









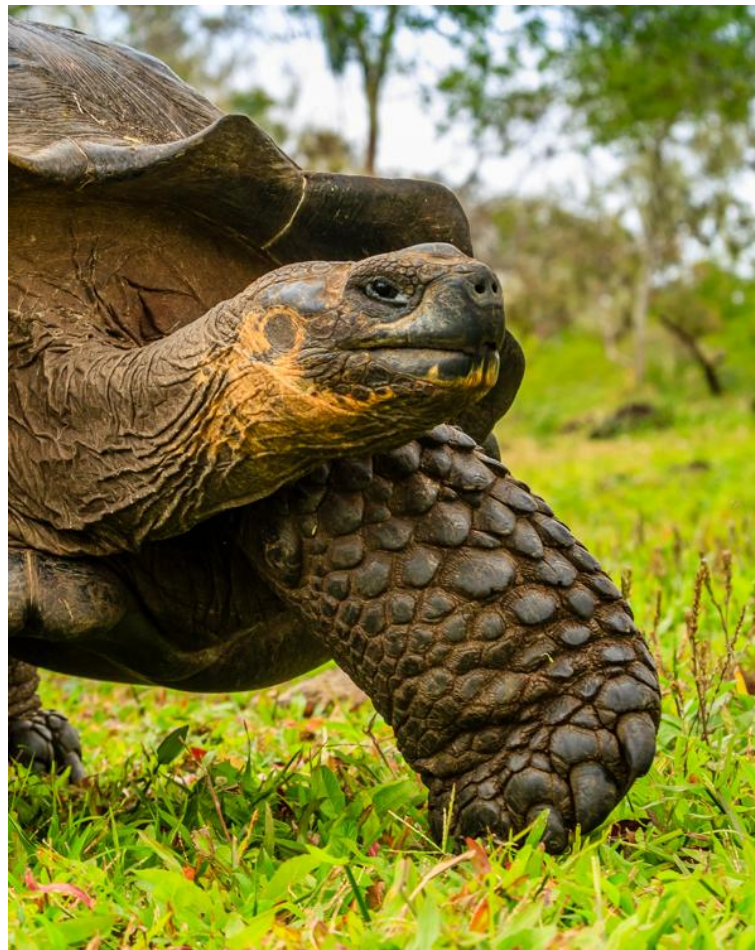
Exploring Galápagos: One Week Sailing the Islands

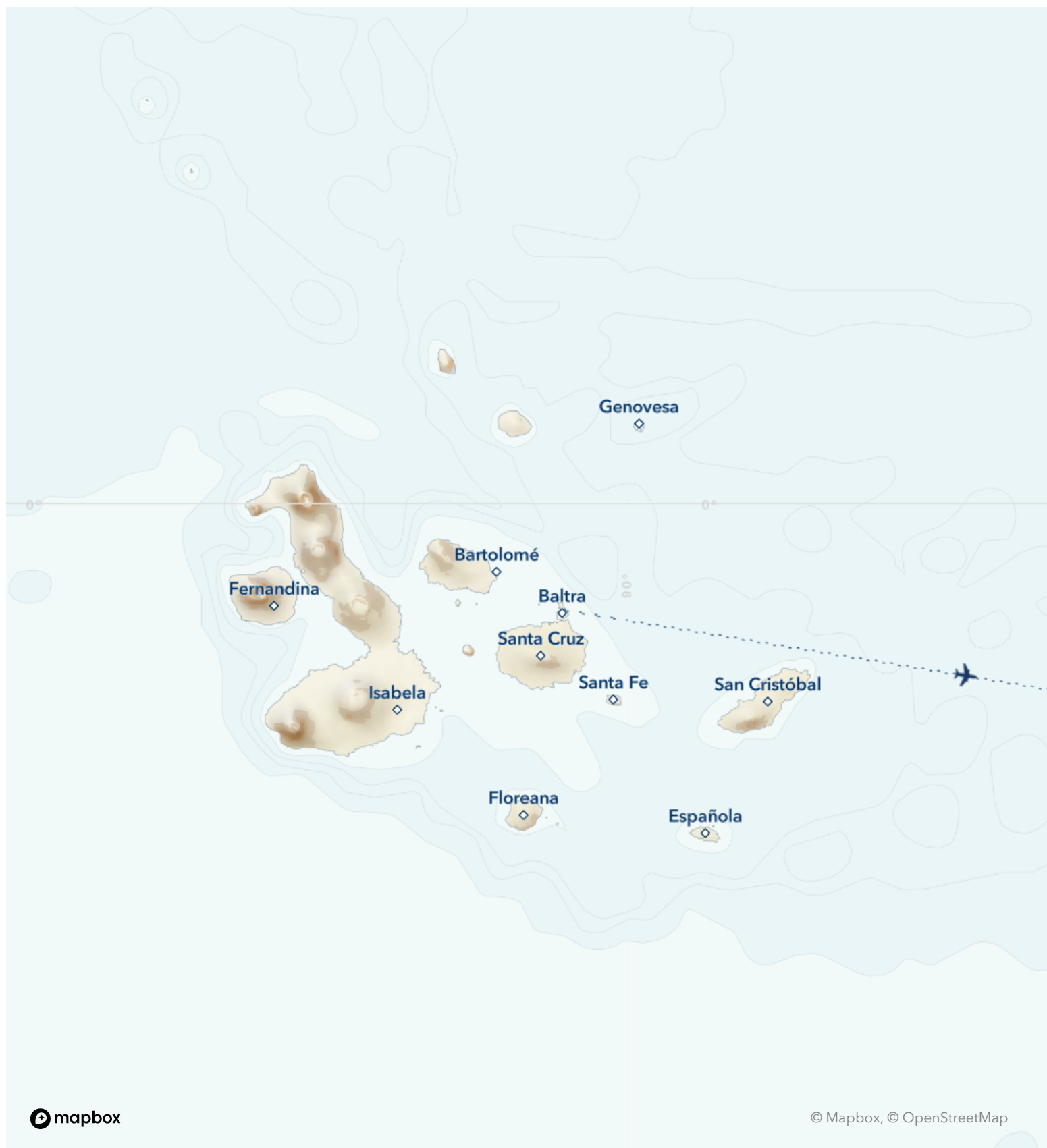
Zodiac to pristine beaches, kayak or stand-up paddleboard along volcanic shores, explore wildlife on land or under the sea. Experience the Galápagos aboard two elegant and nimble ships, well-equipped for up-close exploration. Perfect for couples, families, and solo travelers. Encounter abundant wildlife—blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, Darwin’s finches, pink flamingos, giant tortoises and more. The wildlife of Galápagos is legendary for being without fear in the presence of humans.

 Year round	 DURATION 10 Days
 SHIPS <i>National Geographic Endeavour II</i> <i>National Geographic Gemini</i>	
 STARTS AT Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador	  ENDS AT Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

Highlights

- ★ Benefit from our 50+ years of experience in Galápagos and deep knowledge of the archipelago to see all you came for and more
- ★ Adventure by kayak, paddleboard, glass-bottom boat, and Zodiac
- ★ Walk among wildlife unfazed by your presence: lounge on beaches with sea lions, marvel at huge colonies of marine iguanas, and see nesting seabirds
- ★ Snorkel with sea lions, turtles, and abundant fish in the protected waters of the Galápagos Marine Reserve





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

We meet you on arrival in Ecuador, either in Quito, Ecuador's capital city in the Andes, or in the coastal city of Guayaquil, for an included transfer to your convenient hotel for an overnight stay. Both cities are well-served by international carriers, and Galapagos flights start and end in Quito with a stop in Guayaquil. Guests in Guayaquil stay at the locally owned Hotel Oro Verde and have the choice of several hotels in Quito, including a convenient airport hotel.

Arrive just one day earlier and join the [See Quito Pre-Voyage Extension](#). You may opt for a pre-voyage extension to [Mashpi Reserve](#) in the tropical Andes outside Quito, a biodiversity hotspot. Or choose to reserve [additional hotel nights and tours](#) in Quito or Guayaquil.

Arrival Time: Anytime.

Arrival City: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

◇ DAY 2

Quito or Guayaquil / Galápagos Islands

In the morning we will fly to the Galápagos and embark the 48-guest *National Geographic Gemini* or the 96-guest *National Geographic Endeavour II*. After lunch, our journey begins as we explore the islands and their remarkable wildlife.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-8

Galápagos Islands

Below are a selection of islands we may visit during our expedition. Itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.

North Seymour:

Follow coastal trails past playful Galápagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigatebirds nest, blue-footed boobies dance, and where we may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus.

Isabela:

Cross the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins, sea turtles, and the elusive ocean sunfish. Over two days, land in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore.

Fernandina:

One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos – and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galápagos penguins, and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows.

Española:

See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at this bird paradise, also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the white sand beach, and snorkel offshore at Gardner Bay.

Floreana:

Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon sometimes frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the historic mail barrel at Post Office Bay.

Santa Cruz:

Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park

and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. Witness the giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush, green highlands.

Bartolomé:

Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim, and snorkel from the beach. Catch a glimpse of Galápagos penguins, one of the world's rarest.

Santiago:

Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak, and paddleboard along Santiago's spectacular coast, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked.

Genovesa:

Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos into this flooded caldera, home to over one million seabirds. Visit Prince Philip's Steps at the top of the island. Highlights along the trail are many, from Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies and frigates, to gulls, owls, fur seals, hammerhead sharks, turtles, and manta rays.

San Cristobal:

Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard – found only on this easternmost island. Walk along the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

Galápagos Islands / Disembark / Guayaquil or Quito

Disembark this morning for a return flight to the mainland, where we transfer to Hotel Oro Verde in Guayaquil, and have several [options in Quito](#) , including a convenient airport hotel. The afternoon

and evening are at your leisure. You may be able to take advantage of overnight flights home. Ask your expedition specialist about Peru, Quito, and other post-voyage options. Many guests upon arrival in Guayaquil continue on a flight to Lima, Peru, for [Exploring Galápagos + Peru's Land of the Inca](#) .

Meals included: breakfast

■ DAY 10

Guayaquil or Quito

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board flights home, unless you have arranged for additional nights or an extension.

Departure Time: Anytime on day 10, or anytime after 7:00 p.m. local time on day 9.

Departure City: Guayaquil or Quito

Meals included: breakfast



National Geographic Endeavour II

Guests

96

Cabins

52

Our latest and most family-friendly ship, the *National Geographic Endeavour II* is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable.

Born in the cold waters of Patagonia, *National Geographic Endeavour II* was built for heavy seas. Now, permanently stationed in Galápagos, she comfortably sails the Equator.

A floor-to-ceiling rebuild when she repositioned to the tropics meant she could be crafted to perfectly accommodate the Lindblad style of travel. Where she previously carried 136 passengers, she now accommodates just 96 guests in 52 thoughtfully appointed cabins. She is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable,

with a shallow draft to get up close, great viewing from all public spaces, an expansive open-air observation deck, large windows in cabins and suites, and state-of-the-art tools for exploration including a glass-bottom boat, underwater cameras, video microscope, plus kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

She replaced the beloved *National Geographic Endeavour*, which donated much of her artwork and her great spirit of camaraderie. Guests have described being aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* as feeling like a cross between a grand floating hotel and scientific research vessel. She is beyond comfortable, and welcoming to solos, groups, and kids of all ages, and equipped for the up-close and personal explorations that makes Galápagos the trip of a lifetime.

Welcome aboard. From your first sight of the art to the left of the reception desk (part of the pioneering polar art exhibit, *Change*, installed onboard) to the sleek lines and calming neutrals, you can feel the rigors of travel drop away. Ahead: only supreme comfort and the exhilaration of discovery.

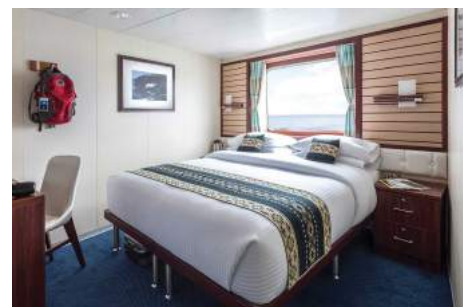


Cabin Categories

Category 1

Upper Deck, Forward: #201, 202

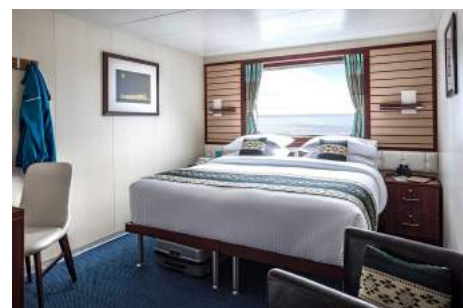
All cabins face outside with a large window, two single beds that can convert to a queen-sized bed. Furniture includes an armchair, desk, two nightstands, and a closet.



Category 2

Upper Deck: #211, 213-219, 221-222, 224-229

All cabins feature two single beds that can be convert to a queen-sized bed with a large window. Furniture includes an armchair, desk, two nightstands, and a closet. Cabins 224 & 225 can accommodate a third person with a fold-down murphy bed. Cabins 226/228 and 227/229 are interlocking with a connecting door.



Category 3

Lounge Deck: #311, 313-319, 321, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330

All cabins face outside with a large window, two single beds that can convert to a queen-sized bed. Furniture includes an armchair, desk, 2 nightstands and a closet. Cabins 326 & 328 can accommodate a third person with a fold-down murphy bed. Cabins 315/317, 316/318, and 320/322 are interlocking with a connecting door.



Category 4

Bridge Deck: #409, 411-414, 416, 418

All cabins are outside with a large window, two single beds that can convert to a queen-sized bed. Furniture includes an armchair, desk, two nightstands, and closet. Cabins 411/413 and 416/418 are interlocking with a connecting door.



Shared Accommodations:

Connecting cabins are perfect for families or groups of friends. In all, seven cabins can be connected. Triple and solo cabins are available too, to welcome all types of travelers.

Suite A

Lounge Deck, Mid-ship: #320

Cabin features two large windows, armchair, large suite-sized bathroom, double closet, writing desk and chair, mini-fridge, two large windows and two nightstands. 2 single beds that can convert to a queen. This suite and cabin 322 are interlocking with a connecting door.



Suite B

Bridge Deck, Mid-ship: #420, 422

These suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows that provide incredible views and natural sunlight. Furniture includes a sofa that converts to a single bed, a double closet, writing desk and chair, two nightstands, mini fridge, and large suite-sized bathroom. Cabins have two single beds that can be converted to a queen.



Suite C

Bridge Deck, Mid-ship: #415

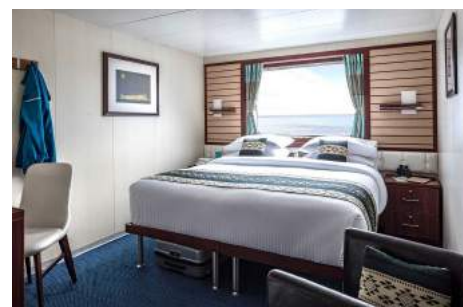
This suite is the largest cabin aboard with a separate well-appointed separate seating area. The seating area includes a sofa that converts to a single bed, writing desk, lounge chair, coffee table, armchair and mini fridge. The cabin features two single beds that convert to a queen, two nightstands, extra closet space, and a large suite bathroom.



Category 2 Solo

Upper Deck: #203-209

These cabins face outside with a large window with either a wide single bed, or two singles that can convert to a queen. In the cabin you will also find an armchair, desk, two nightstands, and a closet. Equal in size and amenities to other Category 2 cabins.



Category 3 Solo

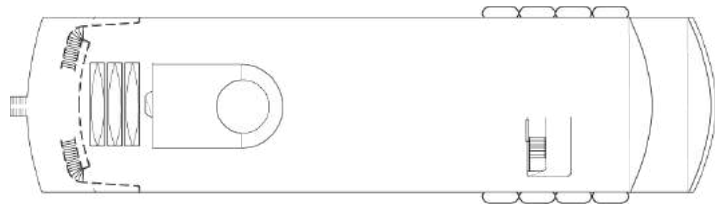
Lounge Deck: #325, 327

These cabins face outside with a large window and two single beds that convert to a queen. In the cabins you will also find an armchair, desk, two nightstands, and a closet. Equal in size and amenities to other category 3 cabins.



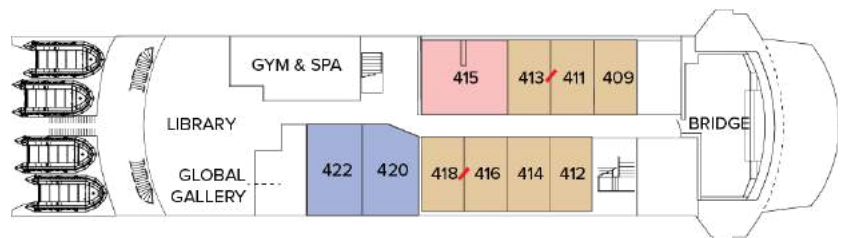
Deck Plans

Observation Deck



Bridge Deck

- Category 4
- Suite B
- Suite C



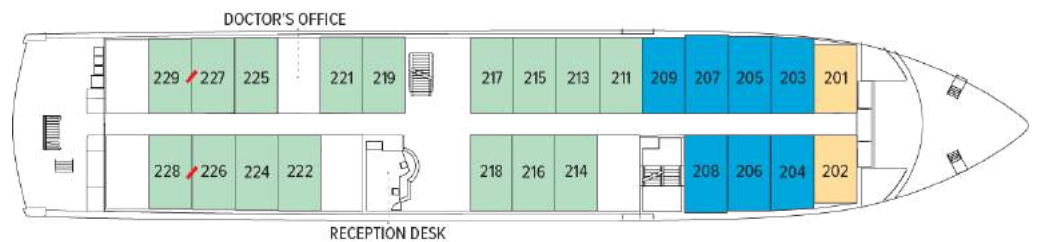
Lounge Deck

- Category 3
- Suite A
- Category 3 Solo

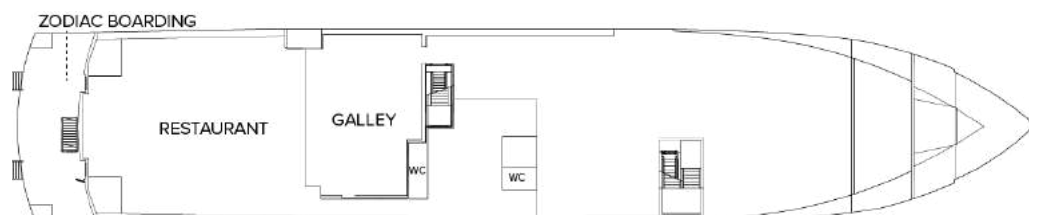


Upper Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 2 Solo



Main Deck



Ship amenities

Public Areas

Forward lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, restaurant, large library with Mac kiosks, open-air observation deck, underwater gear area and dual Zodiac boarding platform, and “open bridge,” where guests can meet the Captain and officers and learn about navigation.

Meals

Meals are served in the dining room or sometimes outdoors, in a single, unassigned seating with a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

Cabins

52 outside cabins. All feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and hair dryers, plus Ethernet, Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Choose from suites on two decks, plus connecting cabins and triples are available for families and friends.

Expedition Equipment

Zodiacs to get to shore quickly, glass-bottom boat, kayaks and paddleboards for personal explorations, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

Special Features

A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler.

Wellness

A fitness center, *LEXspa* treatment room, exercise room and wellness specialists.



Self-Disinfecting Ships

Act Clean Coat™ is a light-activated, self-disinfecting cleaning process that continuously breaks down viruses, bacteria, mold, and airborne allergens across all ship surfaces. This non-toxic, chemical-free system also helps us save over one million gallons of water each year in our cleaning procedures.