz • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Galápagos National Park fee • Full program of briefings, lectures, presentations and youth activities • Group arrival and departure transfers by motorcoach for travelers on recommended flights • Baggage handling • Gratuities to Galápagos naturalists, youth coordinators, shipboard personnel, porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Manager and Youth Coordinator • \$50,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance

**TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS:** U.S. domestic and international airfare • Roundtrip Quito / Baltra / Guayaquil airfare of approximately \$486 • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and

beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:** To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person. Please either call us at 800.422.1636 or 617.496.0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form found in this brochure. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment deadline is March 10, 2014, 120 days prior to departure.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. Cancellations within 14 days of booking: full refund; cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of \$1,000 per person. Cancellations received within 120 days prior to departure are subject to 100% penalty of all deposits and payments.

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