Vassar Travel Program
Educational Excursions for Alumnae/i, Family and Friends

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY:
WONDERS OF THE
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

aboard the Exclusively Chartered
SANTA CRUZ II
with Vassar host
Professor Lisa Paravisini-Gebert

January 12 to 23, 2018
Dear Vassar Travelers:

The Vassar Travel Program is pleased to offer this wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand what Charles Darwin keenly observed of the Galápagos Islands: “The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable … the greater number of its inhabitants, both vegetable and animal, being found nowhere else.” Today, the unique biodiversity of this UNESCO World Heritage-designated archipelago is still intact, much as it was when first encountered in the 16th century. Home to the amazing exotic birds, plants and animals that inspired Darwin, this “living laboratory of evolution” continues to offer the excitement of original discovery to every visitor.

Cruise aboard the recently refitted first-class exploration vessel SANTA CRUZ II, designed specifically to navigate remote archipelagos such as these. The ship is fully equipped to make your Galápagos experience complete, from complimentary snorkeling gear to a fleet of Zodiacs and a glass-bottom boat. Certified onboard naturalists lead excursions and share their knowledge to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this captivating and mysterious natural realm.

These islands, each with its own ecosystem, are teeming with vibrant flora, fascinating fauna and species unknown anywhere else in the world, like the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana. With few natural predators on the islands, the abundant wildlife is nearly fearless and innocently receptive to up-close human company, unlike any other place on our planet! Here, you can almost touch spiny-backed iguanas and snorkel alongside playful seals and tropical penguins.

On mainland Ecuador, discover life “among the treetops” in the Mashpi Rainforest Reserve, the most unspoiled ecosystem on the planet, encompassing 3200 acres of protected rainforest in the majestic Andes Mountains. In contrast, explore picturesque Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for magnificent colonial churches with opulent gold interiors; walk through the historic Old Town; and straddle the Equator with one foot in either hemisphere.

To complement your Galápagos Islands cruise, we are pleased to offer a Post-Tour Option to experience the marvels of the UNESCO World Heritage site of the legendary “lost city” of Machu Picchu and the breathtaking Sacred Valley.

This once-in-a-lifetime travel program through the “Islands of the Tortoises” and Mashpi’s Andean cloud forest is an exceptional value and always a fast sellout, so reserve your place now as space is limited and Early Booking Savings are only available through June 9, 2017!

Sincerely,

Lisa Paravisini-Gebert

Professor Lisabeth Paravisini-Gebert works in the fields of Caribbean literary and environmental history and cultural studies. Her scholarship belongs in the field of environmental humanities, focusing on the study of post-colonial ecologies. She has written extensively on the connections between colonial history and biodiversity. A self-described Darwin groupie, she looks forward to sharing with the group her fascination with evolution and biodiversity and the complex human history of interaction with the local flora and fauna.

Lisa earned her A.B. at the University of Puerto Rico, and her M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. at New York University in Comparative Literature. She is the author of a number of books, including the forthcoming Extinctions: Colonialism, Biodiversity and the Future of the Caribbean (2017), which chronicles the loss of fauna species in the region as a result of deforestation for sugar cultivation.

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The enigma of the
Galápagos Islands

“The Archipelago is a little world within itself...”
— Charles Darwin, The Voyage of the Beagle

Amazingly, this remote volcanic archipelago, consisting of islands and islets located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, inspired one of the most revolutionary theories in the history of science. Formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, the Galápagos Islands' dramatic landscapes now make safe homes for the quirky finches and primeval iguanas that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection and evolution, which he presented in On The Origin of Species in 1859.

Scientists theorize that some Galápagos species were transported by birds or deposited by whalers and buccaneers. Others, like the South American sea lion, Humboldt penguin and Chilean dolphin, probably arrived by way of the Humboldt Current, a cold stream of ocean water flowing from the southern coast of Chile, which makes the Galápagos the world's only tropical region to support such species.

Darwin noted that life in the Galápagos Islands is comprised of mostly “aboriginal creations, found nowhere else,” which led him to hypothesize that the islands' species survived by evolving over time independently from their continental cousins. Because natural predators failed to survive—possibly due to the lack of fresh water, which deterred even permanent human settlement until the 20th century—a bevy of birds and animals were able to thrive and adapt in a manner not possible in other habitats. This also explains why Galápagos species never developed a fear of humans and allow the near contact that makes your own personal experience on the islands so thrilling and unique.

U.S./Quito, Ecuador
Friday, January 12
Depart the U.S. and arrive in the bustling Ecuadorian capital of Quito, the first city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage site. Check into the HILTON COLÓN HOTEL, located in the heart of the city.

Quito/Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve
Saturday, January 13
En route to the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve, enjoy the variety of breathtaking landscapes that make up Ecuador’s picturesque Andean Highlands, from fertile farmlands to protected cloud and rainforests. Along the way, visit the archaeological ruins of Tulipe, a ceremonial complex built by the pre-Inca Yumbo civilization.

Stop at Hummingbird Viewpoint to observe the amusing antics of some of the reserve's 22 hummingbird species. Continue to the deluxe MASHPI ECUADOR LODGE, where your naturalist guides will provide a brief introduction to the cloud forest environment.

After lunch in the lodge, join a walking excursion on the half-mile Cucharillo Trail to a magnificent waterfall with rocky riverbeds and beautiful ponds. Your guide will help you spot and identify the flora—brightly colored orchids, bromeliads and more—and fauna, including howler monkeys, 36 endemic bird species and electric-blue butterflies.

At sunset, encounter the nocturnal world of Mashpi on a naturalist-led evening walk. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the lodge.

Mashpi Ecuador Lodge
Sunday, January 14
Start your day by gliding through the Understory of the forest on aerial canopy gondolas, eight stories above ground, to the top of the Observation Tower, an ideal location from which to see multi-hued toucans,

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woodpeckers, tanagers, parrots and raptors. For a truly unique perspective, ride a secure, easy-to-use sky bike through the canopy—the upper layer of the forest—and look for animal inhabitants of this leafy environment, including the kinkajou, a small, primate-like mammal known for hanging from tree branches by its gripping tail.

After lunch in the lodge, look for rare birds along the “Howler Monkey’s Trail” on the way to the fascinating Life Center. Here, you’ll spot some of the reserve’s 200 species of butterfly and see a “tropical orchard” where bananas, cacao and chili peppers are grown.

This evening enjoy a lecture about the cloud and rainforest environment.

Mashpi Ecuador Lodge/Quito
Monday, January 15
Choose to rise with the sun for a pre-breakfast bird-watching walk. Later this morning, join an invigorating trek over rugged terrain to the 165-foot-tall Copal Waterfall. Return to the lodge for lunch before returning to Quito.

Quito
Tuesday, January 16
Quito is a city of startling contrasts, where thousands of years of native South American traditions are interwoven with imported Catholicism, the Spanish language and European culture. Quaint family-owned shops and open-air markets are steps away from gleaming skyscrapers and ornate Spanish Baroque-style cathedrals favored by the Conquistadors.

This afternoon, the panoramic tour through the heart of Quito features a visit to the noble, 16th-century church, Iglesia de San Francisco, the Moorish-influenced Catedral Metropolitana and Iglesia de La Compañía de Jesus, renowned for its lavish interiors decorated with an estimated seven tons of gold leaf. Visit Casa del Alabado, a private museum of pre-Columbian art housed in a colonial mansion built in the 17th century, which displays 500 of the 5000 archaeological pieces owned by the museum.

This evening, attend a private Welcome Reception in the hotel.

The distinctive conical shape and steep slopes of the Galápagos Islands are a result of five million years of repeated volcanic activity that caused this chain of islands to emerge from the very bottom of the ocean floor.
Watch for the magnificent frigatebird, one of the many different species of birds living on the Galápagos Islands, doing its unique mating “dance.”

The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Quito at your own pace.

**quito/Baltra, Galápagos Islands/ Santa Cruz**  
**Thursday, January 18**
Fly to the small Galápagos island of Baltra and embark the SANTA CRUZ II in time for lunch. Attend your first briefing by the ship’s English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists while cruising to Santa Cruz Island. Pristine white beaches, prickly pear cacti, flamingos and iguanas make Santa Cruz Island an essential stop during a cruise around the archipelago.

Aboard Zodiacs, explore the shores of mangrove-lined islets and seek out blue- and red-footed boobies, brown pelicans and frigatebirds, whose males puff up their bright red chests to impress potential mates. Make a dry landing in a small lagoon favored by elegant pink flamingos, and ascend Dragon Hill for spectacular views of the western islands and the chance to observe land iguanas.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

*Please note that the itinerary and cruise pattern are dependent on weather, sea conditions and Galápagos National Park Service regulations.*

**Isabela/Fernandina**  
**Friday, January 19**
Cruise through the Bolivar Channel, showcasing stunning views of the volcanic peaks of Isabela and Fernandina. Spend the morning at seahorse-shaped Isabela Island, one of the younger Galápagos islands. See the largest land iguanas in the Galápagos as well as giant tortoises and flightless cormorants. Snorkel in the waters off Punta Vicente Roca or search the northern shores for blue-footed boobies, Darwin’s finches and penguins.

Dominated by the slopes of La Cumbre Volcano, the moon-like landscapes of Fernandina Island are the most pristine of all the Galápagos islands, home to the flightless cormorant, sea lions, marine iguanas, pelicans and penguins.

**Santa Cruz**  
**Saturday, January 20**
Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn more about efforts to protect the island’s rare giant tortoises. Transfer to Santa Cruz for lunch amid mist-covered forests.

This afternoon, choose from a variety of leisure activities. Swim in the clear blue waters of secluded Tortuga Bay, home to black turtles, colorful reef fish, marine iguanas and lava gulls. Walk through the island’s trails or simply stroll along the sparkling white sandy beaches, the perfect avenues to experience Santa Cruz.

**Post Office Bay, Floreana/ Champion Islet/Cormorant Point**  
**Sunday, January 21**
Floreana was one of the first islands in the archipelago to be settled by European whalers and buccaneers. At Post Office Bay, peruse the mail in the wooden barrel “post office,” established by whalers to transport letters home on passing ships. Discover a piece of mail to hand-deliver to its final destination, or leave a message to be delivered by a future visitor.

*Observe the distinct creatures indigenous to the Galápagos Islands, like this land iguana, the same way Charles Darwin did more than 150 years ago.*

Snorkel or cruise via Zodiac in the clear waters of Champion Islet, encountering sea horses, sea turtles, sea lions, coral hawkfish and other aquatic wonders. Look for the Floreana mockingbird, common to the islands when Darwin visited, but critically endangered today. Walk along the lagoons and mangroves near Cormorant Point, famous for the flamingos and pelicans that congregate here.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

**Baltra/Guayaquil, Ecuador**  
**Monday, January 22**
Dock at Baltra to disembark the ship and board your late-morning flight to Guayaquil. Enjoy a day room in the Hilton Colon Hotel. Depart late this evening for the U.S., or continue on the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option.

**U.S.**  
**Tuesday, January 23**
Arrive in the U.S.
The intimacy and personal service of a small cruise ship experience are the distinguishing characteristics of travel aboard the first-class exploration vessel SANTA CRUZ II. It is designed specifically to navigate the narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters of remote archipelagos and provides the most comprehensive access possible to the region’s marine and wildlife treasures. Refurbished in 2015, the air-conditioned SANTA CRUZ II features only 50 Suites and Cabins, and it offers modern amenities and facilities.

A team of onboard Ecuadorian naturalists will share their in-depth insight and knowledge about the Galápagos Islands’ distinctive ecosystem during daily excursions and natural history lectures. The ship provides a glass-bottom boat to observe marine life, Zodiacs for island landings and excursions, complimentary snorkeling equipment and a nighttime stargazing program.

All accommodations are ocean-view, air-conditioned and tastefully appointed with a private bathroom with shower, a safe and a hair dryer. Cabins (163 to 192 square feet) feature one double bed convertible to two twin beds, and three Suites (325 square feet) feature one fixed double bed.

All meals, featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties, are served in single seatings in the inviting Beagle Restaurant or alfresco when conditions permit. Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner.

The ship’s public facilities include two lounges, natural history library with Internet access, bar, gift shop, observation deck, two hot tubs, fitness center and an infirmary with a full-time physician.

With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.8 guests, the SANTA CRUZ II’s staff provides professional, attentive service. The ship maintains the highest international safety and environmental standards.
Included Features

In Quito, Ecuador
◆ Four nights in the superior first-class HILTON COLÓN HOTEL.
◆ Full American breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Tour of Quito’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated historic colonial district.
◆ Visit to Casa del Alabado, a private museum of pre-Columbian art.
◆ Excursion to the Equator including a visit to the fascinating Ethnographic Museum.

Scenic round-trip transfer between Quito and the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve through the stunning landscapes of the Andean Highlands.
◆ Visit to the ancient ceremonial ruins of Tulipe, built by the pre-Inca people of the Yumbo civilization.

In Mashpi, Ecuador
◆ Two nights in the deluxe MASHPI ECUADOR LODGE, named one of the most unique lodges in the world.
◆ Breakfast each morning, three lunches and two dinners.
◆ Walking excursions and gondola rides in the Mashpi reserve led by expert naturalists and trained local guides.
◆ Breathtaking glide through the rich environment of the cloud forest canopy on secure, easy-to-ride sky bikes.

On board the exclusively chartered expedition vessel SANTA CRUZ II
◆ Four-night cruise of Ecuador’s Galápagos Islands round trip Baltra Island, with calls at the Galápagos’ most beautiful islands: Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina and Floreana.
◆ Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations with private bathroom facilities.
◆ Three meals each day, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with dinner.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Multilingual naturalists will share their in-depth insights and specialized expertise while on board, on shore and underwater about the Galápagos’ distinctive ecosystem and wildlife.
◆ Two island excursions each day by Zodiac landing craft, sea conditions and weather permitting, focusing on the unique wildlife, natural history and conservation efforts in the Galápagos.
◆ Snorkeling equipment for further exploration of the Galápagos’ diverse marine life.

In Guayaquil, Ecuador
◆ Day room in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN HOTEL before return flight to the U.S.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced naturalists and local guides.
◆ Gratitudes to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Cabin aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ Galápagos National Park fee.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel in Quito and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

Small Zodiacs allow for landings on remote island beaches for up-close encounters with the miraculous array of wildlife found ashore, such as this red-footed booby.
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

Delight in this extraordinary opportunity to experience Machu Picchu, the majestic “lost city of the Incas;” the lush Sacred Valley; and the colonial and Inca traditions of Cuzco.

Perched on an awe-inspiring mountain range in the Peruvian Andes, Machu Picchu was obscured from humankind for 400 years until Yale Professor Hiram Bingham literally stumbled upon it in 1911. A century of extensive research and study still has not revealed the secrets of its purpose, its residents or its abandonment; nevertheless, this UNESCO World Heritage site has been carefully excavated and preserved.

Admire the spectacular archaeological sites of the beautiful Sacred Valley, where ancient engineering marvels, such as the fortress of Ollantaytambo, stand as lasting testimony to the powerful and far-reaching Inca Empire. Here, village craftsmen employ age-old techniques to weave intricate tapestries and sculpt colorful pottery.

In the historic Inca capital of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the Inca stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches that provide a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.

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Day 1  Guayaquil, Ecuador/Fly to Lima, Peru
Day 2  Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley
Day 3  Sacred Valley/Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu
Day 4  Machu Picchu/Transfer to Cuzco
Day 5  Cuzco
Day 6  Cuzco/Lima
Day 7  Lima/Depart for the U.S.

The Post-Tour Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Plaza de Armas is the magnificent center of historic Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
SANTA CRUZ II

Cabin Category| LAND/Cruise Tariff excluding taxes* Per person, based on double occupancy | Early Booking Tariff** through June 9, 2017 | Tariff* after June 9, 2017
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6 | Standard cabin with one window. Horizon Deck, forward | $7090 | $8090
5 | Standard cabin with one window. Horizon Deck, aft | $8290 | $9290
4 | Standard cabin with one window. Horizon Deck, midship | $8890 | $9890
3 | Standard cabin with one window. Expedition Deck, midship | $9290 | $10290
2 | Standard cabin with one window. Expedition Deck, aft | $9990 | $10990
1 | Standard cabin with one window. Panorama Deck | $10490 | $11490
| Suite | Suite with two windows, one fixed double bed, sitting area and walk-in closet. Panorama Deck | $11190 | $12190

Singles are available in category 5 at $14990* and in category 3 at $16390* on or before June 9, 2017. Add $1000 for reservations made after June 9, 2017.

* Taxes are an additional $195 per person and are subject to change.

Airfare Quito/Galápagos/Guayaquil (internal program air) is $600 per person additional and subject to change. 2

Wonders of the Galápagos Islands Reservation Form

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City| State| Zip Code

Telephone: (Home) (Mobile)

Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 099-01/12/18-172

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

1 Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________, as deposit. Make checks payable to 2018 Wonders of the Galápagos Islands.

1 I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

1 Visa 1 MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All final payments are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 12, 2017.

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Vassar College and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Each Participant Must Sign:
Signature Date Signature Date

An option. $200 per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:
1st Choice 2nd Choice

1 Double occupancy (two twin beds).

1 Double occupancy (one double bed).

1 Single accommodations.

1 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

1 Double at $3595 per person.

1 Single at $4495 per person.

1 I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. 5

1 Economy Class

1 Upgraded Economy

1 Business Class

1 First Class

1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Sky Deck
Panorama Deck
Expedition Deck
Horizon Deck
Ocean Deck

SANTA CRUZ II has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.
The islands were named "galápagos," meaning tortoise, based on Spanish sailors' descriptions of their inhabitants in the 16th century.

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TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

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