

Galápagos: + Peru's Land of the Inca

> ITINERARY – 16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS, DEPARTING EVERY FRIDAY ABOARD *POLARIS*

Thematically, one might ask why

connect a visit to Peru with an expedition to Galápagos? We have two answers: as magnificent as Galápagos is for nature, so is Peru from an historical and archaeological perspective; and second, Lima — Peru's capital is less than two hours away by air from Guayaquil, roughly the distance from New York City to Chicago. So, if you have the time, you're almost there anyway. A couple of key issues to point out. We spend a week in Peru. Occasionally people ask, "why so long when the highlight is Machu Picchu?" The fact is that there is so much more in Peru, which you'll see when you read the itinerary. Another reason is that rushing from sea level to 11,000 feet and back is just not wise. You need time to adjust. So please, read on. We hope you will join us.

Day 1 through Day 8:

As per the Galápagos itinerary.

Day 9: Galápagos/Guayaquil/Lima, Peru

Disembark *Polaris* this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the early evening. Spend the night at the gracious Orient Express Miraflores Park Hotel. Tomorrow you'll be getting up early, so you are on your own for dinner. (B,L)

Day 10: Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley of the Inca

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to the Urubamba River Valley — the Sacred Valley of the Inca. Visit the church in Chinchero containing the oldest examples of paintings of the Cusco School of Art and the local food market. Arrive at our hotel for lunch.

The afternoon is free to explore the Valley on your own. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Sacred Valley of the Inca

Visit the town and important archaeological site of Pisac. Gateway to the Sacred Valley, Pisac has an "old town" (one of the most beautiful Inca complexes) and a "new town" from the Colonial era. There will be a late lunch at the Hacienda Orihuela. Here the Orihuela family continues a 350-year-old tradition of farming. In addition, they have gathered a valuable collection of Colonial art housed in their country mansion. Members of the family will host our lunch, featuring home-cooked fare. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Machu Picchu

This morning visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. Then board the train for the 1½ hour ride to





Machu Picchu. The citadel, “The Lost City of the Inca,” straddles a mountain ridge surrounded by lush tropical forest. We’ll first have a guided walk but the real magic is that between 4:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. (last train departs/first train arrives) most visitors are gone. By staying over, you have time when Machu Picchu is yours with only a handful of other visitors. Overnight at the Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Machu Picchu/Cusco

Watch the day break over the quiet ruins, an almost mystical experience for many. The morning is free to continue exploring Machu Picchu. After lunch on your own, reboard the train for our journey to Cusco. We spend two nights at the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel. A unique establishment in the city’s heart, the hotel was originally built in 1592 as a monastery. (B,D)

Day 14: Cusco

The Inca Empire’s capital, Cusco, is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere. The heart of the city, as in Inca days, is the Plaza de Armas. Visit the magnificent early 17th-century cathedral built on Inca foundations, the Santo Domingo Convent — Koricancha — and the vast Sacsayhuaman Fortress, a premier example of Inca stonework. The afternoon is yours to explore. Try one of several dinner options on your own. (B,L)

Day 15: Cusco/Lima

This morning return to Lima and explore Colonial Lima, founded in 1535 by the conquistador Francisco Pizarro. Visit the Larco Herrera Museum and its private collection of pre-Columbian art, pottery, textiles, jewelry and stonework. Stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch, a somewhat late one as is traditional in Latin America, will be a combination of food and museum, in a sense, at Casa Aliaga. Don Jeronimo de Aliaga, a nobleman from Castille, Admiral of the Seas, co-founder of Lima and founder of the first university in the Americas, built his house in 1535 on the grounds where the last Inca governor resided. Home to 17 generations of Aliagas, this ancestral mansion is the oldest private household in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere. It is not open to the general public. This evening is on your own. (B,L)

Day 16: Lima/Miami

This morning fly home. The Miami-bound flight arrives mid-afternoon. (B)

Note: If you prefer to get an early

start on your journey home, an overnight flight which departs on the evening of Day 15, is available. Please inquire for information.

Aboard the 80-Guest *Polaris*

Galápagos + Peru expeditions depart on a regular weekly schedule – leaving every Friday & returning 16 days later.

\$500 per person air credit on these 2007 dates: Apr. **6, 13**; May **18**; Sep. **28**; Nov. **9**; Dec. **7**

Cost Per Person Double Occupancy

Category 1.....	\$6,990
Category 2.....	\$7,930
Category 3.....	\$8,460
Category 4.....	\$8,820
Category 5.....	\$9,930

Sole Occupancy

Category 1.....	\$8,390
Category 2.....	\$9,570

Advance Payment:.....\$700

Cost Includes: Accommodations, meals as indicated. Flights Guayaquil/Lima/Cusco/Lima (approximate value \$580).

Not Included: Airfare U.S./Guayaquil/Galápagos; return Lima/U.S.

Sample Airfare from Miami to Galápagos:

Economy.....	from \$1,080
Kids under 12.....	from \$870
Business.....	from \$2,120

Based on 2006 prices. Subject to change.

Note: Flights from other gateway cities will gladly be arranged. Please inquire.

Polaris

Capacity: 80 guests in 41 outside cabins.

Registry: Ecuador. **Overall length:** 238 feet.

Public Areas: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; Gift Shop; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and lectures; and Sky Deck. Our "Open Bridge" policy allows you to meet Officers.

Meals: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair.

Cabins: All face outside with windows or portholes (A Deck only), private facilities and climate controls.

Expedition Equipment: Glass-bottom boat, kayaks, hydrophone, snorkeling gear, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits and Zodiac landing craft.

Special Features: Guest e-mail station, laundry service, LEXspa, LEXspa floating platform. A ship's doctor, Undersea Specialist and Video Chronicler onboard.



Insets, clockwise: Spacious Upper Deck cabin with convertible sofa. Exterior Teak Deck. Our comfortable Category 3 cabin features twin single beds and a view window. Catch up on your reading or a nap in a hammock on the deck.

Category 1:

A Deck # 102-105 – Spacious cabins have two lower single beds, a writing desk and one or two portholes.

Category 2:

A Deck # 101; Main Deck # 200-221 – Centrally located cabins feature two lower single beds, a writing desk and a view window (except cabin #101 on the A Deck, which has three beds and two portholes).

Category 3:

Upper Deck # 301, 303, 305, 307 – Conveniently located, cabins feature two lower single beds, a writing desk and a view window.

Category 4:

Upper Deck # 302, 304, 306, 309, 311, 315, 319 – Spacious cabins feature two lower single beds, writing desk and a view window.

Category 5:

Upper Deck # 300, 308, 317, 321 – These are the largest cabins and can accommodate a third person. They have either two lower single beds or a double bed. All have a desk, convertible sofa bed, table and two large windows.

Note: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 & 2.

Shared Accommodations: If you wish to share accommodations, we will be glad to make arrangements at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

