The Andean Highlands & the Galápagos Islands
Aboard the Isabela II
August 2–11, 2018

Richard G. Bribiescas
Professor of Anthropology; Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Dear Yale travelers and friends,

Travel with Yale and create memories to last a lifetime on The Andean Highlands & the Galapagos Islands: August 2-11, 2018. This voyage begins in Quito, Ecuador to savor the culture and history of the Andean Highlands, a breathtaking land of snow-capped mountains and rhythm of life that have changed little over the centuries. Discover the country’s rich pre-Colombian and colonial heritage on a stroll down Quito’s cobblestone streets and explore its gilded churches and Spanish Baroque architecture.

The Galapagos Islands are located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador. These islands have been protected as a national treasure since 1959. 26 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 heaps, 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.

To introduce myself, I am the Yale faculty lecturer on this program. As an evolutionary anthropologist, I have conducted research on indigenous communities in South America for over 25 years, most recently in Ecuador. My lectures will explore central role of the Galapagos and South America in shaping Charles Darwin’s ideas with a mindful eye towards biogeography. I am delighted to share my experiences and passion for this beautiful part of the world with you.

To hold your space on this sure-to-sell-out program, please phone 203-432-1952.

All the best from Yale,

Richard G. Bribiescas
Deputy Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity
Professor of Anthropology, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Richard Bribiescas is Deputy Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity and Professor of Anthropology. He also holds a secondary appointment in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Prior to this position, he served as chair of the Department of Anthropology from 2010 until 2014.

As a biological anthropologist and a primary investigator in the Yale Reproductive Ecology Laboratory, he conducts laboratory and field based research in human and comparative evolutionary biology in order gain insights into the evolution of our species and how it might inform our understanding of contemporary health and disease. He has conducted field research among the Ache people of Paraguay as well as populations in Venezuela, Japan, Ecuador, and the United States as well as with various species of non-human primates. He is presently a co-investigator with the Shuar Health and Life History Project in Ecuador. Deputy Provost Bribiescas has authored or co-authored numerous scientific articles in peer reviewed journals and is the author of two books, *Men: Evolutionary and Life History* (2006, Harvard University Press) and *How Men Age: What Evolution Reveals about Male Health and Mortality* (2015, Princeton University Press). He is an Associate Editor for the journal Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health and serves on the editorial boards of the Annual Review of Anthropology as well as the American Journal of Human Biology.

Want to learn more about Galápagos? Here are some selections to get you started.

**The Galapagos: A Natural History**
by Henry Nichols
The author of Lonesome George, charts the human and natural history of the archipelago from its fiery origins through famous visitors and current conservation challenges.

**Charles Darwin’s Around-the-World Adventure**
by Jennifer Thermes
Written for kids ages 5 to 7, this colorful book introduces Charles Darwin and his world-famous journey. With insets, fun facts, maps and energetic storytelling, it explains how Darwin saw distant lands while collecting insects and bones, watching volcanoes, experiencing earthquakes and, ultimately, changing the world.

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**Highlights**

**Enhance** your experience with lectures and discussions from Professor Richard Bribiescas.

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

**Stay** at a lovely hacienda in the highlands of Ecuador.

**Explore** the Galapagos Islands for 5 days with expert naturalists.

**Photograph** close-up wonderful wildlife.

**Snorkel** alongside sea lions, sea turtles and Galapagos Penguins.

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**National Parks of the Southwest**
June 23–July 2, 2018
Professor John Mack Faragher

**Greece Family**
June 28–July 7, 2018
Professor Noel Lenski

**Alaska’s Coastal Wilderness**
July 1–8, 2018
Professor Vladimir Alexandrov

**Costa Rica Family**
December 26, 2018–January 3, 2019
Faculty lecturer: To be advised.

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Welcome Phone Call

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 (tentative)
Join the group at 4pm EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Bribiescas, in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S. / Quito

Thursday, August 2
Depart the U.S. on a flight to Quito, Ecuador and transfer to the hotel upon arrival. Swissotel (meals aloft)

Quito / Otavalo

Friday, August 3
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. 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. Then, 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)

Otavalo / Quito

Sunday, August 5
Explore the fertile Valley of Otavalo with its landscapes of mountains, lakes and corn fields, 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 Pinsaqui that once hosted such illustrious guests as Simón Bolívar. After lunch, return to Quito for overnight before a morning flight to the Galápagos. Swissotel (B, L)

Santa Fe / South Plaza

Tuesday, August 7
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 from skiffs, 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

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the coastline one finds sea lion colonies, while sea birds play with the thermals that form along the cliffs of this small but amazing island.  *Yacht Isabela II (B,L,D)*

### NORTH SEYMOUR / SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

**Wednesday, August 8**

Morning walk along the coast and 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. These lagoons are the 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)*

### BALTRA ISLAND

**Friday, August 10**

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

Please note, depending on your return flight schedule, you may depart for flights back to the U.S. late evening on August 10 or early morning or early afternoon on August 11. The hotel room at the Hilton Colón Guayaquil is included in the program cost for the night of August 10 and passengers may choose to use it until their flight home in the evening or stay the night and depart in the morning on the 11th. Other flight schedules may become available in 2018.  *GUAYAQUIL / U.S.*

**Saturday, August 11**

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

### BARTOLOME / SANTIAGO

**Thursday, August 9**

This morning, a Galápagos 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 Galápagos 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 Galápagos while observing its wildlife.  *Yacht Isabela II (B,L,D)*

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

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 Extension

**MACHU PICCHU**

**August 11-17, 2018**

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.
Home for this voyage is the intimate 40-passenger yacht M/Y Isabela II, offering an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere perfect for exploring the Galapagos. 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.

### What is Included

- Educational program of lectures and discussions with Dr. Richard Bribiescas.
- All accommodations as specified in the itinerary including a 5-star hotel in Quito and Guayaquil, and 2 nights at a hacienda in the highlands of Ecuador.
- A four night cruise aboard the yacht Isabela II, airport/hotel/pier group transfers.
- All meals throughout the Galapagos cruise and on the mainland as specified in the itinerary.
- Internal roundtrip airfare to the Galapagos Islands (Quito/Galapagos/Guayaquil)
- Galapagos 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.

### 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 November 2017 and subject to change) ................................................. $884

### Optional 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. Extension rates are based on a minimum of 10 guests. Airfare from Guayaquil to Lima is not included and is approximately $425 and is subject to change.
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 “The Andean Highlands & the Galápagos Islands” trip August 2–11, 2018. Final payment is due April 24, 2018.

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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.

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EXPERIENCE Andean culture at the famous Otavalo Indian open-air market.