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Abstract
Suggested readings for the Penn Alumni Travel trip to the Galapagos. See the Library Guide for this bibliography here.

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Guidebooks

“Written by two expert naturalists who are passionate about the Galápagos, this guide is packed with entertaining descriptions and full-color photography aids in identifying key species both on land and below water.” (From the Publisher)

“Rocky, fragile, beautiful, strange—the Galápagos archipelago is unlike any other place on earth. Its geology, its unique flora and fauna, and its striking role in human history intersect in surprising and dynamic ways. This book is the most wide-ranging and beautifully illustrated book available on the famous islands. Not since Darwin’s Naturalist’s Voyage has a book combined so much scientific and historic information with firsthand accounts that bring the Galápagos to life.” (From the Publisher)

Darwin Related Readings

Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882. *Charles Darwin’s Notebooks from the Voyage of the Beagle*. Ed. Gordon Chancellor and John van Wyhe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009. Van Pelt Library. QH365 .A1 2009. This is the first full edition of the notebooks used by Darwin during his epic voyage in the Beagle. It contains transcriptions of all fifteen notebooks, which now survive as some of the most precious documents in the history of science. The notebooks record the entire range of Darwin's interests and activities during the Beagle journey, with observations on geology, zoology, botany, ecology, barometer and thermometer readings, ethnography, anthropology, archaeology and linguistics, along with maps, drawings, financial records, shopping lists, reading notes, essays and personal diary entries.” (From the Publisher)

“In 1835, during his voyage on HMS Beagle, Charles Darwin spent several weeks in Galápagos exploring the islands and making extensive notes on their natural history. Darwin in Galápagos is the first book to recreate Darwin’s historic visit to the islands, following in his footsteps day by day and island by island as he records all that he observes around him.” (From the Publisher).


This book was written to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the creation of Galápagos National Park and the International Charles Darwin Foundation. Coincidentally, it also marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* and the 200th anniversary of his birth. This beautifully photographed book includes insightful essays and fascinating stories by 30 of the world’s leading Galápagos researchers, who describe the challenges and successes of conservation efforts, past and present.

**Video**


Darwin’s Dangerous Idea is an episode in the PBS Evolution series from 2001. Follow Darwin on his voyage to the Galápagos and discover how his “dangerous idea” came to be.


Fictitious tale of the HMS Surprise and her mission off the coast of South America during the Napoleonic Wars. While mainly a high seas adventure, look for the story sideline that involves a visit to the Galápagos Islands and the unusual wildlife that live there.