



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN

# SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL

ON A CLASSIC WILDLIFE JOURNEY TO  
**ECUADOR & THE ISLANDS OF THE GALÁPAGOS**  
ABOARD THE *M/Y ISABELA II*

OCTOBER 9 TO 19, 2020



## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~FRIDAY~OCTOBER 9

#### SAN DIEGO/HOUSTON/QUITO

Your journey begins as you fly from San Diego to Quito, via Houston. Upon arrival in Quito in the evening, you will be escorted to your elegant hotel, which is located in the heart of historic “Quito Antiguo” and surrounded by churches, museums, and national monuments.

Overnight at the HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (Meals Aloft) [www.hotelpatioandaluz.com](http://www.hotelpatioandaluz.com)

### DAY 2~SATURDAY~OCTOBER 10

#### QUITO/OTAVALO

Set out this morning on a drive across the colorful valleys of Guayllabamba and Cayambe, where avocado and the local cherimoya fruit are grown in rolling orchards alongside dairy pastures and rows of beautiful roses. The breathtaking setting offers great photo opportunities. After two hours of traveling through the riveting Andean countryside, arrive at the province of Imbabura, known as the Ecuadorian Land of Lakes, where you'll visit the Otavalo Craft Market, the most famous and picturesque market in South America. Saturday is the main market day, full of bargaining and chatter, while people of the region exchange local



produce, animals, utensils, cookware, and textiles. For visitors, the market offers the possibility of approaching Ecuadorians at a more intimate level as you negotiate prices of a variety of woven goods, bags, hats, flutes or simply appreciate the skillful and generous people responsible for the elegance and beauty of their clothing and handicrafts. After a busy shopping day, there is nothing better than a delicious lunch at the historic *Hacienda Cusin*.

On your way back to Quito, time permitting, visit Cotacachi, an Indian village which features leatherwork including bags, jackets, hats, gloves and belts, Cuicocha Crater Lake, whose wonderful scenery is dominated by mountains and moorland scenes with numerous native plants and many birds or visit the village of Peguche with traditional looms and handcrafted wind instruments where you can purchase their goods directly from the people who make them.

Overnight at the HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (B,L)

### DAY 3~SUNDAY~OCTOBER 11

#### QUITO~COLONIAL CITY

Quito is the largest colonial town of the Americas and was the very first UNESCO World Heritage Site, which you will discover today. Enjoy the eclectic architecture, ranging from the modern quarters to varied colonial facades and structures built throughout the last five centuries. The tour includes parks like El Ejido and Alameda, the monument of Simon Bolivar, the gothic Basilica of the Heart of Jesús, and Independence Square, along with the Metropolitan Cathedral. Walk along the so-called street of the seven crosses and pass by the Jesuit convent, once headquarters of the first



university in the country, El Sagrario Church, with a unique orthodox cross layout dating back to the seventeenth century, as well as the jewel of the crown, the Jesuit temple of La Compañía de Jesús, perhaps the most important monument of the baroque art in Quito. From there, continue to the plaza of San Francisco, with its temple and richly decorated historical convent. End your day with a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. Overnight at the HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ. (B,D)

#### DAY 4~MONDAY~OCTOBER 12

##### QUITO/GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS: BALTRA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS/ HIGHLANDS

Fly to Baltra, where you will be transferred to Santa Cruz Island, having crossed the Ithaca channel by ferry. Travel by bus to the highlands of Santa Cruz Island and watch as the scenery gradually changes while you wind your way through all seven vegetation zones found in the Galápagos. Here, you can find giant tortoises on a private farm in the highlands. Then, visit Los Gemelos (Spanish for the twins), a pair of large pit craters on the highest part of Santa Cruz, where it is easy to spot the bright-red male vermilion flycatcher. Due to their long history of isolation from humans, both land and sea animals remain virtually fearless and unaffected by visitors, and they will allow you to come close for photographic opportunities.

Enjoy a late afternoon stroll along the main street of Puerto Ayora before embarking on the yacht *Isabela II*, where you will have a briefing on the next day's activities followed by a welcome dinner with the captain. Overnight aboard the *M/Y ISABELA II*. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 5 ~ TUESDAY ~ OCTOBER 13

##### GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS: SANTA FE ISLAND& SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND

Located in the southeastern part of the Galápagos, this island was formed from an uplift instead of a volcanic origin,



which is why it is mostly flat and home to the archipelago's oldest rocks. The small bay on Santa Fe's northern coast provides one of the most picturesque harbors within the archipelago. A large sea lion colony inhabits most of the surrounding landing site. Follow the trail among a very tall forest of opuntia cacti, where large endemic land iguanas can be seen. A variety of finches and the Galápagos mockingbirds abound. Back to the ship for lunch, as you sail to South Plaza Island.

Disembark (dry landing) in the channel between North and South Plaza Islands, where the island tilts toward the water, making for a lavish colorful sight as the turquoise waters of the channel contrast brilliantly with the white sand and black lava of the shoreline. Despite its small size, some of the most interesting and outstanding species of

the archipelago occur here. Look out for land iguanas in the cactus shade and swallow-tailed gulls nesting on the rugged southern cliffs. The protected rocky seashore is a prime habitat for a large colony of noisy sea lions, who share the shore with yellow-tailed mullets, Audubon's shearwaters, red-billed tropicbirds, frigate birds, and brown pelicans.

Overnight aboard the *M/Y ISABELA II*. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6~WEDNESDAY~OCTOBER 14

##### GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS: NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND & LAS BACHAS (SANTA CRUZ)

Take a dinghy ride along the shores of tuff-stone layers this morning to Seymour Island, where you will follow a trail that leads to sea lions, swallow-tailed gulls and blue-footed boobies. Visit the largest colony of magnificent frigate birds found in the Galápagos. As you stroll along the beach, watch for sea lions body surfing the northern swells.



The sandy shore teems with the Galápagos sea lions and marine iguanas among the cacti, palo santo trees, and salt bushes. Continue on to Bachas Beaches, where the soft, white sand is made of decomposed coral, perfect as a nesting site for sea turtles. Behind one of the beaches there is a small brackish water lagoon, where you might spot flamingos and other coastal birds, such as black-necked stilts and whimbrels.

Overnight aboard the *M/Y ISABELA II*. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7~THURSDAY~OCTOBER 15

#### **GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS: BARTOLOME ISLAND & SULLIVAN BAY (SANTIAGO ISLAND)**

Disembark at Bartolome, a small, rugged island off the eastern shore of Santiago, opposite Sullivan Bay. Together, Bartolome and Sullivan Bay evoke a lunar landscape of cones and craters in varying shades of deep chocolate and light brown, black, and gray. After a wet landing, walk on paths of hardened century-old lava. This is a perfect place to see and feel the volcanic origin of Galápagos. Once you land on the island, you will have a 30-minute climb to a summit of a once-active volcano for a panoramic view, which includes the guardian point of Pinnacle Rock. Down below, the water is crystal clear. You can swim and snorkel with schools of fish while looking for penguins, sea turtles, and white-tipped sharks. Overnight aboard the *M/Y ISABELA II*. (B,L,D)



### DAYS 8/9~FRIDAY/SATURDAY~OCTOBER 16/17

#### **GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS: FINCH BAY**



After breakfast, disembark and return to Puerto Ayora on the island of Santa Cruz, your home for the next two nights. The charming Finch Bay Hotel--- named after the famous Darwin's finches abundant in the surroundings---is just steps from the beach on a private seaside location. At dusk, the orange-colored skies are the backdrop for thousands of cattle egrets that fly overhead on their way from the highlands of Santa Cruz Island to their nesting area in the mangroves at the back of the hotel. Blue-footed boobies and brown pelicans plunge into the ocean, looking for their last bite before retiring for the night, while the night herons awaken and emerge from the mangroves to look for food along the beach.

You will have plenty of time to also enjoy optional activities available at your hotel as well as to visit the Darwin Research Station, which is nearby, and to discover the quirky scene of Puerto Ayora. At the CDRS, you will see the giant tortoise pens, an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest, and land birds like Darwin's finches, Galápagos mockingbirds, and flycatchers.

Scientists from all over the globe work at the station and conduct biological research from anatomy to zoology. You'll also get your picture taken with the giant tortoises and observe year-old tortoises and learn about the captive-breeding program.

Overnights at the FINCH BAY HOTEL. (B Daily)



**DAY 10~SUNDAY~OCTOBER 18**

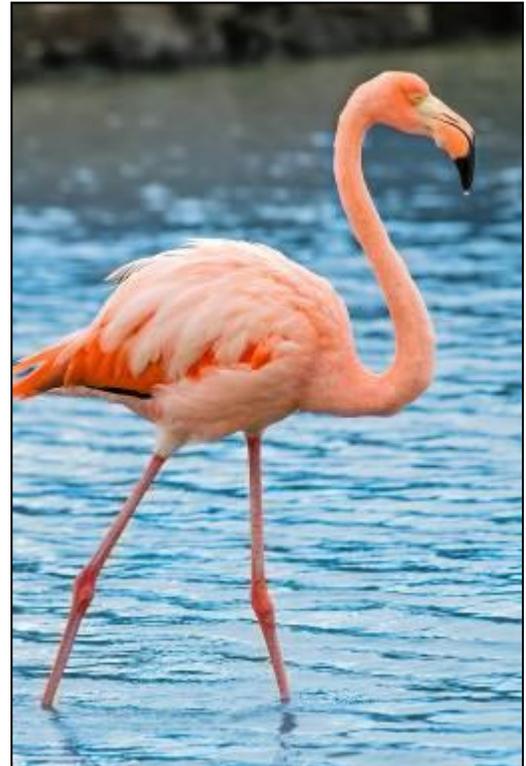
**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND/QUITO/EN ROUTE**

A last morning to soak in the Galápagos sun before you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Quito, where you will have dinner at Rincon de Puembo. Later this evening transfer to the airport for your return flights home (*currently UA#1036 departs at 12:35am-October 19*). (B,D)

**DAY 11~MONDAY~OCTOBER 19**

**HOUSTON/SAN DIEGO**

This morning you land in Houston where you connect with your flight home. Whenever you look back on this experience, know that you're in good company: the Galápagos Islands have touched the hearts and imaginations of Lord Byron, Charles Darwin, and countless others like yourself.



## OPTIONAL POST-TOUR TO PERU

### DAY 10~SUNDAY~OCTOBER 18

#### QUITO/LIMA

Return to Baltra Island and transfer to the airport for your flight to Quito, where you bid the rest of the group returning to the USA good-bye, and prepare for your next adventure. Your flight takes you to Lima, where you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Overnight at the ATTON SAN ISIDRO HOTEL. (B)  
[www.sanisidro.atton.com/](http://www.sanisidro.atton.com/)



### DAY 11~ MONDAY ~ OCTOBER 19

#### LIMA

Discover Lima, Peru's ancient capital, on a guided tour. Visit the Cathedral and then continue to the 16<sup>th</sup> century San Francisco Monastery and the Larco Herrera Museum. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to rest or explore the city. Overnight at the ATTON SAN ISIDRO HOTEL. (B,L)

### DAY 12~TUESDAY~OCTOBER 20

#### LIMA/CUSCO/URUBAMBA VALLEY~ PISAC MARKET



Fly to Cusco, where upon arrival you'll board your bus to Yucay, which is located in the heart of the Urubamba Valley, the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Visit Pisac, where a vital Inca road once snaked its way up the canyon that enters the town. The citadel, at the entrance to this gorge, now in ruins, controlled a route that connected the Inca Empire with Paucartambo, on the border of the eastern jungles. The stonework and panoramas at Pisac's Inca citadel are magnificent with terraces, water ducts, and steps cut out of solid rock, and the main Sun Temple, which is considered equal to anything at Machu Picchu. Above the temple lie still more ruins, mostly unexcavated, and among the higher crevices and rocky overhangs several ancient burial sites are hidden. Pisac also offers a very colorful "Market Day" every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday where you can purchase handicrafts, jewelry, leather,

woolens and ponchos, carpets, and alpaca products.

Overnight at ARANWA VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS. (B,L)  
[www.aranwahotels.com/en/sacred-valley/](http://www.aranwahotels.com/en/sacred-valley/)

### DAY 13~WEDNESDAY~OCTOBER 21

#### URUBAMBA VALLEY~OLLANTAYTAMBO

Explore Ollantaytambo, one of the few places where the Spaniards lost a major battle during the conquest. Ollantaytambo is a massive citadel that served as both a temple and a fortress. The stone used for these buildings was quarried from the mountainside three miles away and high above the opposite bank of the Rio Urubamba – transporting the blocks from the quarry to the site was a stupendous feat, and as of yet, no one has been able to establish how it was accomplished. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the fabulous facilities of your hotel or sightsee on your own.

Overnight at ARANWA VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS. (B,L)



## DAY 14~THURSDAY~OCTOBER 22

### MACHU PICCHU

Depart on one of South America's most scenic rail trips from Ollanta Station to the legendary "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu, which straddles a high ridge, with sheer cliffs on three sides, and the Urubamba River curves around it and fills the canyon with its roar. In all directions, there are the Andean peaks covered in jungle green, a spectacular setting for these ancient ruins. No one knows what happened to this civilization and why this city mysteriously disappeared, adding to the allure and spirituality of this incredible World Heritage Site. Your lodge for the night is surrounded by spectacular cloud forest and considered to be a genetic bank due to its wealth of biodiversity. Explore the orchid trail on the hotel grounds, the world's largest native species orchid garden, with 372 species of native orchids. In



addition, 154 bird species, 108 butterfly species, more than 200 species of trees, and a great variety of reptiles and mammals, including two spectacled, or Andean, bears, have been seen. The hotel offers activities that promote contact with nature and the local culture and offers projects for researching and conserving the local flora and fauna in cooperation with prestigious international institutions.

Overnight at the INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU HOTEL. (B,L,D) [www.inkaterra.com/en/machu-picchu](http://www.inkaterra.com/en/machu-picchu)

## DAY 15~FRIDAY~OCTOBER 23

### MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO

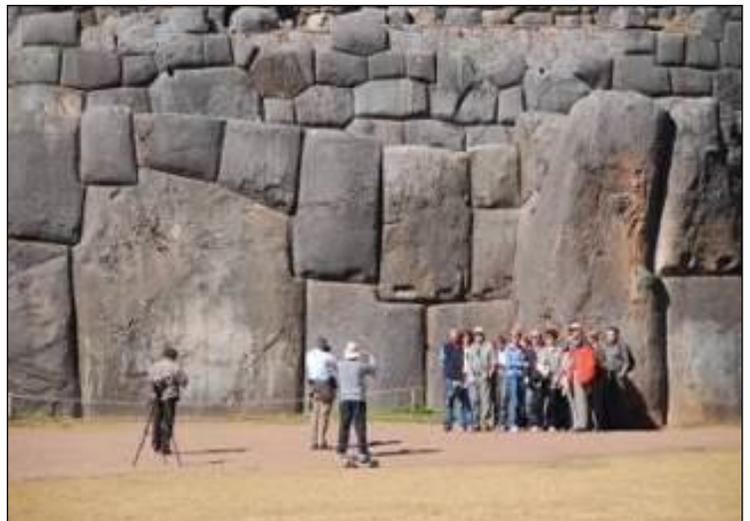
Another chance this morning to return to Machu Picchu and continue exploring the city. As you enter the citadel early there will be wonderful opportunities to take photographs. In the afternoon, return to Cusco via rail, which takes approximately three and a half hours. Upon check-in at your hotel, the evening is at leisure.

Overnight at the ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL. (B,L) [www.aranwahotels.com](http://www.aranwahotels.com)

## DAY 16~SATURDAY~OCTOBER 24

### CUSCO

Enjoy a guided tour of Cusco, including the Colonial Cathedral, which contains more than 400 paintings from the Cusqueña School, beautiful cedar wood carvings such as the choir and the pulpit, as well as some objects made of silver. Continue to Korikancha (Sun Temple), known today as Santo Domingo Church. During the Incan period, the stones of this temple were covered with gold. Your city tour ends with your visit to the gigantic Inca fortress of Sacsayhuamán. The Incas told the Spaniards that they weren't the ones who built Sacsayhuamán, that rather "the giants" had built it. In their mythology there were huge people living in the Cuzco area, and they carried the huge stone blocks and put them together.



The city of Cuzco was built in the shape of a puma, a holy animal in the Inca beliefs. The head of the puma was actually Sacsayhuamán. Sacsayhuamán was a massive fortress of the Incas capable of accommodating 5,000 fighters. Today the complex is in ruins, but we know from chronicles and word-of-mouth from local Quechuans that it was once bigger, higher, and it even had towers. Your afternoon is at leisure.

Overnight at the ARANWA CUSCO BOUTIQUE HOTEL. (B,D)

**DAY 17~SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 25**

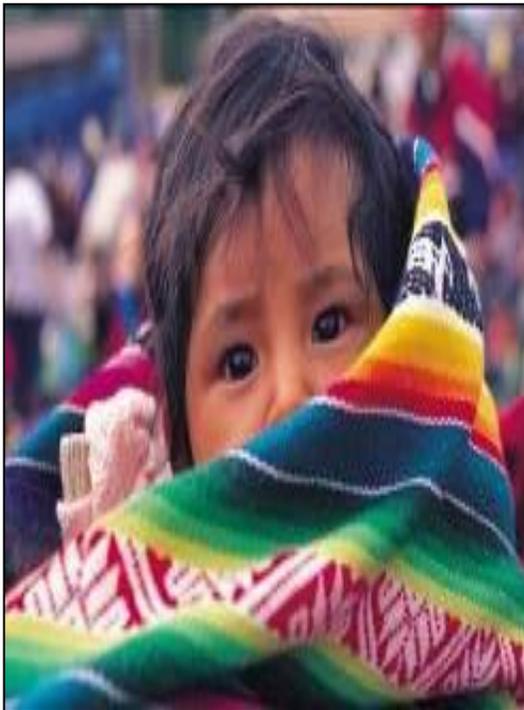
**CUSCO/LIMA/EN ROUTE**

Your flight this morning returns you to Lima where the rest of your day is at leisure. A day room is reserved for you at the COSTA DEL SOL WYNDHAM LIMA AIRPORT to relax before your evening flight back home (*currently UA#855 departs at 12:35am-October 26*). (B)

**DAY 18~MONDAY~ OCTOBER 26**

**HOUSTON/SAN DIEGO**

Arrive Houston this morning and connect with your flight home, having just experienced a unique world, one that combines the thrill of ancient civilizations with amazing natural history.



## INCLUSIONS

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- Flights between Quito/Galápagos/Quito on the main trip.
- Flight between Quito and Lima on the post-tour extension.
- Flights between Lima/Cusco/Lima on the post-tour extension.
- Superior and best available accommodations at hotels and cruise ship in Ecuador.
- American breakfast in Quito and Lima on the extension. All meals while on the Galápagos cruise. All other meals as specified in the itinerary.
- 5-Days/4-Nights Cruise to the Galápagos Islands on the *M/Y Isabela II* with all meals included. Naturalist guide provided aboard the ship. Accommodations are in double, air-conditioned cabins (*classic cabins*), with private facilities. Single cabins on board *Isabela II* are limited.
- A San Diego Zoo host, will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main tour and 10 travelers on the post-tour extension.
- Tips to guides, crew, staff and other conveyance attendants on both the main trip and the post-tour extension.
- Expert local guides throughout.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Round-trip flights from San Diego to Ecuador, including departure taxes and fuel surcharges (quoted separately).
- Cost of passport.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals, other than specified and all beverages.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal, trip cancellation, accident, and baggage insurance.
- Any cost not specifically included in the listing above.
- \$25 Airport Departure Tax from Ecuador.
- \$100 Ecuadorian Park Tax in the Galápagos, to be collected prior to departure from the USA.
- \$20 Galápagos Islands Entrance Card Fee, to be paid upon arrival in the Galápagos.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
THE ISLANDS VISITED ARE DETERMINED BY  
THE ECUADORIAN PARK SERVICES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.**



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ECUADOR, THE GALÁPAGOS & PERU

### Mainland Ecuador

- Quito is located at an altitude of close to 9,000 feet and may present acclimatization problems for individuals. Many of the visits to volcanoes and the countryside are also at higher altitudes.
- Guayaquil is at sea level but has a high degree of humidity.

### Galápagos Islands

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of vehicles and boats/pangas unassisted. Bear in mind that some landings are wet, and others are dry, so you need to be able to get in and out of the boats easily enough and proper footwear is essential.
- You should also be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time. The islands are volcanic and the ground in many cases is jagged and uneven. You should have good stability as falling can cause injury.



### Mainland Peru

- Lima is at sea level but has a high degree of humidity at times.
- Urubamba, Machu Picchu, and Cusco are located at very high altitudes, ranging between 8,000 and 11,150 feet above sea level, and may present acclimatization problems for individuals. Many of the visits to volcanoes and the countryside are also at higher altitudes.

### General

- To enjoy this program to its fullest, travelers must be in good physical condition and consult with a medical professional should there be any respiratory ailments.
- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries, and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home.
- Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities nearby.



### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start & end city for the main program is Quito. The extension returns from Lima, Peru.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*

# YOUR GALÁPAGOS VESSEL ~ M/Y ISABELA II



The 1,083-ton yacht has accommodations for 40 passengers in 20 comfortable outside twin cabins, all with private shower and toilet. Spacious cabins have plenty of room for storing belongings. Four cabins have double beds for either single or double occupancy. Its three public decks include a large salon/bar area, ample sun deck, spacious dining room, and a separate reading and game room. The

highly trained crew of 27 includes three multilingual naturalist guides, who lead smaller groups for Galápagos island visits.

## Amenities & Services

### **Cabins:**

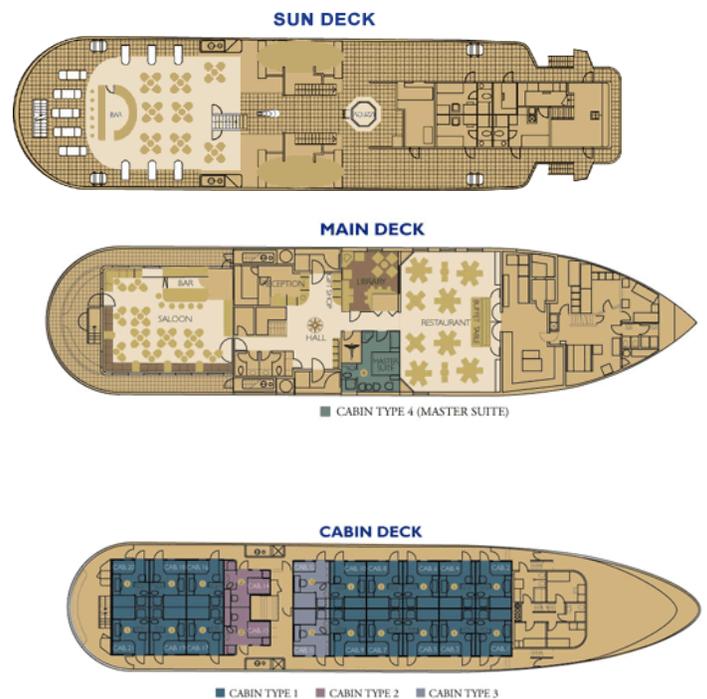
- Safety deposit boxes
- Hair dryers

### **Aquatic Activities:**

- Wetsuits for snorkeling in cooler waters
- Sea kayaks

### **Services:**

- Bar, lounge, boutique
- Gift shop
- Radio, telephone, email, and Fax communications
- PA System
- Snorkeling equipment
- Multimedia natural history lectures
- Stargazing program
- Digital camera and underwater housing
- Glass bottom boat
- Jacuzzi
- Reading room & Natural History Library
- Air conditioned throughout





## GALÁPAGOS AIR LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS ON AVIANCA, TAME & LATAM FLIGHTS

**It is of vital importance that all guests traveling to the Galápagos Islands strictly adhere to the luggage limits and regulations as stipulated below.**

<p><b>LUGGAGE WEIGHT LIMIT &amp; DIMENSIONS PER PERSON</b></p> <p>Soft-sided bags with wheels or frames are preferred to those with hard shells. This makes it easier to stow beneath the beds and also to transport in vehicles.</p>	<p>Only one checked bag is permitted, per person. No single piece of checked baggage may weigh more than 50 lbs. The total dimension of each checked bag must not exceed 62 inches.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>CARRYONS</b></p>	<p>One piece of baggage, must not exceed (21 inches in height x 13.7 inches length x 9.8 inches width), with a weight of 17 lbs. in economy and 35 lbs. in premium/business class.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>ONE PERSONAL ITEM: PURSE OR LAPTOP</b></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

**Keep in mind that if you exceed the standard weight or number of pieces of luggage allowed for your trip, excess luggage charges will apply---see chart below---currently and are subject to change.**

	First item of luggage	Second item	Third item and every item thereafter	+ Excess weight between 23 - 32 kg.	+ Excess weight between 32 - 45 kg.	+ Oversized
Up to 3 hours before your flight.	USD 10	USD 20	USD 70	USD 10	USD 20	USD 22
Less than 3 hours before your flight.	USD 20	USD 30	USD 70	USD 10	USD 20	USD 22

**ASSISTANCE WITH BAGGAGE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THE GALÁPAGOS**

Should guests be travelling with the incorrect luggage and require assistance with storage, there is a storage facility at Guayaquil's airport. This service is open 24/7, and the charge is \$7 per bag/per day.



## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** QUITO, OTAVALO, 4-NIGHT CRUISE TO THE GALÁPAGOS' ISLANDS ABOARD THE M/Y ISABELA II, FINCH BAY HOTEL. OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO PERU, INCLUDING LIMA, THE SACRED VALLEY, MACHU PICCHU, AND CUSCO.

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL

**ESCORTED BY:** AN ESCORT FROM SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL

**DATES:** OCTOBER 9 TO 19, 2020

<b>COSTS:</b> PRICES ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	<b>MAIN PROGRAM</b>	<b>POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO PERU</b>
LAND ONLY BASED ON CLASSIC TWIN CABINS	\$7,995 PER PERSON	\$5,495 PER PERSON, INCLUDING FLIGHTS TO LIMA/CUSCO/LIMA
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$4,795 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$1,495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM SAN DIEGO, INCLUDING TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES**	\$1,590 PER PERSON	N/A

\* SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS ARE VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES AND FUEL SURCHARGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. **THE SPECIAL RATES NEGOTIATED BY CLASSIC ESCAPES ARE NOT UPGRADABLE.**





# CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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## REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd, Woodside, NY 11377, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: Classic Escapes Inc., 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

## PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$1,500 per person for the main trip and \$1,000 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days before departure (July 6, 2020) and you will receive a final invoice. **Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.**

**RATES:** All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 9, 2019. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 24 passengers, including San Diego Zoo escort). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; meals other than specified; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to drivers, guides and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage, and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms are booked, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost). The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single-room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges, and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges, and tented camps, as well as entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary, are included. Tips to drivers and guides are NOT included.

## CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 6, 2020, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$500 nonrefundable deposit given to overseas suppliers.
- July 7 to July 26 2020, deposit will be forfeited.
- July 27 to August 5, 2020, less 75% of tour cost

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a cost of \$150 per person, subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.



## DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** It is the guest's responsibility to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff, and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas. Visa information will be forwarded upon receipt of reservation.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## TRANSPORTATION

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip, economy-class flights via **UNITED AIRLINES** and/or other IATAN carriers are between SAN DIEGO and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES:** Please note the amount of departure tax and fuel surcharges reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For **UNITED AIRLINES**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in, based on availability, and it is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** Your program is based on air through **UNITED AIRLINES**. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.oneworld.com/member-airlines/overview>. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Round-trip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**BAGGAGE:** International flights from the U.S. allow one piece of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However, we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. **The baggage limit on domestic flights is one piece at 50 lbs. per person (plus a carryon bag).** Also, the size and the structure of the bag are limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL BAGGAGE INSURANCE POLICY.**

## TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at the time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**ESCORT:** Group will be accompanied by a San Diego Zoo escort, with a minimum of 10 passengers, on both the main trip and extensions.



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, though, or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price, or other details, and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal, or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government, or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may, at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself, at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking, and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking, and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers, without payment or permission of the guest(s). We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules, it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, and in fact is obliged, to occasionally change routes and camps on tours as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields, and in wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund, either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge, the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or number of changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms under which you agree to take this tour cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. This insurance should include coverage in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip; emergency evacuation expenses; medical expenses; repatriation expenses; and damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees, and agents, will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and they may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance coverage. **You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium.**

The San Diego Zoo provides emergency medical and evacuation insurance at no cost. Optional insurance information will accompany your confirmation of deposit. **It is important that you purchase insurance within 14 days from the date of your confirmation of deposit issuance in order to waive preexisting conditions.**

Ecuador & the Galápagos Islands  
October 9 to 19, 2020  
Post-Tour Extension to Peru, October 18 to 26, 2020  
Sponsored by the San Diego Zoo's WorldWild Tours Program

**RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

*Please read the following very carefully. As a condition of travel, we must have an initialed and signed copy of this liability release form for each traveler prior to departure. Please initial and sign the release form and return it to Classic Escapes, keeping a copy for your records. Each participant must sign this statement, and parents must sign for their minor children.*

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I have read the schedule of activities and other information in the brochure for the Ecuador & Galápagos Islands trip, and I recognize and accept all risks thereof. I am aware that some aspects of this tour may not be appropriate for travelers with health concerns or disabilities. Individual countries have their own standards of accessibility for travelers with disabilities. I am aware that during the expedition I am participating in under the arrangements of the San Diego Zoo and its agents or associates, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to the hazards of traveling over rugged terrain, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities or availability of timely medical response, the forces of nature, unpredictable wild animals, and travel by air, train, boat, automobile, or other conveyances. I am aware that the activities described in this paragraph are hazardous activities. I am voluntarily participating in these hazardous activities with knowledge of the danger involved, and I hereby agree to accept and assume any and all risk of injury or death, and verify this statement by placing my initials here:

Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Photography: The San Diego Zoo reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photography or film taken on the tour and of tour participants by our accompanying San Diego Zoo representative, without payment or permission of guest(s). No photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

As consideration for being permitted by the San Diego Zoo or any of its affiliated organizations to participate in these activities and use its facilities and equipment, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of the Zoo or any of its affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described in this document, or from the willful or negligent acts or omissions of any transportation supplier, hotel operator or other supplier hereunder. I have, and do assume, all the risk of the activities described in this document and will hold the San Diego Zoo harmless from any and all actions, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever that I or my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or which may arise out of, or in conjunction with, my trip or participation in any activities arranged for me by the Zoo and its agents and associates.

I have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the San Diego Zoo and/or its affiliated organizations, and I sign it of my own free will. I have read, understand, and agree to all portions of the brochure, specifically those portions pertaining to terms and conditions, including the policy on cancellations and refunds, and I certify that I have consulted my physician and I do not have any mental or physical condition that would create a hazard for myself or other passengers. I recognize that the Zoo acts only as a conduit between the expedition participants and Classic Escapes and has no other responsibility, contractual or otherwise, to anyone in connection with this tour.

**Note: As a condition of travel, each participant must initial the sections above and sign this statement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name- Passenger 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name- Passenger 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Reminder Invoice with balance due		
Paid-in-Full Invoice		
Final Documents: species list, journal, and final booklet		

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESERVATION FORM:**

**SAN DIEGO ZOO GLOBAL ~ GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,500 per person, plus \$1,000 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Adventure to the Galápagos Islands departing on October 9, 2020. Cost is \$7,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from San Diego is \$1,590, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Currently, subject to change).

Final payment due date is: **July 6, 2020.**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy, and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.**

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, we would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the San Diego Zoo Global or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Nonsmoker
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of \$5,495 per person.
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
  - \$4,795 for the main trip
  - \$1,495 for the post extension

- Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights via UNITED AIRLINES from San Diego.
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.  
Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class-business/first-exists)

Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window  Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf; however, this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.*

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of December 20, 2018, and are subject to change. Cancellation charges are levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference.)



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### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

**(Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of December 20, 2018, and are subject to change. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 6, 2020, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$500 nonrefundable deposit given to overseas suppliers.
- July 7 to July 26 2020, deposit will be forfeited.
- July 27 to August 5, 2020, less 75% of tour cost on both the main trip and either extension.
- After August 5, 2020, no refund is due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires a photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.