VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY:

WONDERS OF THE

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS AND

MACHU PICCHU

featuring the Exclusively Chartered

SANTA CRUZ II

With Colorado College Biology Professor Jim Ebersole

March 15 to 28, 2016

COLORADO COLLEGE
Dear Alumni 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.”

Join us for this incredible, once-in-a-lifetime voyage to experience firsthand why Charles Darwin made this keen yet simple observation of the Galápagos Islands. Today, the archipelago is a UNESCO World Heritage site, with 95 percent of its natural biodiversity still intact. This special, comprehensive itinerary concludes with the marvels of the awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu, the legendary “lost city of the Incas,” a remarkable travel opportunity that few have been able to experience.

Cruise aboard the newly refitted, first-class exploration vessel SANTA CRUZ II, fully equipped to make your Galápagos experience complete, from complimentary snorkeling gear to a fleet of Zodiacs and a glass-bottom boat. Certified onboard naturalists lead excursions 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 vibrant flora, fascinating fauna and species unknown anywhere else in the world. With few natural predators on the islands, the abundant wildlife is nearly fearless and innocently receptive to up-close human company, unlike any other place on our planet! Here, you can almost touch spiny-backed iguanas and snorkel alongside playful seals and tropical penguins.

Continue your journey in Peru, where you will encounter the breathtaking Sacred Valley and the pre-Columbian and colonial heritages of Lima—nicknamed the “City of Kings” by the conquistadors—and Cuzco, the oldest continuously inhabited city of the Western Hemisphere, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.

To complement your Galápagos Islands cruise, we are pleased to offer an exclusive Pre-Program Option on mainland Ecuador to explore Quito and its historic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will also have an opportunity to actually stand on the Equator.

This exceptional travel value features an optimal cruising itinerary through the “Islands of Tortoises,” and includes the mystifying UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu. It sells out quickly every year, so we encourage you to reserve now as space is limited and Early Booking Savings are only available through October 22, 2015.

Happy Travels!

Anita Pariseau
Director of Alumni Relations

Study Leader

As a professor of biology for the past 27 years at Colorado College, Jim Ebersole has most commonly taught on-campus courses in botany, ecology and biostatistics and experimental design. Jim’s research has focused primarily on effects of human use on ecosystems, including arctic vegetation recovery after disturbance from oil exploration and restoration of alpine vegetation damaged by hikers on Colorado’s high peaks. Jim looks forward to exploring the Galápagos Islands with you. And as someone who loves learning about other cultures, past and present, he is eager to share the experience of seeing Machu Picchu and other parts of Ecuador and Peru.
U.S./Guayaquil, Ecuador
Tuesday, March 15
Arrive in Guayaquil and check into the deluxe, centrally located HILTON COLON HOTEL. The city was once a favored haven for English and Dutch buccaneers in the 17th and 18th-centuries; today it is a vibrant, cosmopolitan metropolis with a sparkling promenade along the beautiful Rio Guayas.

Baltra, Galápagos Islands/ North Seymour
Wednesday, March 16
Fly to the small Galápagos island of Baltra. Embark the SANTA CRUZ II in time for lunch. Depart Baltra and attend your first briefing by the English-speaking Ecuadorian naturalists.

En route to diminutive North Seymour, a tiny, sandy-shored isle known for its exceptional whale-watching and home to sea lions and swallow-tailed gulls, observe large colonies of charming blue-footed boobies and magnificent frigate birds, whose males puff up their bright red chests to impress potential mates.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

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

Cruising the Galápagos Islands
Thursday, March 17 to Sunday, March 20
Continue your cruise throughout some of the most beautiful islands of the Galápagos chain.

Seahorse-shaped Isabela is the largest and one of the youngest islands in the Galápagos archipelago, formed by six shield volcanoes, five of which remain active. Cruising through the Bolivar Channel provides stunning views of these volcanic peaks. Blue-footed boobies, Darwin’s finches and penguins inhabit the island’s northern shores. Be on deck for possible sightings of orca whales and dolphins breaching the waters of Tagus Cove. On shore, a short but steep walk leads to Darwin Lake, a saltwater pool within a tuff cone frequented by land birds—ground and tree finches, large-billed flycatchers and sometimes the woodpecker finch, which awed Darwin with its remarkable use of twigs as a tool for feeding.

Observe the unusual results of geologic forces on Isabela at Urbina Bay, where in 1954 a volcanic uplift stranded nearly four miles of coral reef 15 to 20 feet above the water’s surface. On the arid shore, you may encounter the largest land iguanas in the Galápagos as well as giant tortoises and flightless cormorants.

Dominated by the sweeping slopes of La Cumbre Volcano, the moon-like landscapes of Fernandina Island are the habitat of one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in the Galápagos, including the famous flightless cormorant, sea lions, marine iguanas,
pelicans and penguins. Explore how recent volcanic activity has reshaped the island’s topography, creating an ever-changing environment for the Galápagos.

Santa Cruz’s pristine white beaches, prickly pear cacti, vibrantly colored flamingos and prehistoric-looking iguanas make it an essential stop during a cruise around the archipelago. Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station located on the island to learn more about efforts to protect the island’s rare giant tortoises. The island’s cool, lush highlands provide a pleasant change of climate from the drier lowlands and an ideal spot for lunch amidst mist-covered forests. Swim in the clear blue waters of secluded Tortuga Bay, home to black turtles, colorful reef fish, marine iguanas and lava gulls. Walk through the island’s trails or simply stroll along the sparkling white sandy beaches, the perfect avenues to experience Santa Cruz.

Floreana was one of the first islands in the archipelago to be settled by buccaneers and whalers. The brackish lagoons and mangroves near Punta Cormorant are famous for the flamingos and pelicans that congregate here. A snorkel or cruise via Zodiac in the clear waters surrounding pristine Champion Islet offers encounters with sea horses, sea turtles, sea lions, coral hawkfish and other aquatic wonders. Scan the skies and shorelines for possible sightings of the endemic Floreana Mockingbird, common to the islands when Darwin visited, but critically endangered today.

Baltra/Guayaquil/Lima, Peru

Monday, March 21

This morning, disembark the ship in Baltra and transfer to the airport to fly to Lima, Peru, an oasis in the midst of the coastal desert that separates the mighty Andes Mountains from the azure waters of the Pacific Ocean. On arrival, check into the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION HOTEL.

Lima
Tuesday, March 22

The Peruvian capital of Lima was nicknamed the “City of Kings” by the conquistadors when they landed here in the 16th century, and it reigned as the most important South American city during the Spanish empire.

Tour Lima’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the city’s oldest colonial mansion—Casa Aliaga, still inhabited today by the descendants of the Spanish settler who built it in 1535 and showcasing nearly five centuries of preserved furnishings and stately decor. In the city’s upscale Miraflores district, visit the fifth-century Huaca Pucllana, an adobe ceremonial pyramid.

Take photographs of a lifetime during up-close Galápagos wildlife encounters.
Observe the distinct creatures indigenous to the Galápagos Islands, like this land iguana, the same way Charles Darwin did more than 150 years ago.

Lima/Cuzco/Urubamba Valley
Wednesday, March 23
After breakfast, fly from Lima to Cuzco and travel into Urubamba Valley, a verdant stretch of ancient ruins and small villages amidst the Peruvian Andes. In the historic town of Chinchero, where residents still speak the Quechua language of the Inca, encounter the centuries-old culture of the “Sacred Valley” in the local market and the Traditional Textile Center, where artisans carry on centuries-old weaving practices. This afternoon, check into the deluxe SONESTA POSADA DEL INCA, where dinner is included later this evening.

Urubamba Valley/Machu Picchu
Thursday, March 24
After a visit to the monumental 15th-century terraced fortress of Ollantaytambo, enjoy a scenic transfer by rail featuring panoramic views of the Andes en route to the majestic “lost city of the Incas.” The UNESCO World Heritage site of 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. Enjoy lunch amongst the ruins and a tour of this magnificent site. This evening, check into the deluxe INKA TERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL. Dinner in the hotel is included.

Machu Picchu/Cuzco
Friday, March 25
Early this morning, return to Machu Picchu to see the sun rising through the morning mist, an unforgettable experience. This afternoon, transfer by train and motorcoach back to Cuzco, the elevated imperial city of the Incas. Check into the deluxe PALACIO DEL INKA LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, and enjoy an included dinner in the hotel this evening.

Cuzco
Saturday, March 26
A UNESCO World Heritage site, Cuzco is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the Western Hemisphere. Tour the astounding ruins of a vast Inca fortress and visit the Temple of the Sun, an elaborate shrine that blazed with 700 gold-plated walls until the Spanish converted it into the Church of San Domingo. Early this afternoon enjoy a special farewell lunch at a local restaurant.

Cuzco/Lima
Sunday, March 27
This morning fly to Lima and check into a day room in the comfortable COSTA DEL SOL WYNDHAM LIMA AIRPORT HOTEL before your return flight to the U.S.

U.S.
Monday, March 28
Arrive in the U.S.

Quito Pre-Program Option
Quito is a city of startling contrasts, where thousands of years of native South American traditions are interwoven with imported Catholicism, the Spanish language and European culture. Explore its rich heritage in the Museo Nacional del Banco Central’s Archaeological Gallery, home to rare artifacts dating back to the Stone Age, and the noble, 16th-century Iglesia de San Francisco. In the heart of Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the Moorish-influenced Catedral Metropolitana and Iglesia de La Compañía de Jesús, renowned for its lavish interiors decorated with an estimated seven tons of gold leaf. At the Equator at zero degrees latitude stand with one foot in each hemisphere in the “middle of the world.” Step inside the hundred-foot-tall monument to this endeavor and tour the Ethnographic Museum, illustrating the diversity of Ecuador’s indigenous peoples.

Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN HOTEL, ideally located in the heart of Quito.

The Pre-Program Option is at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Plaza de Armas is the magnificent center of historic Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
SANTA CRUZ II

The intimacy and personal service of a small cruise ship experience are the hallmarks of travel aboard the newly refitted, first-class exploration vessel SANTA CRUZ II. It is designed specifically to navigate the narrow channels, shallow bays and environmentally sensitive waters of remote archipelagos and provides the most comprehensive access possible to the region’s marine and wildlife treasures. Refurbished in 2015, the air-conditioned SANTA CRUZ II features only 50 cabins and offers modern amenities and facilities.

A team of multilingual onboard 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 glass-bottom boat to observe marine life, Zodiacs for island landings and excursions, complimentary snorkeling equipment and a nighttime stargazing program.

Each outside, air-conditioned, tastefully appointed ocean-view cabin and suite (163 to 325 square feet) features one double bed convertible to two twin beds, a private bathroom with shower, safety box and hair dryer.

All meals, featuring international and Ecuadorian specialties, are served in single seatings in the inviting Beagle dining room or alfresco when conditions permit. Complimentary wine is served with dinner.

The ship’s public facilities include two lounges, natural history library and reading room with Internet access, bar, boutique, observation deck for dolphin watching, two jacuzzis, gym and medical clinic with a full-time physician.

With a ratio of one crew member for every 1.8 guests, the SANTA CRUZ II’s staff provides professional, attentive service. The ship maintains the highest international safety and environmental standards.
Included Features

In Guayaquil, Ecuador
◆ One night in the deluxe HILTON COLÓN HOTEL.

On board the First-Class SANTA CRUZ II
◆ Five-night cruise of Galápagos Islands round trip Baltra Island, with calls at the Galápagos’ most beautiful islands: North Seymour, Isabela, Fernandina, Santa Cruz and Floreana.
◆ Ocean-view, air-conditioned accommodations with private bathroom facilities.
◆ Three meals each day, featuring international and Ecuadorian cuisine.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Reception.
◆ 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, sea conditions and weather permitting, focusing on the natural history, unique wildlife and conservation efforts in the Galápagos.
◆ Snorkeling equipment for further exploration of the Galápagos’ diverse marine life.

Flight from Guayaquil to Lima, Peru.

In Lima, Peru
◆ Two nights in the deluxe CASA ANDINA PRIVATE COLLECTION HOTEL.
◆ Breakfast each morning.
◆ Tour of the historic center of Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with visits to Casa Aliaga and a pre-Columbian temple.
◆ Day-room accommodations in the comfortable COSTA DEL SOL WYNDHAM LIMA AIRPORT HOTEL.

Flights round trip Lima to Cuzco.

In Urubamba Valley
◆ One night in the charming SONesta POSada DEL INCA HOTEL.
◆ One breakfast and one dinner in the hotel.
◆ Tour to the Quechua town of Chinchero, including a traditional basket-weaving demonstration and lunch.
◆ Visit to the fascinating ruins of Ollantaytambo.
Scenic rail transfers round trip Ollantaytambo to Macchu Picchu with panoramic views of the Inca Trail.

In Machu Picchu
◆ One night in the deluxe INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU HOTEL, one of the finest eco-hotels in Latin America.
◆ One breakfast and one dinner in the hotel.
◆ Lunch in the Sanctuary Lodge in Machu Picchu.
◆ Tour of stunning Macchu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Early morning visit to Machu Picchu to see the sunrise over the mysterious ruins.

In Cuzco
◆ Two nights in the Five-Star PALACIO DEL INKA LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL.
◆ Breakfast each morning and one dinner in the hotel.
◆ Farewell lunch in a local restaurant.
◆ Tour of Cuzco, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Temple of the Sun and the Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced naturalists and local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions 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 Gohagan & Company.
The enigma of the Galápagos Islands

“The Archipelago is a little world within itself...” — Charles Darwin, The Voyage of the Beagle

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, 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 consists of 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 were able to thrive and adapt in a manner not possible in other habitats. This also explains why Galápagos species never developed a fear of humans and allow the near contact that makes your experience on the islands so thrilling and unique.

Look for yellowtail surgeonfish, king angelfish and green sea turtles while snorkeling in the Galápagos waters.
LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

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◆ Singles are available in category 5 at $12,195 and category 3 at $13,195 on or before October 22, 2015. Add $1,000 for reservations made after October 22, 2015.

◆ Taxes are an additional $170 per person and are subject to change.

◆ Airfare Guayaquil/Galápagos/Guayaquil (internal program air) is $595 per person additional and subject to change.

*SANTA CRUZ II has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

WONDERS OF THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS AND MACHU PICCHU RESERVATION FORM

Send to: 2016 Wonders of the Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu
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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:
1st Choice __________ 2nd Choice __________

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Quito Pre-Program Option
  - Double at $645 per person.
  - Single at $885 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).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from __________________________ (fill in departure city) to Guayaquil, Ecuador, with return from Lima, Peru, at additional cost to be advised.¹
  - Class: Economy Business First

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Please have my/our check(s) for $__________ enclosed as deposit.

Make checks payable to 2016 Wonders of the Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu.

1Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1/2:

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Quito Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number __________ Exp. Date __________

Signature as it appears on credit card

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