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## **New Ships and Premier Experiences Give Fresh Options to Galapagos Travelers**

With a variety of tour options and availability remaining this year, plus exciting new opportunities in 2025, AdventureSmith Explorations is the go-to for expert trip planning

**TRUCKEE**, **Calif.** (July 17, 2024) - Experiencing the magic of the iconic Galapagos Islands is unlike any other adventure on Earth. That's why the travel experts at AdventureSmith Explorations, the leader in small-ship adventure cruises, have curated a collection of <u>Galapagos cruises</u> that invite travelers to embark on the journey of a lifetime aboard some of the most luxurious and innovative vessels in the archipelago today. With a range of new ships and unique itineraries, travelers are sure to create core memories in one of the world's most pristine natural environments.

"This is an exciting time to plan travel to the Galapagos Islands. After a multi-year lull, we're seeing a boom in new or renovated ships accessing the region — particularly in the luxury space," said Todd Smith, AdventureSmith Explorations founder and president, and an elected board member of the International Galapagos Tour Operators Association.

### **Newest Ships Sailing in 2024: Cormorant II and Galapagos Angel Cruises**

The 16-guest Cormorant II, launched in 2023 and renowned for its opulent accommodations, offers some of the largest suites in the Galapagos. Featuring Premium Suites equipped with private hot tubs and spacious balconies, guests can indulge in unparalleled comfort while enjoying expansive views of the islands. On <a href="Cormorant II">Cormorant II</a> <a href="Galapagos Cruises">Galapagos Cruises</a>, travelers can expect active tours that offer myriad opportunities to hike, snorkel, kayak, stand-up paddleboard and view what's underwater through a glass-bottom boat.

Aboard the Galapagos Angel, a new-build vessel launched in 2024, <u>Galapagos Angel</u> <u>Cruises</u> prioritize outdoor living with al fresco dining areas and a Jacuzzi, offering guests the ultimate in relaxation and immersion in nature. Guests can also feel good about their sailing knowing trips aboard the Galapagos Angel embrace a carbon-neutral approach in an effort to protect nature, support the local economy, and empower communities.

## **Culinary Delights and Exclusive Experiences**

For culinary enthusiasts, the 20-guest <u>Evolve</u> and its sister ships, the Origin & Theory, are hosting special culinary departures this year in celebration of Relais & Châteaux's 70th

anniversary. These departures feature farm-to-table cooking demonstrations and exclusive experiences designed to tantalize the taste buds. Plus, a <u>new Western Islands</u> <u>itinerary</u> includes a stop at Montemar, a private Galapagos tortoise sanctuary offering coffee tasting experiences, making it a must-visit for foodies.

### **Redefining Luxury with the Hermes Mega-Catamaran**

Launching in spring 2025, the 20-guest <u>Hermes mega-catamaran</u> will redefine luxury in Galapagos cruising. With 24/7 butler service and a dedicated cruise director, premier onboard facilities such as an Aperitif Lounge, sun deck and large Jacuzzi, and luxurious in-room amenities like a walk-in closet, mini bar, private balcony and side-by-side water-view Jacuzzi tub and shower, discerning travelers will appreciate the Hermes' attention to detail. Another unique onboard feature is the vessel's Evolution Spa with an included Hammam (a steam-room-like Turkish bath spa space) featuring large windows overlooking the sea.

# Other Options Coming in 2025

March 2025 will mark the debut of the 48-guest <u>National Geographic Gemini</u> and 16-guest <u>National Geographic Delfina</u> in the renowned Lindblad Expeditions fleet. The Delfina, ideal for intimate charter groups, offers a brand-new itinerary, <u>National Geographic Galapagos by Catamaran</u>, providing unparalleled access to the islands' treasures.

"The Delfina catamaran is a notable new arrival, filling a niche for high-level educational experiences on smaller Galapagos ships," continued Smith. "While many 16-passenger ships are available, none of them have the National Geographic touch that the Delfina now brings to this smaller capacity."

The Gemini joins the popular 96-guest National Geographic Endeavour II on the 10-day National Geographic Exploring Galapagos Cruise, further expanding options for adventure seekers. It's yet another new luxury standout in the Galapagos with its Category 7 cabin featuring its own forward-facing private balcony with private Jacuzzi.

### **Book a Galapagos Adventure Today**

Whether seeking <u>Galapagos luxury</u>, culinary exploration, or intimate wildlife encounters, AdventureSmith Explorations provides unmatched opportunities to discover the Galapagos Islands in style and comfort. Learn about AdventureSmith's Galapagos cruises online at <u>adventuresmithexplorations.com</u> or by calling their travel specialists at 866-575-2875.

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Founded in 2003, AdventureSmith Explorations is the global leader in small ship, adventure cruise vacations. Pioneering sustainable travel practices, AdventureSmith founder Todd Smith has been recognized among *Condé Nast Traveler's* prestigious Top Travel Specialists for 11 consecutive years. The company has also been awarded a *Condé Nast Traveler* World Savers Award and recognized as one of the "Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth" by *National Geographic Adventure*. Learn more and book an expedition at adventuresmithexplorations.com or by calling 866-575-2875.

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