GALAPAGOS Islands
Darwin’s Living Laboratory

June 27-July 6, 2013
Featuring Laurie Santos, Associate Professor of Psychology

Optional Pre-Trip Extension to
Machu Picchu
June 22-27, 2013
La Pinta

Home for this voyage is the comfortable ship, La Pinta. La Pinta meets the most exacting environmental and hospitality standards. The 207-foot yacht accommodates 48 guests and has all the amenities, including a sundeck, exercise room, library, boutique, bar and Jacuzzi. The ship’s social areas have almost permanent visual contact with the islands through panoramic windows, while its outside deck areas are also wonderful havens for relaxation, including an observation deck towards the bow. All cabins are air conditioned with outside views and are located on the Upper Deck. The yacht boasts among the largest cabins (175 to 236 square feet) of any Galápagos vessel with floor-to-ceiling windows in all cabins. La Pinta is the ideal yacht for families travelling together, with many connecting cabins and beds that can be joined or separated and four triple cabins that can accommodate a child under 12 as the third person (236 square feet a with sofa bed). The Main Deck has a window-lined Dining Room, with open seating and no formal dress requirements; a Reception Area, Boutique and Doctor’s Office. The ship’s amenities include the use of kayaks, snorkel equipment (masks, snorkels, flotation vests) and glass bottom boat. Wet suits may be rented aboard. Satellite Internet connection (three stations) and wi-fi locations aboard ship are available at an additional cost.

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The single cabin price is $11,590. (Note: a limited number of singles are available at this price, 2 cabins). There are four triple cabins that can accommodate a child under 12 as the third person.

SAMPLE AIRFARE MIAMI/GUAYAQUIL/MIAMI: ...................... $745*

*As of November 2012 and subject to change.

OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION TO MACHU PICCHU . . . $3,185 (per person double occupancy)
Single supplement for the extension is $639. The third person sharing the same room on the extension is $200 less. The pre-trip extension price is based on a minimum of 10 participants.
Dear Yale Alumni and Friends:

Making plans for next summer? Looking for ways to create lasting memories for your family? Consider joining a Yale Educational Travel family program — Galápagos Islands, Darwin’s Living Laboratory: June 27-July 6, 2013.

This is an incredible adventure that is sure to please travelers of all ages. Nature walks, beautiful beaches, sightseeing, child-friendly activities and lectures for adults are all a part of this wonderful journey. Each day offers several face-to-face encounters with animals and birds—few places on earth afford such close access to wildlife.

Imagine following Darwin’s footsteps in the Galápagos Islands, one of the world’s greatest ecological wonderlands located some 500 miles off the coast of Ecuador. Protected as a national treasure in 1959, the islands offer a varied terrain to explore including volcanic heaps, lava fields, lush green vegetation in the high lands and sandy beaches. Among these spectacular geological features, one can encounter Giant Galápagos tortoises, flocks of frigate birds and Blue-footed Boobies, Darwin’s Finches and Galápagos Penguins, colonies of Marine Iguanas and sea lions, along with other fascinating sea life.

Laurie Santos, Associate Professor of Psychology at Yale will accompany the group and give talks on the evolutionary origins of human cognition as well as other informative lectures. She is the director of Yale University’s Comparative Cognition Laboratory. Dr. Santos will surely add a great deal to your family’s Galápagos experience.

The “floating classroom” for this voyage is the private yacht M/V La Pinta, a luxurious and stylish vessel with 24 air-conditioned cabins, most with floor to ceiling windows. Aboard the vessel, a superb staff of local naturalists offer their knowledge and love of the islands. They are specially trained to work with children as well as adults. An optional pre-trip extension to Machu Picchu offers an excellent introduction to the rich cultural and archaeological wonders of Peru and includes a visit to the new UNSAAC-Yale Center located in Cusco.

Yale’s educational family programs often sell out quickly, so we urge you to send in your reservation today!

Please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/galapagos13 to register now or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Edersheim ’87
Senior Director, International Alumni Relations and Travel
Yale Educational Travel
Itinerary

Thursday, June 27

USA/Guayaquil

Depart the U.S. for Guayaquil, Ecuador, a vibrant metropolis on the Guayas River. Those passengers on the pre-trip extension to Machu Picchu will fly to Guayaquil from Lima. Transfer to your hotel.

Hilton Colon Guayaquil

Friday, June 28

Guayaquil/Galápagos Islands/San Cristóbal Island

This morning, fly to San Cristóbal, the island in the Galápagos where Charles Darwin first set foot in September of 1835. Twelve large islands and many smaller ones, all volcanic in origin with volcanoes, crater lakes and lava fields, combine to form an ecological niche renowned for its unique and fearless wildlife. Upon arrival, board the M/V La Pinta, your floating home for the next eight days. Experienced naturalists lead shore expeditions to seek out wildlife and help you learn about the fascinating natural history of these volcanic islands. A landing at Cerro Brujo’s white coral-line beach offers opportunities for bird watching, swimming with sea lions and snorkeling. Local residents include Blue-footed Boobies, Brown Pelicans, Galápagos Finches and Yellow Warblers.

M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 29

San Cristóbal Island/Natural Galapaguera/Pitt Point

This morning disembark for what is the longest hike on the itinerary (4 miles). The trail goes up the slopes of San Cristóbal’s eroded shield volcano and is a great place to see Darwin’s Finches and other land birds including the endemic Chatham Mockingbirds. Along the way, one might spot some of the last individuals of the San Cristóbal giant tortoise population, living in the wild — tortoises here were almost hunted to extinction during the late 19th century by local colonizers. After the invigorating hike, enjoy a swim to cool off before returning back on board for lunch. In the afternoon we visit the eastern tip of the island. Pitt Point is an eroded tuff cone where three species of boobies can be found together, as well as the two frigate species, plus a colony of bachelor sea lions along the beach. After the walk, if conditions are favorable, there is a chance to swim from the beach.

M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 30

Española Island (Hood Island)

Española, because of its isolation, is one of the most exciting islands for observing an amazing array of wildlife. Walk on a rocky trail to see colonies of sea lions, Blue-footed Boobies and Nazca Boobies. Española is the only nesting place in the Galápagos for Waved Albatross. In addition, the most colorful marine iguana is found here as well as Galápagos’ largest lava lizard. Impressive cliffs and a blowhole dramatically compliment the abundant wildlife. In the afternoon, disembark (wet landing) at a white coral beach for a short walk to observe the sea lions, mockingbirds, finches or enjoy the beach. There is great snorkelling in this area or instead kayak or ride the glass-bottom boat.

M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)

Monday, July 1

Charles Darwin Research Station (Santa Cruz Island)

Sail to the town of Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research station staffed with international scientists conducting biological research and conservation projects. Observe and photograph the giant tortoises that are part of the breeding program to release them into the wild. This afternoon board our motorcoach to the highlands.
of Santa Cruz Island, where guests will learn about the unique ecosystems and biodiversity. M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, July 2**

**Bahía Ballena – Whale Bay (Santa Cruz Island)/ Sombrero Chino Islet**

After breakfast disembark at a beautiful olivine beach (a volcanic crystal that forms in fast-cooling lava). There are also boobies, land birds and beautiful views of the northwest side of Santa Cruz Island to enjoy. Several activities are possible after the walk, such as snorkeling or a zodiac ride along the shoreline. Back on board for lunch. Less than a quarter of a square-kilometer in size, the tiny island of Sombrero Chino gets its name from its appearance: a Chinese hat. Lying just off the southeastern tip of San Salvador Island (James), this islet, only formed fairly recently, makes a beautiful visit as one explores along its 400-metre long trail, which begins at a crescent-shaped white sandy beach. Several species of shore birds may be spotted, along with marine iguanas, lava lizards, Galápagos Penguins and Sally Lightfoot crabs. The cove offers excellent swimming and snorkeling opportunities with white-tipped reef sharks and tropical fish.

*M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)*

**Wednesday, July 3**

**Bartolomé Island/Sullivan Bay (James Island)**

Disembark at Bartolomé Island for a hike to its summit for a superb view of Pinnacle Rock, Sullivan Bay and the immense lava fields of nearby James Island. Opportunities to enjoy the beach, snorkel or take a boat ride around Pinnacle Rock to look for the Galápagos Penguins—the only penguins north of the equator. The glass-bottom boat is available for great views of the underwater world. After lunch, board the zodiac again for the short ride to the landing site at Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago. Enjoy landing on a white coral sand beach followed by a walk over lava that flowed here less than 100 years ago. At low tide, marine iguanas graze upon the algae beds while oyster catchers try to capture the Sally Lightfoot crabs. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galápagos.

*M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)*

**Thursday, July 4**

**Tower/Genovesa Island**

In the morning, disembark on Tower Island to observe thousands of birds, mainly frigate birds, Red-footed and Masked Boobies, gulls, herons, finches and mockingbirds. 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 an interesting zodiac ride along the cliffs and then disembark (dry landing) on rocks for a steep climb (90 feet) up Prince Philip’s steps, named after the Duke of Edinburgh’s visit in 1964. Once at the top of the stairs, the land is flat, allowing for a stimulating walk of about a mile to the other side of this small island, observing large colonies of Masked Boobies, frigate birds and Storm Petrels. Those not wishing to disembark can enjoy a longer zodiac ride along the cliffs (depending on weather conditions).

*M/V La Pinta (B,L,D)*

**Friday, July 5**

**Baltra Island/Guayaquil**

After breakfast, disembark La Pinta for the final time on Baltra Island and fly back to Guayaquil. Gather tonight for a festive farewell dinner in Guayaquil.

*Hilton Colon Guayaquil (B,D)*

Passengers have the option of flying home later this evening to Miami and connecting home or flying home the following day (July 6) to JFK and connecting home. Hotel is included for day use or overnight depending on passengers’ flight preferences. Other flight schedules may become available in 2013.

**Saturday, July 6**

**Guayaquil/USA**

Transfer to the international airport for flights back to the U.S.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** The itinerary and program are subject to change without prior notice, due mainly to adjustments in the policies and regulations of the Galápagos National Park.
Optional Pre-Trip Extension

Machu Picchu

June 22–27, 2013

Discover the breathtaking Lost City of the Inca, Machu Picchu. After our morning flight to Cusco, the capital city of the Inca Empire, we transfer to the lovely town of Yucay in the Urubamba Valley. We will overnight in Yucay, which is located at a lower elevation, to allow for an easier acclimatization. On our journey to Yucay, we’ll explore, among other sites, the massive fortress of Sacsayhuaman. In the afternoon, we’ll stop at the colorful native market in Pisac. The next day a dramatic train ride through the Urubamba Valley takes us to the enchanting and mystical site of Machu Picchu. Here we’ll overnight at the Inkatera Machu Picchu Hotel. On our return we spend two nights in Cusco, where we’ll absorb a colorful mix of past and present. While in Cusco, visit the new UNSAAC-Yale International Center for the Study of Machu Picchu. The center, located in Casa Concha, a historical Inca Palace of the National University of San Antonio Abad, houses the artifacts that Hiram Bingham found in Machu Picchu and were housed at Yale’s Peabody Museum for 100 years and are now displayed here. This five-night, six-day pre-tour extension (one night in Lima at the Ramada airport hotel and four nights in the highlands) includes first-class and deluxe accommodations; all excursions; five breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners; air transportation Lima/Cusco and Cusco/Lima; airport taxes; airport-to-hotel transfers; and leadership. Airfare from U.S. to Lima and Lima to Guayaquil is not included.
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Reservation Form

Enclosed is a deposit for $ _________ ($1,000 deposit per person, plus $200 for the Machu Picchu extension, June 22-27, 2013, if applicable) to hold ______ place(s) on the Yale “Galápagos Islands” trip June 27-July 6, 2013. Final payment is due March 17, 2013.

1) ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________ Yale Affiliation ___________________________
   Name as on passport

2) ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________ Yale Affiliation ___________________________
   Name as on passport

3) ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________ Relationship* ___________________________
   Child’s Name as on passport

4) ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________ Relationship* ___________________________
   Child’s Name as on passport

*How is the child related to the person making the deposit?

Name as on passport                                                                                      Date of Birth                           Yale Affiliation

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Child’s Name as on passport                                                                                      Date of Birth                           Relationship*

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Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ________ Zip ________

Telephone: Home ( ____ ) ___________________________ Office ( ____ ) ___________________________ Fax ( ____ ) ___________________________

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Please charge the deposit of $1,000 per person to:

☐ AMEX  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ Discover Card

Card # ___________________________ Exp. Date ___________________________ Sec. Code ___________

I wish have a single accommodation (limited availability – please call)

I will share accommodations with: ___________________________

I/We wish to join the optional Machu Picchu pre-trip extension at an additional deposit of $200 per person.

I/We will take care of our own international flight arrangements to Guayaquil, Ecuador.

I/We confirm that I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility section of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

Signature(s) ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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What To Expect

This program has been exclusively designed for Yale alumni, family, children and friends to explore the Galápagos Islands and learn about the island’s natural history. 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 walks. There are opportunities for swimming and snorkeling and sea kayaking (snorkeling equipment and kayaks are available aboard La Pinta at no charge and wet suits may be rented aboard the ship). The Galápagos Islands are at sea level and temperatures range between the 70s and 90s F in the islands. Travel is by regular scheduled commercial airlines, motor coach, air-conditioned ship and inflatable “Zodiac-style” dinghies.

The Pre-Trip Machu Picchu optional extension is a moderately active program. Throughout Andean cities, temperatures range from 30° – 40° F at night to 60° – 75° during the day, and we’ll spend several days at elevations from 7,600 to 11,200 feet. The Machu Picchu extension has been designed to allow for an easier acclimatization when we travel to the Andean highlands by overnighting in the Urubamba Valley at approximately 8,000 feet. We continue to Machu Picchu at 7,600 feet, leaving Cusco for the end when you have had a chance to get acclimatized. There is significant stair and step climbing at the ruins. Lima, the capital city of Peru, is at sea level.