

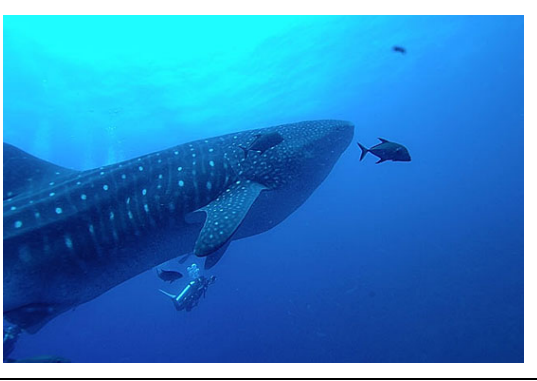







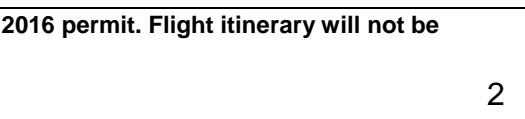



Itinerary overview
Rockfish Divers
Galapagos & Machu Picchu Expedition 2016

Sat 19 Nov	Depart Victoria, Vancouver or Calgary to Quito, hotel overnight	
Sun 20 Nov	Enjoy the old colonial town during a city tour to incl. a visit to the Equator Line. Hotel overnight	
Mon 21 Nov	Fly from Quito to San Cristobal in the Galapagos Islands. Board <i>MV Humboldt Explorer</i> for a 7 night liveaboard experience. Afternoon check-out dive.	
Tue 22 Nov	Two morning dives at Punta Carrion. Sightings include rays and schools of fish. Afternoon North Seymour land visit. Walk the path around North Seymour Island to see the large colonies of Blue Footed Boobies and Frigate Birds. Sighting of Sea Lions and Marine Iguanas are also common. Depart for Northern Islands. (16+ hour transit)	
Wed – Sat 23 - 26 Nov	<p>You'll spend the next four days diving (up to four dives per day) the legendary islands of WOLF & DARWIN. Sightings often include hammerheads, red-lipped batfish, eagle rays, sea lions, Galapagos sharks and silky sharks and the occasional whaleshark.</p> <p>On Saturday night we are heading back to the central islands.</p>	
Sun 27 Nov	Two morning dives at Cousin's Rock. This is great macro diving with an excellent chance of seeing sea horses, sea lions and eagle rays. Lunch will be served while transiting to Santa Cruz (3 hours). Travel by bus to the Santa Cruz Highlands to visit the giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Visit the town of Puerto Ayora and the Darwin Centre on your own. Dinner on your own in Puerto Ayora. Return to the Humboldt Explorer to overnight.	

<p>Mon 28 Nov</p>	<p>Depart the vessel by 9 am in San Cristobal. We may visit the beach in town to see sea lions and marine iguanas in their natural habitat or take a short walk to the Interpretive Centre. Transfer back to the airport for flight back to Guayaquil, to connect to our flight to Lima, Peru. Hotel overnight.</p> <p>Or: if you are not continuing to Peru, you will return home via Quito.</p>	
<p>Tue 29 Nov</p>	<p>We fly to Cuzco and start exploring the capital of the Inca empire. Inca-built stone walls line most of the central streets and you don't have to go far to see other major Inca ruins. Relax and explore this fascinating city, and take time to acclimatize to the high altitude.</p>	
<p>Wed 30 Nov</p>	<p>Travel through the Sacred Valley of the Incas. An important source of food for the Inca, the Sacred Valley is a lush agricultural region. We visit the impressive ruins and possibly the colourful artisan market (market days only). Overnight in the picturesque village of Ollantaytambo.</p>	
<p>Thu 01 Dec</p>	<p>Board a morning train that winds through the spectacular Urubamba Valley to the end of the line: the village of Aguas Calientes, a frontier town nestled in the hills beneath Machu Picchu. We have the option to get off the train early and hike a portion of the famous Inca Trail. Hotel overnight</p>	
<p>Fri 02 Dec</p>	<p>Early wakeup to take the bus up to the historic spiritual centre of the Incas, the "Lost City" of Machu Picchu. Tour the ruins with our expert guide, explore on your own or hike up spectacular Wayna Picchu to get away from the crowds. In the evening we return to Cuzco.</p>	
<p>Sat 03 Dec</p>	<p>Spend the morning at leisure in Cuzco before taking an afternoon flight to Lima. Hotel overnight.</p>	
<p>Sun 04 Dec</p>	<p>City tour of Lima. Afternoon at leisure (you will need to check out of the hotel, but can store luggage). Late evening transfer to airport for return flight home. Arrival in Canada on Monday.</p>	
<p>Mon 05 Dec</p>	<p>Arrival in Victoria, Vancouver or Calgary.</p>	

Note: exact liveboard itinerary is subject to change and depends on 2016 permit. Flight itinerary will not be available until January 2016.