VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY:

Wonders of the

Galápagos Islands

aboard the M.V. SANTA CRUZ

February 7 to 15, 2014
Dear Wesleyan Alumni, Parents and Friends,

“The natural history of this archipelago is very remarkable…the greater number of its inhabitants, both vegetable and animal, being found nowhere else.” Charles Darwin’s keen, yet simple, observation of the Galápagos Islands made famous this “living laboratory of evolution.” Today, 95 percent of its natural biodiversity, first seen when a Spanish ship drifted off course in 1535, is still intact. This UNESCO World Heritage site is home to the amazing exotic birds, animals and plants that inspired Darwin, and it continues to offer the excitement of its original discovery to every visitor today.

Join us for an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime journey featuring three nights in Quito and four nights aboard the state-of-the-art exploration vessel M.V. SANTA CRUZ. Designed specifically to navigate the Galápagos Islands, this small ship is fully equipped with everything necessary for a comprehensive Galápagos experience, from complimentary snorkeling gear to a fleet of Zodiacs and a glass-bottom Boston Whaler. The highly qualified certified Ecuadorian naturalists lead you in small groups on each specially designed excursion and share their knowledge to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this fascinating and mysterious natural realm.

These 19 islands, each with its own ecosystem, are teeming with flora and fauna and species unknown elsewhere in the world, like the flightless cormorant and the marine iguana. With few natural predators on the islands, the abundant wildlife is nearly fearless and innocently receptive to human company up-close, unlike any other place on our planet! Here, you can almost touch spiny-backed iguanas and snorkel alongside playful seals and tropical penguins.

On mainland Ecuador, explore the magnificent colonial churches of Quito and choose an optional excursion to zero degrees latitude to visit the Equatorial Monument and the Ethnographic Museum.

To complement your Galápagos Islands cruise, we are pleased to offer an exclusive Post-Tour Option to experience the marvels of the legendary “lost city” of Machu Picchu and the breathtaking Sacred Valley.

This exceptional travel value includes all accommodations and features an optimal cruising itinerary through the “Islands of Tortoises,” which has been a fast sellout every year. Space is limited, so I encourage you to make your reservations while Early Booking Savings are available.

Warmest regards,

Meg W. Zocco
Director, Alumni and Parent Engagement & Events
Amazingly, this remote volcanic archipelago, consisting of 19 islands and 42 islets located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, inspired one of the most revolutionary theories in the history of science. Formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, these islands’ dramatic landscapes now make a safe home for the quirky finches and primeval iguanas that inspired Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection and evolution, which he presented in *On The Origin of Species* in 1859.

Scientists theorize that most Galápagos species originally floated to the islands from the mainland or were transported by birds or deposited by whalers and buccaneers. Others, like penguins and sea lions, probably arrived by way of the Humboldt Current, a cold stream of ocean water flowing from the southern coast of Chile. This current makes the Galápagos the world’s only tropical region to support such species.

Darwin noted that life in the Galápagos Islands comprises mostly “aboriginal creations, found nowhere else,” which led him to hypothesize that the islands’ species survived by evolving over time independently from their continental cousins. Because natural predators failed to survive—possibly due to the lack of fresh water, which deterred even permanent human settlement until the 20th century—its bevy of birds and animals was able to thrive and adapt in a manner not possible in other habitats. This also explains why Galápagos species never developed a sense of fear and allow the up-close viewing by humans that makes the experience of visiting the islands so thrilling and unique.

**U.S./Quito, Ecuador**

**Friday, Day 1**

Fly to Quito and transfer to the superior first-class HILTON COLÓN HOTEL, ideally located near one of the city’s colorful markets. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, yet only miles from the equator, the city is known for its magnificent Spanish colonial architecture and lively street life.

**Quito**

**Saturday, Day 2**

Quito is a city of startling contrasts, where thousands of years of native South American tradition are interwoven with imported Catholicism, the Spanish language and European culture. Quaint family-owned shops and open-air markets are steps away from gleaming skyscrapers and ornate

Cover photo: *Although it is unusual to see the unique blue-footed and red-footed boobies together, colonies of each nest along the rocky shores of the Galápagos Islands.*

Photo this page: *Marine iguanas bask in the afternoon sun in the company of Sally Lightfoot crabs.*

Photo above: *Look for spiny red starfish and sea turtles from the comfort of a glass-bottom boat.*
Spanish Baroque-style cathedrals favored by the Conquistadors. On the city tour, visit the Museo Nacional del Banco Central’s Archaeological Gallery and Golden Court and the noble, 16th-century Church of San Francisco. Continue to the heart of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the Moorish-influenced Catedral Metropolitana and La Compañía de Jesus, renowned for its lavish interiors decorated with an estimated seven tons of gold leaf.

This evening, attend a private Welcome Reception in the hotel.

**Quito**

**Sunday, Day 3**

Spend the day at leisure in Quito or join an optional excursion to the Equatorial Monument at zero degrees latitude. Stand with one foot in each hemisphere in the “middle of the world,” where an 18th-century multinational expedition located the equator and established for the first time an accurate measurement of the earth’s size. Step inside the hundred-foot-tall pyramid monument to this endeavor and tour the Ethnographic Museum, ten levels of exhibits illustrating the diversity of Ecuador’s indigenous peoples. Afterward, enjoy lunch in a restaurant with a view of the vast Pululahua volcanic crater.

**Quito/Baltra, Galápagos Islands/Santa Cruz**

**Monday, Day 4**

Fly to the small Galápagos island of Baltra. Embark the M.V. SANTA CRUZ in time for lunch, followed by your first briefing by the English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists.

On Bartolomé Island, see the famous Pinnacle Rock and watch reef sharks and skates swimming in the crystal clear water.

Santa Cruz Island’s alluring white beaches, giant prickly pear cactus forests, vibrantly colored flamingos and prehistoric-looking iguanas make it an ideal introduction to the archipelago. Cruise aboard Zodiaks along beautiful mangrove-lined islets and seek out blue- and red-footed boobies, great frigate birds and brown pelicans. Make a landing in the surf at Las Bachas Beach, and explore a small lagoon favored by elegant wading birds, including black-necked stilts and golden eagles. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Please note that the M.V. SANTA CRUZ’s specific itinerary and cruise pattern is dependent on weather, sea conditions and Galápagos National Park Service regulations.

**Santiago**

**Tuesday, Day 5**

Enjoy the scenic beauty of Santiago Island’s Buccaneer Cove surrounded by dramatic...
volcanic cliffs where hundreds of sea birds perch. Go ashore for a closer look at wildlife, much like the British pirates, sailors and whalers did in the 18th and 19th centuries while using this protected harbor as a safe haven, making repairs and gathering salt, fresh water and firewood.

Later, in Puerto Egas at low tide, walk beside the best tide pools in the Galápagos. Look for land iguanas and marine iguanas—the world’s only seagoing iguanas—grazing on algae beds along the rocky shore. Nearby, observe fur seals and sea lions swimming in the grotto’s turquoise pools.

Rábida/Bartolomé
Wednesday, Day 6
Make a wet landing on the mesmerizing red sands of Rábida Island. Walk among sea lions and marine iguanas and see a variety of birds, including mockingbirds, yellow warblers and nine species of Darwin’s legendary finches. Continue inland to the island’s unique saltwater pond to search for its famous bright pink flamingos.

This afternoon, make a dry landing on the tiny isle of Bartolomé. From the top of Cerro Bartolomé enjoy unsurpassed views of lunar-like craters, mangroves and lava formations. Particularly impressive is Pinnacle Rock, a jagged tower of honeycombed stone that extends 225 feet into the air. Below, the island’s pristine beaches and sparkling clear water are ideal for swimming and watching the antics of tropical penguins. Also, look for dolphins, manta rays and an abundance of colorful sea creatures from the comfort of a glass-bottom boat.

Genovesa
Thursday, Day 7
The remote northern island of Genovesa offers unforgettable bird-watching in the archipelago and is home to the world’s largest colony of red-footed boobies. Following a dry landing at Prince Phillip’s Steps, walk up to a broad lava flow overlooking the sea, one of the best places to see the masked faces of Nazca boobies and flurries of tiny storm petrels swirling above.

Cruise into Darwin Bay, inhabited by fur seals, hammerhead sharks and swallow-tailed gulls, and make a wet landing for a more leisurely stroll on a coral beach. Among the prickly pear cacti, saltbush and red mangroves, look for magnificent frigate birds, yellow-crowned night herons and four types of Darwin’s finches. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

San Cristóbal/Guayaquil, Ecuador
Friday, Day 8
Arrive this morning at San Cristóbal, where Darwin first landed in 1835, and view the giant tortoises—the largest in the world—at the Cerro Colorado breeding station.

In 1570, the islands were named “galápagos,” meaning tortoise, based on sailors’ descriptions of their inhabitants.

These remarkable creatures, while reaching weights of up to 900 pounds, are born with soft shells vulnerable to invasive nonnative species. The station protects the young tortoises until they are able to survive in their natural habitat.

Then fly to Guayaquil and check into day rooms in the deluxe Hilton Colón Hotel, with late-evening departure to the U.S., or continue on the Machu Picchu Post-Tour Option.

Guayaquil/U.S.
Saturday, Day 9
Arrive in the U.S.

The Post-Tour Option and Optional Excursion are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
M.V. SANTA CRUZ

The intimacy and personal service of a small cruise ship experience are the hallmarks of travel aboard the first-class expedition vessel M.V. SANTA CRUZ. It is designed specifically to navigate the Galápagos archipelago’s narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters and provides the most comprehensive access possible to the region’s marine and wildlife treasures. Refurbished in late 2011, the air-conditioned M.V. SANTA CRUZ features only 43 cabins and offers modern amenities and facilities.

A team of multilingual Ecuadorian expert naturalists will share their in-depth insight and knowledge about the Galápagos’ distinctive ecosystem during daily excursions and natural history lectures. The ship provides a Boston Whaler glass-bottom boat to observe marine life, Zodiaks for island landings and excursions and complimentary snorkeling equipment. There is an underwater video camera and hydrophone for listening to dolphins and whales and a stargazing program at night.

Each outside, air-conditioned cabin is tastefully appointed with a window or porthole, private bathroom, safety box and hair dryer.

All meals, featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties, are served in single seatings in the ship’s inviting dining room.

The ship’s public facilities include a lounge, natural history library and reading room with Internet access, bar, boutique, observation platform for dolphin watching, jacuzzi and medical clinic with a full-time physician.

The M.V. SANTA CRUZ’s staff provides professional, attentive service. The ship maintains the highest international safety and environmental standards.
Included Features

In Quito
◆ Three nights in the superior first-class HILTON COLÓN HOTEL.
◆ Full American breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ Tour of Quito’s historic Colonial District, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

On board the M.V. SANTA CRUZ
◆ Four-night cruise from Baltra Island to San Cristóbal Island, with calls at Santa Cruz, Santiago, Rábida, Bartolomé and Genovesa islands.
◆ Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations with private bathroom facilities.
◆ Three meals each day, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Multilingual naturalists will share their in-depth insights and specialized expertise about the Galápagos’ distinctive ecosystem and wildlife on board, on shore and underwater.
◆ Two island excursions each day by Zodiac landing craft, conditions and weather permitting, focusing on the natural history, unique wildlife and conservation efforts in the Galápagos.
◆ Snorkeling equipment and glass-bottom boat for further exploration of the Galápagos’ diverse marine life.

In Guayaquil
◆ One day room in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN HOTEL.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have purchased their international air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions in Quito and transfers.
◆ Galápagos National Park fee.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Small Zodiacs allow for landings on remote island beaches for up-close encounters with the miraculous array of wildlife found ashore, such as these sea lions.
Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience featuring Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas,” the Incan and colonial traditions of Cuzco, and the lush Sacred Valley.

Located high in the Peruvian Andes, Machu Picchu was obscured from humankind for 400 years until Yale Professor Hiram Bingham literally stumbled upon it in 1911. A century of extensive research and study still has not revealed the secrets of its purpose, its residents or its abandonment; nevertheless, this UNESCO World Heritage site has been carefully excavated and preserved.

The rushing Urubamba River flows through the beautiful Sacred Valley, where ancient engineering marvels, such as the fortress of Ollantaytambo, stand as lasting testimony to the powerful and far-reaching Inca empire. Here, village craftsmen employ age-old techniques to weave intricate tapestries and sculpt colorful pottery.

In the historic Incan capital of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Incan stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches provide a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.

Day 1  Guayaquil/Fly to Lima, Peru
Day 2  Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley
Day 3  Sacred Valley/Scenic train ride to Machu Picchu
Day 4  Machu Picchu/Transfer to Cuzco
Day 5  Cuzco
Day 6  Cuzco/Lima
Day 7  Lima/Return to the U.S.

Plaza de Armas is the magnificent center of historic Cuzco.
Land/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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* Singles are available in category 4 at $8995 and category 3 at $9995 on or before July 1, 2013. Add $1000 for reservations made after July 1, 2013. (very limited availability)

** Taxes are an additional $198 per person and are subject to change.

Wonders of the Galápagos Islands Reservation Form

Send to: Wesleyan University Travel Programs
c/o Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-1240
Tel: (800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1140

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

☐ Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
☐ Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
☐ I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category: 1st Choice ____ 2nd Choice ____
☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds).  ☐ Single accommodations.
☐ Double occupancy (one double bed).  ☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
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Please make my/our reservation(s): Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Tour Option
☐ Double at $2795 per person.
☐ Single at $3495 per person.
☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

If I/We want you to book my/our air from

(Use home address or hotel address)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) - Tour No. 099-02/07/14-231

City State Zip Code

Telephone: (Home) (Business) (Mobile)

Email Address

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Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Observe, as Charles Darwin did more than 150 years ago, the distinct creatures indigenous to the Galápagos Islands, like this land iguana.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS: IMPORTANT READ CAREFULLY.

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