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Your Expedition Leader woke you
with a gentle 2 a.m. alert. Now
you're on deck in pjs & a parka
living the dream. That's the
exhilaration of discovery.







DEAR TRAVELLER,

It's time to explore, to celebrate our relationship with wild places that represent nature's splendor. We should use every opportunity we can at home and in our travels to strengthen our reverence for the Earth and all its inhabitants.



You and I both know that the relationship of humans and the planet is way out of balance. It is a subject that our children see clearly, even as many adults do not. They are deeply concerned, and, in many cases, fearful. That is just not fair, or right.

But, we have the tools and the knowledge to rebalance—all we need is the will to seriously act and live up to our responsibility to future generations.

All of us who have had the privilege of seeing the world's wonders know how much joy they bring us; how good we feel when we walk in a forest; see a polar bear trundling across the sea ice; or a group of humpback whales breaching incessantly. We get a feeling of harmony and peace, something primeval.

I can't even imagine a world where nature is not a primary ingredient—herds of elephants roaming the plain; coral reefs astounding us with their myriad colours; seabirds clouding the evening sky, returning to roost—and, I'm sure you can't either.

So, as I said in the beginning, it's time to explore and not only enjoy the wonder that is still out there, but to nurture a love, reverence, and understanding for why nature is vital and important to everything we find meaningful: our health, our security, our joy.

So, hopefully, you will be inspired by the following pages. We wish nothing more than to have the privilege of being a meaningful part of your life.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

Cover: Snow angels on the sea ice, Antarctic Peninsula. © Ralph Lee Hopkins

Left: Vivid tropical fish in the lagoon of Rangiroa, French Polynesia. © Sven-Olof Lindblad



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From top, clockwise: Humpback whale off Mo'orea, French Polynesia; King penguins in South Georgia; Scarlet macaw in the Amazon; Brown bear family in Katmai National Park, Alaska; Guests get a front row seat to an incredible orca sighting in the Galápagos.

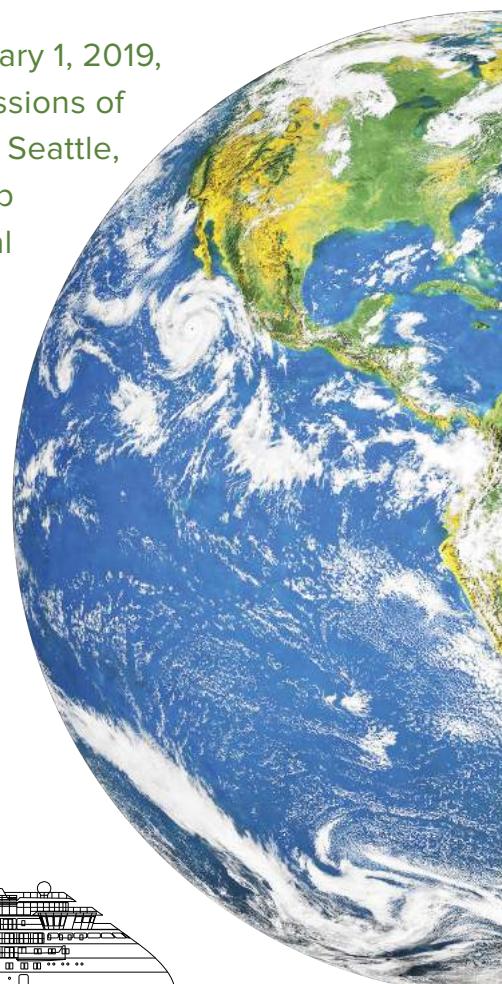
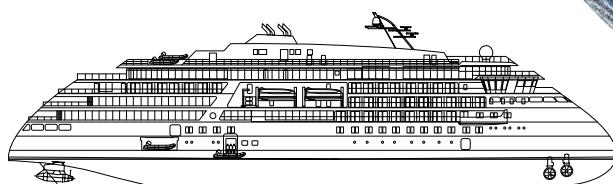
THERE'S NOTHING NEUTRAL WE'RE PASSIONATE ADVOCATES

But there is one subject we're neutral on—carbon. As of January 1, 2019, we are officially a carbon neutral company, offsetting the emissions of our fleet, employee travel worldwide, offices in New York and Seattle, all land-based operations, and beyond. Working in partnership with South Pole, the world's leading developer of international emission reduction projects, we now have a portfolio of six carbon project investments that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



Our investments focus on renewable energy, reforestation, and community-based projects in the regions our fleet visits, and beyond.

We'll continue looking for ways to lessen our carbon footprint at all levels of our business, including equipping new ships with advanced engines and systems for reducing emissions, fuel, and waste.



Soon appearing in every cabin fleet-wide—our new insulated water bottle for hot or cold liquids! A swell-egant design, it helps you stay hydrated on ship and off. Travel with us and you won't find any single-use plastic aboard. We've eliminated all single-use plastic bottles, cups, straws, and stirrers. This effort, along with future plans including crew uniforms crafted from recycled plastic, support National Geographic's "Planet or Plastic?" campaign. Together we are helping to raise awareness about reducing the amount of plastic in the world's oceans.



ABOUT OUR POSITION— TAKES FOR THE PLANET



We serve only the most sustainable options on our ships, with the aim of keeping our oceans healthy and fish stocks constantly regenerating. Local, fresh, and sustainable food—not usually a feature of shipboard menus, is at the heart of our culinary program. Using a holistic approach and our reputable network for the research, we review every species we serve in terms of fish quotas, stock levels in particular ocean zones, method of catch, maturity levels, and feed. We are also dedicated to supporting local communities in their sustainable fishing efforts, as well as creating ocean awareness among our staff, crew, guests, suppliers, and the travel industry at large.



Our pioneering Galápagos program is rooted in our commitment to sustainability. To date, we have provisioned more than 20 tons of organic and local produce from Galápagos' farms. And not importing produce means less risk of invasive species entering the islands.



Our Antarctica parka has been revised to eliminate Velcro on the front closure—to comply with best environmental practices for South Georgia and other regions where invasive seed/plant material poses a threat.



Our commitment to sustainability is ongoing—we've been dedicated to it for 50+ years—and we will continue to make the decisions that have kept us the leaders in responsible tourism, so stay tuned. Now, you have even more reasons to feel good about exploring with us.

▶ FROM THE SOURCE: VIDEO OF SVEN LINDBLAD ON "WHY" AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/SUSTAINABILITY

EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture*

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Quest* or *National Geographic Venture* into a land of mist-shrouded fjords, tidewater glaciers, and islands teeming with wildlife. Search for killer whales and humpback whales, explore the coast by kayak, spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park and learn about Alaska's rich Tlingit heritage.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike through lush forests and muskegs, kayak into secluded inlets, and cruise by Zodiac among electric blue icebergs and curious wildlife.
- ▶ By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park.
- ▶ If schedules permit, our conservation partners from the Alaska Whale Foundation will come aboard to meet with us and speak about the local whale population.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.
- ▶ Hike and kayak by special permit in the wild and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Marine biologist and National Geographic expert **Flip Nicklin** is one of the world's leading photographers of whales. Join him on the **May 17, 2020** departure.

In a career spanning 40 years, **Ken Garrett** has photographed more than 60 feature stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveller* magazines. He will be aboard our **May 23, 2020** departure.

Krista Rossow has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic for over a decade. Join her on **Aug. 22, 2020**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

A humpback whale breaches.

DAY 1: JUNEAU/EMBARK

Explore the Alaska State Museum, with its sprawling collection of natural history and cultural artefacts. Embark our ship and settle into your cabin before dinner. (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbour seals, harbour porpoises, and arctic terns. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: PETERSBURG**

Navigate the serpentine waterway of the Wrangell Narrows en route to the small, true Alaskan fishing town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity for bike riding and an optional flightseeing excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

Explore along the rugged coast seeking out humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. Expert staff will interpret their life histories and behaviours. Later we will explore the shoreline by kayak or go ashore to explore the rainforest ecosystem. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Explore among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of wildlife and sea birds reside. We'll search for marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Strait and choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike where sightings of bald eagles are very common. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

See glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and possibly observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wildness abounds—mountain goats roam the steep cliffs and brown bears patrol the shore; sea otters and puffins live in the icy waters. A native Tlingit cultural interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS, AND FJORDS**

Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, or hike stunning forest trails, or see fresh bear tracks worn into the soil while walking in the mud of an isolated meadow. If conditions permit, we'll do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Visit the Sitka National Historical Park to see the totems among the towering spruce and hemlock. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre, we enjoy close-up views of bald eagles, owls, and other species normally seen at a distance. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2020 *National Geographic Quest*: May 23*, 30; Jun. 6*, 13, 20*, 27; Jul. 4*, 11, 18*, 25; Aug. 1*, 8, 15*, 22

National Geographic Venture: May 17*, 24, 31*, Jun. 7, 14*, 21, 28*, Jul. 5, 12*, 19, 26*, Aug. 2, 9*, 16, 23*, 30

2021 *National Geographic Quest*: May 22, 29*; Jun. 5, 12*, 19, 26*: Jul. 3, 10*, 17, 25*, 31; Aug. 7*, 14, 21*, 28; Sep. 4*

National Geographic Venture: May 16*, 23, 30*; Jun. 6, 13*, 20, 27*, Jul. 4, 11*, 18, 25*, Aug. 1, 8*, 15, 22*, 29; Sep. 5*

*These departures travel in reverse.

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximise your experience.

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest / National Geographic Venture
Cat. 1 from \$8,880; Cat. 5 from \$12,870
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit
expeditions.com/alaskawilderness-rates,
call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel
Advisor. For best pricing book early.

EXPLORE MORE—DENALI NATIONAL PARK OR NEW HELI-HIKING EXTENSION

For 2020 departures, add a seven-day extension to *Denali National Park and Preserve* from \$8,370. Or stay in a remote lodge and heli-hike high in the Canadian Rockies on a seven-day extension from \$7,490. Call for details.

CELEBRATE MILESTONES

Celebrate a birthday, graduation, or other milestone with eight or more companions and receive special benefits such as discounts, credits, custom photograph, cake, and more! Visit expeditions.com/milestones or call for details.

NEW

WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: JUNEAU TO KETCHIKAN

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

Exploring the southern regions of Southeast Alaska on our expeditions is an unrivaled experience, as you navigate narrow channels like Behm and Blake, Walker Cove in Misty Fjords, Eastern Passage, and Wrangell Narrows. Discover an authentic Alaska unreachable by big white boats. Lower expedition landing craft to explore places like Hole in The Wall State Marine Park on Prince of Wales Island, and drop kayaks into salmon-studded waters to trace the rugged, wildlife-rich shorelines of Kupreanof and Kuiu Islands.

DAY 1: JUNEAU/EMBARK

Arrive in Alaska's capital city. Above it all sits the Juneau Icefield, one of the world's largest non-polar masses and source of many glaciers. Transfer to downtown Juneau to visit the Alaska State Museum. Embark the *National Geographic Sea Lion*. (D)

DAY 2: LECONTE GLACIER/ THOMAS BAY

This morning we maneuver among the ice of LeConte Glacier. Our captain will bring the ship in as close to the glacier as conditions allow, where we will deploy our expedition landing craft and kayaks to explore among the ice. This afternoon we transit the Wrangell Narrows, a breathtakingly beautiful 22-mile waterway. Our small, maneuverable ship safely delivers you an incredible journey through this passage where eagles decorate the spruce trees. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORING SUMNER STRAIT

Our expert staff will keep a lookout on deck as we explore along the rugged coastlines of Kupreanof, Kuiu, or Prince of Wales Islands, seeking out humpbacks and other wildlife along the shoreline. The area is home to Sitka black-tailed deer, black bear, Alexander Archipelago wolves, moose, and around 300 species of birds. We may explore the coast by kayak or go ashore to explore bear trails and salmon streams while learning about the rainforest ecosystem along the way. (B,L,D)



DAY 4: WRANGELL

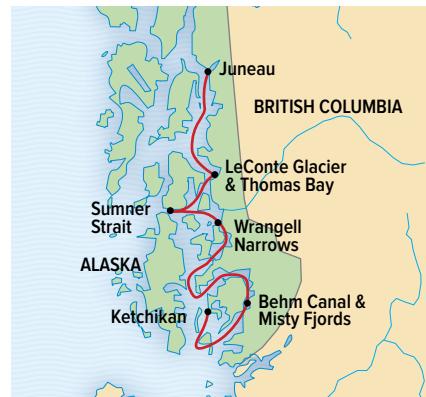
This morning we arrive in the small town of Wrangell. The Tlingit and their ancestors have made this island their home for thousands of years. Take an optional jet boat excursion up the Stikine River or explore town including a visit to Chief Shakes Tribal House and the Petroglyph Beach, home to the highest concentration of petroglyphs in Southeast Alaska. This afternoon, we cruise Eastern Passage and Blake Channel, narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island where other ships rarely venture. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: BEHM CANAL/MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Spend the morning cruising the 108-mile-long Behm Canal into Misty Fjords National Monument. Join naturalists on the bow to gaze at the near vertical rock face that rises 600 to 900 metres above sea level and drops 300 metres below it. Explore by expedition landing craft and kayak for a closer perspective of dramatic waterfalls. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: KETCHIKAN/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Ketchikan and visit the Totem



Heritage Centre to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 May 21*, 26*; Jun. 10, 15*, 30; Jul. 5*, 20, 25*; Aug. 9, 14*

2021 May 21, 26*, 31; Jun. 5*, 20, 25, 30; Jul. 10, 15*, 20, 25, 30; Aug. 4*, 9, 14*, 19, 24*

*Photo Expedition, joined by a National Geographic photographer.

*These departures travel in reverse.

PRICING:

National Geographic Sea Lion

Cat. 1 from \$5,720; Cat. 3 from \$7,880

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit **expeditions.com/alaskasouth-rates**, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price on select departures. See page 115 or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
Travel with National Geographic photographer Rich Reid on Jun. 10 & 15, 2020.

NEW! GLACIER BAY EXTENSION

New for 2020, add a three-day extension to **Glacier Bay National Park**. Call for pricing.

WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: SITKA TO JUNEAU

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*

Explore wild Alaska on an active, exciting expedition to see the region's iconic wildlife and epic landscapes in the compact timeframe of one work week. Take long hikes on world-class trails through forests of towering trees, kayak deep into glacially carved fjords, stand-up paddleboard in calm bays, and raft from an ancient Alaska native village—all with our nimble expedition ship as your moving basecamp.

Stay aboard to see it all and save by combining this itinerary with Juneau to Ketchikan at 10% off the booking fare. See page 136 for details.

DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Walk the Totem Trail in Sitka National Historic Park stopping in at the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre for an up-close look at Alaska's birds of prey. Embark our ship. (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Island's countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through these mirror-calm waters. This afternoon see rainforest inhabitants like the roughskin newt or giant banana slugs on an adventurous hike. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORING THE ICY STRAIT

Spend today searching for wildlife in these rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options may include a cruise by expedition landing craft among the Inian Islands,

where an abundance of wildlife reside, quiet kayaking in the outer waters of Glacier Bay, or hikes in the lush temperate rainforest. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HAINES

Haines is known as the "adventure capital of Alaska." If you're feeling extra adventurous, you can choose from one of many world class hikes, cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, or take an optional flightseeing excursion over Glacier Bay National Park. Or choose to call into the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. The day is full of options. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Awake in stunningly beautiful Tracy Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness. Enter this glacially carved wilderness aboard our nimble ship, then set out to explore by expedition landing craft for a view of South Sawyer or Dawes Glaciers. If conditions permit, hop into one of our kayaks to paddle along fjord walls that soar straight from the sea, as you spot curious harbour seals trailing your wake. Cap off your adventurous voyage with the Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

Disembark in downtown Juneau and transfer to the airport. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 *National Geographic Sea Bird*: Jun. 1*, 6, 11*, 16, 21*, 26; Jul. 1*, 6, 16, 21*, 26, 31*; Aug. 5, 10*, 15, 20*, 25, 30*

National Geographic Sea Lion: May 16, 31*; Jun. 5, 10*, 15, 20*, 25; Jul. 10*, 15, 20*, 30*; Aug. 4, 19*, 24, 29*

2021 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: May 16; Jun. 10*, 15, 20*, 30*; Jul. 5, 20*, 25; Aug. 29*

Photo Expedition, joined by a National Geographic photographer.

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A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

15 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*

Join a unique expedition in Alaska's Inside Passage and British Columbia including Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) off the coast of British Columbia. We are the only company with ships carrying more than 22 guests permitted to visit Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage site. Stand in the shadows of the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and meet with local artisans in a region rich with history seldom-seen.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Spend four days in Haida Gwaii: Experience ancestral Haida villages, see ancient totem poles, take part in a traditional dance performance, and much more.
- ▶ Explore hidden coves, Glacier Bay National Park, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak spectacular bays, see waterfalls cascading from glacially-carved walls, and hike old-growth forest where paw prints outnumber footprints.
- ▶ Extend the adventure: include a seven-day pre-voyage stay at Denali's North Face Lodge on select departures. Call or visit expeditions.com/denali for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

National Geographic photographer **Ronan Donovan** joins the **May 3, 2020** departure. A biologist turned photographer and filmmaker, Ronan's camera has taken him to all seven continents in search of elusive wildlife and stories about our natural world.

Award-winning photographer **Michael Melford** has produced more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveller* magazines over the past 30 years. Join him on the **Sep. 5, 2020** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

Ancient totems at SGang Gwaay.

DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/
EMBARK
Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird* or
National Geographic Sea Lion. (D)

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cruise amid the lush Gulf Islands in the Strait of Georgia—which runs between mainland British Columbia and Vancouver Island—and search for some of the many marine mammals that inhabit these waters. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Visit the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, where we'll watch traditional First Nations performances and learn about the art and culture of the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4 & 5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sail northward along the steep and rugged coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak the remote bays and inlets. (B,L,D)



Guests visit with carvers, Haida Gwaii.

DAYS 6–9: HAIDA GWAI

With very special permission, we explore the islands of Haida Gwaii, including the incredible Gwaii Haanas National Park and Haida Heritage Site. We will be joined by Haida Interpreters for our days among the islands, wildlife and cultural sites. We'll join in a ceremonial potlatch celebration, meet Haida artists in their environment, and participate in hands-on workshops learning ancient skills like cedar bark weaving. Visit the Haida Heritage Centre at Kay Llnagaay to learn about the incredible history of the Haida people and their renowned artwork, a spiritual endeavor. Walk among the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay, kayak, and take expedition landing craft around the incredibly biodiverse islands in Gwaii Haanas. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10–12: ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

Spend three days encountering spectacular scenery and wildlife in Alaska's famed Inside Passage. Explore the forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument by kayak or expedition landing craft. Go ashore to visit the charming fishing village of Petersburg, and explore the surrounding area on a forest walk, bicycle ride, or an optional flightseeing excursion. Cruise past the glacially carved cliffs of Tracy or Endicott Arm—both spectacular fjords whose ice floes offer safe shelter to harbour seals. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise on an expedition landing craft for an unparalleled view of sculpted iridescent icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 & 14: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK/INIAN ISLANDS/CHICHAGOF ISLAND

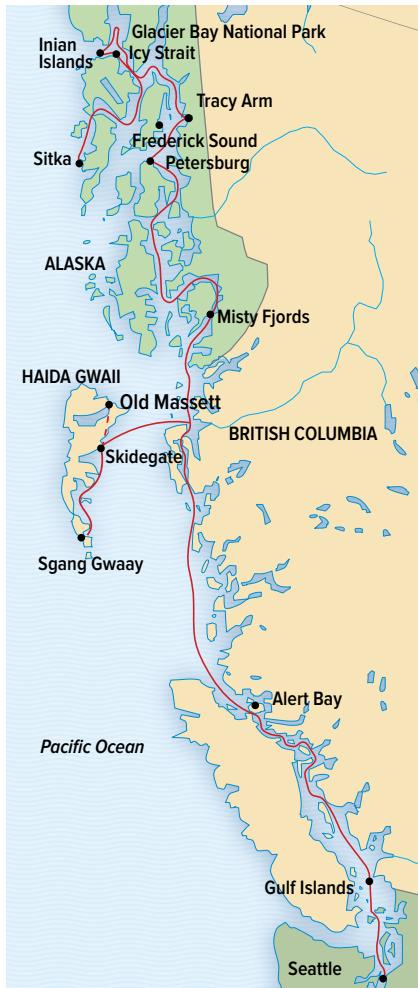
By special park permit, spend a full day among the enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. A national park ranger and a Tlingit cultural interpreter join us to interpret the area's geology and ecosystem. Then spend a day kayaking and hiking among incredible wildlife around the Inian Islands and Chichagof Island. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen for whale communications. Enjoy a farewell dinner on our final night. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre. (B)



Calving glacier.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 *National Geographic Sea Bird*: May 3; Sep. 5*

National Geographic Sea Lion: May 2; Sep. 3*

2021 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: May 2; Sep. 3*

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pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Receive **FREE ONE-WAY AIR** (Sitka/Seattle or vice versa) on 2020 departures.
See page 115 or call for details.

TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE: ALASKA & BRITISH COLUMBIA

14 Days/13 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture*

Board the newest ships in the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture*, on an in-depth exploration of the San Juan Islands, British Columbia, and Alaska. Linger in the temperate rainforests and wildlife-rich channels of British Columbia, and enjoy ample time to explore the breathtaking fjords and towering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. Plus, discover the cultural facets of this coast during captivating performances and interactions with the Kwakwaka'wakw people of Alert Bay.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

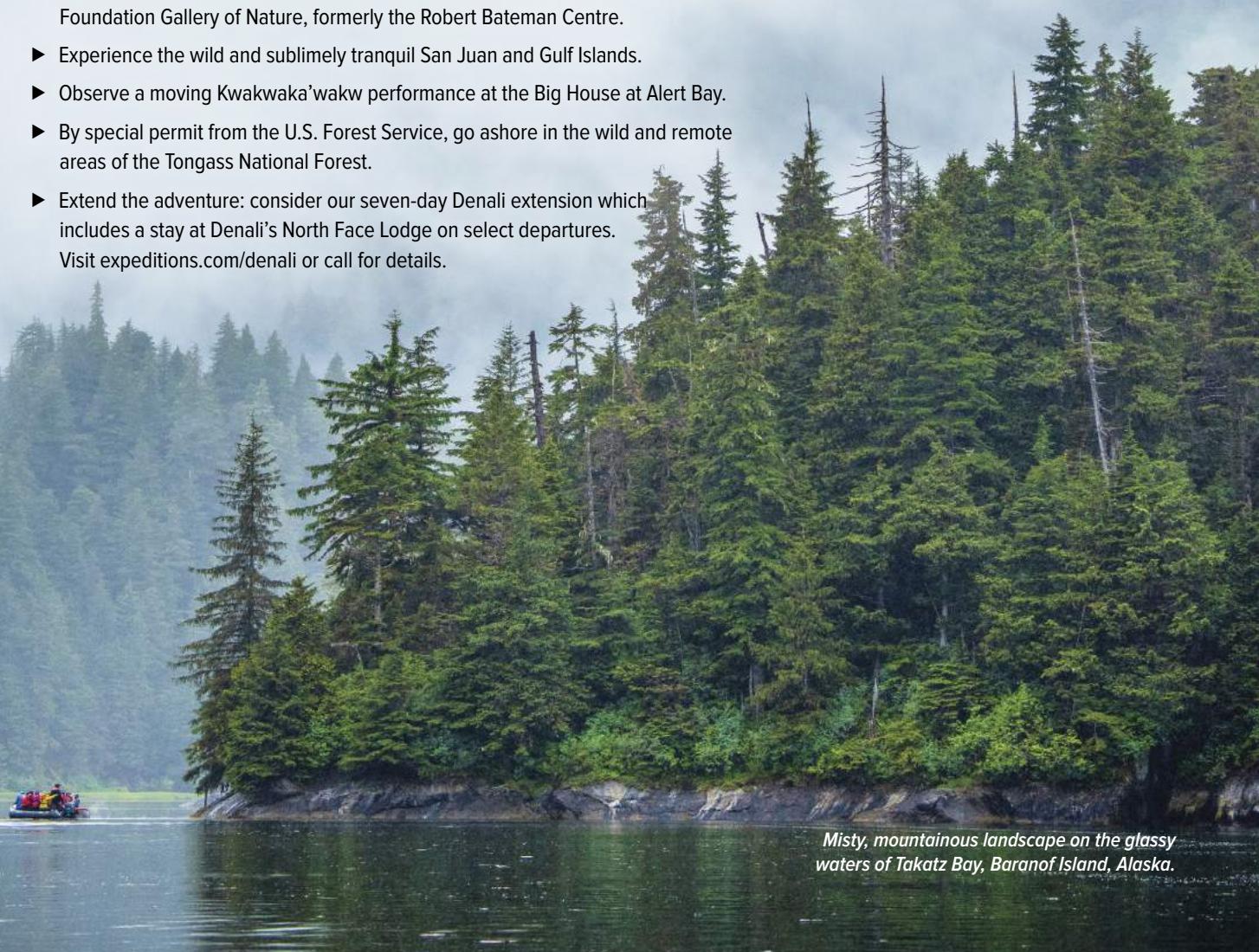
- ▶ Explore the charming city of Victoria, British Columbia via custom curated tours and enjoy a private reception surrounded by incredible artwork at The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature, formerly the Robert Bateman Centre.
- ▶ Experience the wild and sublimely tranquil San Juan and Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Observe a moving Kwakwaka'wakw performance at the Big House at Alert Bay.
- ▶ By special permit from the U.S. Forest Service, go ashore in the wild and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest.
- ▶ Extend the adventure: consider our seven-day Denali extension which includes a stay at Denali's North Face Lodge on select departures. Visit expeditions.com/denali or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Marine biologist and National Geographic expert **Flip Nicklin** is one of the world's leading photographers of whales. He travels frequently aboard our ships, sharing the adventure with guests on expedition cruises to Alaska, Baja, and beyond. Join him on the **May 4, 2020** departure.

In a career spanning 40 years, **Ken Garrett** has photographed more than 60 feature stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveller* magazines. He will be aboard our **May 10, 2020** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.



Misty, mountainous landscape on the glassy waters of Takatz Bay, Baranof Island, Alaska.

DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the *National Geographic Quest* or *National Geographic Venture*. (D)

DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Spend a full day exploring the San Juan Islands via kayak and naturalist-led hikes. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, take a historical stroll through Old Town or explore the architecture of James Bay, the oldest residential neighborhood on the west coast north of San Francisco. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature while taking in the incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)



Inner Harbour, Victoria, British Columbia.

DAY 4: GULF ISLANDS

Located in the Strait of Georgia, between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands are a little slice of paradise. Hike ashore and discover the unique geology, meet the local island caretaker, and see the remains of a bygone era. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the Big House, and learn of long passed down stories from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Head northward along the pristine coastline in search of whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak among the many bays and inlets. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

Cruise past glacially carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fjords' forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PETERSBURG

Navigate the serpentine waterway of the Wrangell Narrows en route towards the small, Norwegian fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg," with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Later, enjoy an evening crab feast. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Via special park permit, spend the entire day looking for wildlife that inhabit this expansive glacially carved bay as you make your way to the face of Marjorie Glacier. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. A National Park Ranger and Tlingit cultural interpreter will join us to share the lore and legend of the area. Wildness abounds! (B,L,D)

DAY 12: INIAN ISLANDS/ICY STRAIT

Cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of wildlife reside. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Spend a full day searching for humpback whales in the rich waters off Chichagof or Baranof Island, kayak, hike and enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: SITKA/DISEMBARK

Arrive in Sitka and walk through the Sitka National Historical Park, where totem poles line trails, and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

2020 *National Geographic Venture*: May 4

National Geographic Quest: May 10; Aug. 29*

2021 *National Geographic Venture*: May 3

National Geographic Quest: May 9; Sep. 11*

*These departures travel in reverse.

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximise your experience.

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest / National Geographic Venture

Cat. 1 from \$12,870; Cat. 5 from \$16,600

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/treasures-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now and receive **FREE ONE-WAY AIR** (Sitka/Seattle or vice versa) on select departures. See page 115 or call for details.

BERING SEA WILDERNESS: PRIBILOFS, KATMAI & KODIAK

13 Days/12 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Traverse the depth and breadth of the iconic Bering Sea and venture deep into the two distinct worlds it joins. Encounter the rich history of Provideniya, “the Gateway to the Arctic,” before exploring the Pribilof Islands, a naturalist’s paradise sometimes referred to as “the Galápagos of the North.” From those lively breeding grounds continue on to explore the dynamic history, culture, and natural wonders of the remote islands along Alaska’s rugged coast. A visit to Katmai National Park, one of the premier brown bear viewing areas in the world and a unique petrified forest round out this immersive expedition.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Cross the iconic Bering Strait and travel the length of the Bering Sea.
- ▶ In the Pribilof Islands, witness the largest breeding rookery of northern fur seals, comprising about half the world’s fur seal population.
- ▶ Spot rafts of sea otters in the Baby Islands.
- ▶ Walk among scattered pieces of petrified sequoia along the shores of Unga Island.
- ▶ Observe brown bears digging for clams or fishing for salmon in Katmai National Park.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Wildlife photographer, cinematographer, and author **Matthias Breiter** has spent most of the past 30 years researching the daily lives and habits of black, brown, grizzly, and polar bears. He just completed a book for the National Park Service on Katmai and will be travelling on the Jul. 5, 2020 departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.



Relaxing time, brown bear, Alaska.

DAY 1: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./
NOME/EMBARK
Arrive in Anchorage and fly to Nome, Alaska.
Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (L,D)

DAY 2: AT SEA/CROSSING
THE BERING STRAIT
Spend the first day at sea crossing one of the
most iconic bodies of water on the planet.
(B,L,D)

DAY 3: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN
FEDERATION

At the western limit of the rich transboundary
area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often
called “The Gateway to the Arctic”. It’s also the
administrative centre where we will conduct
our clearance in Russia. Visit the excellent
museum, and witness a cultural music and
dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–6: AT SEA/PRIBILOF
ISLANDS, U.S.

A naturalist’s paradise, the Pribilof Islands
welcome three million seabirds and a million
marine mammals each summer as they arrive
to breed. Go ashore at St. Paul to visit one of
the world’s largest a northern fur seal rookeries.
At St. George, go by Zodiac to view puffins, red-
legged kittiwakes and red-faced cormorants on
its dramatic sea cliffs. (B,L,D)

DAYS 7 & 8: UNALASKA/ALASKA
PENINSULA

This morning, arrive at Dutch Harbour, site of a
fierce WWII battle and now one of the world’s¹
most important fishing ports. Continue to the
Baby Islands, just east of Unalaska, where

dynamic tides offer exciting potential to spot
sea otters and Steller sea lions, as well as rare
seabirds, both from the ship’s deck and from
Zodiacs. Continue along the eastern shore of
the Alaska Peninsula, with time for exploration
and wildlife watching. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: SHUMAGIN ISLANDS

Go ashore on Unga Island to explore incredible
tundra and scattered remnants of a unique
petrified forest of sequoia trees that were
buried in a volcanic mudslide nearly 25 million
years ago. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK

Spend today exploring the shorelines and waters
of coastal Katmai National Park & Preserve,
known for its abundant brown bear population,
this area provides countless opportunities to
watch and photograph bears digging for clams
at low tide, or browsing the shoreline. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: KODIAK ISLAND

The second largest island in the U.S., Kodiak is
best known for its brown bears and its fishing
industry. Less well known is its unique mix of
Native Alutiiq and Russian-American history.
Take a hike through the forested remains of
WWII-era Ft. Abercrombie. Photograph the
beautiful Holy Resurrection Church on a photo
walk, or peruse native art and artefacts at the
Alutiiq Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: EXPLORING THE KENAI
PENINSULA

Nearly 40 glaciers flow out of the Kenai’s
Harding Icefield, so the opportunities for
exploration abound. Glide through some of



the ice-scoured fjords to see the glaciers that
created them, while searching for wildlife
along the way. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SEWARD/DISEMBARK/
ANCHORAGE

Arrive in Seward this morning, transfer to
the airport in Anchorage for flights home
or onward. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jul. 5 2021 Jul. 1

PRICING:

National Geographic Orion
Cat. 1 from \$21,680; Cat. 6 from \$41,390
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/beringsea-rates](#), call an Expedition
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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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Peninsula, or at [Winterlake Lodge](#) in the
foothills of the Alaskan Range—both National
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Northern fur seal pups, St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands.

ACROSS THE BERING SEA: FROM KATMAI TO KAMCHATKA

22 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Covering more than 7,000 kilometres, and nearly circumnavigating the Bering Sea, this wide-ranging voyage explores one of the most rugged and wildlife-rich regions of the planet. Spot coastal brown bears in Katmai National Park and the Kamchatka Peninsula, search for Steller's sea eagles along the scenically stunning Zhupanova River, and be awed by the abundance and variety of marine mammals and seabirds from the Aleutians to the Commander Islands.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Observe an array of marine mammals: Pacific walrus; northern fur seals; grey, humpback, and sperm whales; sea otters; and Steller sea lions.
- ▶ Marvel at cliffs crowded with millions of seabirds—from horned and tufted puffins to murres and rare whiskered auklets.
- ▶ Explore the wild and pristine Zhupanova River, the legendary flagship waterway of Kamchatka, as you search for Steller's sea eagles and their nests.
- ▶ Watch brown bears digging for clams or fishing for salmon in Katmai National Park.
- ▶ Visit a Koryak village in northern Kamchatka, and Vitus Bering's gravesite in the Commander Islands.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

J.J. Kelley is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker and explorer focusing on issues of conservation and wildlife crime. Three of Kelley's documentaries have been featured on the cover of *National Geographic* magazine. He was a director on the Bering Sea's "Deadliest Catch." He is aboard **Jun. 14, 2020**.

Chris Rainier is an acclaimed documentary photographer known for his work to highlight and preserve endangered cultures and languages. He also served as a cultural editor and photographer for *National Geographic Traveller* magazine for over a decade. He is aboard **Jul. 17, 2020**.

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Walrus, Arctic Russia.

**DAY 1: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./
SEWARD/EMBARK**

Arrive in Anchorage and transfer to Seward, Alaska to embark *National Geographic Orion* in the late afternoon. (D)

DAYS 2 & 3: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK

Spend two days exploring the shorelines and waters of coastal Katmai National Park & Preserve, observing and photographing its abundant brown bear population. Explore Geographic or Hidden Harbours and Kukak Bay by ship, Zodiac, or, conditions permitting, kayak. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4 & 5: AT SEA/UNALASKA

Watch from the deck as we transit Baby Pass en route to the Baby Islands, just to the east of Unalaska. Dynamic tides here offer exciting potential to spot sea otters and fur seals, as well as rare seabirds. Arrive at Dutch Harbour, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world's most important fishing ports. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6–10: EXPLORING THE
ALEUTIAN ISLANDS**

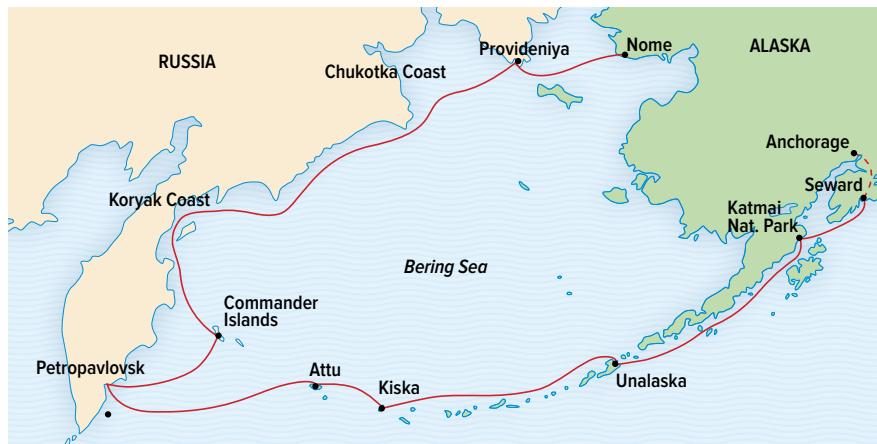
These rugged and remote volcanic islands, which separate the North Pacific from the Bering Sea, support vast colonies of seabirds and marine mammals such as northern fur seals, Steller sea lions, and a variety of whales. WWII history buffs will recognise names like Attu and Kiska, for the significance they played during the WWII Aleutian Islands Campaign. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: PETROPAVLOVSK-
KAMCHATSKIY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

After crossing the international date line, sail into the protected waters of Avacha Bay, and dock at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, the gateway to Kamchatka. Be on deck for the approach, as Koryaksky, Avachinsky, and Kozelsky volcanoes provide a stunning backdrop to this port city. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: ZHUPANOVA RIVER

Just north of Petropavlovsk, this 100-mile long immaculate waterway in Kamchatka is teeming with enormous rainbow trout, salmon, and char. Explore the lower river by Zodiac, in search of one of the world's largest raptors, the Steller's sea eagle. Look for other wading birds and spotted seals hauled out on sandbars. (B,L,D)



Traditional Koryuk reindeer dress, Russia.

DAYS 13 & 14: COMMANDER ISLANDS

Watch for whales, large rafts of sea otters, and countless nesting seabirds which inhabit the rich waters surrounding the Commander Islands. On land, visit the gravesite of Danish explorer Vitus Bering. Conditions permitting, take Zodiacs to the fur seal rookery at Cape Severo-Zapadnyi. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 15–19: EXPLORING THE KORYAK
AND CHUKOTKA COASTS**

Explore the seldom-visited east coasts of Kamchatka and Chukotka, the remote Russian Far East. Hike from one bay to the next, surrounded by volcanic mountains and tundra plants. Photograph brown bears, walruses, and three species of seals in rookeries onshore. Learn about Koryak reindeer-herding culture in either Tymlat or Ossora village. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: PROVIDENIYA

At the western limit of the rich transboundary area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often called "The Gateway to the Arctic." Visit the excellent museum, and witness a cultural music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 21: AT SEA, CROSSING THE
BERING STRAIT**

Spend the final day at sea, crossing one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet.

Linger on deck with binoculars in hand—the chances are high to spot whales and rare seabirds. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: NOME, ALASKA, U.S./**DISEMBARK/ANCHORAGE**

Arrive in Nome this morning, transfer to the airport for flights to Anchorage and onward. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jun. 14; Jul. 17

2021 Jun. 10; Jul. 13

Note: Russian visa is required

PRICING:*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$34,300; Cat. 6 from \$65,990
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/kamchatka-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- **BE OUR GUEST:** Take advantage of a complimentary pre-voyage night in Anchorage. Call for details.
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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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THE CANADIAN MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

This expedition circumnavigates Newfoundland and visits coastal Québec, the islands of Cape Breton, St.-Pierre (France) and Îles de la Madeleine. We'll sail through The Narrows of St. John's, Newfoundland—along rugged coastlines, the isles of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Special highlights include hiking on the nature trails of Gros Morne National Park, known for its unique geological features; learning the saga of the Vikings at L'Anse aux Meadows; and exploring the life of Alexander Graham Bell, National Geographic Society's second president, at the Bell Museum at Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, the site of his summer home.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover coastal villages and small islands, like Cape Breton.
- ▶ Explore two UNESCO sites: Gros Morne National Park and the 11th-century Viking village at L'Anse aux Meadows.
- ▶ Discover the dunes, sandstone cliffs, and Acadian culture of the Îles de la Madeleine.
- ▶ Discover the rewards of lingering after at Newfoundland's gorgeous, gracious Fogo Island Inn, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of The World.

Visit expeditions.com/fogoinn.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Phil Schermeister has completed more than 40 photo assignments for National Geographic in the past 25 years, including more than 40 in U.S. National Parks. His work finds drama in changing light and seasons showing the forces of nature as they sculpt landscapes. Join him on the Sep. 5 & 13, 2020 departures.

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Explore Gros Morne National Park, Newfoundland, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAY 1: ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, CANADA/EMBARK
Arrive in St. John's, the colourful capital city of Newfoundland and Labrador, and transfer to the *National Geographic Explorer* for your voyage. (D)

DAY 2: ST.-PIERRE, FRANCE

Our first landfall is St.-Pierre, France's oldest remaining overseas territory. Explore this picturesque French fishing enclave where we visit a local island to learn the importance of the historic cod fisheries here, and explore the fascinating L'Arche Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: LOUISBOURG & BADDECK, CAPE BRETON ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA

Today we visit the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg, an 18th-century fort where the British and French fought. Later, we visit the village of Baddeck, where Alexander Graham Bell built his summer home, now the centerpiece of a beautiful park and museum. Explore the life of Bell and enjoy a tour of the Bell Museum to view historic artefacts. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE, QUÉBEC

A cluster of wispy islands isolated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the îles de la Madeleine are home to kilometres of dunes, grassy hills, and dazzling red sandstone cliffs. Local experts will guide us across this landscape of caves and sea arches, stopping along the way in colourful fishing villages as we learn about Acadian culture. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE, QUÉBEC

Red sandstone cliffs, îles de la Madeleine.



Today we'll touch the beautiful and wild coast of Labrador Peninsula in Québec, at the town of Havre-Saint-Pierre. Make a visit to the incredible sandstone sea stacks of the Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK, NEWFOUNDLAND

Graced by cliffs, fjords, and a sweeping alpine plateau, Gros Morne National Park has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its spectacular geology. Go on a variety of walks with our naturalists along marine inlets and forested trails. Learn about the forces that shaped this land and the ancient serpentine rock that illustrates the phenomenon of plate tectonics. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS



Fishing village outside St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

In the World Heritage site of L'Anse aux Meadows, walk among 11th-century Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America—nearly 500 years before Columbus arrived. (B,L,D)



DAY 8: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

Wild, rugged, and often accessible only by sea, Newfoundland's east coast is dotted with tiny fishing villages tucked into coves. Explore these stunning shores and, back aboard, you'll gain insights from our experts into the island's people and wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: ST. JOHN'S/DISEMBARK

Sail through The Narrows in the early morning and disembark in St. John's. Visit the colourful waterfront, historic Signal Hill, and The Rooms Museum before you transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Sep. 5, 13 2021 Sep. 13

PRICING:

National Geographic Explorer
Cat. 1 from \$12,270; Cat. 7 from \$22,920
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current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/maritime-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

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BAJA CALIFORNIA & THE SEA OF CORTEZ: AMONG THE GREAT WHALES

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Seeing grey whales in their natural habitat is one of the great delights of this voyage, as you venture out in small boats among these magnificent creatures. In the Sea of Cortez, search for a variety of whales, plus dolphins, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, cormorants, and magnificent frigatebirds. You'll also snorkel among sea lions, join naturalists on hikes amid iconic cardon cactus and sculpted sand dunes, and see a variety of desert flora and fauna.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the breeding grounds of grey whales and observe their calves on an intimate close-up encounter.
- ▶ Go snorkelling amid sea lions, brilliant blue damselfish, and schools of king angelfish.
- ▶ Kayak clear blue waters on the lookout for a variety of bird species including magnificent frigatebirds.
- ▶ Explore diverse landscapes, including sand dunes, a cactus forest, and deserted islands.
- ▶ Extend your stay to see the cultural highlights of lovely Loreto and a chance to see magnificent blue and fin whales, the two largest animals on Earth. Visit expeditions.com/loreto to find out more about our two-night post-voyage extension.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist and filmmaker Tierney Thys will join the Jan. 11 & 18, 2020 departures. As past Director of Research for Sea Studios Foundation, Tierney helped produce the award-winning PBS series *Strange Days on Planet Earth* and *Shape of Life*.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.



DAY 1: LORETO/SAN CARLOS/EMBARK
Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark our ship. Tonight, we'll anchor off the coast of Isla Santa Margarita. (D)

DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA

Awake in Bahía Almejas, the southernmost part of the Bay. We'll observe a large frigatebird colony enroute to the spectacular whale grounds of Bahía Almejas. Whales here tend to be very active, seemingly oblivious to our presence so settle in for some great experiences. Later we'll reposition to Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes, on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Bird-watching can be excellent here. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Each winter, grey whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed, give birth, and raise their calves in these sheltered waters. We'll spend the full day interacting with these majestic creatures. Together with savvy local Mexican fishermen, we'll venture out in local pangas to view the numerous mother-calf pairs. We will likely encounter a variety of shorebirds feeding voraciously on the shoreline while frigatebirds and pelicans soar overhead. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THE HULL CANAL & CRUISING

Kickstart your day with a morning stretch hosted by our onboard wellness specialist on the sun deck. After breakfast, we'll explore the vast mangrove system via kayak, stand-up paddleboard, and Zodiac, and learn how these massive ecosystems support their surroundings. This afternoon, we'll sail out through "La Entrada" as we leave Magdalena Bay behind.

Travelling south along the coast of the peninsula, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life, including the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. Hear naturalist talks and learn photography basics. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: GORDA BANKS/CABO PULMO

Awake to a majestic sunrise over the iconic Friars Rocks at Land's End. We'll spend the rest of the morning searching the seas of Gorda Banks seamount, a renowned gathering place for whales, dolphins, and other sea life. Later we'll set out to snorkel the pristine reefs of Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, one of the most successful national marine parks in the world, and chat with locals about their advocacy to protect this unique place. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LOS ISLOTES AND LA PAZ

Awake this morning off the rocky island of Los Islotes, where we'll don flippers, a mask, and snorkel (which we provide) and swim with curious sea lions. Then we'll reposition to the colourful city of La Paz to garner insight into the culture of Mexico, soak in the vibrant street art, and stroll the lively "Malecon" on a guided walking tour. Dinner will be an unforgettable cultural experience, complete with local cuisine, dancing, and folklore. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Our plan is flexible as we explore some of the Sea's many uninhabited islands. We may go ashore at Isla San Francisco, where a sweeping arc of white sand beach beckons you to kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Or, hike to the nearby ridge for unparalleled views over Isla Danzante with your naturalist. You may also visit the abandoned salt works on Isla Carmen.



You'll get a chance to see the great diversity offered in the Sea of Cortez, and with some luck, spot the amazing wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast and transfer to the city centre. Visit the first mission in Baja California and the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore the quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jan. 11*, 18, 25*; Feb. 1, 8*, 15, 22*, 29; Mar. 7*

2021 Jan. 9*, 16, 23*, 30; Feb. 6*, 13, 20*, 27; Mar. 6*

*These departures travel in the reverse.

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximise your experience.

PRICING:

National Geographic Venture
Cat. 1 from \$7,490; Cat. 5 from \$11,100
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit **expeditions.
com/bajawhales-rates**, call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER

- Book by Dec. 31, 2019 and receive a **\$350 AIR CREDIT** on the Jan. 11 & 18, 2020 departures. See page 115 or call for details.
- **EXCLUSIVE FAMILY OFFER:** On select 2020 departures, take **\$1,000 off for children or grandchildren age 21 and under**. See page 115 or call for details.

BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION

Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. Visit **expeditions.com/loreto** for details.



BAJA CALIFORNIA: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

15 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*

Embark on a comprehensive photo expedition that explores both the Pacific side of Baja California and the islands in the Sea of Cortez. Venture into the grey whale lagoons for up-close encounters, and then spend ample time exploring the Sea of Cortez and all its marine mammals. See scores of blue-footed boobies and pelicans, kayak into quiet grottos, and visit charming seaside towns.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Get up-close views of grey whale mothers and their growing calves as they prepare for their journey back to Arctic feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak clear blue waters to search for wildlife, including magnificent frigatebirds, and investigate the intricacies of the shoreline.
- ▶ Snorkel the living sea: observe large schools of vibrantly coloured fish, swim among playful sea lions, and much more.
- ▶ With more time for adventure, rely on your expedition leader to take you where wildlife will be at its best—including the remote oceanic island of San Pedro Martir with clouds of nesting seabirds and crowds of sea lions onshore, and expanses of sea where huge pods of dolphins gather.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Jonathan Kingston's work has appeared in *National Geographic* magazine, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Join him on the **Mar. 16, 2020** departure.

Michael Melford is an award-winning photographer who has produced more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveller* magazines over the past 30 years. He will be on board the **Mar. 30, 2020** departure. Read full bios and find out more about Photo Expeditions at expeditions.com/photo.



*Kayaking the calm water
in the Sea of Cortez.*

DAY 1: LORETO/SAN CARLOS/EMBARK
Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark our ship. (D)

DAY 2: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Explore the ever-shifting sand dunes of Isla Magdalena, on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Bird watching in this area can be excellent. We may observe pelicans and cormorants skimming the waters of the bay, or terns wheeling and darting as frigatebirds ride the thermals above, looking for an easy meal. Along the beaches, resident great blue herons feed on these fertile shorelines next to migratory shorebirds, including whimbrels and willets, as they refuel for their northbound journeys. (B,L,D)



Grey whale, Laguna San Ignacio.

DAYS 3 & 4: LAGUNA SAN IGNACIO
Laguna San Ignacio is a large bay and favored haunt of the grey whales in Baja. The ship will anchor at the mouth of this remote and important locale, while we observe the mother and calf pairs in local pangas. For some reason, the whales here seem to be friendlier than they are elsewhere. It's not unusual for mothers and calves to approach our boats, the calves often playing hide and seek—sometimes even welcoming a touch or a friendly chin scratch. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: AT SEA

As we travel south along the Pacific coast of the peninsula, there is a chance of seeing

a wide variety of marine life, including the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6–14: ISLANDS OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Cruise past the spectacular Friars Rocks at Land's End. For those who wish, we will arrange a visit to the historic town centre of San José del Cabo. Isla San Pedro Martir, Los Islotes, Isla San Francisco—these are some of the melodious names of islands scattered throughout this beautiful sea. After over 40 years of exploration here, we are still discovering new places and experiencing exciting events: bow-riding bottlenose dolphins, or sperm whales near our ship; a pod of fin whales feeding around a convergence zone. The best areas for whale watching remain consistent—the waters south of Isla Carmen, Canal de Ballenas up north, and near the mouth of Bahía Concepción. Whether on the Bridge of the ship, on Zodiacs, or kayaks, we will be in prime position to observe them all. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: LORETO/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast and transfer to the city centre. You'll have the opportunity to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 National Geographic Venture:
Mar. 16* 30

2021 National Geographic Venture:
Mar. 15* 29

National Geographic Sea Lion: Mar. 15
 Photo Expedition

*These departures travel in reverse.

PRICING:

National Geographic Venture
Cat. 1 from \$14,420; Cat. 5 from \$20,930
National Geographic Sea Lion
Cat. 1 from \$13,270; Cat. 3 from \$17,100
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit **expeditions.
com/remarkablebaja-rates**, call an
Expedition Specialist, or your Travel
Advisor. For best pricing book early.



Guests photographing at sunrise.

EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ: A LIVING SEA & DESERT ISLES

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture* and *National Geographic Quest*

The pristine desert islands dotting the Sea of Cortez are places of incredible biodiversity set amid a UNESCO World Heritage Marine Site dubbed “the world’s aquarium” by Jacques Cousteau. Each of these islands is a world unto itself, with a palpable feel of rugged isolation. Hike among forests of cacti and along desert arroyos in bloom as you search for endemic flora and fauna. Watch for swirling plunge-diving brown pelicans, blue-footed and brown-footed boobies, and the frenetic aerial activity of gulls and terns that often alerts us to large pods of acrobatic dolphins. With a flexible itinerary, decades of experience, and deep knowledge of wildlife habits, this unique journey combines the beauty and biodiversity of this legendary region with a stimulating sense of adventure.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist, photographer, and conservationist **Octavio Aburto** will join the **Apr. 13, 2020** departure. Octavio focuses his photographic outreach and scientific research on the conservation of marine habitats and commercially important species and their fisheries.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience a voyage of pure discovery in a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a flexible itinerary chosen by the region's most knowledgeable staff to maximise wildlife sightings.
- ▶ Venture further north in the Sea of Cortez to explore remote and seldom visited islands, such as Isla Rasa, a breeding ground for 90% of the world's Heermann's gulls and a large population of elegant terns.
- ▶ Search for pods of dolphins and other marine life. With luck, catch a leaping mobula ray as they eject from the sea and belly-flop back in the water.
- ▶ Explore water-level caves by kayak, hike uninhabited beaches, stand-up paddleboard, and snorkel among tropical fish and acrobatic sea lions.



California sea lions basking in the sun.

DAY 1: LORETO/EMBARK

Arrive in Loreto and embark our ship. (D)

DAYS 2–7: EXPLORING THE SEA**OF CORTEZ**

Our routing is designed with flexibility in mind, to maximise opportunities for wildlife sightings. It will most likely include the islands and activities listed below, although the order may vary. (B,L,D)

ISLAS SAN ESTEBAN AND SAN PEDRO MÁRTIR:

Walk up a desert wash, to search for desert songbirds such as the handsome black-throated sparrow, listen for the cascading song of the canyon wren and search for the endemic pinto chuckwalla—a plump, harmless desert lizard. Later visit Isla San Pedro Martir, a 1,000-foot-high guano-covered island that is home to thousands of seabirds: brown pelicans, magnificent frigatebirds, Brandt's cormorants; and California sea lions.

ISLA SAN MARCOS:

At Isla San Marcos, there is a beautiful shoreline for swimming, snorkelling, and kayaking. In the afternoon, we are again in rich waters. We are on the lookout for pods of dolphins—with common and bottlenose being the most frequently encountered species. With luck they will join us as we go,

riding the bow wave and sometimes leaping from the water.

ISLA SAN JOSÉ:

One of the larger islands in the Sea of Cortez, San José, offers several landing possibilities depending on conditions and the whim of the moment. Photograph the ochre cliffs of the island's eastern shore, hike an "enchanted," cactus-laden arroyo, or visit the abandoned salt works to the west. Snorkel with sea lions and discover rare wildlife among the desert islands.



Kayaking, Isla San Marcos.

BAHÍA LORETO MARINE PARK:

This morning we'll search the waters south of Isla Carmen for fin whales, which researchers have recently concluded may be part a resident population. Bottlenose and common



dolphins are frequently encountered. Later we visit an island of Bahía Loreto Marine Park, with ample time for kayaking, snorkelling, stand-up paddleboarding, and possibly hiking. In the evening, enjoy a beach barbecue under the desert sky.

ISLAS LOS ISLOTES AND SAN FRANCISCO:

At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel (which we'll gladly provide) and swim with curious sea lions. We have a leisurely afternoon to swim, kayak, or hike at Isla San Francisco. Look skyward for yellow-footed gulls, brown pelicans, and blue-footed boobies.

DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK

Disembark and explore Loreto, where we will have the opportunity to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 *National Geographic Quest*: Apr. 12
National Geographic Venture: Apr. 13;
 Dec. 20, 27
2021 *National Geographic Venture*: Apr. 12

PRICING:

National Geographic Venture / National Geographic Quest
 Cat. 1 from \$8,220; Cat. 5 from \$11,820
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Swim with graceful sea lions.

NEW

WILD BAJA ESCAPE: THE WHALES OF MAGDALENA BAY

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

This is no ordinary whale watching experience: we'll literally anchor among the grey whales in Bahía Magdalena, where mothers and calves relax after the longest mammal migration on earth. We'll see and hear them around the ship, and venture out in expedition landing craft for exhilarating up-close encounters. Explore the mangroves by kayak. Fat-tire bike along remote beaches (we've got a fleet of bikes aboard). Beachcomb endless crescents of sand, studded with thousands of sand dollars. And revel in the vastness and serenity as you view the many species of birds in this world-renowned region.

DAY 1: LORETO/SAN CARLOS/EMBARK
Arrive in Loreto and transfer to San Carlos and embark ship. Tonight we'll anchor off the coast of Isla Santa Margarita. (D)

DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA
Awake in Bahía Almejas, the southernmost part of the Bay. View a large frigatebird colony on Isla Santa Margarita before heading out on our first whale watching trip of the voyage. The whales in Bahía Almejas tend to be very active, seemingly oblivious to our presence. During lunch, we'll sail toward Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Dip your toes and tally the treasure found on what we affectionately call "sand dollar beach." (B,L,D)

DAY 3: TRANSIT THE HULL CANAL/
BOCA DE SOLEDAD
Spend the morning transiting the scenic winding Hull Canal. Within its narrow channels, bordered by mangroves and sand dunes, and filled with diverse bird species, we'll hang out on deck with our keen-eyed naturalists to spot wildlife and hear expert commentary. Weather permitting, we'll explore the vast mangrove system via kayak and expedition landing craft. Among the species of birds we might see are

diving pelicans and cormorants, wheeling elegant terns, along with great blue herons, ibis, whimbrels, and willets. This afternoon, we'll head out to explore the breeding grounds of Boca de Soledad. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4 & 5: BOCA DE SOLEDAD
Each winter, during their long migration, grey whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and give birth to their calves in these sheltered waters. "Grand Central" for California grey whales, we'll spend two full days observing, and with luck, interacting with these majestic creatures. We'll venture out in expedition landing craft to view the numerous mother-calf pairs that thrive in this region. We'll also have an opportunity to explore the beaches, and if you're feeling up to it, grab one of our fat-tire bikes to roam the seemingly endless shoreline. (B,L,D)



DAY 6: LOPEZ MATEOS/DISEMBARK/LORETO

After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to Loreto's city centre. Visit the first mission in Baja California and the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore the quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jan. 16, 22, 27; Feb. 1, 6, 11, 16, 21; Mar. 2, 7, 12, 17
2021 Jan. 14, 19, 24, 29; Feb. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28; Mar. 5, 10

PRICING:

National Geographic Sea Lion
Cat. 1 from \$4,680; Cat. 3 from \$6,170
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/magbay-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price. See page 115 or call for details.

BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION

Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. Visit expeditions.com/loreto for details.

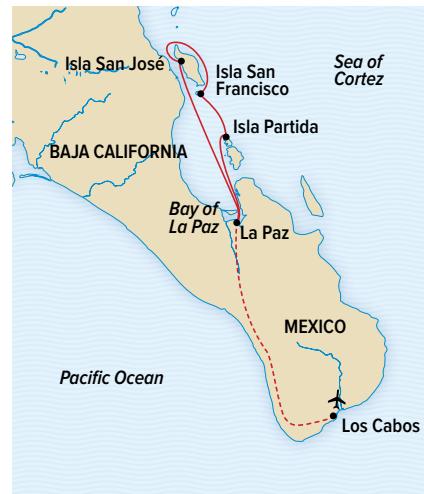
WILD BAJA ESCAPE: SERENITY & SEA LIFE IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

5 Days/4 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

A genuinely innovative hybrid—a four-night getaway that feels like an authentic escape from the everyday. De-stress, detox or simply play or workout in the uninhabited wilds of Isla San Francisco and Isla San José in the beautiful Sea of Cortez. With the brand-new 50-cabin *National Geographic Venture* as your mobile base camp, go where the wild things—and few others—are. Breathe deep, push hard, and chill at a BBQ under the stars.



Swimming with graceful sea lions.



DAY 1: SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO / LA PAZ/EMBARK

Arrive in Los Cabos and transfer to La Paz, where you'll embark *National Geographic Venture* this afternoon. Set sail for a sunset cruise of Bahía La Paz en route to Isla San Francisco. (D)

DAYS 2 & 3: SAN JOSÉ CHANNEL / ISLA SAN FRANCISCO

Witness a spectacular Baja sunrise this morning, while searching for marine mammals in the upper San José Channel. Hear naturalist talks and learn photography basics during an early morning at sea. Before lunch, go ashore at Isla San Francisco, where a sweeping arc of white sand beach beckons you to roll out a yoga mat. Explore nearby tide pools with your naturalists, or spend the afternoon stand-up paddleboarding, snorkelling, and kayaking. Hike to the nearby ridge for unparalleled

views just before sunset. Wind down with an on-deck yoga class or a chair massage, then go ashore for a beach barbecue dinner followed by a bonfire under the stars. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ISLA SAN JOSÉ AND LOS ISLOTES

Watch the cliffs light up as your wellness specialist leads a morning yoga or qi gong class, on deck. Explore as much or as little as you like, with the ship as your mobile base camp—taking advantage of every wellness option, including hiking with your wellness specialist for mindfulness and stretching on the trail. Enjoy Isla San José as you set out on foot to explore the arroyos. Or, grab a kayak or paddleboard and see what you can find along the beautiful shorelines. Snorkel with playful and curious sea lions or photograph their antics from a Zodiac. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK / SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

Disembark in downtown La Paz and transfer to Los Cabos airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Dec. 23, 29;
2020 Jan. 2, 6; Dec. 11, 15 2021 Jan. 4

PRICING:

National Geographic Venture
Cat. 1 from \$3,480; Cat. 5 from \$6,490
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.
com/bajacortez-rates](http://expeditions.com/bajacortez-rates), call an Expedition
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SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and we will waive the solo premium on solo cabins for select departures. Or book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price. See page 115 or call for details.

SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS

Enhance your Baja experience with this thrilling two-night extension. Learn more at expeditions.com/whaleshark

GALÁPAGOS

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*

It's different in Galápagos, "a little world within itself," as Darwin described it, where magical encounters with animals—curious or sublimely indifferent to our presence—happen like nowhere else. Each island is different, and over 50 years of regularly visiting these islands, we've learned how to provide the optimal balance in terms of terrain and wildlife. When you explore with us, you are assured a remarkable experience.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Our classic immersive exploration, with a full week in Galápagos.
- ▶ Walk among wildlife unfazed by your presence.
- ▶ Snorkel with sea lions, turtles and abundant fish.
- ▶ Adventure by kayak, paddleboard, glass-bottom boat (*National Geographic Endeavour II*), and Zodiac.
- ▶ Observe giant Galápagos tortoises in the wild.
- ▶ Add a pre-voyage extension to Mashpi and Quito, or continue to iconic Machu Picchu or the Amazon for even more. See page 48 for details.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



We're celebrating 50 + years of exploring Galápagos. We've introduced generations of travellers to its magic and mystery. We're committed to Galápagos; and have raised millions, along with our guests, for its conservation. And we're fully invested, too; we operate two ships based there year round. An expedition leader, our team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, wellness specialist, and video chronicler all contribute to your experience of the wonders of Galápagos.

Learn more at expeditions.com/gala50



Up-close encounter with sea lions.

DAY 1: GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Upon arrival in Guayaquil, transfer to the Hotel del Parque (*National Geographic Islander*) or Hotel Hilton Colón (*National Geographic Endeavour II*). Ask your Expedition Specialist about extra nights.

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/EMBARK

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board *National Geographic Islander* or *National Geographic Endeavour II*. After lunch, we begin our exploration of the islands and their remarkable wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS
Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition.* (B,L,D)

NORTH SEYMORE: Follow coastal trails past playful Galápagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigatebirds nest, blue-footed boobies dance, and where we may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus.

ISABELA: Cross the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins, sea turtles and other marine creatures. Over two days, land in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore.

FERNANDINA: One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galápagos penguins and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows.

ESPAÑOLA: See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at this birdy paradise, also home to vividly coloured marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the wide sand beach, and snorkel offshore, at Gardner Bay.

FLOREANA: Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

SANTA CRUZ: Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. See the giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush, green highlands.

BARTOLOMÉ: Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim and snorkel from the beach. You might even see Galápagos penguins, one of world's rarest.

SANTIAGO: Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak and paddleboard along Santiago's spectacular coast, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked.

GENOVESA: Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos, surrounded by warmer tropical waters.

SAN CRISTÓBAL: Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island, and dig your toes into the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/DISEMBARK/GUAYAQUIL

Return this morning to Guayaquil, where we transfer to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel del Parque (*Islander*) or Hotel Hilton Colón (*Endeavour II*). (B)

DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL

Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**Please Note: Our in-depth expeditions sail between Isla San Cristóbal and Isla Baltra, and include Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of islands and visitor sites. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations, including that no single site can be visited by the same ship more than once in a two-week period. In fact, you could join for two weeks and see all the sites. Please be assured that there is no better week to experience Galápagos—just nuances from one week to the other.*

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2019–2021: Ten-day expeditions, departing Fridays on *National Geographic Endeavour II* and Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

PRICING:

National Geographic Endeavour II
Cat. 1 from \$9,570; Suite C from \$15,780.
National Geographic Islander
Cat. 1 from \$9,120; Cat. 5 from \$18,490.
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/gala-et-rates or expeditions.com/gala-il-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book by Dec. 31, 2019 and receive a \$500 special savings and a **FREE FLIGHT** on select Galápagos departures on *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* through Dec. 2020. \$500 special savings is per guest plus complimentary flight between Guayaquil and Galápagos. New bookings only. Subject to availability.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a six-day pre-voyage extension, featuring **Quito** and **Mashpi Lodge**, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World in one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. See page 38 for details or visit expeditions.com/mashpi.

COMBINE YOUR ADVENTURE

With **Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca**, the **Upper Amazon** aboard *Delfín II* or even all three, making the most of your time in the region. See page 38 for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join Rich Reid on the Jan. 11 & 18, 2020 departures and Annie Griffiths on the Aug. 15 & 22, 2020 departures.

GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

16 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from a cultural and archaeological perspective. Explore the Sacred Valley of the Inca, the majesty of Machu Picchu and the winding colonial streets of Cusco on this popular combination program.

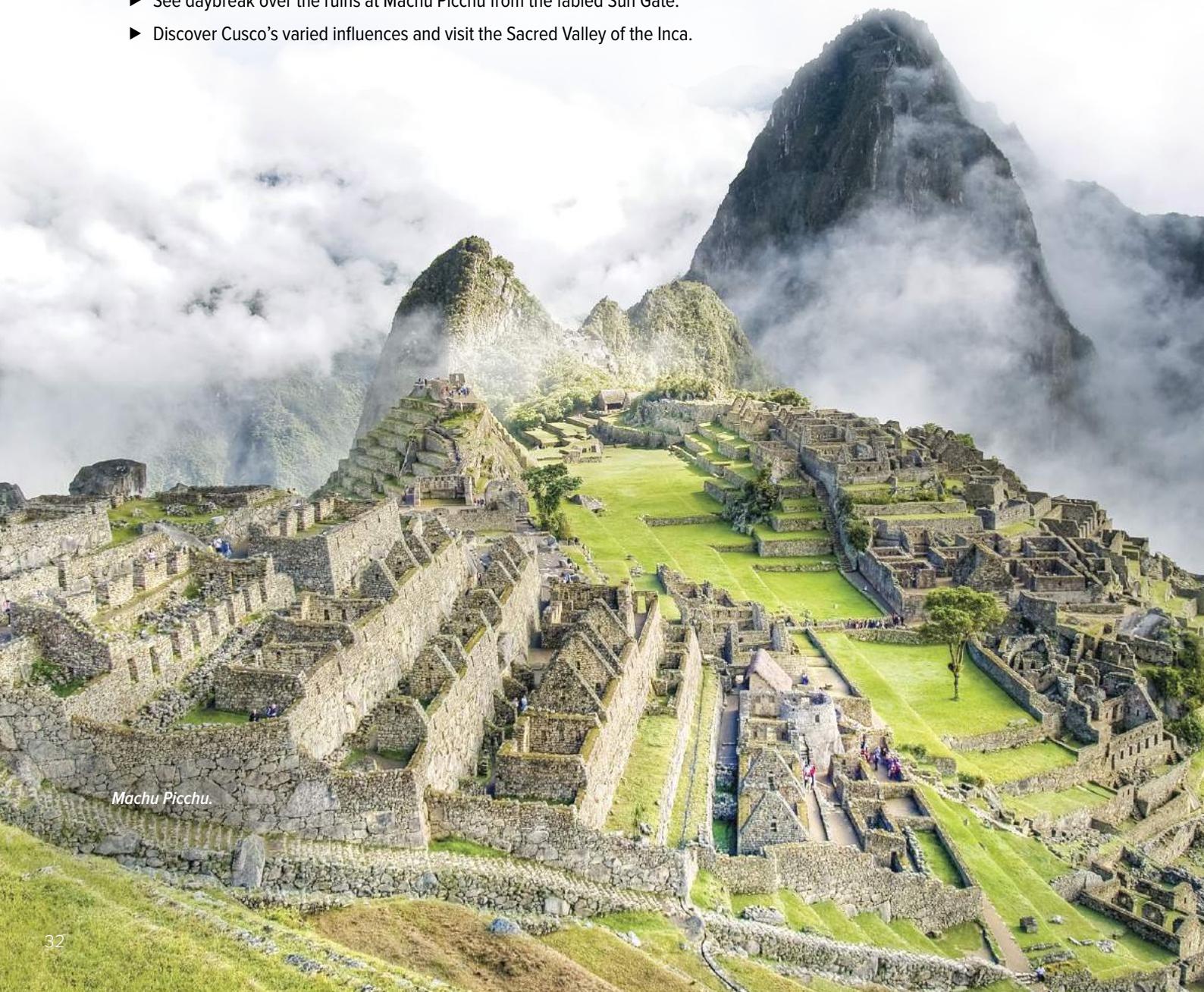
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Gain insights from National Geographic grantee **Peter Frost**—a writer, photographer, archaeologist, and independent scholar who has explored the Andes and Amazon for 35 years—or a colleague on *Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca*.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk and snorkel among the abundant and fearless wildlife of Galápagos.
- ▶ See daybreak over the ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate.
- ▶ Discover Cusco's varied influences and visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca.



Machu Picchu.

DAYS 1–8: AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 40–41.



Blue-footed boobies.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and continue by air to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the convenient Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY

Fly this morning to Cusco and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site in the heart of the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley. After lunch and a visit to a local market, check-in at Sol y Luna. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

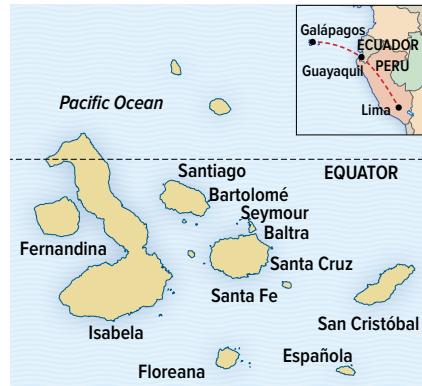
Spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic expert Peter Frost. He or a colleague joins us for a talk at our hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Marvel at the dramatic scenery this morning on the train to Machu Picchu, the Inca royal retreat introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Check-in at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, adjacent to the World Heritage Site, with the leisure to explore over two days. Lunch and dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Awaken this morning at Machu Picchu, where options include an early hike to the Sun Gate, ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu on the Inca Trail. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco—centre of the Inca universe



and a burgeoning cultural capital. Check-in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio in the heart of Cusco for two nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: CUSCO

Explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral, sacred Inca Temple of the Sun, and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuaman, where imposing terrace walls command views over the city. Return to the hotel with the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to vibrant coastal Lima this morning, where we stroll the Plaza Mayor and delight in a private farewell lunch with a special musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. After a visit to the extraordinary Larco Museum, check-in at Belmond Miraflores Park, set along the fashionable seaside promenade. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

DAY 16: LIMA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home—or onto Iquitos and Amazon. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019–2021: weekly departures following Galápagos aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*.

PRICING:

National Geographic Endeavour II
Cat. 1 from \$16,480; Suite C from \$25,850.

National Geographic Islander

Cat. 1 from \$16,930; Cat. 5 from \$23,140.

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/galaperu-et-rates or expeditions.com/galaperu-il-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.



Peruvian woman with an Alpaca.

WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

7 Days/6 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Islander*

Pack a ton of adventure into one action-packed week. With multiple adventures each day on land and undersea—including options for walks and hikes, kayaking, paddleboarding and snorkelling—you'll be assured of the full Lindblad-National Geographic Galápagos experience.



DAY 1: GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Arrive in Guayaquil and transfer to the 44-room Hotel del Parque. Call for recommended international flights or additional nights at the hotel.

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/EMBARK

Fly to Baltra in the centre of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the Tropical Pacific. We are welcomed by our naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–6: GALÁPAGOS

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition.* (B,L,D)

NORTH SEYMORE: Encounter nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a beautiful coastal walk.

SANTA CRUZ: Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild.

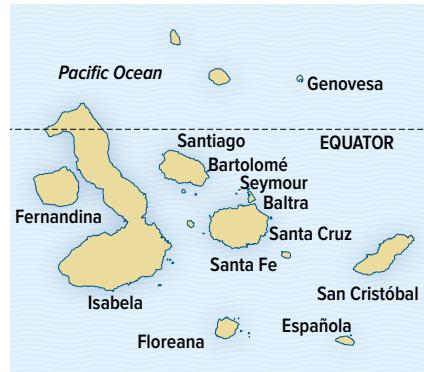
ISABELA: Toast crossing the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela's six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins as you ply these rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

FERNANDINA: One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, it's the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.

SAN CRISTÓBAL: Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

ESPAÑOLA: Home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and seasonally, the world's only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez.

FLOREANA: Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.



DAY 7: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/GUAYAQUIL

Return by air to Guayaquil, where we enjoy dayrooms at the Hotel del Parque before flights home—or continue to Quito for an optional two-night extension. You may also opt to overnight and fly home on Day 8 at no additional cost. Ask your Expedition Specialist for details. (B)

**Please note: Our expeditions begin and end at Baltra, and include visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.*

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020–2021: Seven-day expeditions depart Thursdays and Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

PRICING:

National Geographic Islander

Cat. 1 from \$7,250; Cat. 5 from \$11,670

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wildgala-rates](#), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2019 for FREE AIRFARE from Ecuador to Galápagos on select 2020–2021 departures. See page 115.

WILD GALÁPAGOS & PERU ESCAPE

9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Islander*

Experience the best of Galápagos, and Machu Picchu too, in nine action-packed days. Starting in Lima, stay two nights in the Sacred Valley, enjoy fabled Machu Picchu and see Cusco, imperial capital of the Inca. Then journey to Galápagos to actively explore each day on land and under the sea, and encounter the abundant, iconic wildlife, unfazed by your presence.



DAY 1: LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima, Peru's thriving capital, and transfer to the convenient Lima Airport Holiday Inn. You may also opt to arrive a day or two early. Please call for details.

DAY 2: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco and explore this Inca imperial city. Continue through the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley to Tambo del Inka. National Geographic Grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco, joins us to demonstrate Inca weaving traditions. Dinner tonight is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: MACHU PICCHU

Drive to Ollantaytambo, where we board our train to Machu Picchu. Set at less than 2,500 metres in the "eyebrow of the jungle," the sanctuary is surrounded by tropical mountain forest with diverse birds and orchids. We linger after day-visitors are gone, returning to Machu Picchu Pueblo for the train back to the Sacred Valley and Tambo del Inka this evening. Dinner is served aboard the first-class train. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY/GUAYAQUIL

Bid farewell to Peru and continue to Ecuador for part two of our expedition with flights from Cusco via Lima to Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city. Overnight at Hotel del Parque. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–8: GUAYAQUIL/EMBARK/GALÁPAGOS

Fly on Day 5 to Galápagos. Each day we join our naturalists on interpretive walks, swim, snorkel, or explore by kayak or Zodiac—all the while witnessing incredible interactions between animals in their natural habitat. Start exploring with a trip over the highlands of **Santa Cruz**. We search for penguins on stark black lava at Sullivan Bay on **Santiago**, hike through a forest of cactus on **Santa Fe**, snorkel in crystal-clear water at **Sombrero Chino**, sail across the Equator into the flooded caldera at **Genovesa**, a seabird paradise, and wander among sea lions and land iguanas on **Plaza Sur**. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/GUAYAQUIL

Fly to Guayaquil, where dayrooms are reserved



at the Hotel del Parque before late flights or, spend the night and return home on Day 10 at no additional cost. Ask your Expedition Specialist about options. (B)

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EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020–2021: Nine-day expeditions depart Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

PRICING:

National Geographic Islander
Cat. 1 from \$8,320; Cat. 5 from \$11,870.
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/wildgalaperu-rates, call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

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from Ecuador to Galápagos on select
2020–2021 departures. See page 115.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a post-voyage extension to **Quito & Otavalo** on either *Wild Galápagos Escape* or *Wild Galápagos & Peru Escape*. See page 38 or visit expeditions.com/quito for details.

UPPER AMAZON

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *Delfin II*

Voyage to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon in the heart of Peru's rainforest aboard the elegant riverboat *Delfin II*. Slip through an intricate network of jungle waterways in a skiff or kayak, spotting diverse birds, as well as caimans, tamarins, and sloths. Skim past massive lily pads, peer up at towering ceiba trees, and witness glorious sunsets on the still waters of the Amazon River basin.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced naturalists.
- ▶ Spot elusive Amazon wildlife, including pink and grey dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- ▶ Get acquainted with native *ribereños* on a visit to a community at the river's edge.
- ▶ Gaze at the wilderness from the comfort of the *Delfin II*, and enjoy delicious, local meals.
- ▶ Learn from a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board.
- ▶ Add *Galápagos* or *Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca* to your Amazon experience and save 10%. See page 136 or visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join National Geographic photographers **Jeff Mauritzén** on the Mar. 7 and 14, 2020 departures and **Kike Calvo** on the Mar. 20 and 27, 2021 departures.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Travel with **Eliana Elias**, Co-founder and Executive Director of our non-profit partner, Minga Peru, on the Sep. 19 and Jun. 6, 2020 departures.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

Red-and-green macaw.

DAY 1: LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima in the late evening and transfer to our conveniently located hotel, Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel.

DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/EMBARK

After breakfast, fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—stretching more than five million acres, and harbouring some of the Amazon's most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by the glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak and, when the water level permits, by foot on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably coloured saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety

of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive *paiche* fish, the Amazon's largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve's interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a birdwatching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then look for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.

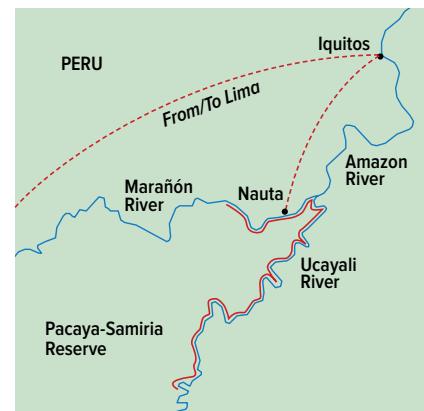
One of the unexpected joys of travelling in the upper Amazon of Peru is the interaction we have with the local *ribereños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the communities and see the projects that we support through a local non-profit, including a variety of handicrafts, women's health initiative and sustainable farming. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DISEMBARK/NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon Rescue Centre on the drive to Iquitos. Fly to Lima, where we visit Museo Larco and celebrate with a farewell dinner. Overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LIMA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2019 Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 30; Dec. 7, 14
2020 Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8; Mar. 7 14 21, 28; May 9, 16, 30; Jun. 6, 13, 20; Jul. 4, 11, 18; Sep. 19, 26; Oct. 3; Nov. 7, 14; Dec. 12, 19
2021 Jan. 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6; Mar. 6, 13, 20 27 May 1, 15, 29; Jun. 5, 12, 19; Jul. 3, 10, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14; Oct. 30; Nov. 6, 13; Dec. 25
 Photo Expedition
Limited availability.

PRICING:

Delfin II
Suite from \$9,270; Master Suite from \$11,070. Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/amazon-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE & SAVE

Make the most of your time in the region. Add *Galápagos* or *Machu Picchu & Land of the Inca* to your Amazon experience and save 10%.

ENJOY MORE OF LIMA

Arrive early or linger later—let us help arrange a pre- or post-voyage stay in Lima at the luxurious **Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel**, set along a stunning seaside promenade in the city's chicest district. Call for details.



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



ADD TROPICAL ANDES & COLONIAL QUITO

PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION/6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2020/21*: From \$2,990 per person, double occupancy.

Explore Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its dazzling colonial churches and bustling traditional markets. Then, immerse yourself in the Ecuadorian Choco, one of the world's top biodiversity hotspots, at Mashpi Lodge, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, set in a private reserve. Add it before *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* voyages to **Galápagos**.



ADD QUITO & OTAVALO

POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020/21*: from \$670 per person, double occupancy.

Explore Ecuador's beautifully preserved colonial capital and Otavalo in the Andean Highlands on this post-voyage taste of the cultural riches of Ecuador. Take the day to explore the celebrated handicraft markets, visit a nearby weaving village and relax over lunch at a historic hacienda. Add it after **Wild Galápagos Escape** and **Wild Galápagos & Peru Escape** aboard *National Geographic Islander*.



ADD UPPER AMAZON

POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION/10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

2020/21*: From \$9,120 per person, double occupancy.

Fall under the spell of the Amazon and discover the pulse and flow of the world's mightiest river by seamlessly linking your *Galápagos* voyage to an *Upper Amazon* expedition aboard the lovely *Delfin II*. Add it after select dates on *National Geographic Endeavour II* voyages to **Galápagos**. Save 10% when combining these expeditions.



ADD MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

PRE-VOYAGE OPTION

2020/21*: From \$7,370 per person, double occupancy.

After the wonders of *Galápagos*, it's only natural to extend your stay to Machu Picchu, the royal retreat of the Inca. See daybreak over the ruins from the fabled Sun Gate and explore other treasures of the Sacred Valley of the Inca with a National Geographic Expert. Available after select departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* voyages to **Galápagos**.

► FOR ADDITIONAL ADD-ON OPTIONS, VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ECUADOR

NEW

WILD COSTA RICA ESCAPE: GUANACASTE'S CORAL REEFS & VOLCANIC PEAKS

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *National Geographic Quest*

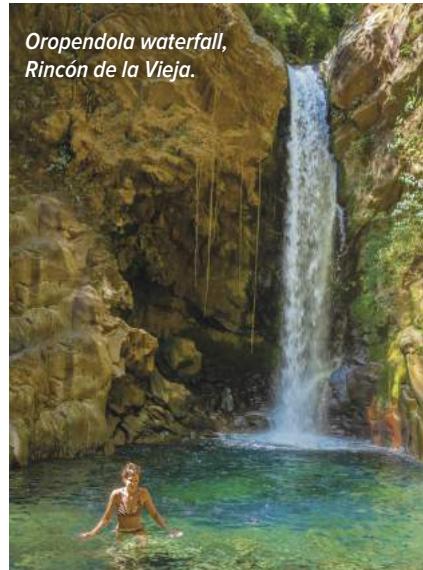
Discover the treasures of one of Costa Rica's richest regions, Guanacaste. Snorkel and kayak among untouched corals and palm-lined beaches in the Guanacaste Conservation Area. Hike, ride horseback, and zipline amid mist-shrouded volcanic peaks in Rincón de la Vieja National Park, where intriguing archaeological sites provide insight into Costa Rica's ancient past. Experience the wildness and bask in the *pura vida* that infuses this ecologically-rich region.

DAY 1: SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA / PUERTO CALDERA/EMBARK

Arrive in San José and embark our ship. Enjoy a sunset dinner on board as we chart a course for Guanacaste. (D)

DAY 2: BAT ISLANDS/SANTA ROSA NATIONAL PARK

Today, we set sail for the Bat Islands, and weather permitting, don a snorkel and fins to discover a rich underwater world. In the afternoon we'll arrive at Santa Rosa National Park, home to countless bird species. Venture out by kayak or stand-up paddleboard to explore the coastline or relax on a white-sand beach. (B,L,D)



Oropendola waterfall,
Rincón de la Vieja.

DAY 3: CUAJINIQUEL/RINCÓN DE LA VIEJA NATIONAL PARK

Today we explore Rincón de la Vieja National Park, encompassing more than 34,000 acres and housing two active volcanoes. Hike through dense green woodland, dotted with bubbling mud pots, keeping an eye out for exotic wildlife. Soak in the Rio Negro hot springs or choose between several excursions, such as horseback riding, canyoning, or ziplining. (B/L/D)

Please note: We will sail to Nicaragua overnight where necessary immigration requirements will be completed prior to returning to Costa Rica on Day 4.

DAY 4: ZAPOTAL BEACH/TAMARINDO

Drop anchor off remote Zapotal Beach, where we'll spend the morning soaking up the sun, snorkelling in crystal-clear waters, and exploring the coastline by kayak or paddleboard. This afternoon, head off in search of local flora and fauna with our naturalists. (B/L/D)

DAY 5: CURÚ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE/ISLA TORTUGA

Delve into a hotspot of biodiversity at Curú Wildlife Refuge. Learn about the hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, and mammals that inhabit this thriving ecosystem. Later cruise to a cluster of offshore islets collectively called Isla Tortuga. Cap off the day with a sunset barbecue dinner on the beach. (B,L,D)



DAY 6: PUERTO CALDERA/

DISEMBARK/SAN JOSÉ

Disembark in San José and transfer to the airport to connect with your flight home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 *National Geographic Sea Lion*:

Nov. 30; Dec. 5, 10, 15, 23, 28

2020 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: Jan. 2

National Geographic Quest: Mar. 30; Nov. 9, 14, 19, 24, 29

PRICING:

National Geographic Sea Lion

Cat. 1 from \$4,680; Cat. 3 from \$6,170

National Geographic Quest

Cat. 1 from \$4,990; Cat. 5 from \$6,970

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/guanacaste-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and we will waive the solo premium on solo cabins for select departures. Or book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price. See page 115 or call for details.

COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. On our voyage along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and Panama you'll venture into the rainforest to discover hidden pools and waterfalls; search for monkeys, sloths, frogs, and brightly coloured birds; and take an optional horseback ride on a pristine beach. To top it off, you will experience an extraordinary transit of the Panama Canal, with our ship as your platform for examining the details of this fascinating and enduring man-made marvel.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the tiny islands in the Gulf of Panama, and snorkel, paddleboard, or swim off coral-fringed Isla Coiba.
- ▶ Examine the fascinating lock system that makes the Panama Canal one of the greatest engineering achievements of its era.
- ▶ Meet and support inspiring local families on the remote Osa Peninsula.
- ▶ Hike into the lush green of Corcovado National Park to spot endemic wildlife, including tropical birds and several species of monkeys.
- ▶ Visit a private orchid garden created and run for 25 years by American expats.

NEW! OSA PENINSULA TURTLE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an extraordinary experience with the iconic sea turtles of the Pacific—join us on a visit to Latin American Sea Turtles Association, assisting researchers with data collection and observing rehabilitated turtles released back into the wild. Available exclusively on the **Nov. 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2019; and Mar. 23, 2020** departures. Visit expeditions.com/seaturtles for details.



Three-toed sloth.

DAY 1: SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/**PUERTO CALDERA/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in San José, transfer by land to Puerto Caldera and embark our ship *National Geographic Quest*. (D)

DAY 2: CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK

Anchor off the Osa Peninsula to see some of the most pristine lowland rainforest on the Pacific coast. In the environs of Corcovado National Park, swim in waterfall pools, take an optional horseback ride on the coast, or trek through the rainforest for a chance to see four species of monkeys—squirrel, howler, spider, and capuchin. (B,L,D)



Mantled howler monkeys

DAY 3: OSA PENINSULA

Go ashore in the pristine waters of Playa Blanca. Head inland to meet and share with inspiring local families living in remote communities and working with cocoa, heart of palm, and sugar cane. Kayak in peaceful waters in Golfo Dulce, the only tropical fjord on the continent. In the evening, enjoy drinks ashore and, hopefully, a beautiful sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GOLFO DULCE

Spend the day exploring the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce, on Costa Rica's southwest coast. Visit Casa Orquídeas, a tropical paradise of ornamental palms, bromeliads, heliconias, and orchids, closed to the general public and reached by boat only. Keep your eye out for tanagers, parrots, and toucans. Later, explore the placid bay, ideal for kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, Zodiac rides, and swimming. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: COIBA NATIONAL PARK,**PANAMA**

The first stop in Panama this morning is at the remote Isla Coiba, one of the many islands of Coiba National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Once a penal colony, the island has long been protected and accessible by special permit



only. Among its many endemic species are the Coiba Island agouti and the mantled howler monkey, as well as four varieties of sea turtles. Discover rich marine life while snorkelling, go kayaking or hiking, try stand-up paddleboarding, or simply relax on the beach. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS/ PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Today, explore the tiny islets of the Gulf of Panama by Zodiac or kayak. Here we might spot frigatebirds, brown pelicans, neotropical cormorants, and brown boobies. Set sail for the Panama Canal this afternoon. Stretching more than 80 kilometres, the canal was a colossal engineering feat completed in 1914. It is still traversed by some 14,000 ships every year. As cargo ships tend to pass through the canal during the day, we'll most likely begin our crossing at night, when the canal is dramatically lit. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GATÚN LAKE/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

By special arrangement, *National Geographic Quest* will anchor in Gatún Lake near the Barro Colorado Nature Monument overnight. Today, choose hikes and Zodiac cruises at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute facility on Barro Colorado Island, or take a boat ride to the mouth of the Chagres River and hike on the Panama Rainforest Discovery Centre trails.



This evening, continue through the complex lock system of the canal. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: COLÓN/DISEMBARK/ PANAMA CITY

After breakfast, disembark in Colón and transfer to the airport in Panama City. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Nov. 24; Dec. 1*, 8, 15*, 22, 29*

2020 Jan. 5, 12*, 19, 26*; Feb. 2; Mar. 8*, 15, 23*; Dec. 6*, 13, 20*, 27*

2021 Jan. 3, 10*, 17, 24*, 31; Mar. 12*

*These departures travel in reverse.

Limited availability.

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest
Cat. 1 from \$7,720; Cat. 5 from \$11,190
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wild-rates](#), call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For
best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book by Dec. 31, 2019 and receive
FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE between
Miami and San Jose/Panama City on
select departures (see page 115), OR
instead choose a complimentary two-day
extension in Panama City. Plus we will
waive the solo premium on solo cabins
on select 2019 and 2020 departures.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Experts Taylor Edwards and Luisa Arnedo
join the Dec. 8 & 15, 2019 and Mar. 23, 2020
departures, respectively.

MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST + COSTA RICA TO PANAMA

11 Days/10 Nights—Land Excursion + *National Geographic Quest*

A scenic drive will take you to Monteverde Cloud Forest. Ascend the Skywalk for a birds-eye view of the rainforest canopy and a chance to see the resplendent quetzal. Learn about life in the early Monteverde community from an original Quaker homesteader. Spend each night at a charming family-owned lodge, then board your ship for *Costa Rica & the Panama Canal*.

Day 1: San José, Costa Rica

Days 2 & 3: Monteverde Cloud Forest

Day 4: Monteverde/Puerto Caldera/
Embark

Day 5: Corcovado National Park

Day 6: Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica/Osa
Peninsula

Day 7: Golfo Dulce

Day 8: Coiba National Park, Panama

Day 9: Gulf of Panama Islets/Panama
Canal Transit

Day 10: Gatún Lake/Panama Canal
Transit

Day 11: Colón/Disembark/Panama City

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Nov. 21; Dec. 5, 19 2020 Jan. 2,
16, 30; Mar. 12



Guests explore on the
Skywalk in Monteverde.

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest

Cat. 1 from \$10,080; Cat. 5 from \$13,550
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/monteverde-rates](#), call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

See complete itinerary at [expeditions.com/monteverde](#)

PANAMA TO COSTA RICA + MONTEVERDE, ARENAL VOLCANO & TORTUGUERO

15 Days/14 Nights—*National Geographic Quest* + Land Excursion

Expand your *Costa Rica & the Panama Canal* adventure in this diverse region with this delightful and comprehensive land excursion. Hike among the mist and mosses of the Monteverde cloud forest; walk the hanging bridges of Arenal; and tour the wildlife-rich canals of Tortuguero National Park.

Day 1: Panama City, Panama/Colon/
Embark

Day 2: Gatún Lake/Panama Canal
Transit

Day 3: Gulf of Panama Islets/Panama
Canal Transit

Day 4: Coiba National Park

Day 5: Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica

Day 6: Osa Peninsula

Day 7: Corcovado National Park

Day 8: Puerto Caldera/Monteverde

Days 9 & 10: Monteverde/Arenal

Days 11 & 12: Arenal/Tortuguero

Days 13 & 14: Tortuguero/San José

Day 15: San José

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Dec. 1, 15, 29 2020 Jan. 12, 26;
Mar. 23



PRICING:

National Geographic Quest

Cat. 1 from \$13,520; Cat. 5 from \$16,990
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/arenal-rates](#), call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For
best pricing book early.

See complete itinerary at [expeditions.com/arenal](#)

EXPLORING COSTA RICA: CLOUD FOREST TO THE CARIBBEAN

9 Days/8 Nights—Land-Only Excursion

Walk trails with butterflies and birds, watching for the rare, resplendent quetzal. Ascend a series of suspension bridges for a birds-eye view of the forest canopy. Cross Lake Arenal in small boats for a fresh perspective of the volcano there. All days end with a delicious meal, including a farewell dinner.

DAY 1: SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Fly to the airport in San José, Costa Rica, transfer to your hotel. Meet your naturalist guide and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: SAN JOSÉ/TÁRCOLES RIVER/MONTEVERDE

Search for American crocodiles on the Tárcoles River. Later, walk the trails of Curi-Cancha Reserve, listening for the mournful song of the black-faced Solitaire or searching the undergrowth for agoutis, a shy mammal of the tropics. Check into a family-owned retreat, nestled in the misty cloud forest of Monteverde, offering unforgettable views. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: MONTEVERDE

After breakfast, visit the renowned Bat Jungle and learn about these fascinating night creatures, essential to the tropical forests. Hike into the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and seek out white-headed capuchins and agile, long-limbed spider monkeys. An astonishing 30 species of hummingbirds are here, including the violet sabrewing with its glowing iridescence. With luck, spot the rare and resplendent quetzal. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MONTEVERDE/ARENAL

We begin our day at a butterfly farm where we'll see dozens of local species, including blue morphos displaying their fantastic azure coloration. Later, drive to Lake Arenal and cross in small boats for a striking perspective on the volcano. Check into and enjoy our elegant hotel surrounded by tropical forests and gardens, with views towards the smoldering Arenal Volcano. (B,L,D)

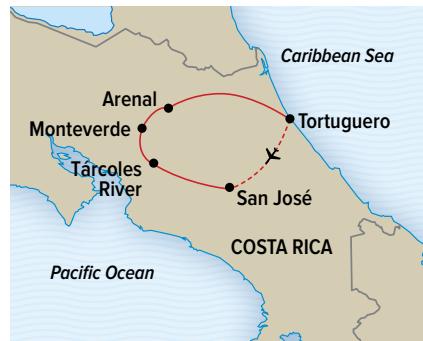


DAY 5: ARENAL VOLCANO

Take a morning excursion to Finca Don Juan to learn about sustainable farming practices before enjoying an organic lunch. Later, walk the Arenal Mistico Hanging Bridges, and watch for three-toed sloths, howler monkeys, and stunning tropical birds. Or, for a more active exploration of the tropical canopy, choose to travel by zipline. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ARENAL/TORTUGUERO

Departing Lake Arenal, we make our way to Tortuguero, a spectacular lowland forest on Costa Rica's northeast coast. Stroll through the car-less village before visiting the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the largest green sea turtle rookery in the Western Hemisphere. Dine tonight at Miss Junies, a restaurant with an Afro-Caribbean flair, before overnighting in our rustic lodge at the water's edge. (B,L,D)



DAYS 7 & 8: TORTUGUERO/SAN JOSÉ

Set out by guided boat to explore Tortuguero National Park's canals, watching for sungrebes, tiger-herons, crocodiles, and mammals including coatis and spider monkeys. Later, choose between additional excursions into the canals or enjoy our lodge's amenities. The next morning, board the charter flight to San José and visit Sibu Chocolatier followed by chocolate tasting. After lunch, we check into our hotel, the Costa Rica Marriott Hacienda Belen. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: SAN JOSÉ

Transfer to the San José airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Dec. 7, 21 2020 Jan. 4, 18; Feb. 1, 29; Mar. 6, 20, 29

PRICING:

Pricing from \$6,200

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For current rates and details, visit expeditions.com/tortuguero-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Take advantage of your proximity—add this land-only excursion to *Costa Rica & the Panama Canal* or *Wild Belize Escape: Wildlife, Reefs & Rivers* ship-based expeditions. See pages 40 and 44.

WILD BELIZE ESCAPE: WILDLIFE, REEFS & RIVERS

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Much of Belize remains genuine wilderness, with large expanses of dense tropical forest, kilometres of wild rivers, abundant bird life—and the largest, healthiest coral reef systems in North America. Discover tropical wonders on a voyage along the country's remote southern coast. Snorkel the colourful corals of the Belize Barrier Reef, explore the lush jungles on foot, and cruise coastal rivers in Zodiacs. Extend your voyage and venture to the ancient Maya ruins of Tikal to explore the stories and archaeological sites of the stone temples swathed in the rain forest teeming with wildlife.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Set out from the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Quest* to kayak and paddle-board turquoise lagoons, and board Zodiacs to cruise wildlife-rich coastal rivers.
- ▶ Spot turtles, rays, and rainbow-coloured fish while snorkelling or diving the coral gardens of the Belize Barrier Reef.
- ▶ Join a naturalist for a hike in Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's first jaguar reserve, and meet with one of the researchers working to protect this iconic creature.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist, filmmaker, and former National Geographic Fellow **Greg Marshall** will join the **February 23 & 28, 2020** departures.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts

ADD A PRE-EXTENSION TO ANTIGUA

Make the most of your travel time pre-voyage by adding a two-day stay in Antigua, Guatemala. Visit museums, sample traditional fare at local restaurants, and venture off on your own to explore the picturesque main plaza, historic buildings, and cobblestone streets of the Colonial City. Visit expeditions.com/antigua for pricing and details.

Tropical coral reef in Belize.



**DAY 1: GUATEMALA CITY,
GUATEMALA/PUERTO BARRIOS/
EMBARK**

Arrive in Guatemala City and connect with our charter flight to Puerto Barrios. Transfer to Puerto Santo Tomás where we'll embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: NORTHERN BELIZE BARRIER
REEF**

Enjoy a full day exploring the northern cayes of the Mesoamerican Reef System, second only to the Great Barrier Reef in terms of biodiversity. Kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or don a mask and fins and dive into turquoise waters to encounter sea turtles, swarms of tropical fish, and harmless nurse sharks. Certified scuba divers may opt to join a reef dive (at additional cost). (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: SITTEE OR MANATEE RIVER/
CENTRAL BELIZE REEF EXPLORATION**

This morning we sail to the mouth of a coastal river. Zodiac cruise inland through the Belizean jungle in search of toucans, green iguanas, and myriad bird species. This afternoon, we anchor near the centre of the Belize Barrier Reef, home to idyllic sandy isles and vibrant

corals, and enjoy more opportunities to kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, and scuba dive (additional cost). (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: COCKSCOMB BASIN WILDLIFE
SANCTUARY**

Spend the morning discovering the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's first jaguar reserve. Hike along one of the reserve's many nature trails to photograph tropical plants, scan the treetops for winged wonders, and spot the tracks of tapirs and jungle cats. Meet one of the researchers and learn about the ongoing research into the behaviours of Belize's jaguars, then visit a Maya handicraft centre. Tonight, an internationally acclaimed drumming group, The Garifuna Collective, joins us on board for a festive music performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: BELIZE BARRIER REEF
EXPLORATION—THE SOUTHERN CAYES**

Today, we return to the reef to relax or explore its many wonders. Our voyage is governed by wind, wave, and weather—today, nature is in charge. Tonight, we enjoy our last evening in this tropical paradise. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: PUERTO SANTO TOMÁS,
GUATEMALA/DISEMBARK/
GUATEMALA CITY**

Disembark in Puerto Santo Tomás and take a charter flight to Guatemala City, where you'll connect with your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2020 Feb. 13, 18, 23, 28 2021 Feb. 11, 16, 21, 26; Mar. 3

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest
Cat. 1 from \$4,970; Cat. 5 from \$6,900
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/belize-escape-rates, call an
Expedition Specialist, or your Travel
Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book any 2020 departure of the extended,
nine day itinerary by **Dec. 31, 2019** and
receive \$350 as an Air Credit.

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest
Cat. 1 from \$7,200; Cat. 5 from \$10,230
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SPECIAL OFFER:

Book any 2020 departure of the
extended, nine-day itinerary by **Dec. 31, 2019** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP**
economy group airfare between Miami/
Guatemala City or save \$350 as an air
credit. Plus upgrade to Business Class for
just \$550. See page 115 or call for details.

**ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE AND VISIT THE
RUINS OF THE MAYA WORLD****9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest***

Stay with us a little longer and explore the extensive Maya ruins of the Petén region, once the hub of Classic Maya Civilization.

Day 6: Puerto Santo Tomás, Guatemala/
Disembark/Flores

Day 7: Tikal National Park

Day 8: Yaxhá

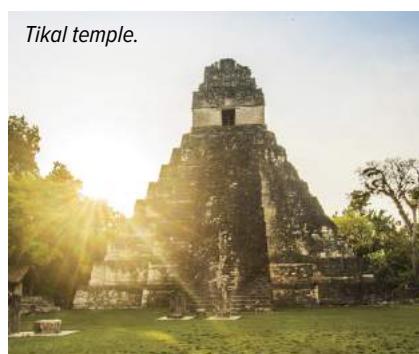
Day 9: Flores/Guatemala City

See complete itinerary at expeditions.com/belize

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Feb. 13, 18, 23, 28

2021 Feb. 11, 16, 21, 26; Mar. 3



NEW

PANAMA & COLOMBIA: EXPLORING THE CARIBBEAN COAST

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Bursting with biodiversity and comprised of a multitude of cultures, Colombia is an extraordinarily rich land. Sail the Caribbean coast to see the region's ecotourism efforts, and learn about the country's past and native peoples, including the Embera and Zenu, as well as those who arrived later—pirates, Spanish colonials, and modern-day immigrants. In Panama, transit the incredible canal and explore the pristine Guna Yala islands. Reflecting the diversity of these countries, our expedition offers jungle hikes, walking tours of historic towns, and opportunities to explore turquoise waters and coastal mangroves via snorkel, kayak, Zodiac, or stand-up paddleboard.

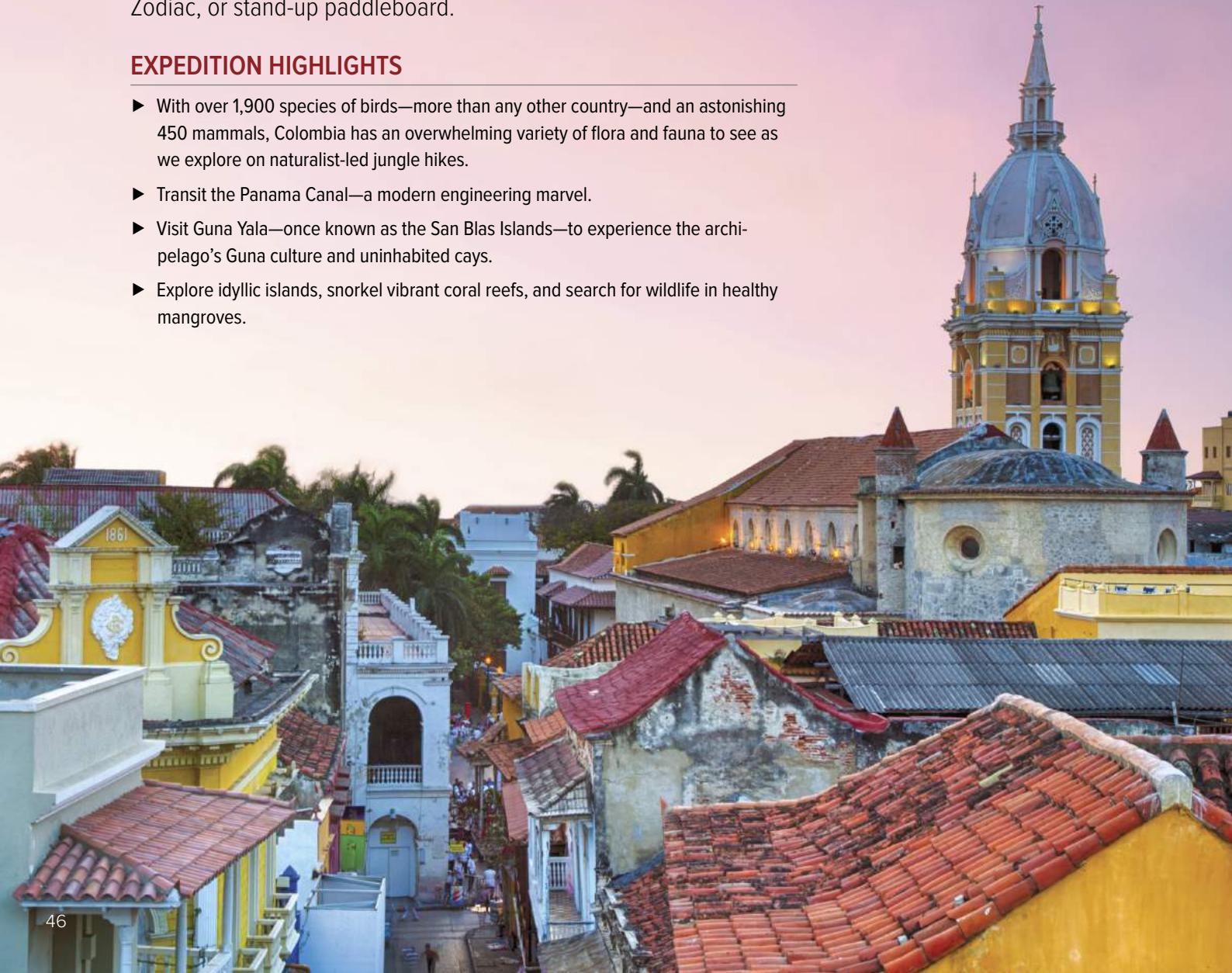
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ With over 1,900 species of birds—more than any other country—and an astonishing 450 mammals, Colombia has an overwhelming variety of flora and fauna to see as we explore on naturalist-led jungle hikes.
- ▶ Transit the Panama Canal—a modern engineering marvel.
- ▶ Visit Guna Yala—once known as the San Blas Islands—to experience the archipelago's Guna culture and uninhabited cays.
- ▶ Explore idyllic islands, snorkel vibrant coral reefs, and search for wildlife in healthy mangroves.

SPECIAL SMITHSONIAN ACCESS

Join us for an insider's look into the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's work to uncover the mysteries of tropical ecosystems on Panama's Barro Colorado Island. You'll assist biologists in their innovative research into how tropical forests and their inhabitants change over time.

Cartagena, Colombia.



**DAY 1: PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/
AMADOR/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Panama City, transfer by land to Amador and embark *National Geographic Quest* to transit the Panama Canal. Head up on deck to feel the warm, tropical breeze as you experience the dramatically lit, man-made marvel. (D)

**DAY 2: GATÚN LAKE**

Anchor overnight in Gatún Lake during our canal transit. Through our long-standing association with Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, we have special access to research facilities on Barro Colorado Island, and will meet with biologists helping to gather data on tropical ecosystems. Afterward, choose from hikes, Zodiac cruises, or a boat ride to the mouth of the Chagres River for a rainforest hike. In the evening, we'll continue through the lock system of the canal. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GUNA YALA

Made up of 365 islands, Guna Yala (once known as the San Blas Islands) is home to the indigenous Guna people. During our morning visit, enjoy the culture and handicrafts of the

Guna, particularly their fantastically patterned, handmade textiles known as *molas*. In the afternoon, snorkel, paddleboard, or kayak in one of the many tropical cays. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: CAPURGANA & SAPZURRO
VILLAGE, COLOMBIA**

The isolated villages of Sapzurro and Capurgana welcome us with laid-back Caribbean vibes. Choose an adventure that crosses from one continent to another and depart Sapzurro to hike across the border into Panama, then to the beautiful beach at La Miel. Or explore Capurgana on a nature walk to look for two different species of howler monkeys, yellow-throated toucans, and myriad parrot species on the way to El Cielo waterfall. The area is renowned for its snorkelling opportunities as we take to the water for views of the Caribbean undersea world. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: BOCAS DEL ATRATO/
TULENAPA**

In the morning, explore the mangroves and back channels of Bocas del Atrato by boat, looking for a variety of wildlife, including the highly localized sooty-capped puffbird. Visit an isolated village among the mangroves where, for nearly a century, descendants of escaped Caribbean slaves have lived. In the afternoon, we set out for Tulenapa Reserve in Los Katios National Park to search for more wildlife—birds such as the whooping motmot, chestnut-winged chachalaca, or black-chested jay; three-toed sloth; and cotton-top tamarin monkey. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: COVENAS/LORICA/TUCHIN**

Disembark in Covenas and drive inland to the town of Lorica. On our walk through the historic city centre, notice the Spanish colonial-style buildings next to edifices with a distinctly Lebanese-Syrian character. Following lunch, choose to visit the small indigenous village of Tuchin, the birthplace of the Colombian sombrero or *vueltao*—the national symbol of Colombia. Observe the traditional hat-making process, still practiced today, and meet with the *vueltao* makers. Then visit with members of the Zenu indigenous community. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: SANTA CRUZ DEL ISLOTE/SAN
BERNARDO ARCHIPELAGO**

The residents of Santa Cruz del Islete, numbering 1,200, live in an area the size of two soccer fields. Zodiac to shore to meet the residents and learn about day-to-day life on the world's most densely populated island. Later, stand-up paddleboard and kayak in the San Bernardo Archipelago. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: CARTAGENA/DISEMBARK

After breakfast on board, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

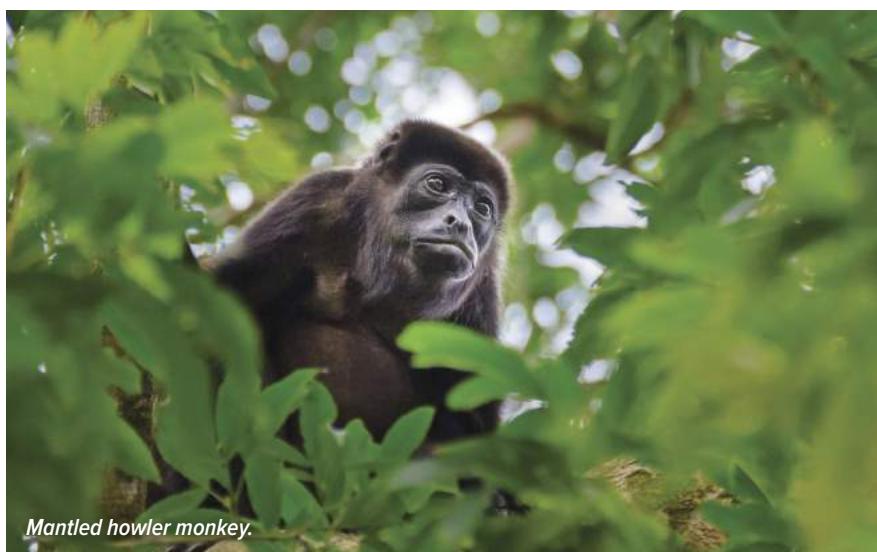
EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Oct. 10, 17*, 24, 31*

*These departures travel in reverse.

PRICING:

National Geographic Quest
Cat. 1 from \$7,490; Cat. 5 from \$11,680
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit
expeditions.com/colombia-rates, call
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Mantled howler monkey.

EPIC PATAGONIA: FJORDS, PEAKS & FORESTS

18 Days/17 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

From the wilds of Tierra del Fuego to the pinnacles of Torres del Paine National Park and the legendary Beagle Channel, experience the full sweep of Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Venture deep into Chile's glorious fjords. Pass incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers, and watch for elephant seals, Andean condors, guanacos, and penguin colonies. With special permission, encounter the private parklands of Karukinka. Cap off the adventure on Argentina's Staten Island, coming face-to-face with nature's magnificence—aboard one of the only ships allowed to explore here.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Patagonia's signature Torres del Paine National Park, and discover the Chilean fjords by Zodiac, kayak and on foot.
- ▶ See and photograph the fjords of Chile's Southern Icefield, second largest anywhere.
- ▶ Venture through pristine wildlife reserves not easily accessible, including the privately held Karukinka Park and protected Pumalín Park.
- ▶ Explore the culture and World Heritage sites of Chiloé Island, a place beloved by Chileans.
- ▶ By special permission, be one of the few people ever to explore Argentina's Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), located at the extreme end of South America.
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and take in the view of Cape Horn, following the same route as some of history's great explorers.

EXTEND YOUR STAY—THREE DIFFERENT WAYS

Start your journey in **Santiago, Chile** discovering culture, cuisine, and superb wine on our two-day extension. Or choose one of our post-voyage options: Spend three days exploring astounding **Iguazú Falls**, set in a subtropical forest that's home to toucans, parrots, butterflies, orchids, and jaguars. Or for four days steep in the mysteries of **Easter Island**, the site of more than 600 massive ancient stone statues. Visit expeditions.com/patagoniaext

Torres del Paine National Park.

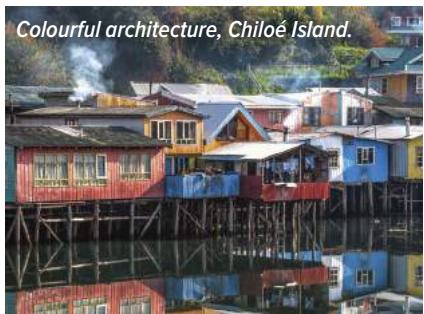


DAY 1: SANTIAGO, CHILE

Arrive in Santiago, and check in to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (or similar). The Andes are the backdrop to our guided tour. (L)

DAY 2: PUERTO MONTT/EMBARK

Fly by charter from Santiago to Puerto Montt, Chile's northern gateway to Patagonia. Embark our ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: CASTRO (CHILOÉ ISLAND)

Explore Chiloé's culture including its *pilafitos*, colourful stilt houses along the water and its wooden churches, a UNESCO site. Or, visit one of Chiloé's parks for a hike in the wilderness. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: PUMALÍN NATIONAL PARK

Pumalín's 750,000 acres are one of the only remaining areas of the *alerce* tree, sky-scraping ancient forests similar to California redwoods, with some specimens 2,000 years old. We walk the park trails. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–9: THE INSIDE PASSAGE**& THE CHILEAN FJORDS**

A vast area of snowcapped mountains, glaciers, thousands of islands, lakes, soaring granite walls, and waterfalls, the archipelago is virtually untouched by man. We make good use of our Zodiacs, kayaks and undersea technology. Chile's Southern Icefield is the second largest in the world. We explore among the fjords of Pio XI, Falcon, Penguin, or Europa, depending on weather. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAYNE NATIONAL PARK

From Puerto Natales, drive to monumental Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere. The landscape is big, wide, and sprawling, with razor-backed ridges, Andean condors, flamingos, and rheas. The Torres del Paine are an amazing sight, jagged granite mountains topped with dark slate. Discover

one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and colourful lagoons. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 & 12: TIERRA DEL FUEGO/KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

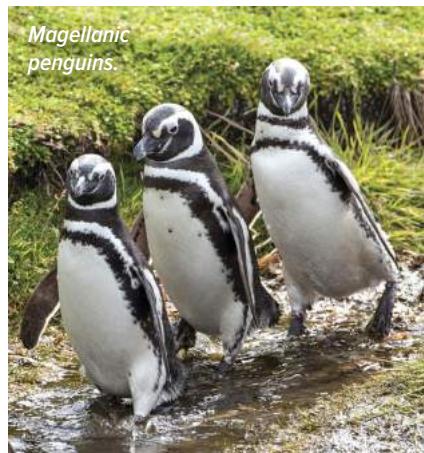
Tierra del Fuego is one of Patagonia's crown jewels. We have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit Karukinka Natural Park, a private reserve that harbours endangered culpeo foxes, black-browed albatross, condors, and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 & 14: THE CHILEAN FJORDS, BEAGLE CHANNEL, CAPE HORN

Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. We cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel and explore some of its many possibilities. Then round Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and conditions permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

DAYS 15–17: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA

By special permission, *National Geographic Explorer* is one of the only expedition ships ever to visit extraordinary Staten Island. It's a place of superlatives, barely touched in decades. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful. Search for colonies of Magellanic penguins and large assemblages of fur seals and sea lions. See and photograph the San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel by the same name. (B,L,D)

**DAY 18: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES**

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2020 Oct. 9

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

See page 86 for details.

PRICING:

National Geographic Explorer
Cat. 1 from \$24,940; Cat. 7 from \$46,630
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/chileanfjords-rates, call an
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Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book by Dec. 31, 2019 and we will cover
your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page
115 for details.

BEST OF CHILEAN PATAGONIA: FROM TORRES DEL PAINE TO CAPE HORN

INCLUDES ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND

14 Days/13 Nights—Land & Sea Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

On this land and sea expedition, you'll savour the grandeur of Torres del Paine's sunrises and sunsets, its iconic landscapes, and profusion of wildlife during a three-day stay at the Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World. Then explore fjords, glaciers, and panoramic vistas aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Venturing out on Zodiac forays, kayaking the pristine fjords, or hiking virgin trails, you'll breathe the rarefied air of a near-mythic region. Enjoy special access to Argentina's Isla de los Estados (Staten Island)—a seldom-seen island covered in wind-sculpted flora, with abundant South American fur seals and Magellanic penguins. Discover the vast parklands of Karukinka. And check viewing legendary Cape Horn off your life list.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover the wildlife-rich, iconic landscapes of Torres del Paine, Patagonia's jewel. Stay three days at the outstanding Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World.
- ▶ Explore wild, windswept Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), which has largely been off limits to travellers since 1923.
- ▶ See storied places such as the Beagle Channel and Cape Horn.
- ▶ Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Karukinka Natural Park on Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ After Patagonia, you may wish to extend your journey with four days steeped in Easter Island's mysteries on select departures. Call or visit expeditions.com/easterislandext.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

All Patagonia voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer. **Kike Calvo** joins us aboard ship on **Mar. 9, 2020**. He has authored nine books, including *Staten Island: A Visual Journey to the Lighthouse at the End of the World*.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts

Guanaco, Torres del Paine National Park.

DAY 1: SANTIAGO, CHILE

Fly overnight to Santiago, Chile. Check in to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (or similar) before exploring the Plaza de Armas, the main square and Presidential Palace. (L)

DAY 2: PUERTO NATALES

Fly to Punta Arenas, then drive to Puerto Natales, one of Patagonia's southern gateways, and check in to The Singular Hotel Patagonia. Have an afternoon tour of town. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–5: TORRES DEL PAINE**NATIONAL PARK**

Drive to this UNESCO Biosphere reserve and spend three days at Tierra Patagonia Hotel, discovering one of the most wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests, grasslands, rivers, and colourful lagoons. Choose to walk, hike, horseback ride, sail amid icebergs to the immense Grey Glacier, visit the Salto Grande waterfall, and see the towers of the central massif from the Blue Lagoon. Look out for guanacos, grey foxes, rheas, and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK/PUERTO NATALES/EMBARK

We have a final morning to explore Torres del Paine. We then drive to Puerto Natales, where we embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

DAYS 7 & 8: KIRKE NARROWS & EXPLORING CHILEAN FJORDS

Our Captain and local pilots guide us through Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small ship



such as *National Geographic Orion*. We'll look to make stops in the extensive maze of channels and islands of the Chilean fjords, where we may go out to explore by Zodiac and kayak, or take a forest walk. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: EXPLORING TIERRA DEL FUEGO/KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

Tierra del Fuego is one of Patagonia's crown jewels. We have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit Karukinka Natural Park, home to nesting black-browed albatross, condors, and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 10 & 11: EXPLORING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL**

Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. Cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel, where we'll look to use our Zodiacs to land and explore one of the many intriguing sites. Next we round Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and, weather permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 & 13: STATEN ISLAND, ARGENTINA

Discover extraordinary Staten Island. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful. Watch for Magellanic penguins, fur seals and sea lions. See the San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel by the same name. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/SANTIAGO

Disembark in Ushuaia. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your flight home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2020 Mar. 9*; Nov. 16; 2021 Mar. 8*

*These voyages travel in reverse.

Limited availability.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a post-voyage extension to [Easter Island](#), on select departures. See page 96 for details.

PRICING:

National Geographic Orion
Cat1. \$19,700; Cat. 6 from \$31,330
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/patagonia-rates](#), call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel on board *National Geographic Orion*
and we will cover your bar tab and all tips
for the crew.

PATAGONIA: CHILEAN FJORDS & ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND

9 Days/8 Nights

DATES: 2020 Mar. 9*; Nov. 20

2021 Mar. 8*

Limited availability.

PRICING: Cat. 1 from \$10,780; Cat. 6 from \$20,150

This carefully curated expedition offers the peak experiences of Patagonia and its surrounding environs in a compact timeframe. Discover the fjords, glaciers, wildlife, and vistas that make Chilean Patagonia one of the most lauded nature destinations on Earth. Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Karukinka Natural Park, and explore seldom-seen Staten Island. Learn more at [expeditions.com/short_patagonia](#)

NEW

SOUTHERN PATAGONIA: GLACIERS, FJORDS & WILDLIFE

17 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Long before humans arrived on the continent, glaciers carved the landscapes of Southern Patagonia and the Chilean fjords. Now it's a place for the grandest nature adventures: marvelling at calving glaciers, whale and dolphin watching, hiking through rugged landscapes, Zodiac cruising among icebergs, and observing penguins by the thousands. Explore iconic Torres del Paine, where guanacos roam the vast steppe. Discover private reserves such as Karukinka; visit the newest marine reserve on the Chilean coast; take in the view of Cape Horn; and enjoy special access to Argentina's extraordinary Isla de los Estados (Staten Island). On hiking, kayaking, and Zodiac excursions, take in the natural treasures of a wilderness at the edge of the world.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*, glide into Patagonia's "Glacier Alley" and navigate among floating icebergs by Zodiac and kayak.
- ▶ Explore iconic Torres del Paine National Park with our naturalist staff.
- ▶ Visit Francisco Coloane Marine Park, where humpback whales and dolphins gather.
- ▶ Get up close to a vast Magellanic penguin colony on Isla Magdalena, and hike in search of the Andean fox and the Chilean flamingo.
- ▶ By special permission, explore the private reserve of Karukinka and the untouched, wildlife-filled landscapes of remote Isla de los Estados.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

All *National Geographic Endurance* voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer to inspire you and share tips in the field

Learn more about staff at expeditions.com/experts.

Pia Glacier's sheer size and beauty are mesmerising.



DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and check into the Alvear Icon Hotel, or similar. Join our guided tour, seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. (L)

DAY 2: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Before embarking, enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. (B,L,D)



Elephant seal.

DAY 3 & 4: EXPLORING THE CHILEAN FJORDS: GLACIER ALLEY

Sail into a vast wilderness of snow-capped peaks and mirror-like lakes, thick glaciers and islets blanketed with vegetation. Myriad fjords or *senos* cut between soaring granite walls and waterfalls splash down. This region is known as Glacier Alley, part of a UNESCO Biosphere. Explore secluded Seno Pia and its impressive glacier; dramatic Seno Garibaldi and the stunning wall of ice that is Garibaldi Glacier; and Seno Agostini, the source of numerous glaciers originating at more than 2,000 metres in elevation. Explore by Zodiac, getting close to floating brash ice, watching for wildlife, and hoping to witness the thundering process of glacial calving. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: FRANCISCO COLOANE MARINE PARK

Francisco Coloane Marine Park is the largest marine protected area along the Chilean coast. A large population of humpback whales feed in these waters, as do South American sea lions. Black and white Peale's dolphins are seen, and we search for the endemic and endangered Chilean dolphin. Discover the marine park by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Spot Andean condors, giant Antarctic petrels, and visit a Magellanic penguin colony. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: PUERTO NATALES &**TORRES DEL PAYNE**

From Puerto Natales, drive to monumental Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The landscape is big, wide, and sprawling, with razor-backed ridges, flamingos, and rheas. Discover one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and gem-coloured lagoons, crowned with the pinnacles of Torres del Paine. Spend time in Puerto Natales to learn more about the indigenous culture and burgeoning Chilean gastronomic scene. Or, opt to go birding for Andean condors. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 & 9: KIRKE NARROWS & CHILEAN FJORDS

Continuing our exploration of the Chilean fjords, we navigate the Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small ship such as *National Geographic Endurance*. Explore the extensive maze of channels and islands by Zodiac and kayak or take a walk in the surrounding forest. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: PUNTA ARENAS & ISLA MAGDALENA**

Today begins in Punta Arenas, visiting the historic city centre and the Salesian Museum to learn about the region's archaeology and wildlife. Alternatively, hike in the Magallanes National Reserve. Later, be on deck as our ship navigates the Strait of Magellan, en route to Isla Magdalena. Go ashore at the Penguins National Nature Reserve, home to 120,000 nesting Magellanic penguins. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 & 12: TIERRA DEL FUEGO: KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

Continue to the newest and largest protected area on Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka. We have permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit this private reserve, which harbours endangered culpeo foxes, guanacos,



black-browed albatross, Andean condors, and elephant seals. Visit Bahia Ainsworth at the base of Marinelli Glacier to explore the sub-polar Magellan forest. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13–16: CAPE HORN & ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA

Today we round Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and conditions permitting, land there for panoramic views before continuing to Argentina. *National Geographic Endurance* is one of the few expedition ships granted permission to visit Isla de los Estados, whose wild, untouched landscapes are home to Magellanic penguins, fur seals, otters, sea lions, and countless water birds. See the "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel of the same name. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with your flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2021 Feb. 25

PRICING:

National Geographic Endurance
Cat. 1 from \$24,320; Cat. 7 from \$47,830
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/glaciers-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Endurance* and we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.



TWO POLES, THREE SHIPS

Exploring a polar region should be a pinnacle event in a traveller's life. We're committed to doing whatever it takes to make your experience the most memorable ever—and our expedition ships are key. Our ships, top-tier Ice Class vessels, are purpose-designed and built, incorporating 50+ years of polar experience, for exploring the ice in comfort and safety. The captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet are extraordinary mariners, with decades of ice navigation expertise. Our expedition teams are hand-picked for their knowledge of polar natural history and their ice skills. Each ship has its own personality, a product of its interior design and careful attention to details and amenities, and the unique warmth of its hotel staff. Each ship, equipped with state-of-the-art tools, provides an unparalleled base for explorations. And the logistics on each are superb, designed to swiftly and efficiently get you off ship on your choice of thrilling daily forays. Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Orion*, or the new *National Geographic Endurance* for the ultimate Antarctic or Arctic adventure.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

was built for service along Norway's coast as part of the famed Coastal Express, and her excellent maneuverability and just-right size made her a natural for our fleet. Re-outfitted for expedition travel with a fleet of Zodiacs, sea kayaks, and deluxe accommodations, *National Geographic Explorer* carries 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

was born an expedition ship, created to traverse vast expanses of the Southern Ocean, from the tropics to the polar reaches. Her design enables her to slip into slender straits, coves, and inlets and handle the Drake Passage, too. Equipped with a fleet of Zodiacs—plus sea kayaks, *National Geographic Orion* promises up-close exploration for 102 guests in 53 outside-facing cabins.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE, a next-generation expedition ship making her debut in 2020, is designed to navigate polar passages year-round and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort and innovative new onboard features. Her patented X-BOW® provides a smooth ride in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck. She is equipped for personal exploration with Zodiacs and sea kayaks. *National Geographic Endurance* voyages with 126 guests in 69 outside-facing cabins.



JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

**12 Days/11 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*,
National Geographic Orion, and *National Geographic Endurance***

Traveling aboard our state-of-the-art luxury expedition ships, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous icebergs by Zodiac, photograph the penguin colonies, take walks ashore, and kayak in complete tranquility.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists celebrating Lindblad's 50+-year heritage in Antarctica.
- ▶ View magnificent mountains and huge glaciers. On shore, observe thousands of penguins: gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.
- ▶ Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of wildlife.
- ▶ Kayak in protected waters, paddling as penguins swim nearby.
- ▶ November departures on all ships offer the possibility to cross-country ski and snowshoe—on the frozen sea ice.
- ▶ Two days prior in warm Buenos Aires or Santiago? Or time post-voyage at Easter Island or Iguazú Falls? Call to discuss options or visit expeditions.com/antarcticaext



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with David Yarnold on Dec. 18, 2019; Jon Bowermaster on Nov. 28, 2019; Kathryn Sullivan on Jan. 7, 2020; Robert Bindschadler on Dec. 28, 2019; Felicity Aston on Jan. 17, 2020; and Christiana Figueres on Feb. 6, 2020.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Nick Cobbing on Dec. 10 & 20, 2019; Chris Rainier on Dec. 28, 2019; Phil Schermeister on Dec. 30, 2019 & Jan. 9, 2020; Jasper Doest on Jan. 27 & Feb. 6, 2020; and Sisse Brimberg on Jan. 29 & Feb. 8, 2020, and Jan. 7, 2021.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.



A pair of gentoo penguins welcomes guests.

**DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
(NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION)**

Arrive in Buenos Aires or Santiago. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Alvear Icon (*Endurance*), or similar, before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (*Orion*), or similar before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (L)

DAY 2: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–9: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales at play off the bow, taking an

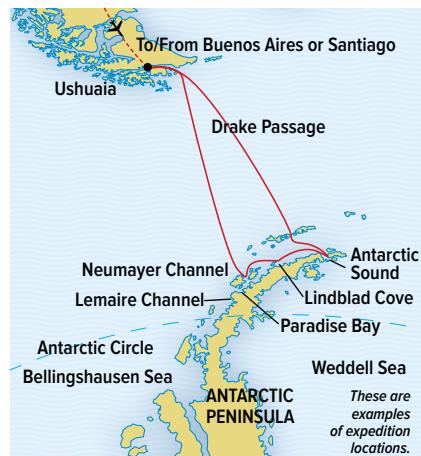
after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an unplanned excursion. We anticipate offering opportunities each day to cruise the beautiful coastline, take walks ashore, kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to thousands of Adélie and gentoo penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive or show rare images taken up to 300 metres below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn, see, and experience more. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10 & 11: AT SEA

Enjoy the ship's amenities as the coast of Antarctica disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (EXPLORER & ENDURANCE) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your flight home. (B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (National Geographic Explorer):

2019 Nov. 28; Dec. 8, 18[†], 28[†]
2020 Jan. 7, 17, 27; Feb. 6; Nov. 9, 19, 29;
Dec. 9, 19[†], 29[†]; 2021 Jan. 8, 18, 28; Feb. 7;
Nov. 9; Dec. 9, 19[†], 29[†]; 2022 Jan. 8; Feb. 7, 17

DATES (National Geographic Orion):

2019 Dec. 10, 20[†], 30[†]; 2020 Jan. 9, 29; Feb. 8;
Dec. 8, 18[†] 2021 Jan. 7, 17, 27; Feb. 6;
Dec. 8, 18[†], 28[†] 2022 Jan. 7, 17, 27

DATES (National Geographic Endurance):

2020 Dec. 8, 18[†]; 2021 Nov. 8; Dec. 8, 18[†]
Limited availability.

National Geographic Orion departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website. *For holiday rates, visit our website.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

See page 86 for details.

PRICING:

National Geographic Explorer
Cat. 1 from \$18,680; Cat. 7 from \$34,990

National Geographic Orion

Cat. 1 from \$19,070; Cat. 6 from \$36,720

National Geographic Endurance

Cat. 1 from \$20,370; Cat. 7 from \$40,190
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/antarctic-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

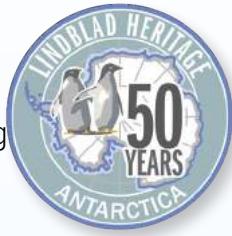
SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** on select dates and receive a \$1,000 special savings offer per person. Subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers and pre- and post-extensions. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 115 for details.

SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

17 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Steeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: gentoo and king penguins, enormous elephant seals and a thriving fur seal population. Here on South Georgia you can observe one of the world's great wildlife spectacles: literally tens of thousands of stately king penguins on a single beach. The Falkland Islands are equally impressive, with colonies of nesting albatross and rockhopper penguins. This British Territory also adds a human element, with remote settlements and people living off the land.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Weather permitting, hike in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fated Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition.
- ▶ See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- ▶ Observe magnificent black-browed albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- ▶ Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and Zodiac cruise in South Georgia's isolated bays.
- ▶ You'll have the special opportunity to fly by private charter from the Falklands to Santiago, eliminating the sea crossing one-way.
- ▶ Two days prior in warm Buenos Aires? Or time post-voyage at Easter Island? Call or visit expeditions.com/southgeorgiaext

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

As a contributing editor to *National Geographic Traveller*, travel writer **Andrew Evans** has crisscrossed the globe and is the author of the epic travel memoir, *The Black Penguin*. Join him on Mar. 7, 2020.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with award-winning photographer and filmmaker **Pete McBride** on Mar. 7, 2020. Pete has traveled to all seven continents, and whether it involves vantages from 6,000 metres or below icebergs, he is passionate about creating unique photos and stories.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

King penguin colony, South Georgia.



DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Arrive in Buenos Aires. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (L)

DAY 2: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare for the wildness in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the Bridge, scanning for petrels, penguins and albatross. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 4 & 5: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

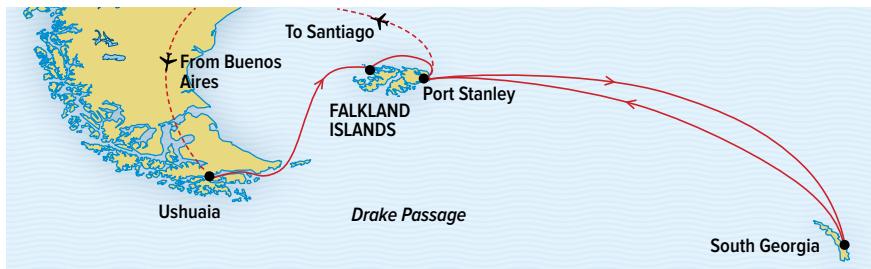
Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors, and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as magnificent albatross and fur seals. Walk along wildlife-filled beaches, meander through tussock grass or sit atop a cliff and ponder the views. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: AT SEA

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna and geology of South Georgia. Our naturalists help identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-14: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

Explore the spectacular coastline of South Georgia Island. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking



and Zodiac excursions. Sailing along the coast, we plan to offer activities every day including visits to Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Harbour, where Shackleton, Tom Crean and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. See huge elephant seals, and on a single beach, you will see thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

DAYS 15 & 16: AT SEA/FALKLANDS

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the Bridge, or spend these days enjoying the ship's spa, fitness centre, library, and observation deck. After time at sea, our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature. Our afternoon visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to see the human face of the islands, to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a drink at a local pub, and stroll around this remote colonial town. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 DISEMBARK STANLEY, FALKLANDS/FLY TO SANTIAGO, CHILE

After breakfast, disembark in the Falklands capital city of Stanley, and transfer to the airport at Mount Pleasant for our private charter flight to Santiago to connect with your flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Mar. 7; Oct. 25*; 2021 Mar. 9*

2022 Feb. 27

*These departures follow a modified itinerary. Visit our website for details.

PRICING:

National Geographic Explorer

Cat. 1 from \$22,870; Cat. 7 from \$44,230

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/southgeorgia-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book by Dec. 31, 2019 to receive \$1,000 savings per person, plus free charter flights on all departures of South Georgia & the Falklands. Charter flights based on Buenos Aires/Ushuaia, returning Falklands/Santiago (or vice versa). Subject to availability and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. We will also cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 115 or call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires**. Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island**. On select departures, make the most of your time south and visit this mysterious island located almost 1,900 kilometres from its neighbor. Learn about its ancient culture and see the iconic stone statues. See page 86 or call for details.

Southern elephant seal weaners, South Georgia.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

22 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Endurance*, and *National Geographic Orion*

This voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland's amazing albatross colonies. Travelling aboard one of our ice-class expedition ships *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Endurance*, or *National Geographic Orion*, spend five days discovering the Antarctic Peninsula. Stroll through lively crowds of penguins in stunning South Georgia, and hike the shores of the Falkland Islands. Experience boundless wildlife and captivating beauty as you venture into some of the planet's most unspoiled landscapes.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Trace the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fateful journey in 1914 aboard *Endurance*, and toast at his gravesite in South Georgia.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 50 years of experience here.
- ▶ November departures on all ships offer the possibility to cross-country ski and snowshoe—on the frozen sea ice.
- ▶ Two days prior in warm Buenos Aires or Santiago? Or time post-voyage at Easter Island or Iguazú Falls? Call to discuss options or visit expeditions.com/antarcticaext

Sculpted iceberg in Lindblad Cove, Antarctica.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with polar expert Andrew Clarke on Nov. 8, 2019; mountaineer Peter Hillary, on Feb. 16, 2020 & Feb. 17, 2021.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All departures travel with a National Geographic photographer: Ralph Lee Hopkins on Nov. 8, 2019; Krista Rossow on Nov. 20, 2019, Tommy Heinrich on Feb. 16, 2020; and Krystle Wright on Feb. 18, 2020.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION)
Arrive in Buenos Aires or Santiago. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Alvear Icon (*Endurance*), or similar, before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (*Orion*), or similar before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (L)

DAY 2: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

Settle in to shipboard life as we sail to Antarctica. Keep a lookout for albatross that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)



Cross-country ski on the frozen sea in November (conditions permitting).

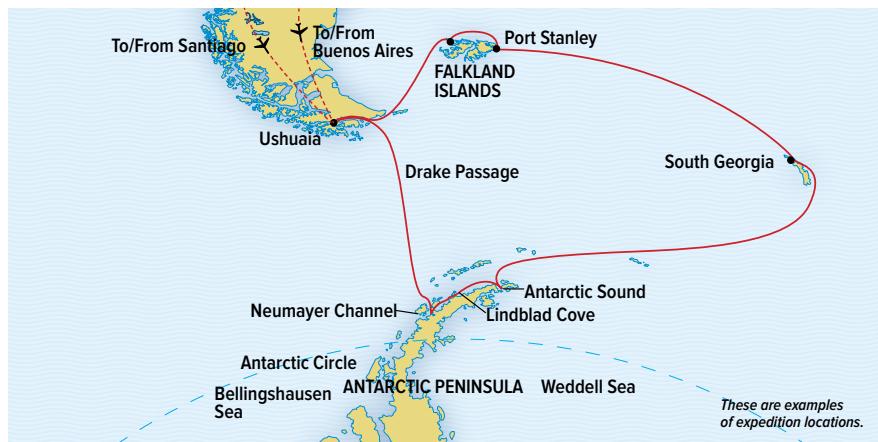
DAYS 4–9: ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We'll spend these days on the "White Continent," exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10 & 11: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 12–16: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, and conditions permitting,



we'll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

DAYS 17 & 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 19 & 20: FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Falklands boast albatross, blue-eyed shags, nesting rockhopper penguins, and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic colonial town of Stanley and visit the evocative Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: AT SEA

On our final day at sea, enjoy one last chance to view the marine life of these southern waters. Toast our epic voyage at a festive farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (EXPLORER & ENDURANCE) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your flight home. (B,L)



King penguins.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (National Geographic Explorer):
2019 Nov. 8^{**}; 2020 Feb. 16; 2021 Feb. 17[†], Nov. 19; 2022 Jan. 18

DATES (National Geographic Orion):

2019 Nov. 20^{*}; 2020 Feb. 18; 2021 Feb. 16, Nov. 18 2022 Feb. 6

DATES (National Geographic Endurance)

2020 Oct. 19^{**}; Nov. 8[†]; 2021 Nov. 17

Limited availability.

Note: National Geographic Orion departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires.

*These departures travel in reverse.

*These voyages fly one-way directly to or from the Falkland Islands, visit expeditions.com/flythecrossing

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

See page 86 for details.

PRICING:

National Geographic Explorer
Cat. 1 from \$32,190; Cat. 7 from \$62,490

National Geographic Orion
Cat. 1 from \$33,120; Cat. 6 from \$64,050

National Geographic Endurance
Cat. 1 from \$35,730; Cat. 7 from \$70,480
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/asgf-rates, call an Expedition
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book select departures by Dec. 31, 2019
and we will cover your bar tab and tips
to the crew. See page 115 for details.

NEW

EPIC ANTARCTICA VOYAGE: THE PENINSULA TO THE ROSS SEA & BEYOND

34 Days/32 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

This extraordinary new voyage is like a blockbuster film—the star is the seventh continent. And the co-stars are the big ice of remote West Antarctica, where we are sure to set foot on ice where no other humans ever have; the prolific wildlife and impressive ice shelf of the Ross Sea region; and the sub-Antarctic islands of New Zealand and Australia, World Heritage sites for the thousands of seals and millions of penguins here. This is wildness and wildlife at its finest. Following in the footsteps of Scott, Ross, Amundsen and Shackleton, perhaps only a few thousand people in the history of the planet have ever made this voyage. Too good to pass up.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Aboard the new Polar Class 5 *National Geographic Endurance*, venture where few others have gone before, including West Antarctica and the subantarctic isles of New Zealand and Australia.
- ▶ Marvel at the massive white wall that marks the edge of the Ross Ice Shelf, the world's largest.
- ▶ Gain insights from naturalists while observing abundant wildlife: royal penguins, seals and whales, and 150,000 pairs of king penguins on a single beach.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Maria Stenzel has photographed six assignments celebrating Antarctica for National Geographic. Travel with Maria on **Dec. 28, 2020**. Award-winning photographer Tyrone Turner has produced stories for National Geographic on a wide range of subjects, and enjoys sharing his passion for visual storytelling. Travel with Tyrone on **Jan. 28, 2021**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.



With luck, spot the elusive emperor penguin.

DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Arrive in Buenos Aires. Settle into the Alvear Icon (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux Arts palaces and the balcony made famous by Eva Perón. (L)

DAYS 2 & 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/ EMBARK/AT SEA

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. After lunch, embark our ship and settle into shipboard life. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–8: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

Our flexible schedule allows us to take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales perform off the bow or enjoying an after-dinner Zodiac cruise. We'll explore on foot, by Zodiac or kayak, and experience close encounters with wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9–16: WEST ANTARCTICA

Your Captain and Expedition Leader will look for spots to “park” the ship in the fast ice for the thrill of disembarking onto a frozen sea—for ice walks, cross-country skiing forays, and snow-shoe hikes. And, there will be time to relax, unwind in the sauna, head up to the Bridge, and hear talks from our staff. (B,L,D)

DAYS 17–24: EXPLORING THE ROSS SEA & THE ROSS ICE SHELF

Following in the wake of Antarctic explorers, marvel at the Ross Ice Shelf, the world's largest, roughly the size of France. Stop at small islands for nature walks, spot colonies

of Adélie penguins, and explore by Zodiac and kayak. Conditions permitting, we may visit Coulman Island, where we hope to see emperor penguins. (B,L,D)

DAYS 25–29: AT SEA/MACQUARIE ISLAND, AUSTRALIA/AT SEA

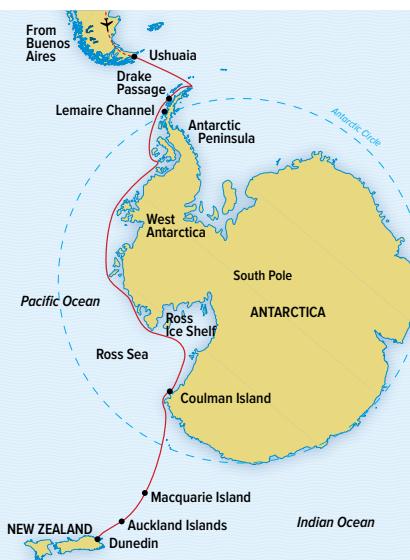
Explore Macquarie Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site home to thousands of seals and millions of penguins including 500,000 pairs of endemic royal penguins. Land on a beach thronged with 150,000 pairs of king penguins. (B,L,D)

DAYS 30–32: NEW ZEALAND'S SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS

Discover New Zealand's sub-Antarctic islands and the marine landscape, a World Heritage site. The islands are considered “bird central” among top ornithologists. See the rocky Snares Islands, home to over a million seabird pairs and the endemic Snares crested penguin. Explore the larger Auckland Islands, with a fascinating human history. Conditions permitting, cruise by Zodiac to Enderby Island to spot rare yellow-eyed penguins. (B,L,D)

DAYS 33–34: DUNEDIN, N.Z./ DISEMBARK/AUCKLAND

Disembark on New Zealand's South Island in the town of Dunedin. Fly to Auckland and overnight at the Sky City Grand Hotel (or similar). Fly home the next day.
(Day 33: B,L,D; Day 34 B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Dec. 28; 2021 Jan. 28*; Dec. 28
2022 Jan. 28*

Limited Availability.

*These departures travel in reverse.

Guests explore Antarctica by Zodiac.



PRICING:

National Geographic Endurance
Cat. 1 from \$61,000; Cat. 7 from \$120,240
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/ross-sea-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add two days in [Buenos Aires](#), a three-day extension at [Iguazú Falls](#), four days in [Easter Island](#), or spend time in [New Zealand](#). See page 86, or visit our website for details.



Elephant seals on Macquarie Island.

EXPLORING RUSSIA'S FAR EAST & WRANGEL ISLAND

13 Days/12 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

This fascinating exploration of the remote Russian Far East promises rich culture and an astounding wealth of wildlife. Meet indigenous artists known for their intricate walrus ivory carvings, take in dramatic bird cliffs teeming with auklets and guillemots, then forge farther north, well above the Arctic Circle to Wrangel Island Reserve. Spend several days in this pristine landscape that's home to a high density of polar bear dens, the world's largest population of Pacific walrus, and a unique variety of plant life. And before this expedition comes to an end, witness one more site few get to see—an ancient, mysterious display of whale bones and skulls erected on Yttygran Island.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Kiliii Yüyan is an award-winning photographer who specialises in Arctic photography and indigenous issues. Kiliii is both Siberian Native and Chinese-American, and he has traveled across the polar regions working with indigenous cultures and wildlife. His four-year project on the subsistence whaling culture of the Alaskan Inuit appeared in the December 2018 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Travel with him on the Aug. 7, 2020 voyage.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Observe majestic polar bears at Wrangel Island Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage site dubbed the “polar bear nursery” for the high number of dens found here.
- ▶ See grey whales in their northern feeding grounds in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.
- ▶ Watch and photograph iconic wildlife such as Pacific walrus, polar bears, puffins and more.
- ▶ Visit the evocative site known as Whale Bone Alley on the northern tip of remote Yttygran Island.
- ▶ Experience meaningful cultural exchanges across the entire breadth of Beringia.



Polar bear mother with full grown cubs, Wrangel Island, Russia.

**DAY 1: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./
NOME/EMBARK**

Arrive in Anchorage and fly to Nome. Embark *National Geographic Orion* in the afternoon and cross the international date line as we transit the Bering Strait. (L,D)

**DAY 2: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN
FEDERATION**

At the western limit of the rich transboundary area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often called "The Gateway to the Arctic." It's also the administrative centre where we will conduct our clearance into Russia. Visit the excellent museum, and witness a cultural music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: CAPE DEZHNEV/UELEN
VILLAGE**

Round Cape Dezhnev, the easternmost point of the Eurasian continent and if conditions permit, make a landing and hike to the lighthouse. Then, continue to the nearby Chukchi and Yupik village of Uelen, a major artistic centre of the region known for its exquisite walrus ivory carving. (B,L,D)

Walrus, Chukotka, Russia.

**DAY 4: KOLYUCHIN ISLAND &
KOLYUCHIN BAY**

Located on the northern Chukotka coast, Kolyuchin Inlet is an enormous tidal estuary that offers excellent hiking and birding opportunities. Nearby on Kolyuchin Island find nesting puffins and guillemots, and occasionally Pacific walruses hauled-out. Explore the area by Zodiac and, conditions permitting, go ashore. (B,L,D)

DAY 5-8: WRANGEL ISLAND

This UNESCO World Heritage site has the highest level of biodiversity in the High Arctic. Spend four fascinating days discovering the island's abundant plant life and searching for polar bears, Pacific walrus, musk oxen, arctic

fox, grey whales, and 100 migratory bird species. You may also spot the bones and tusks of woolly mammoths jutting out from gravelly riverbeds—Wrangel Island was the last refuge for these ancient beasts. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9 & 10: AT SEA/LORINO VILLAGE

Head back south from Wrangel Island and take advantage of the time at sea to attend informative talks, sort your photos, visit the Bridge to learn about navigation, or just relax and let the memories of the previous days soak in. At Lorino, the largest indigenous village in Chukotka, learn about traditional fishing, hunting and reindeer herding. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: YTTEGRAN ISLAND/
PROVIDENIYA**

Originally created around 600 years ago, Yttygran is thought to have been a communal or ceremonial Yupik site. Here, visit the fascinating place known as Whale Bone Alley, a mysterious and haunting boneyard erected alongside a rugged and remote shoreline. In Provideniya we'll conduct our clearance formalities before heading east to Nome. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: AT SEA/CROSSING
THE BERING STRAIT**

Spend the final day at sea, crossing the international date line as we transit one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet. Linger on deck with binoculars in hand—the chances are great to spot whales and rare seabirds. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: NOME/DISEMBARK/
ANCHORAGE**

Arrive in Nome this morning, transfer to the airport for flights to Anchorage and onward. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2020 Aug. 7, 19, 31; 2021 Aug. 3, 15

Note: Russian visa is required.

PRICING:

National Geographic Orion

Cat. 1 from \$21,880; Cat. 6 from \$41,790

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/wrangle-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- **BE OUR GUEST:** Take advantage of a complimentary pre-voyage night in Anchorage. Call for details.
- Travel aboard *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-night post-voyage extension. Stay at the [Tutka Bay Lodge](#) on the Kenai Peninsula, or at [Winterlake Lodge](#) in the foothills of the Alaskan Range—both National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Call or visit expeditions.com/alaskalodges.



Whale bones, Yttygran Island.

EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

17 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Arctic, a land where polar bears roam, whales congregate, and hardy Inuit communities maintain their traditional way of life. Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, trace the rugged fjords of Greenland and navigate the mouth of Canada's legendary Northwest Passage at southern Ellesmere Island. Spot polar bears on the pack ice, watch for a variety of whales—from minke and fin whales to the rare narwhal. Get up close to massive glaciers, and hike the wild islands that dot Canada's northern shores.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, whales, ringed seals and, with much luck, narwhal in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Visit Inuit communities in Greenland and Canada, whose way of life is inextricably linked to the land and sea around them.
- ▶ Extend your stay in Iceland with a pre- or post-voyage extension to explore Iceland's natural wonders. Details on expeditions.com/highext

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Kerby is an award-winning natural history photographer with a PhD in Arctic ecology. Join Jeff on the Aug. 7, 2020 voyage.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Minik Rosing is a renowned geologist, who discovered evidence of photosynthesis occurring 3.7 billion years ago. Travel with him on Aug. 7, 2020.

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Guests hike across the Arctic tundra in Ilulissat, West Greenland.

DAY 1: KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK
Arrive in Keflavík and transfer to Reykjavík where you will have the option of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or experience a hot springs, geothermal plant and Icelandic horse farm. Following lunch, check into the Grand Hotel, or similar. (L,D)

DAY 2: KEFLAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK
Fly by chartered aircraft to Kangerlussuaq and embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: SISIMIUT, GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Cruise down the length of Kangerlussuaq Fjord en route to Sisimiut. Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. There are several walking options to explore in and around town. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY

A relaxing day at sea allows for time to hear talks from our staff about the wildlife and geology of the region. Go up to the Bridge to watch for whales. Head up to the library. Enjoy the sauna or have a rigorous workout in the fitness centre, with its "million dollar views." Or simply relax in the Observation Lounge. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–12: EXPLORING THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

We begin our exploration of the Canadian High Arctic with a visit to the small Inuit community of Pond Inlet, Nunavut. We will explore some of the beautiful bays and inlets along Baffin Island's northern coast and Lancaster Sound. Our days here will be spent searching for ringed

seals, arctic foxes, walruses, and polar bears, as well as beluga whales and narwhal. Visit Devon Island and walk with our ship's archaeologist to learn about the Thule people that once inhabited this region and were the ancestors of all modern Inuit. Go ashore at Dundas Harbour for a chance to hike on the tundra and search for interesting flora and fauna, including extensive moss beds with interspersed flowering vascular plants. Cruise along the extraordinary scenery of southern Ellesmere Island at the mouth of the Northwest Passage. Look for gyrfalcons, hunting above the sod and stone dwellings once inhabited by the Thule people. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY

We make our way back across Baffin Bay towards the coast of West Greenland. A relaxing day at sea allows for time to hear talks from our staff about the fascinating history of polar exploration and to look for wildlife from the Bridge. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among the towering icebergs of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ilulissat Icefjord. Visit the town of Ilulissat and take a hike to the archaeological site in the Sermermiut Valley. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

Our final day exploring will be spent in Greenland's beautiful, scenic fjords. Take a Zodiac cruise or kayak some of the picturesque waterways. Our undersea specialist may launch the ROV to see the marine life inhabiting the fjord floor. (B,L,D)



Inuk guide at Thule site just outside Pond Inlet, Mittimatalik, Nunavut, Canada.



DAYS 16 & 17: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK
Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and take a charter flight to Reykjavík where we will overnight in the Grand Hotel. On our final day in Reykjavík you have your choice of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or a tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula. After lunch, transfer to the airport in Keflavík for flights home.
(Day 16: B,L,D; Day 17: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Aug. 7 2021 Aug. 15

PRICING:

National Geographic Explorer
Cat. 1 from \$21,620; Cat. 7 from \$41,720
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/higharctic-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#) or a four-day post-voyage extension exploring [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). See page 87, or visit our website.

NEW

FABLED LANDS OF THE NORTH: GREENLAND TO NEWFOUNDLAND

16 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

In this north-to-south expedition, we begin with the spectacular, 100-mile-long Kangerlussuaq Fjord. We'll sail through ice-thronged waters to confront the wondrous Ilulissat Icefjord and navigate the Davis Strait to Baffin Island. We'll encounter Inuit culture through artisans and their traditional crafts and hike the tundra, eyes peeled for caribou and arctic fox. Ranging through the Hudson Strait, we make our way, like the Vikings before us, further south to Newfoundland and Labrador, navigating magnificent icebergs. L'Anse aux Meadows is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and for we modern, ship-based explorers, it might well be the point where we feel the stir of our ancient inner Vikings.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- ▶ Wander amid the ruins of the Viking village of L'Anse aux Meadows.
- ▶ Meet Inuit artisans and learn about their carving and weaving traditions.
- ▶ Search for Arctic wildlife: whales, walruses and polar bears.
- ▶ Extend your stay in Iceland with a pre-voyage chance to explore the wonders of the Golden Circle. Details on expeditions.com/fabledext

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Pulitzer-Prize winner **Jay Dickman** has photographed more than twenty-five assignments for National Geographic, including a week under the Arctic ice in a nuclear attack sub, and joins the **Aug. 21, 2020** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

Conditions permitting, be on the lookout for the Northern Lights at this time of year.

DAY 1: KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/
REYKJAVÍK

Arrive in Keflavík and transfer to Reykjavík where you will have the option of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or experience a local hot springs, geothermal plant, and an Icelandic horse farm. Following lunch, check into the Grand Hotel. (L,D)

DAY 2: KEFLAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ,
GREENLAND/EMBARK

Fly by chartered aircraft to Kangerlussuaq and embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)



DAY 3: SISIMIUT, GREENLAND'S
WEST COAST

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DAY 5: AT SEA/DAVIS STRAIT

Explore Davis Strait as we sail past massive icebergs on our way to Baffin Island. Join us on the Bridge to search for whales. Hear talks about Arctic wildlife and peoples, and keep a lookout for polar bears. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: CUMBERLAND PENINSULA,
BAFFIN ISLAND, CANADA

At Pangnirtung, the traditional home of the Inuit for more than 1,000 years, there is still a thriving community of artists. Visit a craft centre to see soapstone carvings, weavings and prints depicting arctic life. Hike along a riverside trail for wonderful views of Auyittuq

National Park. See the remains of a bygone whaling era on Kekerten Island. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: HALL PENINSULA, BAFFIN
ISLAND

Spend today in true expedition style, exploring the unspoiled landscapes of the Hall Peninsula. Hike the tundra in search of arctic fox, and an incredible diversity of plant life. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SOUTH BAFFIN ISLAND

As the pack ice retreats during the summer, polar bears are often found on Lower Savage and Resolution islands. We'll keep our plans flexible today so that we can make the most of wildlife sightings. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: BUTTON ISLANDS, NUNAVUT

Scattered across the entrance to Hudson Strait, the Button Islands attract thousands of seabirds and marine mammals. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10–13: EXPLORING THE
LABRADOR COAST

A Moravian Mission was established in Hebron in the 1830s to minister to the Inuit, and we see the original buildings. Next stop is Mugford Tickle, yet another scenic highlight with the 4,000-foot-high Kaumajet Mountains. Spend a day on the island of Quaker Hat, shaped like a broad-brimmed hat, exploring the fishing settlement of Indian Harbour and observing vast colonies of common murres. Continue to Battle Harbour, a beautifully preserved 19th-century fishing outpost. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

The remains of a Viking village established in A.D. 1,000 were discovered at L'Anse aux Meadows, now a UNESCO site. See the Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts, and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America—500 years before Columbus arrived. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: NORTHERN NEWFOUNDLAND

Northern Newfoundland is graced by cliffs, fjords, and beaches. Hike, kayak and Zodiac cruise amid the beautiful scenery of the far north. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: ST. JOHN'S/DISEMBARK

Sail through The Narrows in the early morning into the picturesque harbour of St. John's. Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Aug. 21; 2021 Aug. 29

PRICING:

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Book now and receive FREE ONE-WAY
CHARTER AIR from Reykjavík to
Kangerlussuaq—a \$1,050 value, plus bar
tab and tips for the crew. Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see
Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon.
See page 87, or visit our website.

NEW

SVALBARD IN SPRING: POLAR BEARS, ARCTIC LIGHT & EPIC ICE

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Voyage deep into and around the Svalbard Archipelago where Sven Lindblad and his team went on reconnaissance in March 2018. See what they discovered: Svalbard the way few have. A true Arctic refuge—covered in snow, surrounded by sea ice, where polar bears freed from their winter sleep stalk seals on the ice. Be stunned by the astonishing light, as the spring sun mounts ever higher in the Arctic sky each day. And capture it all with ace photographers.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Scan the icescapes for emerging bears, seals and other wildlife.
- ▶ Photograph the changing Arctic spring light with a National Geographic photographer.
- ▶ Conditions permitting, the ship will “park” in the ice and take a walk on the frozen tundra.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Ralph Lee Hopkins is the founder and director of the Expedition Photography program for the Lindblad-National Geographic alliance and has led worldwide expeditions for over 20 years. Travel with Ralph on **Apr. 3, 2020**.

David Wright is a photographer and filmmaker who has worked in over 65 countries, including two years in the Arctic, on projects for National Geographic and others. Join David on **Apr. 17 & 24, 2020**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.



Polar bears walking across the tundra in early spring on Svalbard.

DAY 1: OSLO, NORWAY

Arrive in Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the Hotel Bristol. In the afternoon, explore this charming city. Stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced Frogner Park. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. (B,D)

DAY 2: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, visit the Svalbard Museum to learn the story of Svalbard and its context in Norway and the Arctic, from 17th-century whaling to modern mining, research and tourism. Then tour the Gallery Svalbard to view the permanent art and cultural collections as well as studios of local artists. Embark *National Geographic Endurance*, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: SVALBARD

Our travel in the archipelago is truly exploratory by design, and our exact day-to-day movements will remain flexible, depending on local conditions. Our main focus is the search for Svalbard's amazing wildlife: polar bear, reindeer and walrus. Cruising in Svalbard's fjords, venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. We take our Zodiacs to cruise among beautiful icebergs and even set foot on the

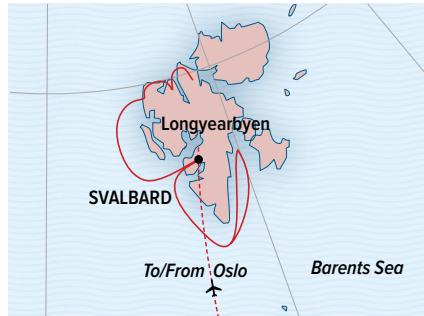
frozen ice right off the ship. We will take advantage of the incredible, ever-changing light and exceptional photographic conditions. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Longyearbyen, meet up with a local guide and take a short bus ride to Camp Barentz in the nearby Advent Valley for a taste of Arctic culture. Here, you'll discover a unique collection of buildings including an authentic gamme, a traditional round building with an open fire in the centre, and a lavvo, the traditional tent of the Sami people. Enjoy refreshments and meet some of the friendly, sled dog huskies that reside at camp. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the SAS Radisson Blue Airport Hotel. (B,L)



Walrus.

**DAY 10: OSLO**

After breakfast, proceed to the airport for flights home, or continue on to other adventures. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24;
2021 Apr. 27; May. 4, 11, 18

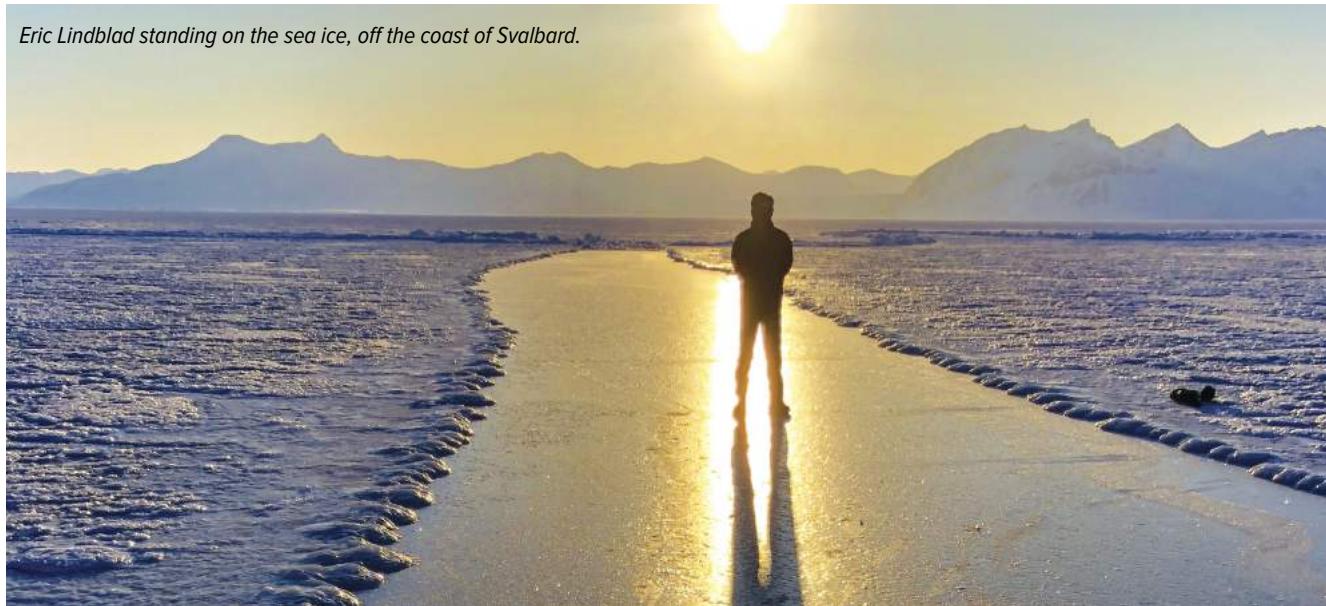
PRICING:

National Geographic Endurance
Cat. 1 from \$14,500; Cat. 7 from \$28,740
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/spring-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
pricing book early.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to explore the [Norwegian Fjords](#) or a four-day post-voyage extension to see [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). See page 87, or visit our website.

Eric Lindblad standing on the sea ice, off the coast of Svalbard.



NORWAY'S FJORDS & ARCTIC SVALBARD

16 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Explore stunning northern landscapes on an itinerary perfected over time. Follow Norway's fjord-carved coast from Bergen to Svalbard's icy shores. Stroll charming hamlets, kayak narrow inlets, and search for arctic wildlife—including walrus and polar bear. Be among the first to enjoy *National Geographic Endurance*.



DAY 1: BERGEN, NORWAY/EMBARK

Arrive in picturesque Bergen. Stroll historic Bryggen's Wharf, a UNESCO site, before embarkation. (D)

DAYS 2–5: FJORDS OF NORWAY

Enter lovely Nordfjord and take in views of turquoise-coloured lakes and breathtaking mountains. Walk the flat trails to the Kjenndal Glacier. Each of Norway's fjords is different, with endless opportunities to explore: hike, Zodiac along vertical rock faces, and kayak near cascading waterfalls. Discover spectacular and little-known Melfjord—a highlight. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: LOFOTEN ISLANDS/TYSFJORDEN

The enchanting Lofoten archipelago is dotted with seaside villages. Visit Værøy, where cod fishing is common. Enter dramatic Trollfjord and hear the tales of mythical trolls. Navigate along kilometres of Tysfjorden's vertical walls, and hike the Hellmebotn valley, which cuts nearly to Sweden. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 & 9: TROMSØ/BEAR ISLAND

Visit Tromsø's Polar Museum and Arctic Cathedral. Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, and guillemots. (B,L,D)

DAY 10–14: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Search for walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, reindeer, whales, and magnificent polar bears. Get out daily to hike, cruise by Zodiac for close-up views of the wildlife, or kayak amid the ice. Our flexible itinerary and years of experience allow us to give you the best experience in the Arctic. (B,L,D)

DAYS 15 & 16: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Longyearbyen and fly to Oslo. Check into your hotel and fly home the next day. (B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 May 1*, 30;

2021 May 25*; Jun. 9

*These voyages travel in reverse.

PRICING:

National Geographic Endurance

Cat. 1 from \$24,280; Cat. 7 from \$48,050

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/cape-rates](#), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join Erika Larsen on May 1, 2020 and Sisse Brimberg on May 30, 2020.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](#).

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

See page 87 for details.

NEW

NORWEGIAN DISCOVERY: SVALBARD & THE NORTHERN FJORDS

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Discover the remote islands and fjords of northern Norway, including the high Arctic archipelago of Svalbard. Spend several remarkable days amid the ice floes of Svalbard and follow nature's rhythms in search of walruses, seals, and polar bears. Continue to Bear Island to encounter towering cliffs populated with thousands of seabirds. Then head further south to the spectacular isles of Sørøya and Senja, where nature flourishes amid vibrant coastal cultures.



DAY 1: OSLO, NORWAY

Arrive in Oslo and check in to the Hotel Bristol upon arrival. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Frogner Park among the famed Vigeland sculptures and visit the Fram Museum. (B,D)

DAY 2: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

After a scenic charter flight arrive in Longyearbyen. Visit the Svalbard Museum and explore the Svalbard Art Gallery. Later, embark the *National Geographic Endurance*, your floating base camp for the next six days. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–5: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Search for walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, reindeer, whales, and magnificent polar bears. Get out daily to hike, cruise by Zodiac for close-up views of the wildlife, or kayak amid the ice. Our flexible itinerary and years of experience allow us to give you the best experience in the Arctic. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BJØRNØYA (BEAR ISLAND)

Board a Zodiac to explore the coves and inlets of this mist-shrouded island. Gaze up at sheer cliffs and use your binoculars to take in the spectacular sight of tens of thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, and murres. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SØRØYA ISLAND

This mountainous island, known for its scenic bays, pristine nature reserves, and long sandy beaches is also home to large populations of skrei, or cod. We plan to make an in-depth visit to this beautiful island, with opportunities to explore its surrounding fjords by Zodiac and kayak, and hike on shore. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SENJA ISLAND

The second largest island in mainland Norway, is characterised by dramatic mountains, colourful fishing villages, and a coastline split by beautiful fjords. Spend a day exploring the island and fjords, and, if you wish, join our naturalists on a spectacular hike in Ånderdalen



National Park—more than 180 square kilometres of pristine wilderness that is home to reindeer, elk, red foxes, and more. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TROMSØ/DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Tromsø and explore this charming coastal city before our charter flight to Oslo. Check in to the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: OSLO

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jun. 12; 2021 Jun. 22

PRICING:

National Geographic Endurance
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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NEW

EAST GREENLAND: WILD SHORES OF THE HIGH ARCTIC

19 Days/18 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Immerse yourself in the iconic fjords and islets of the stunning Norwegian coast at Tysfjord and the Lofoten islands. Cross the sea to go ashore at seldom-visited Jan Mayen, a remote island situated partway between Greenland and Norway. Our late summer voyage allows us to dive deep into Greenland's eastern coast to the largest national park in the world—Northeast Greenland National Park to spot polar bears, musk oxen, and more. In this remote Arctic paradise where animals outnumber humans, take in dramatic mountain views at every turn.



Guests exploring by Zodiac.

DAYS 1–2: OSLO, NORWAY/ TROMSØ/EMBARK

Arrive in Oslo. Check in to Hotel Bristol, then tour the Vigeland sculptures in Frogner Park and the Fram Museum. The next day fly to Tromsø and embark *National Geographic Endurance*. (Day 1: B,D; Day 2: B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: FJORDS OF NORWAY/ AT SEA/JAN MAYEN

Explore the glacier-carved Norwegian coastline of Tysfjorden, where the fjord's almost-vertical walls surround the ship. Cruise along the dramatic cliffs of Trollfjord. Zodiac cruise or kayak along the shores of Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park. Wander through remote coastal villages in the Lofoten islands.

Visit the incredible volcanic isle of Jan Mayen. See its remote weather station and explore the island's coastline. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9–16: EXPLORING NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK/ SCORESBYSUND/AT SEA

Navigate the region's dense pack ice and explore up close the coastline and inlets of the largest national park in the world. There, you'll find towering mountains, glacial lagoons, and tremendous wildlife—polar bears, musk oxen, and walrus. Head south to Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world. Be on the lookout for the elusive narwhal and scan the skies for a Northern Lights display. (B,L,D)



DAYS 17–19: EXPLORING ICELAND'S WESTERN COAST/DISEMBARK REYKJAVÍK

Explore the stunning scenery in Iceland's Westfjords. Visit remote Icelandic villages and hike in the fjords at the dramatic change of seasons from summer to autumn. Visit tiny Flatey Island, a colourful village and a trade centre for generations. See the Westman Islands, and hike in places where recent volcanic activity is still visible all around. Disembark in Reykjavík with options to visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or hot springs, a geothermal power plant, and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to the flight home. (Days 17 & 18: B,L,D; Day 19: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Sep. 1; 2021 Sep. 3

PRICING:

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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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NEW

ICELAND'S WILD WEST COAST TO EAST GREENLAND

12 Days/11 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Discover the wild west coast of Iceland with its towering bird cliffs, meadows carpeted in wildflowers, quiet coves, and majestic waterfalls. Explore the largest national park in the world—Northeast Greenland National Park—and search for polar bears, musk oxen, whales, and more. Sail into Scoresbysund, ice permitting, the world's largest and longest fjord system and home to a remote Inuit community. Learn how to capture Northern Lights displays, conditions permitting, with a National Geographic photographer by your side.



DAY 1: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK

Arrive in Reykjavík. Explore its Old Town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral and the National Museum with its Viking treasures. Embark *National Geographic Endurance*. (L,D)

DAY 2–4: EXPLORING THE WESTFJORDS/AT SEA

Visit charming Flatey Island for walks around the 19th-century hamlet and a Zodiac cruise of the coast. See this remote part of Iceland at the beautiful change of seasons, from summer to autumn, and hike in the dramatic fjords. Cross the Denmark Strait and be on the lookout for Northern Lights displays. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–11: EXPLORING SCORESBYSUND/NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK/EXPLORING THE WESTFJORDS

Conditions permitting, we will explore the fjords, bays, nooks, and crannies of this stunning coastline. We hope to see the iconic arctic wildlife: polar bears, seals, and whales. We will also set a course for Scoresbysund, the largest and longest fjord system on earth, with an Inuit village at its entrance. This can also be an ideal time of year for Northern Lights displays in this region. Return across the Denmark Strait and spend a day exploring Iceland's remote Westfjords at charming Ísafjörður. (B,L,D)



DAY 12: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/DISEMBARK
Disembark in Reykjavík. Soak in the Blue Lagoon before transferring to the airport for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Sep. 19; 2021 Sep. 21

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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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NEW

ARCTIC EXPLORATION: A VOYAGE TO ICELAND, EAST GREENLAND & NORWAY

16 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Join us at the height of midsummer in the Arctic, for an epic journey from the remote reaches of Iceland to the rugged, ice-sculpted shores of Greenland and the spectacular fjords of Norway. See incredible nesting sea birds and a myriad of wildflowers in Iceland and Norway. Go ashore in the volcanic Westman Islands, then trace the route of legendary Viking explorer Erik the Red to Greenland's ice-etched eastern coast, home to the world's largest fjord system. We'll chart a course north, seeking out big ice and fascinating Arctic wildlife before crossing the North Atlantic to Jan Mayen, a remote and mysterious volcanic island. We'll finish in Norway to explore the magical Lofoten islands and fjords that carve deeply into the country's wild interior.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ In Northwest Iceland, hike to a remote waterfall or Zodiac cruise beneath cliffs teeming with seabirds.
- ▶ Explore the massive ice of the largest fjord system in the world along Greenland's east coast and be on the lookout for an array of wildlife, including polar bears, seals, whales, and rich birdlife.
- ▶ Hike the birch meadows and kayak the protected waters of Saltfjellet–Svartisen National Park.

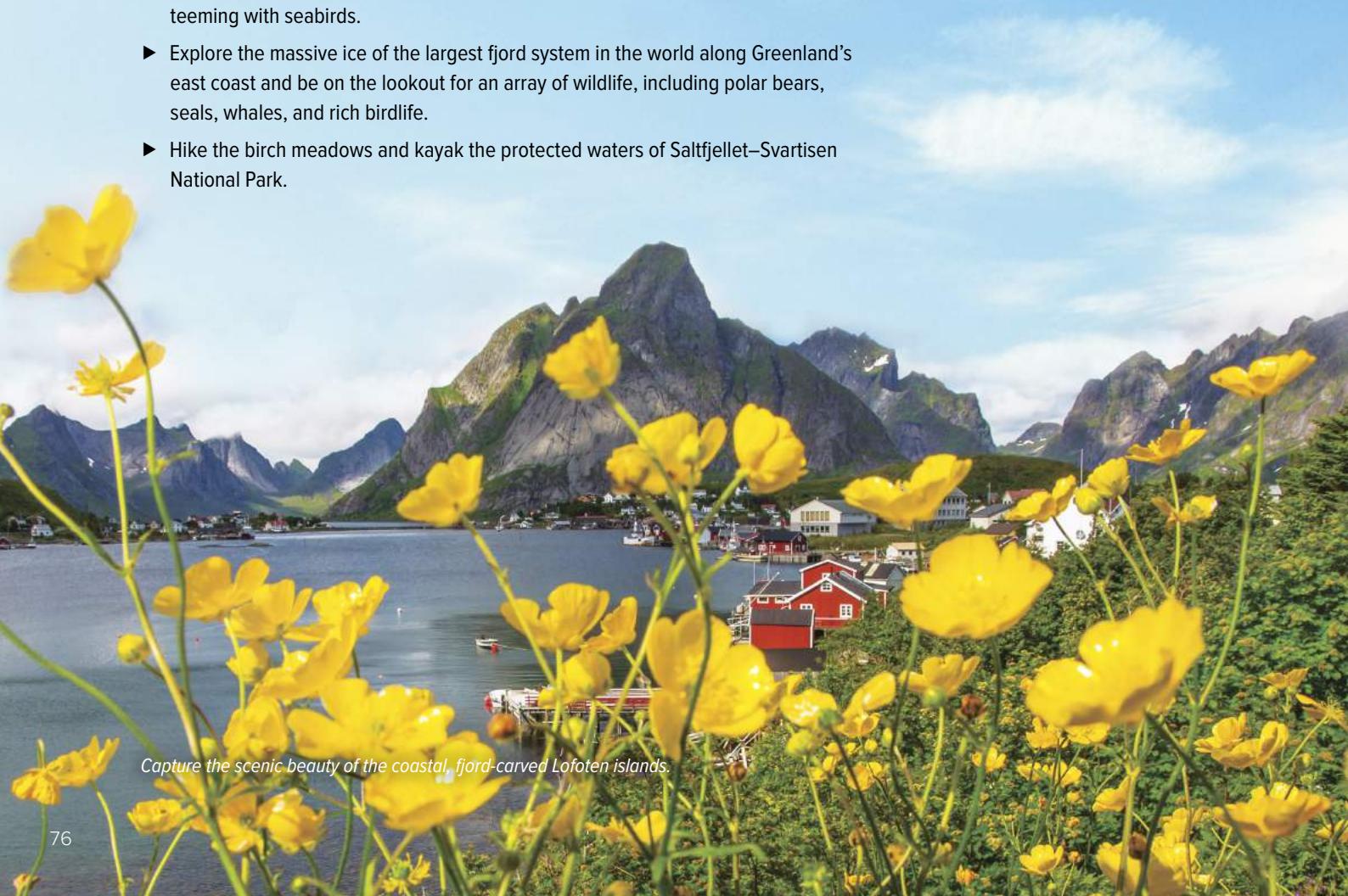
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Nick Cobbing is a photojournalist and filmmaker known for highlighting themes of natural history and science. Travel with Nick on **Jul. 4, 2020**.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Mountaineer **Peter Hillary** has climbed the highest peak on every continent and established a new overland route to the South Pole. Join Peter on **Jul. 4, 2020**.

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Capture the scenic beauty of the coastal, fjord-carved Lofoten islands.

JUL. 4: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK
Arrive in Reykjavík. Upon arrival, tour the Hallgrímskirkja church and National Museum before embarking *National Geographic Endurance*. (L,D)

JUL. 5: WESTMAN ISLANDS

On Heimaey we'll visit the Eldfell volcanic crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in views over landscapes engulfed in lava rock. We'll keep an eye out for nesting puffins along the way. We'll cruise past Surtsey, one of the world's youngest islands. (B,L,D)

JUL. 6: FLATEY ISLAND/LÁTRABJARG

Explore the charming Flatey Island on foot and via Zodiac cruise. Later, sail past the soaring Látrabjarg cliffs, home to thousands of razorbills and puffins, nesting only in the summer months. (B,L,D)

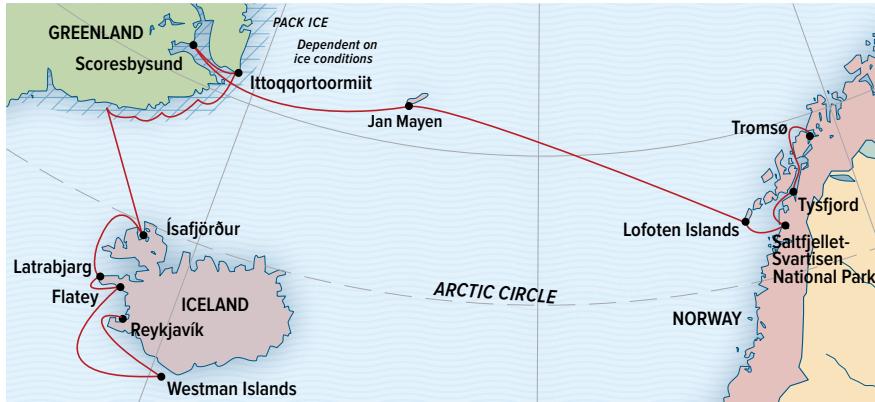
JUL. 7: EXPLORING NORTHWESTERN ICELAND

Head out on a hike to a remote waterfall, or cruise a Zodiac beneath cliffs teeming with seabirds. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and anchor at Vigur Island, where we'll visit an eider farm and view how the down of these ducks is processed. (B,L,D)



JUL. 8–12: AT SEA/EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND

After a day at sea, we'll reach the country's fjord-laced eastern coast, where mountains rise straight from the sea and glistening glaciers calve massive chunks off the Greenland ice cap. The region also harbors an array of wildlife, including polar bears, seals, whales, and rich birdlife. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, we'll chart our course based on the rhythms of our environment. Set out by kayak or Zodiac to see spectacular iceberg-dotted seascapes.



JUL. 13 & 14: JAN MAYEN, NORWAY/AT SEA

On Jan Mayen, go for a hike on this remote volcanic island used as a weather station. Spend a relaxing day at sea en route to Norway. (B,L,D)

JUL. 15–17: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

Carved by glaciers over millions of years, Norway's northern coast is laced with steep-walled fjords, mountainous islands, and chiseled peaks. Walk ashore at the remote fishing village of Værøy, in the Lofoten islands, cruise through Trollfjorden, one of Norway's most dramatic fjords, hike the birch meadows and kayak the protected waters of

Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park and explore the u-shaped valley of Tysfjorden. This is the season for seabirds and wildflowers, and Norway has both in abundance. (B,L,D)

JUL. 18 & 19: TROMSØ/ DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Tromsø, and visit the Arctic Cathedral and Polar Museum, before your chartered flight to Oslo. Overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, flying home the next morning. (Jul. 18: B,L,D; Jul. 19: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2020 Jul. 4

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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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Guests hike the crater at Heimaey, Iceland.

NEW

COASTAL WONDERS OF NORWAY, THE FAROE ISLANDS & ICELAND

16 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Follow the Viking trail on a voyage from Norway to the far-flung islands and archipelagos of the North Atlantic. Cruise the famed Norwegian fjord lands and the magical Lofoten islands, explore Stone Age sites in Scotland's Shetland Islands, and come face-to-face with the legacy of the Vikings amid the turf-roofed cottages and ancient sites of the Faroes. Then trace Iceland's most remote shorelines, witnessing geological wonders from volcanoes to thundering waterfalls.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide into Norway's spectacular fjords, and explore secluded inlets and coves by kayak or Zodiac.
- ▶ Encounter the Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses of Jarlshof.
- ▶ Discover the striking landscape and unique culture of the Faroe Islands.
- ▶ Observe nesting seabirds in dramatic settings—on Iceland's skyscraping Látrabjarg cliffs and amid the towering peaks of the Lofoten islands.

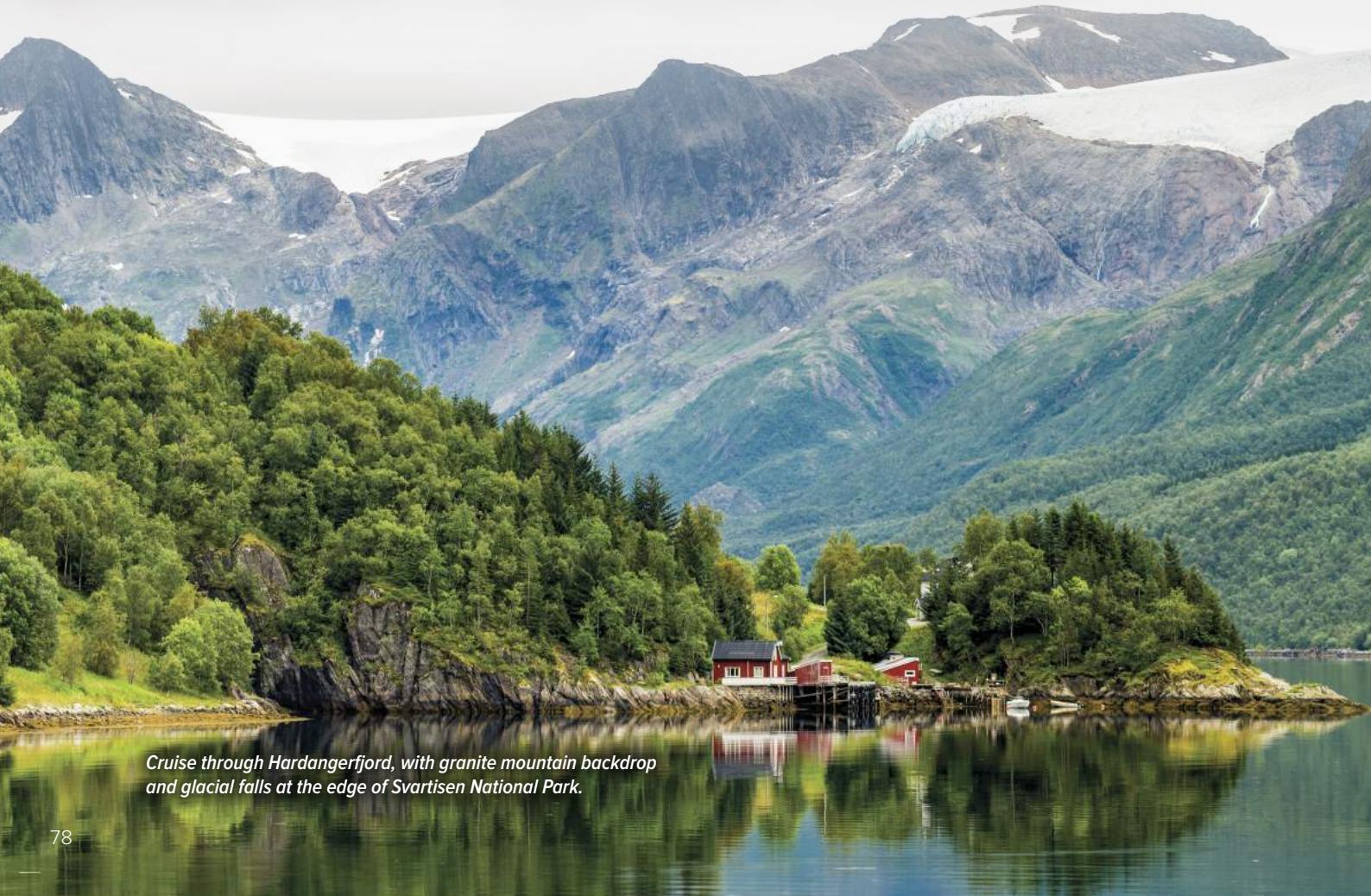
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

As the longtime photo editor for *National Geographic Traveller*, **Dan Westergren** has made more than 10 trips above the Arctic Circle. Join Dan on Jun. 19, 2020.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

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Cruise through Hardangerfjord, with granite mountain backdrop and glacial falls at the edge of Svartisen National Park.

JUN. 19 & 20: OSLO, NORWAY/TROMSØ/EMBARK

Arrive in Oslo. Check-in to the Hotel Bristol then tour the Vigeland sculptures in Frogner Park and the Fram Museum. The next day fly to Tromsø and embark the ship. (Jun. 19: B, D; Jun. 20: B,L,D)

JUN. 21-24: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

Carved by glaciers over millions of years, Norway's northern coast is laced with steep-walled fjords, mountainous islands, and chiseled peaks. Kayak through serene fjords in Tysfjorden, cruise in a Zodiac in the Lofoten archipelago, or go ashore at Værøy to hike amid verdant valleys and birch forests. (B,L,D)

JUN. 25: AT SEA/SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND

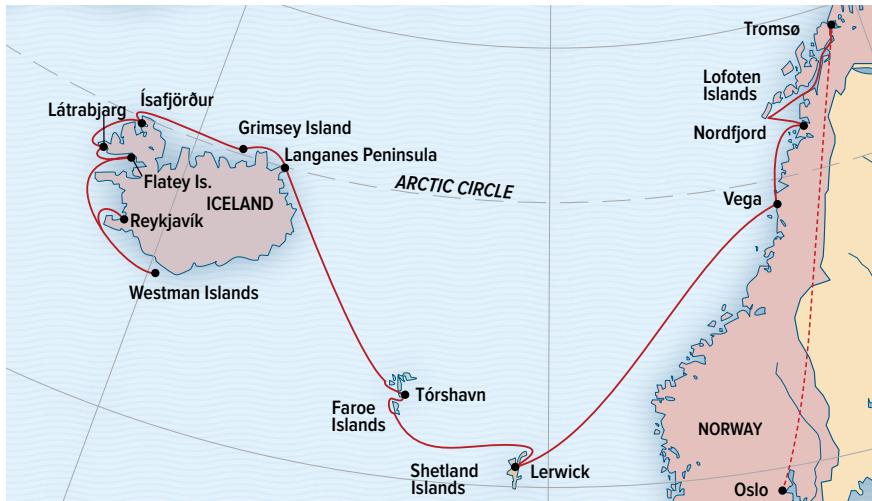
Spend a relaxing morning at sea as we sail toward the Shetland Islands, an archipelago of about one hundred islands and islets located north of the Scottish mainland. Glide past the towering cliffs of Noss to view murres, puffins, kittiwakes, and other seabirds. (B,L,D)

JUN. 26: LERWICK/FOULA

Explore the local culture and history at the Shetland Museum & Archives, or embark on a bird-watching or geology walk. Alternatively, venture to the prehistoric settlement of Jarlshof to examine its Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses. In the afternoon, continue to Foula, a stark but spectacular island edged with towering cliffs and blanketed with peat bogs, where people are drastically outnumbered by puffins. (B,L,D)

JUN. 27 & 28: EXPLORING THE FAROE ISLANDS

This entire archipelago is made up of islands gouged by dramatic fjords and almost completely covered in turf and peat. We will explore the stunning scenery with a variety of hikes and encounter Faroese art, culture, music, and food through unique interactions with locals. Visit the capital in Torshavn, to see the natural history museum and the Kirkjubøur archaeological site, a medieval farming and religious centre. See the incredible bird cliffs and scenic landscapes of the southern island of Suðuroy. (B,L,D)

**JUN. 29 & 30: AT SEA/RAUÐANES OR LANGANES PENINSULAS, ICELAND/GRÍMSEY**

After a day at sea, depending on the weather and tides, go for a Zodiac cruise to view the sea stacks near Rauðanes peninsula or hike along a stretch of the Langanes peninsula. Continue to Grímsey on the Arctic Circle. (B,L,D)

JUL. 1 & 2: ÍSAFJÖRÐUR/FLATEY ISLAND/LÁTRABJARG

In remote Ísafjörður, choose to hike to a waterfall, explore the colourful town, or bicycle along the fjord. The next day, explore the charming Flatey island on foot and via Zodiac cruise. Cruise past Látrabjarg cliffs, home to thousands of razorbills and puffins. (B,L,D)

JUL. 3: WESTMAN ISLANDS

On Heimaey we'll visit the Eldfell volcanic crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in views over landscapes engulfed in lava rock. We'll cruise past Surtsey, one of the world's youngest islands. (B,L,D)

JUL. 4: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK

Today we disembark in Reykjavík with options to visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or a local hot springs, geothermal power plant and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Experience an enchanting land of geological extremes on a circumnavigation of Iceland. Encounter vast volcanic landscapes on one of the world's youngest islands, walk on lava fields and ice sheets, and feel the power of gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls. Cruise among magnificent icebergs in Jökulsárlón, and spend time on the Arctic Circle spotting nesting puffins. Kayak into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast. Cap off the adventure with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the incredible tundra-covered landscape in Iceland's dramatic Westfjords.
- ▶ Sail into dramatic fjords; see a volcanic island that formed in 1963; marvel at the thundering Goðafoss Waterfall and the bubbling mud pools at Mývatn.
- ▶ Experience traditional Icelandic life from the once-booming herring industry to eiderdown production.
- ▶ Don't miss a moment: take a day before to tour the Golden Circle; or after choose three days Heli-hiking, three days exploring the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, or three days at Deplar Farm. Details on expeditions.com/iceland-ext

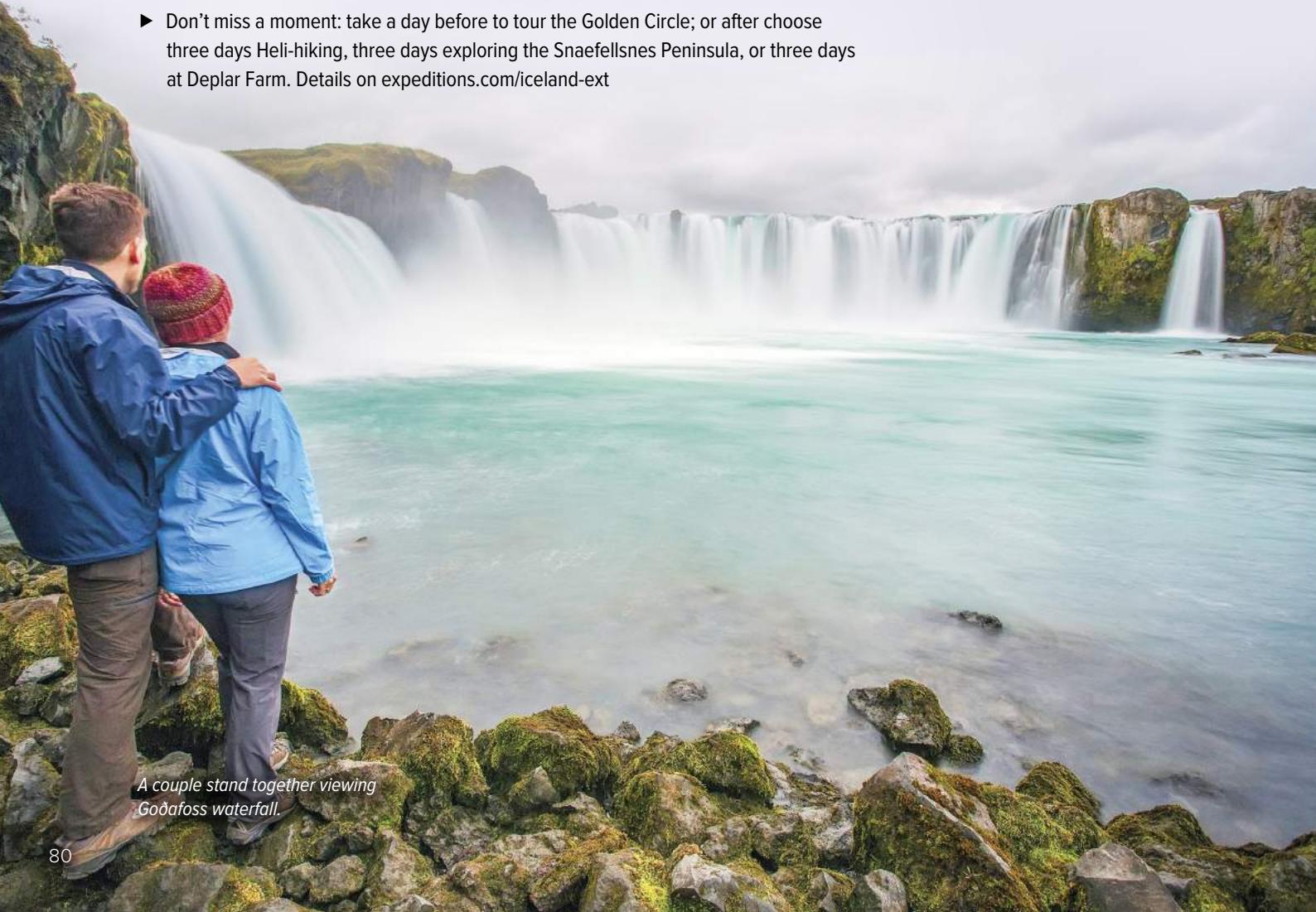
A couple stand together viewing Goðafoss waterfall.

SPECIAL MUSIC EXPERIENCES

Each departure will have the influence of an ethnomusicologist, who has arranged entertaining performances by leading Icelandic musicians, on and off the ship.



Visit expeditions.com/icemusic to hear Icelandic artists and to read staff bios for these expeditions.



DAY 1: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK
Arrive in Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Have a guided overview of the Old Town, including a photo stop at the Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral, and visit the National Museum, home to Viking treasures such as unusual whalebone carvings. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (L,D)

DAY 2: FLATEY ISLAND/LÁTRABJARG
Explore Iceland's western frontier, visiting Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries. Walk around the charming little hamlet that grew here, and take a Zodiac cruise along the coast. Sail past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORING NORTHWESTERN ICELAND

Explore the beautiful and peaceful Westfjords region of Iceland. Perhaps take a hike to a remote waterfall or a Zodiac cruise alongside stunning scenery. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and land at Vigur Island to visit an eider farm and view the down cleaning process. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ÍSAFJÖRÐUR

Located in the Westfjords, Ísafjördur is surrounded by water on three sides, sculpted by glaciers. Take a bike ride along the coast of the fjord or explore Icelandic cuisine. Explore by Zodiac and hike ashore to view the local landscape and photograph flowering plants. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SIGLUFJÖRÐUR & AKUREYRI
At Siglufjörður, once the centre of Iceland's herring industry, visit the Herring Museum for

a re-enactment and a tasting. At picturesque Akureyri, explore the old town with its beautifully maintained period houses, or visit the Akureyri Botanic Garden. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LAKE MÝVATN & HÚSAVÍK

Begin the day by visiting an unforgettable sight: Goðafoss, the waterfall of the gods. Next, drive to Mývatn, the most geologically active area in Iceland. See the boiling mud pools at Hverarönd, and at the Krafla geothermal area see the explosion crater at Viti. After lunch ashore, meet the ship in Húsavík, and watch for whales as we sail north to the land of the midnight sun. Take Zodiacs ashore to the tiny island of Grimsey on the Arctic Circle and celebrate your official arrival to the Arctic. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORING NORTHEAST ICELAND

Today, explore Iceland's rugged eastern coast. This day is left to exploration and we may visit one of several locations. Perhaps we will go for a Zodiac cruise to view the sea stacks near Raudanes. We may hike along a stretch of the Langanes Peninsula or make our way even further down the coast. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DJÚPIVOGUR

Dock in Djúpivogur and drive down the coast to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. Choose to get up close and personal with the deep blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón Lagoon, or go by 4x4 vehicle to visit some of the secluded valleys and remote waterfalls in the countryside around Djupivogur, or visit a traditional farm that produces hand-made woolen items. (B,L,D)



DAY 9: ISLANDS OF HEIMAÉY & SURTSEY, WESTMAN ISLANDS

Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbour. Visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and have amazing views of areas that had been engulfed by lava. Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage site of the newest island, Surtsey. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK

Today we disembark in Reykjavík with options to visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or a local hot springs, geothermal power plant and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

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DATES: 2020 Jun. 21; Jul. 4, 17, 26
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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#), or choose a three-day post-voyage extension [Glacier Heli-Hiking](#), to the [Snaefellsnes Peninsula](#) or to [Deplar Farm](#). See pages 83 or 87, or visit our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Alison Wright on Jun. 21, 2020; and Erika Skogg on Jul. 17 & 26, 2020.

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Zodiac ride by basalt columns at Raudanes.



NEW

WILD ICELAND ESCAPE

5 Days/4 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Discover why Iceland is known as the “land of fire and ice” on an active voyage to the remote fjords and volcanic isles along the country’s western coast. Venture across the stark landscape of an island formed by volcanic eruptions, where the ground is still warmed by geothermal activity. Set out by Zodiac to view towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds and snow-capped plateaus rising into the clouds. Explore the legacy of Viking explorers and intrepid fishermen as you visit historic villages and navigate dramatic shorelines from the wild Westfjords region to the volcanic Westman Islands.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Actively explore Iceland’s pristine fjords and fascinating tundra on daily hikes, kayaking forays, and more while accompanied by a dedicated team of naturalists.
- ▶ Encounter evidence of volcanic activity as we hike over cooled lava fields and view Iceland’s newest isle, Surtsey.
- ▶ Discover the rich biodiversity of the remote Westfjords, spotting nesting puffins and gannets on the Látrabjarg cliffs and watching for humpback and minke whales in the surrounding waters.
- ▶ Choose your own adventure on one of five optional trip extensions, from a hiking excursion across Iceland’s untamed highlands to an exploration of the Snæfellsnes peninsula’s epic natural wonders.



Panoramic of the Strandir Coast; Djúpavík, Westfjords, Iceland.

DAY 1: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK

Fly to Reykjavík. Have a guided overview of the Old Town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral with its 210-foot tower, and visit the National Museum with its Viking treasures. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (L,D)

DAY 2: DJÚPAVÍK

A morning at sea learning about Iceland sets up our afternoon on the remote, seldom-visited eastern side of the Westfjords to experience rural Iceland. We will take advantage of the dramatic landscape of the fjord to offer hiking, leisurely explorations of the tundra, and a visit to the town's tiny herring museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: ARNAFJÖRÐUR AND LÁTRABJARG CLIFFS

Choose to hike several kilometres along the base of the fjord to visit spectacular Dynjandi Waterfall or go by Zodiac to walk up to the base. Sail past the immense Látrabjarg Cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills. Conditions permitting, we may also launch our Zodiacs to see the incredible cliffs from the waterline. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ISLANDS OF SURTSEY & HEIMAÉY, WESTMAN ISLANDS

Drive between the two volcanoes of the island then visit the ruins of old Viking houses dating back to the year A.D. 900. Opt to hike up Eldfell volcano and watch for nesting Atlantic puffins and gannets. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK

Today we disembark in Reykjavík. Visit either the Blue Lagoon thermal baths for a soak, or a geothermal plant, local hot spring, and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to flying home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jun. 30; Jul. 13; 2021 Jul. 8, 21

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OPTIONAL LAND EXTENSIONS**CHOOSE YOUR ICELAND ADVENTURE**

Opt to extend your trip with five options to experience a different side of Iceland. See Reykjavík's **Golden Circle** pre-voyage extension details listed on page 87.

ADD ICELAND'S HIGHLANDS AND LOWLANDS: AN ACTIVE ADVENTURE

Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon.

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2020*: From \$4,990 pp, dbl. occupancy.

Discover Iceland's southern coast highlands and lowlands via super jeep and on foot. Hike through Landmannalaugar's dramatic lava fields. Glide past blue icebergs in the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon. Explore Sínafellsjökull Glacier on foot, and encounter incredible views and stunning regional geology.

ADD SNAEFELLSNES: FIRE & ICE

Kirkjufell mountain and Kirkjufellfoss waterfall.

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020*: From \$3,630 pp, dbl. occupancy.

Enter Langjökull Glacier's aquamarine Ice Cave and venture inside Víðgelmir lava tube cave. Drive and walk parts of the coastline of the stunning Snæfellsnes National Park to see black pebble beaches, basalt sea stack columns, and perhaps a glimpse of the imposing Snæfellsjökull Mountain.

ADD ICELAND'S VOLCANIC NORTHEAST

Mývatn Nature Baths.

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020*: From \$3,720 pp, dbl. occupancy.

Explore the volcanic Lake Mývatn region. Walk through Dimmuborgir lava field of stacks and caves, hike the black sand of Hverfjall Crater, hear the thundering roar of Dettifoss Waterfall, Iceland's largest. Venture into Asbyrgi canyon. Relax in two different geothermal spas.

ADD ICELAND HELI-HIKING

Our comfortable helicopter.

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2019/20*: From \$9,990 pp, dbl. occupancy.

Take a scenic helicopter tour to two different glaciers where you'll have the rare opportunity to go on a glacier hike. Plus, explore the world's only man-made ice cave and go deep underground to see the brilliant-blue ice that's been forming over centuries.

*Airfare is not included on all extensions.

NEW

LEGENDARY NORTHERN ISLES: SCOTLAND, FAROES & ICELAND

13 Days/12 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Sail beneath the midnight sun, over seas steeped in Norse mythology, and along the route of the boldest Vikings who ventured west. On Scotland's outlying isles you'll discover a 5,000-year-old village and see the mysterious standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar. Meet the welcoming islanders who call the scenic Faroes home—Danes by nationality and Viking by blood. See the graves of their Viking ancestors and explore their tiny towns of turf-roofed homes. In the west, on a near circumnavigation of Iceland, see this geologically active land just as the Vikings must have, from thundering waterfalls and boiling springs, to islands so young the earth still steams.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Go back in time at Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old stone-slab village on Orkney and see the mysterious standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar.
- ▶ Walk with a historian through Jarlshof archaeological site, a complex of ancient settlements spanning 4,000 years of human history.
- ▶ Observe incredible birdlife—massive puffin colonies in the Faroes & Grimsey, and on the Cliffs of Noss, thousands of murres and kittiwakes.
- ▶ Experience a near circumnavigation of the geologic wonders of Iceland.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Alison Wright photographs endangered cultures and covers issues concerning the human condition. Her work in post-disaster and conflict areas inspired her to establish a foundation called Faces of Hope, a non-profit that supports women and children's rights. Join her on Jun. 9, 2020.

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Traditional Faroese turf-roofed homes,
Saksun, Faroe Islands.

DAY 1: BERGEN, NORWAY/EMBARK

Arrive in Bergen and embark our ship in the early afternoon. (L,D)

DAY 2: ORKNEY, SCOTLAND

Enjoy a morning at sea, then see the standing stones at the Ring of Brodgar and the stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into the world of the Vikings at the red sandstone cathedral of St. Magnus, built in 1137. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: SHETLAND

Our ship glides past the towering bird cliffs of Noss for views of murres and kittiwakes. Visit the Jarlshof archaeological site, drive along the length of the main island to see spectacular views, and see the famous Shetland ponies. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–6: EXPLORING THE FAROE ISLANDS

The rugged Faroese are proud of their Viking ancestry, reflected in their ancient language and love of the sea. The entire archipelago is made up of islands gouged by dramatic fjords and almost completely covered in turf and peat. We will explore the stunning scenery with a variety of hikes and encounter Faroese art, culture, music and food through unique interactions with locals. Possible stops may include: a visit to the capital In Tórshavn, to visit the natural history museum and the Kirkjubøur archaeological site, a medieval farming and religious centre; northern Streymoy, with its historic settlements and Viking graves. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: DJÚPIVOGUR, ICELAND

Dock in Djúpivogur and drive down the coast to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. Choose to get up close and personal with the deep blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón Lagoon, or go by 4x4 vehicle to visit some of the secluded valley and remote waterfalls in the countryside around

Shetland ponies.



Djúpivogur, or visit a traditional farm that produces hand-made woolen items. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AT SEA/GRIMSEY

Enjoy a morning at sea as we sail northward to the land of the midnight sun, going ashore in the evening at the tiny island of Grimsey. Home to nesting sea birds, it lies exactly on the Arctic Circle. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: LAKE MÝVATN/AKUREYRI**

Drive to Lake Mývatn, the most geologically active area in Iceland. See the mud pools at Hverarond and the unforgettable sight of Goðafoss, the waterfall of the gods. Visit the explosion crater at Viti. Drive to Akureyri with its beautiful period houses, backed by snow-capped mountains. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: ÍSAFJÖRÐUR

Located in the Westfjords, the tiny town of Ísafjörður is surrounded by water on three sides and is a great place to view the stunning fjord landscape and photograph tiny flowering plants. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: LÁTRABJARG/FLATEY ISLAND

Cruise past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home

to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries. Walk around the charming hamlet that grew here. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SURTSEY & HEIMAAY, WESTMAN ISLANDS

Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbour. Visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and have amazing views of areas that had been engulfed by lava. Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage site of the newest island, Surtsey. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Reykjavík and visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or the hot springs, geothermal power plant and an Icelandic farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jun. 9; 2021 Jun. 27

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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



ADD VIBRANT BUENOS AIRES

PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020/21*: From \$2,990 per person, double occupancy.

Explore vibrant Buenos Aires on a curated two-day extension that showcases the beguiling personality of one of the world's greatest cities. Add it before *National Geographic Explorer* and select *National Geographic Endurance* voyages on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; and **Epic Antarctica**.



ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2020/21*: From \$3,820 per person, double occupancy.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 100 metres down into a river canyon—an incredible display of raw power. Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park. Available for *National Geographic Explorer* and select *National Geographic Endurance* voyages on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**. Also available for **Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks & Forests**.

ADD SANTIAGO: CHILE'S WINE & CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020/21*: From \$3,570 per person, double occupancy.

Get a taste for Santiago's world-famous cuisine at premier restaurants and have private tours and tastings at Chile's top wineries. Available on **Antarctica** for *National Geographic Orion* voyages only; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands** for *Orion* and select *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Endurance* voyages; and for **Epic Patagonia**.



ADD EASTER ISLAND

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS[†]

2020/21*: From \$5,850 per person, double occupancy.

Visit one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island, home to more than 600 giant *moai* or stone statues. Add it after select departures on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; **Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks & Forests**; **Best of Chilean Patagonia**; and **Patagonia: Chilean Fjords**.

[†]Note: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Buenos Aires (*Explorer* and *Endurance*) or Santiago (*Orion*); additional cost applies.

*Airfare is not included on all extensions.



ADD REYKJAVÍK'S GOLDEN CIRCLE

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE/1 DAY/1 NIGHT

2020*: From \$1,620 per person, double occupancy.

Enjoy the surreal Blue Lagoon, and have a guided experience along the famed Golden Circle with its boiling pools and geysers. Add it before ***A Circumnavigation of Iceland; Wild Iceland Escape; Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic; Fabled Lands of the North; Coastal Wonders of Norway, the Faroe Islands & Iceland; Arctic Exploration: A Voyage to Iceland, East Greenland & Norway; East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic; and Iceland's Wild West Coast to East Greenland.***



NEW! ADD DEPLAR FARM, TROLL PENINSULA

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2020*: From \$5,730 per person, double occupancy.

Enjoy a five-star, individually curated experience while at this beautiful, remote farm in Iceland. Hike the Troll Peninsula or soak in Deplar's geothermal pool. Ride an Icelandic horse and kayak the local rivers. Enjoy morning yoga, as well as phenomenal meals prepared by the onsite chef. Add it after ***A Circumnavigation of Iceland.***



ADD NORWAY'S FJORDS

PRE-VOYAGE/5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2020*: From \$5,740 per person, double occupancy.

The rich fjordland of Norway is the ideal addition to your adventures. Thundering waterfalls and snowy peaks offer wonderful photo ops. Take a thrilling ride on the Flam railway, travelling through spectacular scenery. Sail through the Naeroy and both arms of the Sognefjord. The Norwegian Fjords extension can be taken before ***Svalbard in Spring; Coastal Wonders of Norway, the Faroe Islands & Iceland; Arctic Exploration: A Voyage to Iceland, East Greenland & Norway; East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic; and Norwegian Discovery: Svalbard & the Northern Fjords.***



ADD ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2020*: From \$6,140 per person, double occupancy.

Explore bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers and the world-famous Goðafoss waterfall in the north of Iceland. Luxuriate in the famous Blue Lagoon hot springs. And get to know the intimate yet cosmopolitan city of Reykjavík. Add it after ***Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic; Svalbard in Spring; East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic; Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard; and Legendary Northern Isles: Scotland, Faroes & Iceland.***

NEW

NORWEGIAN FJORDS & SCOTTISH ISLES

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

National Geographic Endurance follows in the wake of Vikings—traversing a legendary route across the North Sea that takes you past Norway's staggering ice-carved fjords and snow-dusted mountains to the dramatic landscapes of the Scottish Isles. Along the way explore an array of remote, ancient sites—Bronze Age ruins on the rugged Shetland Islands, the Viking tombs of Orkney, the 5,000-year-old settlement of Skara Brae—all juxtaposed against the dynamic, bustling cities of Bergen and Edinburgh.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide beneath the dramatic cliffs of the second largest fjord in Norway, Hardangerfjord.
- ▶ Cruise below the towering cliffs of Noss, a nature reserve which harbours thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, and kittiwakes.
- ▶ Cruise past the U.K.'s northern-most lighthouse at Unst.
- ▶ Extend your stay with two options: pre- or post-trips to either Scotland or Bergen.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Richardson has photographed more than fifty stories for National Geographic, including several on the Scottish Isles, and joins the **May 16 & 23, 2020** departures.

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Discover the ancient and mysterious UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ring of Brodgar

DAY 1: BERGEN, NORWAY/EMBARK
Arrive in Bergen. Upon arrival, tour Bryggen—the colourful old wharf and a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, then embark our ship. (L,D)

DAY 2: HARDANGERFJORDEN

Norway's glacier-carved western coast boasts some of the most dramatic landscapes in the world. Launch kayaks and Zodiacs to explore the sublime Hardangerfjorden, the second longest fjord in the country and the fourth longest in the world. Cruise beneath staggering cliffs and rushing waterfalls. Then venture ashore to hike or bike against a backdrop of snow-dusted mountains, emerald valleys, and fruit orchards. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: HIDRA/AT SEA

Come ashore at charming Hidra Island. Choose to explore the picturesque village of Kirkehamn by Zodiac or kayak or stroll amid the white wooden houses of the Dutch Quarter of Flekkefjord. Then visit the local museum with a variety of traditional Norwegian interiors and textiles. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SHETLAND ISLANDS,

SCOTLAND/ISLE OF NOSS/LERWICK
Cruise below the towering bird cliffs of Noss, a nature reserve which harbours thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, and

northern gannets. Later, in the bustling seaport of Lerwick, choose from several options.

Explore the town, strolling amid 18th-century sandstone warehouses; delve into local culture and history at the Shetland Museum & Archives; or embark on a birdwatching or a geology-focused excursion. Alternatively, discover the prehistoric settlement of Jarlshof and examine Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: UNST

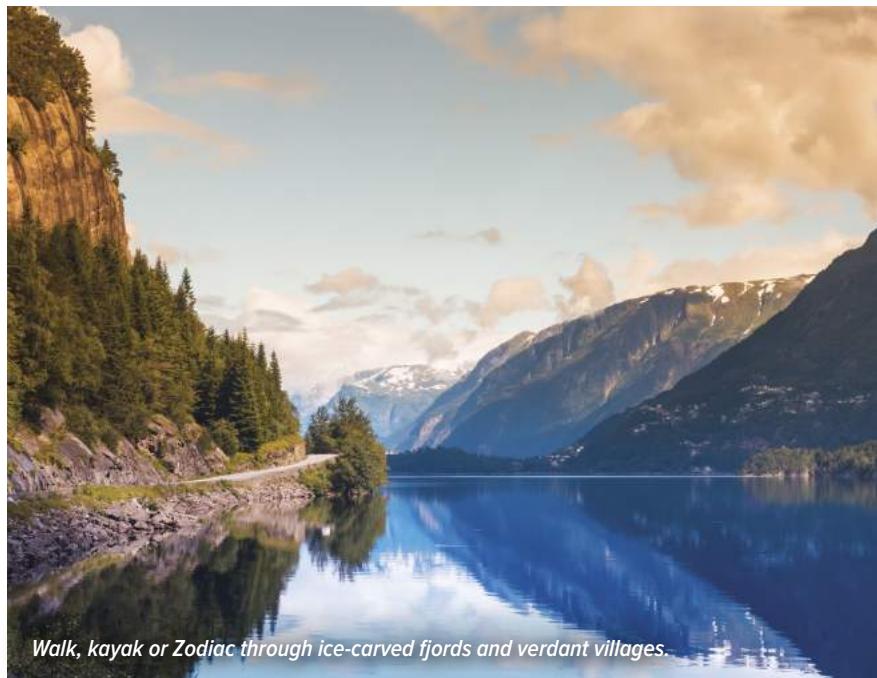
Take to the trails onshore to skirt towering cliffs and heather-covered hills. Weather permitting, paddle the scenic coastline by kayak or cruise in a Zodiac to the farthest northern lighthouse in the U.K. Or, visit the Unst Heritage Centre, which features local artefacts including handspun knit and lace, fishing tools, and wooden boats. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: ORKNEY

Explore fascinating Stone Age sites, including the megaliths of the Ring of Brodgar, the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae, and the medieval St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EDINBURGH/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Edinburgh and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 May 16, 23*

*This departure travels in reverse.



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NEW

CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE BALTIC SEA

15 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Explore nine countries united by the Baltic Sea, discover their intertwined histories, and encounter fascinating cultures. **E** Wander along the medieval walled city of Visby, explore dazzling St. Petersburg over two days, dine on local specialties and enjoy private musical performances. Enjoy ample choices and avenues for exploration in each of the cities and explore from a privileged vantage point—going by ship allows us to sail routes of the old Hanseatic League, in the paths of early traders and nobles, and it lets us enter the cities as they were meant to be entered—by sea.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore UNESCO World Heritage sites in St. Petersburg; medieval Visby, Riga, and Tallinn; and the wild Curonian Spit of coastal Lithuania.
- ▶ Cruise through the tiny islands which are part of the Finnish and Swedish archipelagoes.
- ▶ View one of the world's greatest art collections at the Hermitage Museum; explore St. Petersburg's imperial treasures over two days, including the palace of Catherine the First.
- ▶ Take a Zodiac ride into Gamla Stan, the Old Town, of Stockholm, for a unique perspective on this stunning city.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Todd Gipstein will be on board the May 2, 2020 departure. He is an enthusiastic traveller and teacher, and his photos have been published in *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveller* magazines and in many books.

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View of Tallinn, Estonia.

DAY 1: COPENHAGEN,

DENMARK/EMBARK

Arrive in Denmark's capital of Copenhagen. Cruise the charming canals of this old maritime city before embarking *National Geographic Explorer*. (L,D)

*Lübeck, Germany.***DAY 2: LÜBECK, GERMANY**

Lübeck, medieval capital of the Hanseatic League and its intact ensemble of step-gabled merchants' houses, red-bricked warehouses and narrow alleys are protected as a World Heritage Site. A walking tour will take us to Buddenbrookhaus, home of Lübeck's famous sons, authors Heinrich and Thomas Mann. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: CHRISTIANSØ AND BORNHOLM, DENMARK

This will be an expedition morning on the tiny, fortified island of Christiansø. Walk among the colourful buildings and meet some of the friendly locals—a population less than 100. This afternoon on Bornholm you may hike up to the cliff-top ruins of Hammershus fortress, explore the island's round churches and white sandy beaches, or opt for a smoked herring tasting and a leisurely stroll around one of its fishing harbours. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GDAŃSK, POLAND

See Gdańsk's art and architecture, including the Gothic-Renaissance Town Hall and National Museum. Visit the Westerplatte peninsula, where WWII began. See the European Solidarity Centre. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: KLAIPĒDA, LITHUANIA

Explore the wild barrier peninsula called the Curonian Spit, a UNESCO World Heritage site shared by Lithuania and Russia. Learn of folk tales at the Hill of Witches and see some of Europe's tallest sand dune. Spend the morning at the Ventė Cape Ornithological Station to explore the lighthouse while learning about migratory bird populations. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: RIGA, LATVIA

Tour Riga's wooden houses, Art Nouveau architecture, charming cafes, and the Central Market, housed in old Zeppelin hangars, making it Europe's largest. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TALLINN, ESTONIA

Cross the Gulf of Riga to Estonia, arriving in beautiful Tallinn this morning. You may choose to stroll the medieval streets to Town Hall Square on a guided walking excursion through the walled, cobblestoned Old Town with its Kiek in de Kök, a 15th-century defensive tower. Take in the view of Tallinn's picturesque spires and gables from atop Dome Hill. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 & 9: ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Enter through the Neva River and dock along its embankment. Discover this dazzling gem over two days, including the renowned art collection of the Hermitage, the Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral, and the opulent royal palace and parks of Catherine the Great at Pushkin. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: EXPLORING COASTAL FINLAND

Today we'll explore Finland's intricate coastline with numerous bays, inlets, and islands rich with natural history and ripe for exploration. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: CRUISING STOCKHOLM ARCHIPELAGO, SWEDEN

Cruise the Stockholm archipelago on your way from coastal Finland to Sweden's beautiful capital. Keep your camera handy through the scenic archipelago as we arrive in Stockholm, a city built on 14 islands. We stay docked overnight so you can enjoy this magical Scandinavian city. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

See the royal warship *Vasa*, which sank only minutes into its maiden voyage in 1628. It was recovered from the harbour of Stockholm in

*Visby, Gotland.*

1961 and painstakingly restored to its original glory. Stroll the narrow, winding streets of Gamla Stan, the Old Town and perhaps stop for a *kanelbullar*—a local cinnamon bun. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: VISBY, GOTLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of the Viking city of Visby, wandering through its cobblestoned streets to the edge of the city's stone walls. End at the Gotland Museum, where you'll learn of the island's fascinating history. Alternatively, opt to bike across the Gotland countryside with a local guide. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: EXPLORING SOUTHERN SWEDEN

Spend the day exploring the Southern archipelago of Sweden. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: COPENHAGEN/DISEMBARK

Disembark ship this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 May 3 2021 May 8

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NEW

NORTH SEA VOYAGE: NORTHERN EUROPE & THE NORMANDY BEACHES

11 Days/10 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Voyage from Copenhagen to London along the canals and coastline of the North Sea, exploring beautiful coastal cities as well as the crucial and storied role the region has played in history. Stroll through charming, canal-side towns that rose up along Old-World trade routes. Marvel at the elaborate architecture of medieval ruling capitals. Reflect at the sites of battles that helped determine the outcome of World War II.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Take in the stunning architecture in Lübeck, a medieval German city founded in 1143 that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ▶ Cruise the storybook canals of Bruges on a private boat tour.
- ▶ Stop in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum to see The Night Watch, perhaps the most famous of Rembrandt's paintings.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of Allied soldiers along Omaha Beach, a WWII site that was part of the largest amphibious invasion in history.
- ▶ Sail past England's otherworldly Cliffs of Dover, white-chalk cliffs rising 100 metres from the sea.
- ▶ Navigate up the River Thames and under Tower Bridge, one of London's most recognizable landmarks.

GUEST SPEAKER

Military historian, author, and podcast host **Mark Bielski** is currently the director at Stephen Ambrose Historical Tours. His expertise lies within World War II history in Europe and the American Civil War. Travel with him on **May 17, 2020**.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Pulitzer-Prize winner and National Geographic photographer **Jay Dickman** on the **May 17, 2020** voyage.

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Bruges canal with beautiful houses.

MAY 17: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Copenhagen where you'll explore Nyhavn, the city's 17th-century waterfront neighborhood, on a private canal boat tour before embarking *National Geographic Explorer*. (L,D)

MAY 18: LÜBECK, GERMANY

Cruise up the river Trave to the beautiful medieval city of Lübeck. Once the Queen City of the Hanseatic League, Lübeck boasts beautiful brick architecture, much of which was rebuilt after WWII. Taste locally produced marzipan, and visit the incredible medieval architecture of the Holsten Gate and Hospital of the Holy Spirit—two of the many fascinating buildings to grace this lovely, picturesque town. (B,L,D)

MAY 19: AT SEA

Overnight and into the morning, transit the Kiel Canal, a 61-mile waterway connecting the North Sea with the Baltic. In the morning, take in the beautiful views of the Schleswig-Holstein region from the ship until we reach the Brunsbüttel Lock and exit out into the North Sea to sail along the coast of mainland Europe. Unwind, head to the spa, browse the library, and hear talks from our staff. (B,L,D)

MAY 20: AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Cluttered with bicycles, bursting with flowers, and carved by canals, Amsterdam is a vibrant city with an arts scene that has flourished since the Middle Ages. Take in the unique character of the

canal-lined streets by boat or on foot, and experience the spectacular Rijksmuseum, reopened after a mammoth, nine-year renovation. On a guided tour, examine the works of Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other Dutch masters. (B,L,D)

**MAY 21 & 22:** BRUGES AND ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with Gothic architecture and serene waterways. Walk through the bustling and colourful Markt Square, and listen as the bells of the medieval bell tower toll the hour. After a walking excursion, board small boats and glide down swan-dotted canals to experience the gem-like old town from another perspective. In contrast, Antwerp is a bustling port city, boasting its fair share of impressive Medieval architecture. Stroll the centuries-old diamond district, visit the Rubens House to view works by Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens, and admire the Renaissance architecture in Grote Markt. (B,L,D)

MAY 23–26: BEACHES AND HISTORICAL BATTLEFIELDS OF WWII

Turn your focus toward one of the most



important historical events of the 20th century as you retrace the events of D-Day with a local historian. Sail past the Cliffs of Dover, a beacon to many WWII pilots returning home from battle on the continent and stop nearby to learn about the Allied's advance preparation for the attack. Cross the English Channel in the wake of troops heading to the front. Walk in the footsteps of the Allied troops at Omaha Beach, and pay your respects at the American Cemetery. Visit the famous Pegasus Bridge across the Caen Canal, where the British 6th Airborne Division glided in to land at the very start of the Allied invasion. See the remains of Mulberry Harbour, created from partially sunken blockships to provide a safe point of entry for supplies and equipment after the initial invasion began. Overnight, navigate up the River Thames, toward London. (B,L,D)

MAY 27: LONDON, ENGLAND/DISEMBARK

Disembark in London and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2020 May 17

PRICING:

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Cliffs of Dover.

EASTER ISLAND TO TAHITI: TALES OF THE PACIFIC

18 Days/17 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From remote and enigmatic Easter Island, to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to Tahiti, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. The voyage begins in one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island. Walk the length of untouched tropical beaches, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass.

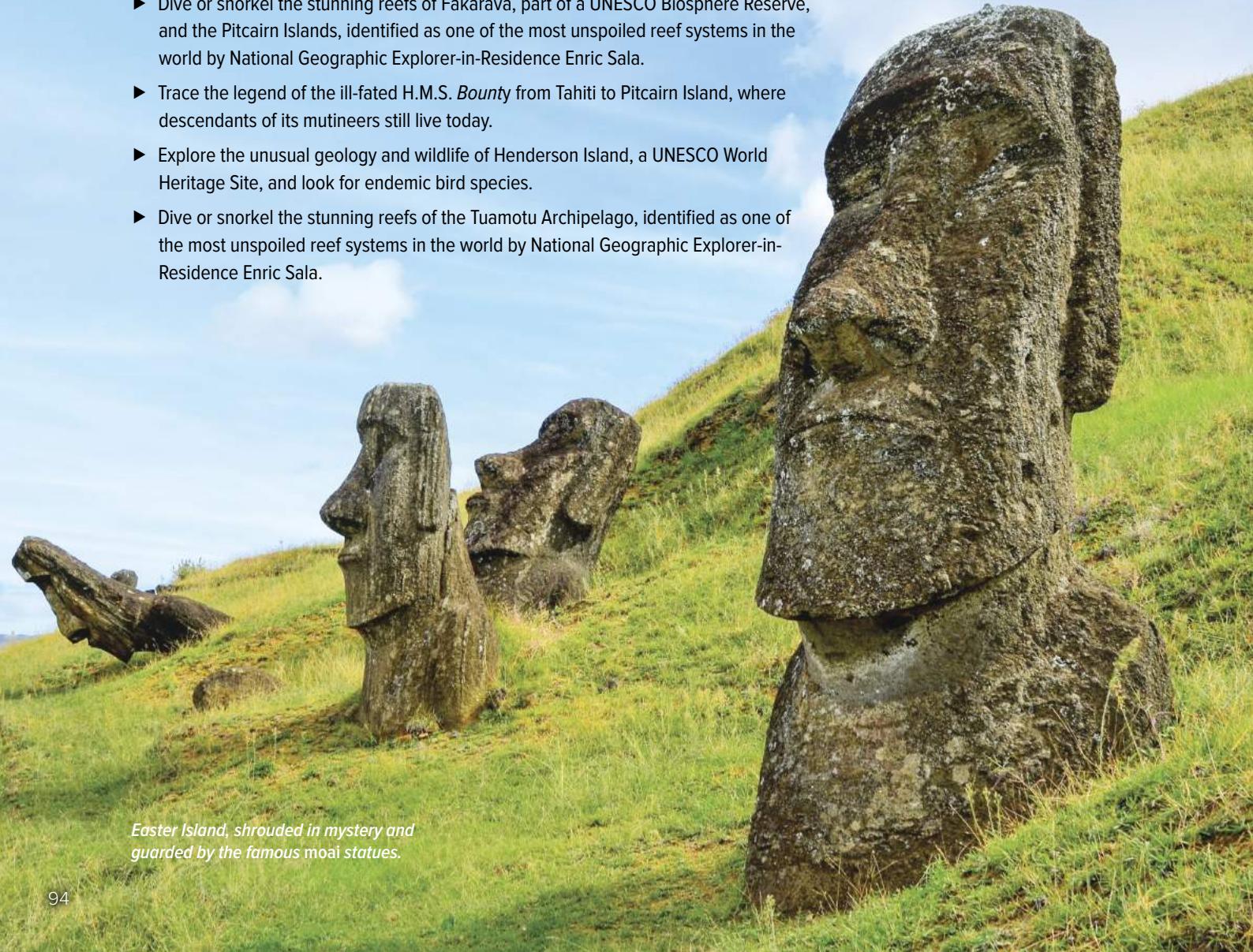
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of Fakarava, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the Pitcairn Islands, identified as one of the most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.
- ▶ Trace the legend of the ill-fated H.M.S. *Bounty* from Tahiti to Pitcairn Island, where descendants of its mutineers still live today.
- ▶ Explore the unusual geology and wildlife of Henderson Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and look for endemic bird species.
- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of the Tuamotu Archipelago, identified as one of the most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer **Susan Seubert** has photographed more than 30 feature stories for *National Geographic Traveller*. Join her on the **Mar. 29, 2020** voyage.

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Easter Island, shrouded in mystery and guarded by the famous moai statues.

DAYS 1–4: SANTIAGO, CHILE/EASTER ISLAND/EMBARK

Arrive in Santiago, Chile and be transferred to the Mandarin Oriental (or similar) in central Santiago then join your Lindblad-National Geographic staff this evening for a welcome reception. Early the next morning, fly to Easter Island where you will check into the Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa (or similar) for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal *moai* statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Embark *National Geographic Orion*.

(Day 2: L, D; Days 3 & 4: B, L, D)

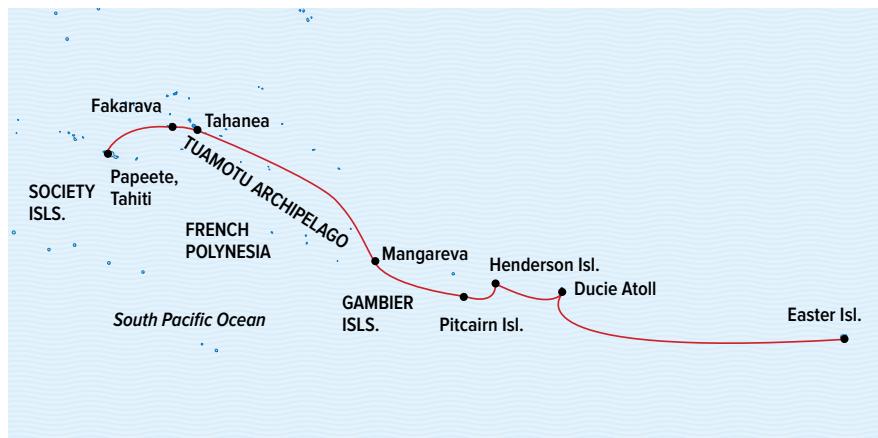
DAYS 5–9: AT SEA/PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Set sail from Easter Island on our journey west, listening to talks by our experts as we sail for two days. We begin our exploration in Ducie Atoll, where we spend time watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkelling or diving among spectacular reefs. Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. Discover the island's four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology.



Friendly local in the Tuamotus.

Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Meet the residents and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of the last surviving *Bounty* mutineer, John Adams, and see the *Bounty*'s anchor, which was salvaged in 1957. (B,L,D)



White fairy tern, Ducie Atoll.

DAYS 10 & 11: AT SEA/MANGAREVA, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Spend a day at sea scanning the horizon with our naturalists, or relaxing on deck with a good book. We then arrive at Mangareva, the largest of the Gambier Islands, with its interesting history and beautiful lagoon. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their home here, or go on a hike with our naturalists. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12–17: AT SEA/TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

We spend the next few days making our way through the Gambier Islands to the Tuamotu Islands, both part of French Polynesia. Navigate reefs and islets during a day at sea and then in true expedition mode, explore one of the uninhabited atolls such as Tahanea. Continue to Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: PAPEETE/DISEMBARK

Arrive in Papeete, and take a tour of Tahiti before your overnight flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Mar. 29 2021 Mar. 27

PRICING:

National Geographic Orion
Cat. 1 from \$24,400; Cat. 6 from \$51,590
Rates are per person, double occupancy;
solo rates available. For all categories,
current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/easterisland-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best
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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

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Venture underwater to snorkel or dive.

FRENCH POLYNESIA: BEYOND THE POSTCARD

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Venture to the heart of Polynesian culture on this highly immersive expedition where options abound. Choose to kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or take a bike ride for independent exploration and connect with these people and islands on a personal level. Explore one of the world's most important *marae*, a historic, ceremonial site on Ra'iatea, where Polynesian seafarers would begin their bold expeditions sailing into the unknown—expeditions that would eventually lead to populating Hawai'i and New Zealand. Sail among some of the 80 atolls of the Tuamotu Archipelago, a string of tiny islands in an azure sea that hides thriving reefs we'll explore while scuba diving and snorkelling.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit one of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea on Ra'iatea, recently named a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive some of the healthiest reefs of the Pacific in the Tuamotu Archipelago.
- ▶ Learn stand-up paddleboarding in gorgeous turquoise lagoons.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates Tiputa Pass into the lagoon at Rangiroa, one of the largest atolls in the world.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

For more than a decade, **Krista Rossow** has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic. Travel with her on the **Apr. 15, 2020** departure.

Andy Bardon has traveled to some of the most remote regions on earth to document human interactions with the natural world. His work with National Geographic has included documenting a story about the pearl farming industry in French Polynesia that sought to gain a better understanding of its environmental impacts and sustainability. Travel with him on the **May 6 or May 13, 2020** departures.

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Marae Taputapuatea on Ra'iataea.

DAY 1: PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA/EMBARK

Arrive in Tahiti, and check in to your room at the InterContinental Tahiti. Join your fellow travellers for lunch and a brief tour of the island before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)



Freshly picked vanilla pods, Taha'a.

DAY 2: BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Begin your voyage with a view of one of the South Pacific's most iconic images, the angular crags of Bora Bora's Mount Otemanu. Explore the island's interior by 4WD for unparalleled views of the island's turquoise lagoon, then snorkel, dive, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard from one of the *motus* on the outer reef. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: RA'IATEA/TAHA'A

Encircled by a single fringing reef, and sharing a common lagoon, Ra'iataea and Taha'a are islands well worth exploring. One of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea was a centre for Polynesian seafarers and the location from which they set out for Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Hawai'i and New Zealand. Watch from on deck as we navigate lagoon channels en route to Taha'a, then go ashore for a visit to a small, family-run vanilla plantation. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HUAHINE

One of Polynesia's best-kept secrets, Huahine is well off the beaten path. Once the home of Tahitian royalty, Huahine maintains the highest density of ancient *marae* in French Polynesia. Visit these sites with cultural experts and

archaeologists who bring them to life. Explore the verdant shoreline by kayak, stand-up paddleboard or Zodiac. Finish the day with a swim in the island's crystal-clear lagoon. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 & 6: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

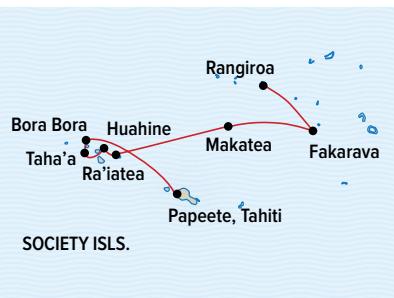
Spend two days exploring some of the nearly 80 islands and atolls in the "Dangerous Archipelago." An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search for endemic fruit doves and myriad seabirds. Fakarava is one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: RANGIROA

The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands known for some of the best diving and snorkelling in French Polynesia. The turquoise lagoon at its centre is the second-largest in the world. Our ship passes between the islets to anchor inside the lagoon near the village of Tiputa, where local musicians greet us. Visit the village, and kayak, snorkel, and scuba dive in the rich waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, and sea turtles. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: RANGIROA/DISEMBARK/PAPEETE

Disembark this morning and take a short flight back to Papeete, where you'll connect to international flights home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2020 Apr. 15; May 6, 13*

2021† Apr. 13; May 4, 11*

Limited availability.

*These departures travel in reverse.

†2021 departures follow a modified itinerary.

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AZURE SEAS FROM TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS

15 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Remote and enigmatic, the Marquesas are islands that belong to the past. Some of them virtually untouched since the era of European exploration, their isolation has given way to a proud people whose unique Marquesan dialect is a direct link to the ancient Polynesian language of Maohi. Indeed, it is believed locally that the spirits of the ancient Maohi live among the islands' saw-toothed peaks and lush, verdant valleys, and the limestone caves and grottos that we'll explore. Herman Melville penned his novel *Typee* based on his time on Nuku Hiva and established himself as the "man who lived among the cannibals," and Robert Louis Stevenson landed here aboard his yacht *Casco* in the late 19th century.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ In-depth exploration of the Marquesas, one of the most remote and culturally unique island groups on Earth, both on land and by sea.
- ▶ See ancient stone sculptures, including one of the largest *tikis* in Polynesia, on Hiva Oa.
- ▶ Hike to a remote waterfall and search for rare birds on far-flung Fatu Hiva.
- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of the Tuamotu Archipelago and search for manta rays in the pristine waters around the Marquesas.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

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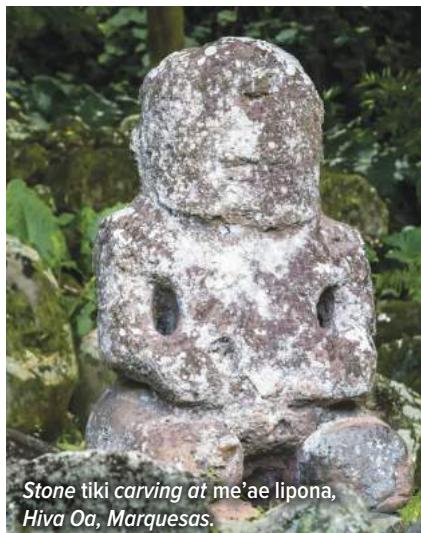


Hanavave Bay, Fatu Hiva, Marquesas.

DAY 1: PAPEETE/RANGIROA/EMBARK
Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti early this morning and take a short, very scenic flight to the nearby atoll of Rangiroa. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

DAYS 2–4: AT SEA/TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” at Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. Continue to Raroia, one of the easternmost atolls in this chain, and the site where Thor Heyerdahl’s famous *Kon-Tiki* raft made landfall in 1947. (B,L,D)



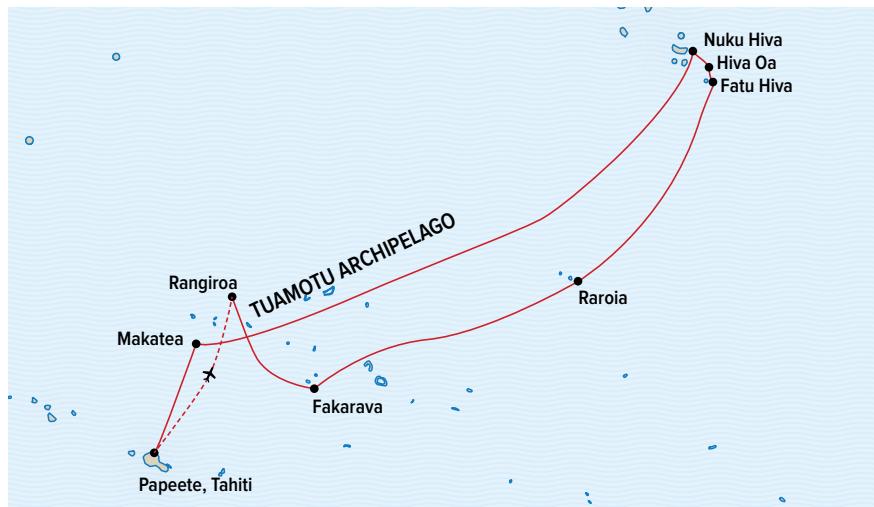
Stone tiki carving at me’ae lipona, Hiva Oa, Marquesas.

DAYS 5 & 6: AT SEA/NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS

A day at sea brings us to one of the most remote island groups on Earth, the Marquesas Islands. We begin our exploration of this archipelago at Hatihe’u Bay, on the north shore of Nuku Hiva Island. Visit ancient petroglyphs and witness a spectacular dance performance at a Marquesan *me’ae*, or hike up the valley with the naturalists and local guides in search of rare birds and spectacular views. Later, sample local foods in the village, and peruse unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: HIVA OA, MARQUESAS

At Hiva Oa, go ashore at the village of Puamau to visit the stunning Marquesan *me’ae lipona*, and photograph one of the largest *tikis* in Polynesia. (B,L,D)



DAY 8: FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS

Be sure you’re on deck this morning to photograph the volcanic pillars of Hanavave Bay, as *National Geographic Orion* approaches one of the most storied shorelines in the entire Pacific. Visit a remote village where you’ll see displays of uniquely Marquesan arts and crafts. Choose a challenging hike to a remote waterfall, or take Zodiacs to the next bay where local transport takes you on a birdwatching foray deep into the Omoa Valley. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9–11: EXPLORING THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS/AT SEA

Our last two days in the Marquesas are open for exploration. Dive some of the incredible waters here and search for rare charismatic megafauna with your naturalists and marvel at the rugged volcanic silhouettes of these legendary islands from the Zodiacs and kayaks. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 & 13: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

We let nature be our guide for these days as we explore some of the more than 80 islands and atolls that make up this seldom-visited archipelago. Snorkel or dive stunning healthy reefs, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard on turquoise lagoons, and walk pristine beaches beneath coconut palms. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: MAKATEA

An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search for bird species,

then snorkel and dive among colourful fish on the nearby reef. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: DISEMBARK/PAPEETE

Disembark in Papeete this morning and tour Tahiti before your flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Apr. 22 2021* Apr. 20

Additional cost for charter flight applies.

*2021 departure will originate in Bora Bora.

PRICING:

National Geographic Orion

Cat. 1 from \$20,900; Cat. 6 from \$45,730

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit expeditions.com/marquesas-rates, call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

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TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS: FRENCH POLYNESIAN DISCOVERY

9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Follow in the path of early Polynesian navigators on this epic voyage. From the aquamarine atolls of the Tuamotu Islands to the lush volcanic peaks of the mysterious Marquesas, you'll visit some of the most remote and compelling sites in the far reaches of French Polynesia. You'll have the option to continue onboard with us on a relaxing seven-day sea voyage, as we trace the path of master Polynesian navigators and make our way across the equator to Hawai'i.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture into the lush tropical forest and discover ancient Polynesian sacred sites on the verdant island of Hiva Oa.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive in the Tuamotus and see abundant fish and thriving coral reef ecosystems.
- ▶ Learn stand-up paddleboarding in gorgeous turquoise lagoons.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates into dramatic Hanavave Bay.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Josh Humbert specialises in photographing marine environments and focuses his work on images that tell a deeper story for conservation. Josh documented a story for National Geographic about the conservation threat surrounding Tahitian pearl farming.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

As longtime former Executive Vice President and Chief Scientist for Oceans of Conservation International, **Greg Stone** is a leading expert on marine science and conservation. An adventurous scientist, he once lived underwater for 30 days and has authored articles for *National Geographic* magazine and three award-winning books.

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Manta ray, South Pacific.

DAY 1: PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA

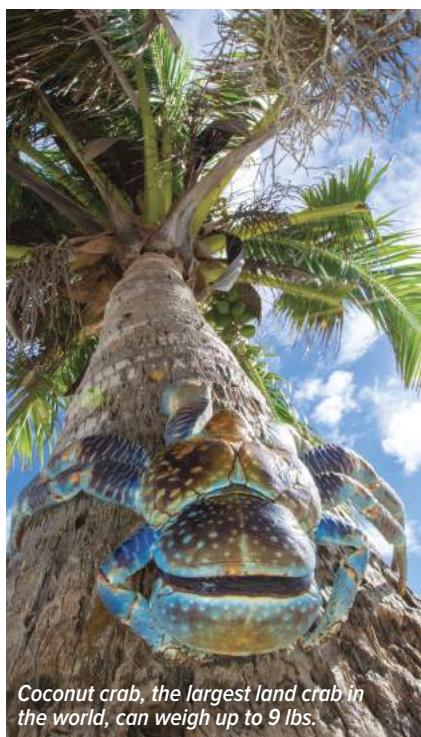
Arrive in Tahiti. Check into your room at the InterContinental Tahiti.

DAY 2: PAPEETE

Spend the day adjusting to island time and enjoying the resort's many amenities, or join us for a leisurely afternoon excursion. This evening, connect with your fellow travellers for a welcome cocktail party.

DAY 3: PAPEETE/EMBARK

Today, join an island tour and have lunch at a local restaurant before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)



Coconut crab, the largest land crab in the world, can weigh up to 9 lbs.

DAYS 4 & 5: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

Spend two days exploring this idyllic archipelago. Experience with all your senses while learning the geological distinction between volcanic islands, atolls, and uplifted coral atolls, like the stunning island of Makatea, one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. See the spectral remains of a mining operation as you hike through a primeval landscape with your expedition team to discover an incredible limestone grotto. Birders might add endemics such as the imperial pigeon or the Makatea fruit dove to their lists. Snorkelers will revel in the protected reefs of gorgeous Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part



of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Conditions permitting, ride the current into the vast lagoon on a world-famous drift dive or snorkel. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: AT SEA/FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS

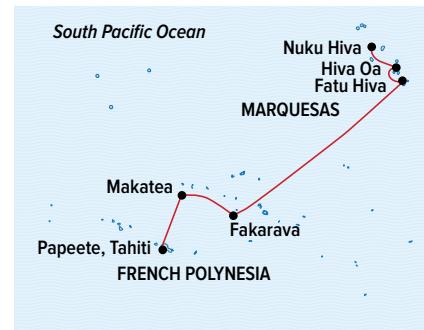
A relaxing day at sea brings us to one of the most remote and historic island groups on Earth, the Marquesas. One never forgets the first sight of lovely Hanavave Bay, fronting one of the world's most soul-stirringly beautiful islands—Fatu Hiva. Be sure you're on deck and camera-armed as we arrive at one of the most storied shorelines in the entire Pacific. Enjoy a warm Polynesian welcome on a visit to a remote village where you'll see displays of well-made, uniquely Marquesan arts and crafts. Choose a challenging hike through landscapes studded with sculptural granite and stunning flora to a remote waterfall, or Zodiac to the next bay where local transport takes you birdwatching deep in the Omoa Valley. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: HIVA OA, MARQUESAS

Visit the village of Puamau to explore a well-maintained Marquesan sacred site, at *me'aе lipona*. Accompanied by our team and knowledgeable local guides, we'll learn about religious rites, and get the chance to photograph one of the largest, most arresting ancient *tikis* in Polynesia. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS/ DISEMBARK/PAPEETE

If you read Herman Melville's *Typee* in prep for your voyage, you'll thrill doubly to the green-mantled, rugged silhouette of Nuku Hiva, the largest and most imposing of the Marquesas. Choose to end your Polynesia adventure



here, fly back to Papeete, and connect to your flight home. Or choose to extend your trip and spend six relaxing days at sea and three nights on the Big Island of Hawai'i. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 May 18 2021 May 16

Additional cost applies for flight between Nuku Hiva and Papeete.

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OPTIONAL HAWAI'I EXTENSION

Join our National Geographic experts, and our expedition staff for an informative seven-day journey from Marquesas to Hawai'i—following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers. Read, relax, unwind as you discover the skills required to master an ocean. Plus, enjoy a complimentary three-day stay on the Big Island. Visit expeditions.com/hawaii or call for details.

2019-2021 EXPEDITION CALENDAR

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Wild Alaska Escape: Sitka to Juneau	11	6	NG Sea Bird & NG Sea Lion						
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii	12	15	NG Sea Bird & NG Sea Lion						
Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska & British Columbia	14	14	NG Quest & NG Venture						
Bering Sea Wilderness: Pribilofs, Katmai & Kodiak	16	13	NG Orion						
Across the Bering Sea: From Katmai to Kamchatka	18	22	NG Orion						
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Exploring British Columbia & the San Juan Islands	*	8	NG Venture	■					
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Wild California Escape: San Francisco to Monterey Bay	*	6	NG Venture		■				
Wild California Escape: Channel Islands National Park	*	5	NG Sea Bird, NG Quest & NG Venture	■	■	■			
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Baja California & the Sea of Cortez: Among the Great Whales	22	8	NG Venture				■	■	■
Baja California: A Remarkable Journey	24	15	NG Sea Lion & NG Venture						■
Exploring the Sea of Cortez: A Living Sea & Desert Isles	26	8	NG Venture & NG Quest						
Wild Baja Escape: the Whales of Magdalena Bay	28	6	NG Sea Lion				■	■	■
Wild Baja Escape: Serenity & Sea Life in the Sea of Cortez	29	5	NG Venture			■	■		
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Wild Galápagos Escape	34	7	NG Islander						■
Wild Galápagos & Peru Escape	35	9	NG Islander						■
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Ancient Isles: England, Ireland & Scotland	*	13	NG Explorer						
Scotland's Highlands & Islands	*	8	Lord of the Glens						
Circumnavigating the Baltic Sea	90	15	NG Explorer						
North Sea Voyage: Northern Europe & the Normandy Beaches	92	11	NG Explorer						
Under Sail: Greece to the Dalmatian Coast	*	11	Sea Cloud						
Sailing the Greek Isles	*	8	Sea Cloud						
Mediterranean Gems: Dubrovnik to Naples	*	12	Sea Cloud						
SOUTH PACIFIC & SOUTHEAST ASIA									
Easter Island to Tahiti: Tales of the Pacific	94	18	NG Orion						■
French Polynesia: Beyond the Postcard	96	8	NG Orion						
Azure Seas from Tahiti to the Marquesas	98	15	NG Orion						
Tahiti to the Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery	100	9	NG Orion						
Vietnam & Cambodia: Along the Mekong River	*	12	Jahan				■	■	■

* See website for itinerary details and departure dates www.expeditions.com



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 111 metres.

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship . It is a fully stabilised, ice-class vessel, with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, aerial remote controlled camera and video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness centre, outdoor stretching area, a LEXspa treatment room and sauna.



From top: Glass-enclosed fitness centre; lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations.



Clockwise from left: Category 6 suite; the observation lounge provides unparalleled views; Category 5 cabin.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

CATEGORY 4: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

CATEGORY 6: Veranda Deck—Suite #101-102;
Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

CATEGORY 7: Upper Deck—Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

CATEGORY A SOLO: Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

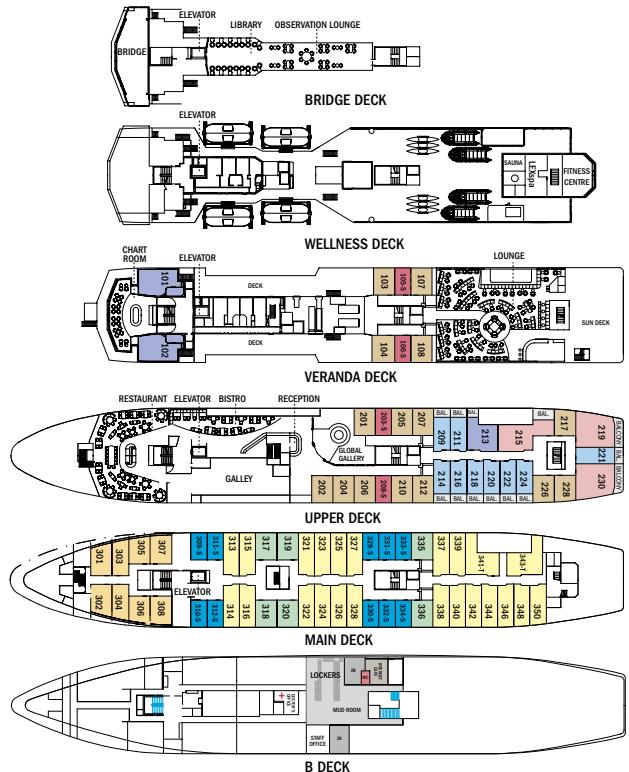
CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

SOLO OCCUPANCY: Cabins available in Categories A and B.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.



SEE MORE ONLINE: Learn more about *National Geographic Explorer* at expeditions.com/explorer



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 103 metres.

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is a fully stabilised, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull. *National Geographic Orion* is at home navigating polar ice, as well as island harbours in the South Pacific.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar and state-of-the-art facilities, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, and marina platform. The whirlpool hot tub doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates. Our “open bridge” allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

CABINS: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies. Single cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, a crow’s nest camera, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, video microscope, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Plus, for South Pacific voyages, there is snorkelling gear for all guests, scuba gear for a number of guests, stand-up paddleboards, glass-bottom Zodiac, and splash-cam.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus an undersea specialist and video chronicler. On all South Pacific voyages, there are two dive masters.

WELLNESS: A wellness specialist, fitness centre, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.



From top: Dining excellence and regional flavours are a hallmark of our expeditions; al fresco dining on the aft deck.



Clockwise: Observation lounge and library; Main lounge and bar; Category 5 suite with French balcony.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419

CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515

CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508

CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with French balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510

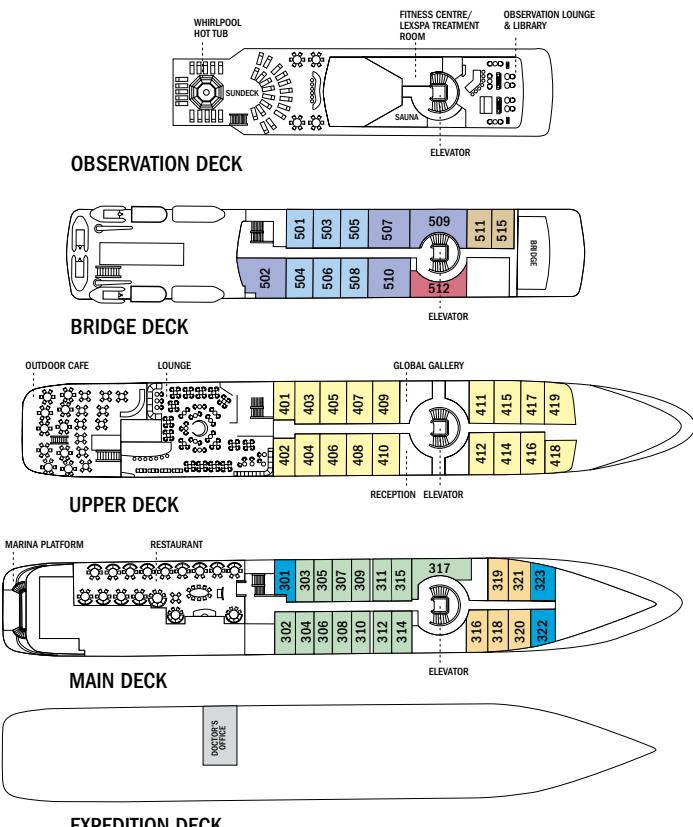
*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

NOTE: Solo occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.



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NEW SHIP



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE

CAPACITY: 126 guests in 69 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 123 metres.

National Geographic Endurance is a next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. A fully stabilised, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessel, it is designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. Its patented X-bow® is key to its design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride even in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck for superior observation. She carries a full suite of expedition tools, and offers a variety of experience enhancing amenities.

PUBLIC AREAS: Two restaurants, a chef's table for small group dining, observation lounge with bar, gym, wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, library, main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage, state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations, and a photo workshop area; plus, an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear, and an "open bridge" for access to our captain, officers and the art of navigation.

MEALS: Two restaurants, featuring local, sustainable choices and unassigned seating for flexible, inclusive dining; plus a Chef's table for intimate, small group dining. Main restaurant has 270° views, and the Observation deck restaurant features lighter, made-to-order fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with large windows, private facilities and climate controls. 53 cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers.

EXPEDITION TOOLS: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snowshoes, cross-country skis, undersea specialist operating a remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and underwater video camera for unique access to polar marine world, hydrophone, aerial remote-controlled camera and video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by our wellness specialists and features a glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high- and low-heat saunas with ocean views.



From top: Artist rendering of main restaurant Two Seven Zero°; Artist Zaria Forman has curated Change, a permanent polar art exhibit aboard ship.



Clockwise from left: Artist's rendering of the Ice Lounge is the expedition community hub for recap, presentations and sociability; standard cabin; an expansive studio for yoga and stretch sessions.

CATEGORY 1: Fore Deck with two large windows, alcove seating, relax chair #406, 408, 411, 413, 415

CATEGORY 2: Fore Deck with two large windows, alcove seating, relax chair #410, 412, 414, 416-419, 421-427

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #512-524

CATEGORY 4: Lounge Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #608, 610, 612, 613-623

CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #708, 709, 711, 713

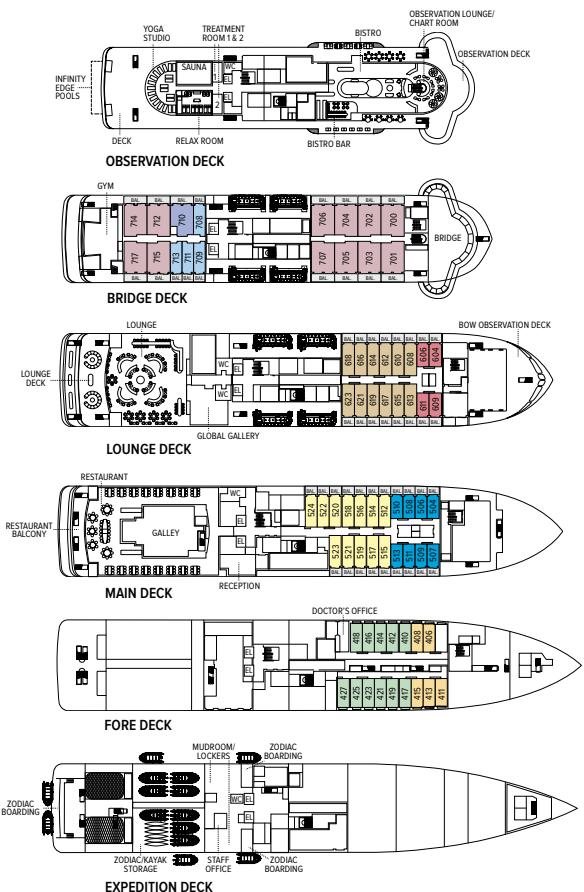
CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Junior Balcony Suite with large balcony, sofa bed #710

CATEGORY 7: Bridge Deck—Large Balcony Suite with large balcony, sofa bed, bathtub, walk-in closet #700-707, 712, 714-717

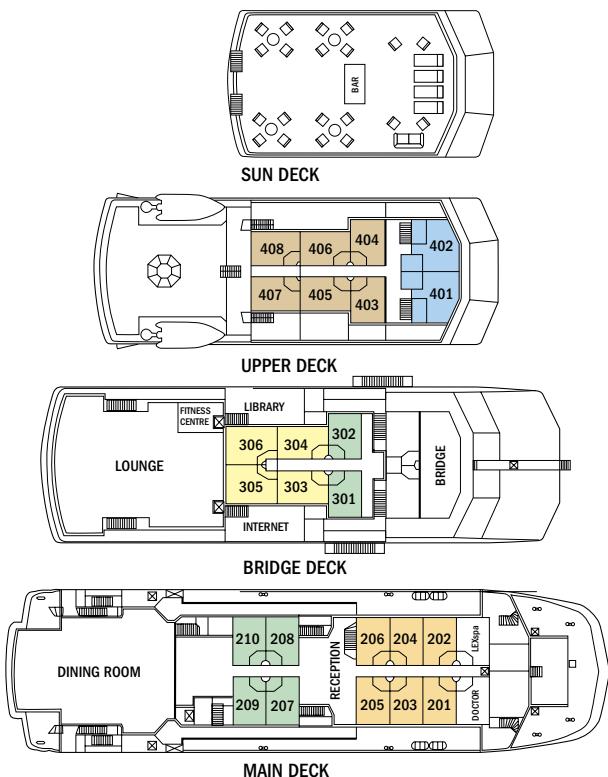
CATEGORY A SOLO: Main Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #504-510, 513

CATEGORY B SOLO: Lounge Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #604, 606, 609, 611

All cabins have: Ability to set up as queen or two twins, command centre with docking for multiple devices, atlas, clock, barometer, TV, phone, digital tablet for onboard info, hair dryer, safe, refrigerator.



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Clockwise from top: National Geographic Islander anchors close to shore; relaxing on the covered upper deck; category 5 cabin.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

YACHT-SCALED AND TRIM, OFFERING EXPEDITION AMENITIES FOR JUST 48 GUESTS

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 50 metres.

PUBLIC AREAS: Open-air observation deck, second covered outside deck with hammocks, tables and chairs. Lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, dining room, library, Mac kiosks and Internet. The captain and officers welcome guests to visit the open bridge.

MEALS: Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All have a window with an outside view, private facilities, ample storage and climate controls. Bed can be configured as two twins or as a single queen.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Shipboard doctor, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, National Geographic Global Explorers family program, Global Gallery.

WELLNESS: LEXSpa and fitness centre, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck, Forward #201-206

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #303-306. Cabins 305 and 306 can accommodate a third person with sofa bed.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #403-408—with outside, glassed-in terraces with windowed door and seating.

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck, #401 and 402—forward facing with additional seating, desk, wrap-around windows, glassed-in terrace with seating. Largest cabins aboard.

NOTE: All cabins offer two twin beds that can be converted to a queen. Solo occupancy in categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates for cabins 305 and 306 are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

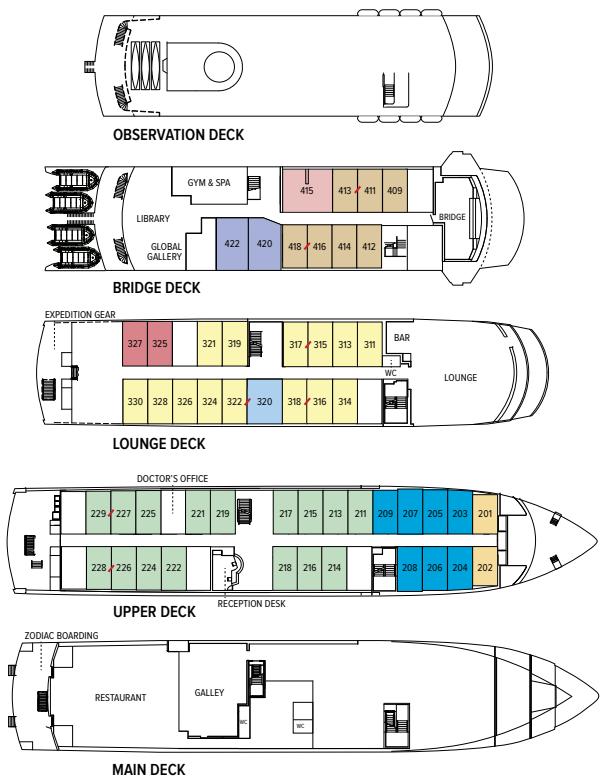
SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

SEE MORE ONLINE: Learn more about *National Geographic Islander* at expeditions.com/islander



Clockwise from top: National Geographic Endeavour II features 52 cabins accommodating 96 guests; category 1 cabin; dining room.

✓ indicates adjoining cabins



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II OFFERING EXPEDITION AMENITIES FOR 96 GUESTS

CAPACITY: 96 guests in 52 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 72 metres.

PUBLIC AREAS: Forward lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, restaurant, large library with Mac kiosks, open-air observation deck, underwater gear area and dual Zodiac boarding platform, and open bridge, where guests can meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All face outside with large windows, and feature twin beds that convert to a queen. With private facilities and climate control, nightstands, desk, and storage. Seven sets of cabins with a connecting door.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, glass-bottom boat, kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, shipboard doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic Global Explorers family program, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

WELLNESS: LEXSpa and fitness centre, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

CATEGORY 1: Upper Deck, Forward #201, 202

CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck #211, 213-219, 221, 222, 224-229

CATEGORY 3: Lounge Deck #311, 313-319, 321, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330

CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck #409, 411-414, 416, 418

SUITE A: Lounge Deck, Mid-Ship #320—with two windows, larger bath, arm chair. Connecting door to #322.

SUITE B: Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #420, 422—with two floor-to-ceiling windows, larger bath, convertible sofa for a third person.

SUITE C: Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #415—with two large windows, larger bath, separate sitting area with convertible sofa for a third person and arm chairs, largest cabin on ship.

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #203-209

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Lounge Deck #325, 327

NOTE: All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet.

CONNECTING CABINS: #226/228, 227/229, 315/317, 316/318, 320/322, 411/413, 416/418

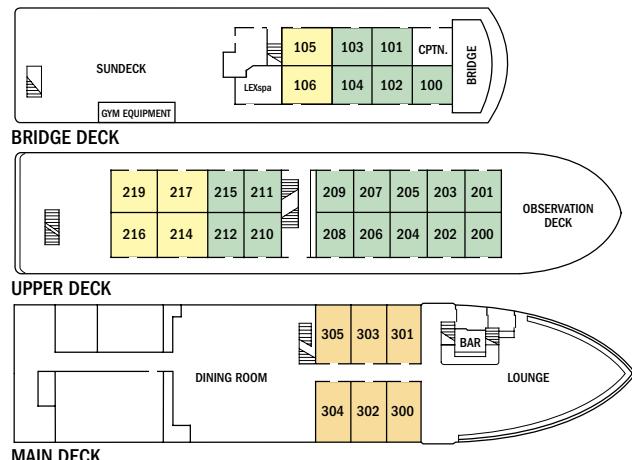
TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: #224, 225, 326, 328 with fold-down upper third bunk, Suites B and C with convertible sofa bed. Third person rates are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.

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From left to right: Lounge with expedition library and flatscreen TVs for vibrant presentations; Morning yoga on the back deck.



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Learn more about *National Geographic Sea Lion* at expeditions.com/sealion

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 46 metres.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfasts are wide-selection buffets and lunch is often served family style. Dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, fleet of paddleboards, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits and snorkel gear in Baja California, and expedition landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access. A certified photo instructor and a video chronicler are on board all voyages. A ship’s doctor is on board in Baja. An undersea specialist is on board in Baja and Alaska.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305—Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, and a large view window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215—These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219—These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

NOTE: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



From left to right: The lounge with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Category 3 cabins feature one Queen bed (that can be converted to two singles), a writing desk, and two portholes.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

CAPACITY: 100 guests in 50 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 73 metres.

Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* (launched 2019) are the latest additions to our fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A., both ships set a new standard in exploration and comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness centre; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

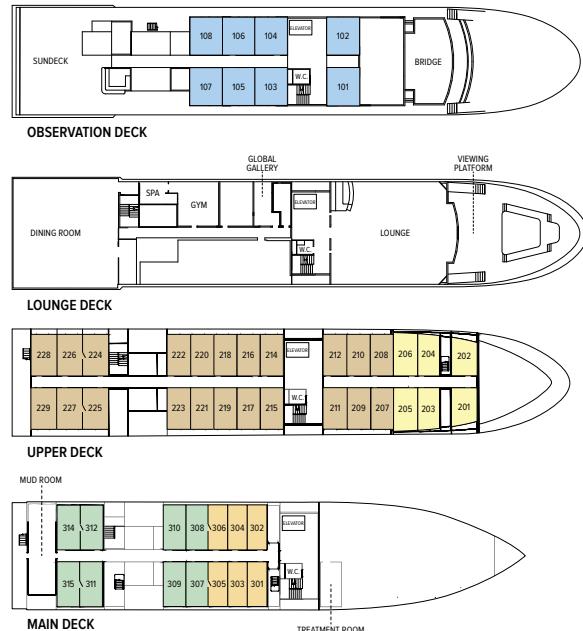
MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast and lunch are wide-selection buffets with chef-action stations, while dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkelling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable).

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.



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Learn more about *National Geographic Venture* at expeditions.com/venture

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two large view windows.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door, and small, private balcony.

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

NOTE: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227



Clockwise from top: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious suites offer comfort and panoramic views.

DELFIN II

CAPACITY: 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

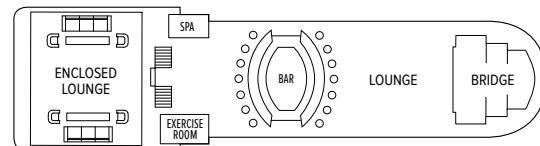
REGISTRY: Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 37 metres.

PUBLIC AREAS: With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, open-air lounge and bar up top, and dining room with a 270-degree panorama. With a small library, exercise room and spa. Open bridge, where you are welcome to visit and watch the river go by.

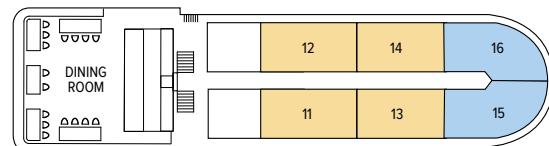
MEALS: The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

SUITES: Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone.

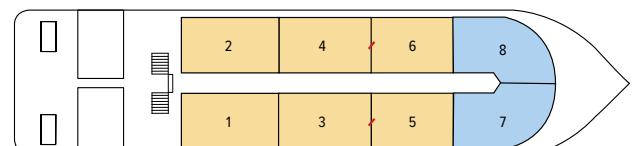
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: 10-person skiffs—with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for up-close, personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided when needed.



OBSERVATION DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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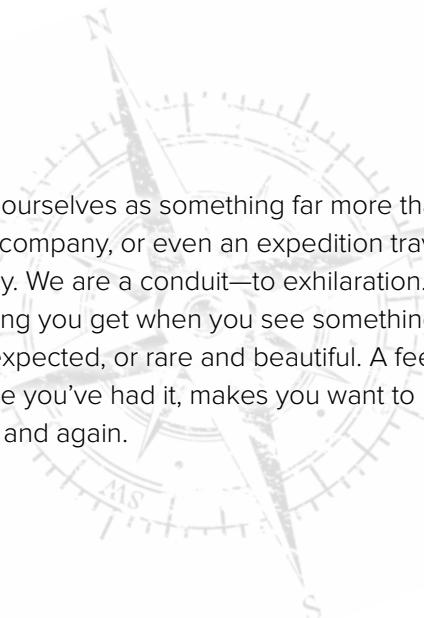
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SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 — Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families travelling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area. Suites 4/6 and 3/5 are available as interconnecting.

MASTER SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 — The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90 degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck and Upper Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king.

SOLO OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Due to the limited number of cabins available, solo occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.

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INCLUSIVE PRICING

We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as part of your expedition aboard ship and ashore. The only things not included are those of a personal nature—alcohol*, internet usage, tips to the crew*, wellness treatments, and other specialised arrangements.

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- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages*
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Fitness centre
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkelling and paddleboarding (where indicated)
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

Note: Amenities vary across fleet, and are provided where applicable.

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