



EXPLORERS
ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

March 7-21, 2017

15 days from \$7,693 total price from Miami
(\$6,995 air & land inclusive plus \$698 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni and Friends of the University of Illinois



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to travel with us as we journey to two of South America's treasures — the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu and the fascinating Galapagos Islands.

Your tour begins with a full day in Lima, including a visit to Mali, Lima's art museum. Next, fly to Cuzco, where you will explore the important Incan site of Koricancha and tour the beautiful Sacred Valley. A captivating train ride delivers you to Machu Picchu, where your overnight stay at the on-site Belmond Sanctuary Lodge affords virtually private access to the ruins. In the Galapagos Islands, spend four nights in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz island, your base for exploring North Seymour, South Plaza, and Santa Cruz islands. Conclude your journey back in Quito, where you will gather with the other travelers at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner, celebrating your adventure.

Space on this exclusive University of Illinois tour is limited to just 20 guests – we encourage you to register today to guarantee your place on this special journey.

Sincerely,

Loren R. Taylor
President and CEO
University of Illinois Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS RESERVATION FORM — MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people on **Machu Picchu to the Galapagos** departing **March 7, 2017**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure (or by December 2, 2016). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check (along with the completed reservation form), to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also fax your reservation to 617-454-9199. Or call toll-free at 888-370-6765.**

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/we request an upgrade to a Highland Villa at the Royal Palm Hotel

"Amazon Rainforest" Pre-Tour Option: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, March 7-21, 2017**, and agrees that his/her signature below represents his/her acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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They rank as two of South America's greatest treasures, and a small group tour is the natural selection for both: the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu, where we spend the night at an intimate on-site hotel; and the fascinating Galapagos Islands, Darwin's "living laboratory," for a four-night island-based adventure.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Lima, Peru We depart today for the Peruvian capital. Upon arrival tonight we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 2: Lima This morning we visit Mali, the Lima Art Museum whose work spans 3,000 years of Peruvian art. Then we encounter colonial Lima on an afternoon tour, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 3: Lima/Cuzco/Sacred Valley Arriving in Cuzco today, we stop at the important Incan site of Koricancha, dedicated to the Sun God. Then we continue on to Sacred Valley, a region of Inca sites and indigenous villages. We visit the Indian market at Pisac before reaching our hotel. **B,L,D**

Day 4: Sacred Valley Today we explore Ollantaytambo, both a living town and site of massive Incan ruins that still inspire wonder. Then we visit the Incan farming town of Chinchero, where we see a traditional weaving demonstration. Before dinner at our hotel tonight, we attend a native Offering to the Earth ceremony. **B,L,D**

Day 5: Sacred Valley/Machu Picchu Early this morning we board a train to Aguas Calientes, where we transfer to the ruins at Machu Picchu for our first guided visit of the stunning "Lost City of the Incas." With an overnight stay here, we have the rare privilege of seeing the ruins after the tourists have departed. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Machu Picchu/Cuzco This morning before the day trippers arrive, we enjoy our second guided tour of this UNESCO site. Following lunch at our lodge, we return to Aguas Calientes with some free time before our mid-afternoon train to Cuzco. **B,L**

Day 7: Cuzco Known for its Incan and Spanish Colonial heritage, Cuzco is the archaeological "hub" of the Americas and the continent's oldest continuously inhabited city. This morning we tour this UNESCO site then stop at the ruins of Sacsayhuaman fortress, a masterpiece of Incan

Avg. High (°F)	Feb	Mar
Lima	83	83
Cuzco	64	65
Quito	66	66

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Lima touring ... Historic Cuzco and magnificent Sacred Valley ... Overnight stay at Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, adjacent to the ruins at Machu Picchu ... Two guided visits to Machu Picchu ... Quito city tour ... Four-night Galapagos stay at beautiful hotel in lush Santa Cruz highlands ... Day cruises on privately chartered yacht plus island-based exploration ... Expert Galapagos naturalist guide ... Extraordinary Galapagos wildlife

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Lima	Westin Lima Hotel	Sup. First Class
2	Lima	Westin Lima Hotel	Sup. First Class
3-4	Sacred Valley	Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel	Sup. First Class
5	Machu Picchu	Belmond Sanctuary Lodge	Sup. First Class
6-7	Cuzco	Belmond Hotel Monasterio	Deluxe
8-9	Quito	Swissotel Quito	Deluxe
10-13	Galapagos Islands	Royal Palm Hotel Galapagos	Sup. First Class
14	Quito	Swissotel Quito	Deluxe
15	Depart Quito for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover Photo: Encounter plenty of wildlife in the Galapagos, like this curious land iguana.



Tour the enigmatic ruins of Machu Picchu.

architecture. We enjoy lunch today in the home of a gracious Cuzco family. **B,L**

Day 8: Cuzco/Lima/Quito, Ecuador Early today we fly via Lima to Quito, arriving late afternoon. We attend a briefing about our Galapagos adventure then dine at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 9: Quito Nestled in the Andes foothills, Quito boasts a well-preserved historic center considered the finest in Latin America, as we see on today's city tour that includes the Intiñan Museum and the Middle of the World Monument. **B,L**

Day 10: Quito/Baltra/Santa Cruz Island Today we fly to the island of Baltra then transfer to Santa Cruz, our island-based home for our Galapagos exploration. This afternoon we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to see and learn about the giant Galapagos tortoises. **B,L,D**

Day 11: North Seymour Island/Bachas Beach This morning we embark on our first excursion aboard the *Santa Fe*, our privately chartered yacht. We set out for North Seymour, a flat, low-lying island with ample opportunities for close encounters with the magnificent Frigate bird, land iguanas, and lava lizards on our naturalist-led walk. After lunch, we head back to Santa Cruz island, weighing anchor in the calm waters off Bachas Beach. Highlights of our nature walk here include flamingos, nesting sea turtles, and Darwin's finches. **B,L,D**

Day 12: South Plaza Island/Punta Carrion Today's destination is the island of South Plaza. During our nature walk, we are on the lookout for such local residents as land and marine iguanas, bright orange Sally lightfoot crabs, Red-billed

tropic birds, Nazca and Blue-footed boobies, and a male colony of sea lions ("the bachelors"). Then we cruise to Punta Carrion, where we have the opportunity to snorkel. **B,L,D**

Day 13: Santa Cruz Island Today we explore Santa Cruz itself, the second largest of the Galapagos islands. We see the giant Galapagos tortoises in their natural habitat; Los Gamelos, the huge twin craters formed by volcanic eruptions millions of years ago; and Garrapatero, a secluded white-sand

Pre-Tour Option

March 3-7, 2017

AMAZON RAINFOREST

4 days/4 nights for \$1,195 total price
Single Supplement: \$235

Discover the Amazon's amazing flora, fauna and even villages on this exceptional – and comfortable – tour.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation Lima/Iquitos
- 4 nights' accommodations: 3 nights in the jungle at Ceiba Tops (Superior First Class); 1 night in Lima at Costa del Sol Wyndham Airport Hotel (First Class)
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including guided Canopy Walkway tour and visit with *riberenos* (Amazon river people)
- Fully escorted by an Amazon-born naturalist guide as your Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private vehicle transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers

Land Only guests: \$1,295 total price per person

“NATURE ... CARES NOTHING
FOR APPEARANCES ...”

– CHARLES DARWIN

beach. Finally, we have a chance to explore the “lava tunnels” at our hotel: to literally walk through the naturally-formed tube through which lava flowed eons ago. **B,L,D**

Day 14: Santa Cruz Island/Baltra/Quito This morning we transfer to Baltra for the return flight to Quito, arriving mid-afternoon. Tonight we celebrate our adventure at a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. **B,D**

Day 15: Depart for U.S. We depart this morning for our return flights to the U.S. **B**

Your Island-Based Galapagos Experience: *Royal Palm Hotel*



We stay in comfort for four nights in spacious rooms at the Royal Palm Hotel, set in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz island, and enjoy day cruises aboard the Santa Fe, our privately chartered yacht.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 14 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees; Galapagos National Park fee of \$100
- Services of local Odysseys Unlimited Tour Directors; plus experienced naturalist guides while in the Galapagos
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



The beautiful and historic Sacred Valley

Tour Departs: **March 7, 2017**

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$7,693
Orlando, Tampa	\$8,093
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$8,193
Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$8,293
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in a Casita at the Royal Palm Hotel and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$698, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$2,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Upgrade to a Highland Villa at the Royal Palm Hotel: \$295 (\$495 single). All room categories have limited availability.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking (up to 2-3 miles per day) on uneven terrain. Also, there are both wet and dry landings in the Galapagos. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. If you have any concern regarding your mobility please contact us. In addition, Cuzco's high altitude (11,150 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. Please consult your physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time
For more information about the EXPLORERS Alumni Travel Program, visit www.illinoisalumni.org/explorers

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sight-seeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Directors, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Odysseys Unlimited. Upon reservation 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 the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The University of Illinois Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a considerable amount of walking (up to 2-3 miles per day), and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the University of Illinois Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes.** If you choose to make your own air arrangements, for an alumni tour and not use those provided by the tour company, we recommend that you not do so until making your final payment to the tour company confirming details of your trip's scheduled departure. However, if you choose to make your own flight arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from tour cancellations or changes to tour dates.



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