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Best of the Great Parks

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YOSEMITE, GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS,
GLACIER, LAKE CLARK, DEATH VALLEY,
OLYMPIC & REDWOOD

PLUS: AMERICA'S BEST IDEA
By Ken Burns

THE NINE
SECRETS OF
LONG LIFE

THREE CUPS
OF TEA...
WITH THE
TALIBAN?

TRAVEL TACTICS '09

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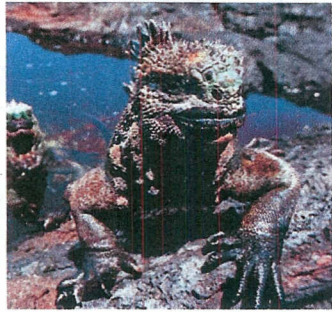
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INTELLIGENT DESIGN

A GUILT-FREE SOLUTION FOR GALÁPAGOERS

To go or not to go to the Galápagos? It's a question that nags at every wildlife enthusiast. In 2007 UNESCO declared the archipelago a World Heritage site in danger, thanks in no small part to overcrowded cruise ships. Which is why Ecoventura president Santiago Dunn wants to scale things back. His expedition ships carry up to 20 guests each and were among the region's first vessels to be "Smart Voyager" certified by the Rainforest Alliance. Now comes the first Galápagos-bound hybrid ship, Ecoventura's *M/Y ERIC*, which has 40 solar panels and two wind turbines. "We want to give people the incredible experience of visiting the islands without the fear that they are harming the wildlife and fragile ecology," says Dunn. In other words, go now—just go green (seven days, from \$2,925 per person, all-inclusive; ecoventura.com).



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Forget the 4x4 game drives: From Botswana's Oddballs' Camp, all excursions are human powered. Unlike other retreats in the Okavango Delta, which can cost nearly a grand a night, this little-known enclave bucks the luxury safari trend with domed tents and no generators. Walk among the Big Five, camp on tiny islands, and paddle dugout canoes across remote waterways. It's nature as it was meant to be (\$325 per person, per night, including meals and guided trips; lodgesofbotswana.com/oddballs). ▲



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