Santa Cruz aboard July 7–15, 2014

Galápagos Family Adventure Aboard Santa Cruz

Smith College
Dear Smith Alumnae,

The Galápagos Islands are a paradise of diverse landscapes, vibrant sea life, and an amazing array of wildlife species, many of which are found only in the Galápagos. Most of the animals have never learned fear of humans, enabling incredible up-close encounters to safely take place. In addition, the sandy beaches, plentiful sea turtles, playful sea lions, and rocky reefs also offer some of the most unforgettable snorkeling and swimming experiences in the world.

This family adventure is enriched by a team of youth coordinators, naturalists, and guides who are passionate about their work and will eagerly share their diverse knowledge. Throughout the cruise, the team of youth leaders will conduct fun-filled, interactive learning activities for children of all ages, and expert naturalists will lead excursions the entire family will enjoy.

As an option, you can cap off your family adventure high in the Andes Mountains with a five-night pre-tour extension to Machu Picchu, Peru, the incomparable lost city of the Incas.

Smith travelers will share this memorable journey with travelers from Harvard University and The American Museum of Natural History. If you have any questions, or wish to make a reservation, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or go to http://alumnae.smith.edu/travel.

Best regards,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations
**Study Leader**

**ROBERT DORIT** is Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Smith College. A graduate of Stanford University and Harvard University, he was on the faculty at Yale University for a decade before coming to Smith College in 2001. His work focuses on the development of novel approaches to antibiotic design and on the experimental evolution of new molecular functions. At Smith, he teaches courses in genetics, antibiotic resistance, molecular evolution, bioinformatics, and the biology and policy of breast cancer; he is also the cofounder of the Concentration in Biomathematics at Smith. In addition to his specialized publications, he also writes a regular column for American Scientist.

Professor Dorit has led a large number of trips over the years, principally in East and Southern Africa, Costa Rica and Tahiti. This is his second trip as a leader to the Galápagos.
Itinerary

Monday July 7
QUITO, ECUADOR
Depart U.S. and fly to Quito. Transfer to the Hilton Colon and meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. HILTON COLON (D)

Tuesday July 8
QUITO
Central Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the largest and best-preserved colonial quarter in South America. After a morning orientation and sightseeing tour, including Independence Plaza, flanked by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building, and the Archbishop’s Palace, continue to the 16th-century Monastery of San Francisco, one of the great religious buildings of the New World. Also venture north of town to the “Middle of the World” monument, located directly on the equator, and stand with one foot in each hemisphere. HILTON COLON (B,L,D)

Wednesday July 9
BALTRA & NORTH SEYMOUR ISLANDS, GALÁPAGOS
Fly to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Upon arrival, board Santa Cruz, your home for the next five nights. Cruise to North Seymour Island, one of the few islands in the Galápagos uplifted from the ocean bed. Its pristine sandy shores teem with sea lions and marine iguanas. In the interior of the island, visit colonies of blue-footed boobies, magnificent frigate birds, and swallow-tailed gulls. SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)

Thursday July 10
ISABELA/ FERNANDINA ISLANDS
This morning, snorkel with sea turtles along the cliffs of the partially submerged Ecuador Volcano on the northern tip of Isabela Island. Explore the coast by dinghy as naturalists discuss the dramatic geology of the area. Continue to Fernandina, the youngest island of the group, to walk among the hundreds of marine iguanas on black lava rocks. Also, see the curious flightless cormorants, penguins, pelicans, sea lions and beautiful mangrove forests. SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)

post-tour extension to
MACHU PICCHU
JULY 15–20
Explore Peru’s dazzling natural beauty, rich cultural traditions and intriguing history of empire in this journey to the heart of the Incan world. Begin in Cuzco to explore the Inca fortresses, temples and shrines of Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo, and the highlight of our adventure—Machu Picchu—the legendary Inca city buried under the jungle and undiscovered for centuries. A stay at the family friendly Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel allows unparalleled intimacy with this amazing site, with special access before and after the daily tourists visit.

Cost: $3,690 per person, sharing • $990 single supplement
$760 approximate on-tour air (Quito/Cuzco, Cuzco/Lima)
Friday July 11

**ISABELA ISLAND**
Isabela, the largest island in the Galápagos, is comprised of six volcanic peaks fused together. Disembark at the natural harbor of Tagus Cove for a hike to Darwin Crater and take in spectacular views of the islands. Sail to nearby Urbina Bay and land on a dark volcanic sand beach. See colorful land iguanas in their ideal nesting grounds, giant tortoises, Darwin’s finches, and the bay’s uplifted coral reef. **SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)**

Saturday July 12

**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND**
Call at the town of Puerto Ayora to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Here, an international team of over 100 scientists, educators, volunteers, research students, and support staff conduct scientific research and environmental education year-round. See the station’s giant tortoises before they are released to the wild. This afternoon, choose from kayaking along the island’s shore, mountain biking to the highlands, bird watching, or simply relaxing together aboard **Santa Cruz. SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)**

Sunday July 13

**FLOREANA ISLAND**
Named for the informal postal service set up by 18th-century whalers, Post Office Bay is a haven for sea turtles and Galápagos penguins. Also visit the secluded lagoon at Punta Cormorant, inhabited by bright pink flamingos and nesting herons, and Champion Islet for premiere snorkeling and a chance at spotting the elusive Floreana Mockingbird. **SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)**

Monday July 14

**BALTRA ISLAND/GUAYAQUIL**
Return to Baltra for a flight to Guayaquil. Enjoy free time before a finale dinner at the hotel. **HILTON COLON (B,L,D)**

Tuesday July 15

**GUAYAQUIL/HOME**
Transfer to the airport for flights home to the U.S. (B)
M/V Santa Cruz

Ideal for cruising the Galápagos, Santa Cruz carries 90 passengers in comfortable, air-conditioned cabins that can house families of all sizes. The ship features sun decks, a lounge, a large dining room that accommodates all passengers in a single seating, a library/reading room, observations decks, and a hot tub. Zodiacs land small groups directly on the islands, and snorkeling equipment is provided for passengers.

PRICING, per person

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Single Standard Cabin: $11,590
Reduction for children age 18 and younger: $500
Reduction for a third child in a triple (not combinable): $2,000

AIRFARE

International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare New York to Quito and Guayaquil to New York is approximately $905 as of August 2013 and is subject to change without notice.
**General Information**

**Program Rates Include**
All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Five nights aboard the Santa Cruz • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Galápagos National Park fee • Full program of briefings, lectures, presentations and youth activities • Group arrival and departure transfers by motorcoach for travelers on recommended flights • Baggage handling • Gratuities to Galápagos naturalists, youth coordinators, shipboard personnel, porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager and youth coordinator

**Program Rates Do Not Include**
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Roundtrip Quito / Baltra / Guayaquil air fare of approximately $486 • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

**What to Expect**
While the Galápagos Islands straddle the equator, ocean breezes can temper the daytime heat and keep the nights cool. In July, daytime temperatures are usually in the high 70s to high 80s. All participants should be in good health, capable of walking over sometimes uneven terrain, and be able to get on and off the inflatable Zodiac boats on shore. Participants with medical issues and/or dietary restrictions must make them known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed prior to booking.

**Group Size**
This program is limited to 80 participants, including travelers from Harvard University and The American Museum of Natural History.

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**Terms & Conditions**

**Trip Protection Plan**
A trip protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, Smith Travel will send you information on this policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage, and medical evacuation.

**Reservations & Deposits**
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your $1,000 per person deposit to: Smith Travel, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063, or fax to (413) 585-2015. Balance of payment is due March 10, 2014. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Smith College. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due March 10, 2014 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Smith College or our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of the program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Neither Smith College nor Criterion Travel, Inc., the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour. Due to fluctuations in oil prices, a fuel surcharge may be added to your tour fee. Details and costs will be advised prior to your departure.

**Itinerary Changes**
The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Smith Travel and Criterion Travel (the tour operator). Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Smith Travel and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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**Contact Information**

**Name #1 (as on passport)**

**Name #2 (as on passport)**

**Street Address**

**City/State**

**ZIP/Postal Code**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Fax**

**E-mail**

**Payment**
- Enclosed is my check for $ ____________ ($1,000 per person), to reserve ____________ place(s) on the Smith Travel program Galápagos Family Adventure.
- Please charge the deposit to my: VISA MC AMEX

**Name of Cardholder**

**Card #**

**Cardholder Signature**

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**Accommodations**

Cabin category preference:

- TST
- TQD
- TW

**Single Travelers**

1. Bed preference in hotel (not guaranteed): TQD/KBQD TW
2. Bed preference on ship: TW/TW
3. I'd like to know about roommates. I am a: SMOKER NON-SMOKER

**Signature**

**Date**

**California Seller of Travel Program CST #2088800-40**
Highlights

**Spend five nights aboard the Santa Cruz, a ship built exclusively for operation in the Galápagos**

**Snorkel and kayak among playful and curious sea lions**

**Marvel at wildlife such as tortoises, iguanas, penguins, blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, and many more.**

**Enjoy specially designed youth activities, such as stargazing, treasure hunts, and expedition journals**