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July 18–27, 2019

The Andean Highlands & The Galápagos Islands

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Dear Yale Travelers

Travel with Yale and create family memories to last a lifetime on Andean Highlands & the Galapagos Islands: July 18-27, 2019. This delightful itinerary features a combination of the rich culture of the Andean Highlands with a cruise to the amazing Galapagos Islands. This Yale adventure begins in Quito, Ecuador, with its gilded churches, cobblestone streets and Spanish Baroque architecture. From Quito, travel to the highlands and stay a lovely hacienda, the base for exploring Andean landscapes, indigenous markets, natural sanctuaries, and artisan villages. This is a breathtaking land of snow-capped mountains and rhythms of life that have changed little over the centuries.

The Galapagos Islands are located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador. These islands have been protected as a national treasure since 1959. Twenty-six species found on the islands are found nowhere else in the world. These species include marine iguana, Darwin’s Finches, and Giant Tortoises. The islands offer a varied terrain to explore, including volcanic cones, lava fields, lush green vegetation in the highlands, and sandy beaches. Yale travelers will enjoy nature walks, beautiful beaches, a glass bottom boat, snorkeling, kayaking, sightseeing and lectures.

Professor Marian Chertow will be traveling from start to finish and presenting two lectures. In addition, she is also in the process of planning exercises that are sure to engage the younger audience. Her work on island ecology will certainly enhance your understanding of this fascinating area of the world.

To hold your space on this sure-to-sell-out program, please call 203-432-1952 or register at www.yaleedtravel.org/galapagos19

All the best from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel

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Yale Study Leader

MARIAN CHERTOW is associate professor of industrial environmental management at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Her research and teaching focus on industrial ecology, business/environment issues, and materials and waste reuse. Primary research interests are: (1) the study of industrial symbiosis involving geographically based exchanges of materials, energy, water and wastes within networks of businesses; (2) the potential of industrial ecology in emerging economies; (3) island and urban sustainability. She recently co-led a conference on “Island Industrial Ecology” for the Japan Foundation and is currently working on a journal special issue about “Metabolism of Islands.” Prior to Yale, Professor Chertow spent ten years in environmental business and state and local government. She holds a BA from Barnard College, Columbia University, as well as an MPPM and a PhD in environmental studies from Yale University.

Upcoming Trips

Alaska Family
July 1–9, 2019
Professor David Bercovici

Peru, A Family Program
December 26, 2019–January 3, 2020
Professor Paul Turner

New Year’s in Cuba: A Family Friendly Program
December 28, 2019–January 2, 2020
Professor Anne Eller

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Schedule by Day
July 18-27, 2019

Thursday, June 27 (tentative)
WELCOME PHONE CALL
Join the group at 4pm Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Marian Chertow to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

Thursday, July 18
U.S. /QUITO
Depart the U.S. on a flight to Quito, Ecuador and transfer to the hotel upon arrival. Swissotel (meals aloft)

Friday, July 19
QUITO / OTAVALO
Nestled in a high Andean valley 9,350 feet above sea level, Quito is just 14 miles south of the equator and was declared the first “Cultural World Heritage Site” by UNESCO in 1978. This morning depart on a city tour of Quito’s wonderfully preserved colonial section, including the graceful plazas and arcades, the Cathedral’s unique gargoyles, and the impressive gilded interior of La Compañía church. Then, drive north through dramatic mountain scenery towards the town of Otavalo in the northern Sierra. Stop at the Equator Monument for some interesting pictures. Next, visit one of the most important rose plantations of the area and learn about cultivation, exportation, and bouquet making. Welcome lunch at the rose plantation. Proceed to Hacienda Cusín, a restored, 17th-century estate in the Ecuadorian Sierra and your home for the next two nights. Hacienda Cusín (B,L,D)

Saturday, July 20
OTAVALO
Spend the morning at one of South America’s most famous indigenous markets, Otavalo, a market which dates back to pre-Inca times and where colorful handicrafts are on display. See Otavalo Indian men with long braided hair, blue ponchos, and white trousers, and women wearing distinctive gold beads and dark headaddress. Later choose to visit the Condor Park, home to the majestic Andean Condor, or saddle up for a horse back-ride amongst the beauty of the Ecuadorian highlands. Hacienda Cusín (B, L, D)

Sunday, July 21
OTAVALO / PUEMBO
Explore the fertile Valley of Otavalo, from its landscapes of mountains, lakes and corn fields, to its craft centers, dairy farms, flower plantations, and wonderful people. Visit Cuicocha Crater Lake that lies within a large caldera created by a volcanic eruption some 3,100 years ago. A gentle hike around the rim offers wonderful views and an opportunity for wildlife viewing. Then visit Indian communities to see artisans at work in old-fashioned shuttle looms. Lunch is at the historic 18th century Hacienda Pinaquis that once hosted such illustrious guests as Simón Bolívar. Continue on to Puembo for the night before a morning flight to the Galápagos. Hotel Rincón de Puembo (B,L)

Monday, July 22
QUITO/ BALTRA ISLAND / SANTA CRUZ (HIGHLANDS)
Fly this morning to Baltra Island in the center of the Galápagos Archipelago. Upon arrival, transfer by bus to the highlands, where you will learn about Santa Cruz’s unique ecosystems and biodiversity. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Drive down from the highlands 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. Late afternoon stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking on Yacht Isabela II. In the evening, join the captain for a welcome cocktail and dinner. Yacht Isabela II (B, L, D)

**Tuesday, July 23**

**SANTA FE / SOUTH PLAZA**

A stunning anchorage provides a jumping-off point for a visit to this sandy white beach with many sea lion harems. Galapagos Hawks are often easily observed. The endemic land iguana, unique to this island, may be spotted during the walk. Snorkeling and swimming from the beach, kayaking or a ride in a glass-bottom boat rounds off the rewarding experience. In the afternoon visit South Plaza. The turquoise waters here contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava of the shoreline. A carpet of scarlet succulents serves as groundcover for a grove of luminescent green prickly-pear cactus populated by Galapagos land iguanas. Keep an eye open for the remarkable beaks of cactus finches. Along the coastline one finds sea lion colonies, while sea birds play with the thermals that form along the cliffs. In the interior of this island, a favorite of many visitors. Observe numerous bird colonies, sea lions and marine iguanas. Opportunities for snorkeling and coastal exploration with chances of spotting fur seals. This uplifted island is also home to a nesting colony of frigate birds, and provides great views of the surrounding islands. In the afternoon, visit Santa Cruz Island and Las Bachas beach. After WWII, US military barges were beached and abandoned here. Locals referred to the beach as the “barges” beach, a name that morphed to “bachas”. Today it is an important nesting area for the east Pacific green sea turtle. Located on the north shore of Santa Cruz Island, it is a glorious white beach, with several brackish lagoons, feeding grounds of various wading birds, from stilts to flamingos. Opportunities to swim and/or snorkel from the beach. Yacht Isabela II (B,L,D)

**Thursday, July 25**

**BARTOLOME / SANTIAGO**

This morning, a Galapagos icon awaits: Bartolome Island. Disembark and hike to its 600-foot summit for a superb view of Pinnacle Rock, Sullivan Bay and the immense lava fields of nearby Santiago Island (James.) Opportunities to enjoy the beach, snorkel, or take a boat ride around colossal Pinnacle Rock to observe the Galapagos Penguins. You may choose to also ride in the glass-bottom boat for great views of the underwater world. After lunch, board the pangas to land at Sullivan Bay on the east coast of Santiago, a white coral sand beach great for swimming with a trail over a lava field. This is the perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galapagos while observing its wildlife. Yacht Isabela II (B,L,D)

**Friday, July 26**

**BALTRA ISLAND / GUAYAQUIL**

At Baltra Island, transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Guayaquil on the mainland. Upon arrival, check into the hotel to rest and freshen up. In the early evening, gather for a festive farewell dinner. Hilton Colón Guayaquil (B,D)

**Saturday, July 27**

**GUAYAQUIL / U.S.**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for the international flights back to the U.S. or continue on to Lima for a post-trip extension to Cusco and Machu Picchu. (B)

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

**MACHU PICchu**

**July 27–August 2, 2019**

Discover the breathtaking Lost City of the Inca, Machu Picchu. Fly from Guayaquil to Lima, Peru where we’ll journey to Cusco, the capital city of the Inca Empire. From here transfer to the lovely town of Yucay in Urubamba Valley and overnight in Yucay. The next day take a dramatic train ride to the mystical site of Machu Picchu. Return to Cusco where a highlight will be a visit to the UNSAAC-Yale Center which houses the Machu Picchu artifacts excavated by Hiram Bingham. This five-night, six-day post-tour extension includes first-class accommodations; all excursions, all breakfasts, four lunches and two dinners, air transportation Lima/Cusco and Cusco/Lima; airport taxes; airport-to-hotel transfers; and the services of a Peruvian guide. Airfare from Guayaquil to Lima is not included. Additional information and itinerary will be sent to confirmed travelers.
**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- Educational program of lectures and discussions with Professor Marian Chertow
- All accommodations as specified in the itinerary including a 5-star hotel in Quito and Guayaquil, 2 nights at a hacienda in the highlands of Ecuador, and 1 night in Puembo.
- A four night cruise aboard the yacht Isabela II, airport/hotel/pier group transfers.
- All meals throughout the Galápagos cruise and on the mainland as specified in the itinerary.
- Internal roundtrip airfare to the Galápagos Islands (Quito/Galápagos/Guayaquil)
- Galápagos National Park entrance fee; professional English-speaking guides throughout
- Taxes, service and porterage charges
- Basic gratuities to land based guides and drivers
- Leadership
- Coordination and administration

**WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:**

- International airfare (quoted separately)
- Customary shipboard gratuities; international departure tax from Ecuador (usually included in cost of international ticket)
- Excess baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal items such as wetsuit rental, laundry, fax or telephone calls
- Alcoholic beverages, dishes or beverages not included with meals
- Room service
- Passport fees
- Individual transfers
- Medical expenses, travel insurance, optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour. Any increases in the in-tour airfare (included as part of the program cost), airport taxes, security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

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**M/Y Isabela II**

Home for this voyage is the intimate 40-passenger yacht M/Y Isabela II, offering an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere perfect for exploring the Galápagos. Amenities include kayaks, a glass-bottom boat, Jacuzzi, fitness room, bar, gift shop, natural history library, and sundeck. Wetsuits are available to rent for an additional fee. The dining is excellent, with a good mix of continental cuisine and Ecuadorian specialties. The attentive staff and naturalist guides ensure your safety, comfort and enjoyment throughout the cruise. All 20 cabins have private bathrooms, small sitting areas and air conditioning. Two of the Classic cabins have a double bed plus accommodation for triple occupancy of a child under 12. The remaining Classic cabins are furnished with twin beds. The M/Y Isabela II also has one Master Suite, which offers a larger bed and more spacious layout.

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**LAND/Cruise Rates, per person double occupancy**

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*Teen is 12-17 years old.  
**Child is 6-11 years old. Must share a hotel room and cabin with an adult or teen. There are two triple cabins (subject to availability) that can accommodate a child under 12 as the third occupant.

**SAMPLE AIRFARE JFK/QUITO/GUAYAQUIL/JFK**

(as of August 2018 and subject to change) ........................................... $884

**OPTITIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO MACHU PICCHU**

(Per person, double occupancy) .............................................................. $3,290

Single supplement for the extension is $695. The third person sharing the same room is $200 less. Airfare from Guayaquil to Lima is not included and is approximately $425 and is subject to change.

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Enclosed is a deposit for _______ ($1,000 deposit per person, plus $200 for the Machu Picchu extension, if applicable) to hold _______ place(s) on the “Galapagos Islands” trip July 18–27, 2019. Final payment is due April 5, 2019.

1) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH

YALE AFFILIATION

2) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH

YALE AFFILIATION

3) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Pay by check made out to “Royal Adventures”
- Please charge the deposit of $ ______ per person to [ ] AMEX [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] Discover Card

To reserve, return the above form with credit card authorization or check payable to “Royal Adventures” to Yale Educational Travel, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or Fax to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due April 5, 2019 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing.

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PHYSICAL HEALTH: Participation on this program requires that passengers be in generally good health. Normal activities include leisurely walks, often over uneven terrain and excursions aboard Zodiac-type dinghies and wet and dry landings. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. We can counsel participants on whether an expedition is appropriate for them.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance as the cancellation penalty in this brochure will apply. However, Yale does not recommend a particular insurance company. Yale travelers are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 14 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions. Neither the Association of Yale Alumni nor Royal Adventures accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

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QUESTIONS: Please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/galapagos19, email edtravel@yale.edu, or phone (203) 432-1952.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “ROYAL ADVENTURES”, along with the completed reservation form, to: Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or Fax to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due April 5, 2019 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing.

Cabin Preferences

- Classic Twin
- Classic Double
- Master Suite
- I wish to have a single accommodation (limited availability—please call)
- I will share accommodations with:

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

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 of my party named above.

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**Embrace** two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the fabled Galápagos Islands and Quito’s celebrated Colonial city center.

**Photograph** close-up wonderful wildlife.