

ALASKA

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UNDERSEA & SHOOT
YOUR BEST PHOTOS

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TO HAIDA GWAII

ABOARD THE 62-GUEST *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION & SEA BIRD* | 2014



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As astonishing as the photos in National Geographic
And an exhilarating life adventure:

**A Lindblad-National Geographic
In-depth Alaska Expedition**



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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.

Dear Traveler,

In 2014 over a million people are predicted to visit Alaska, most to what's called Southeast or the panhandle. It's less than 400 miles from its southernmost to northernmost boundaries, but if you look at a map you will find thousands of miles of shoreline with hundreds of fjords, many discharging icebergs from their massive glaciers.

More than 99% of the people visiting, however, will be confined to the towns or their ships, as they require docks, big docks, to step ashore.

We are here, though, for the wilderness that is so remarkable in this stunning geography. We don't need docks—we have expedition landing craft that can take us ashore more or less anywhere. We have a large fleet of kayaks for you to use on numerous occasions. We have a staff of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and an undersea specialist—all there to provide you with guidance, insight, and the opportunity to pursue your personal interests.

It was 1981 when I hired a floatplane, with a team, to first scout our inaugural itineraries. I could not believe the beauty, the majesty, and the extraordinary amount of wildlife. We've been here every summer since.

There are over 30,000 people with whom we've shared Alaska through the years, but with only 62 at a time. Our ships are not flashy or fancy—they are comfortable, though, and our crew and our staff fully understand why you are here and will care for your needs and desires with grace and effectiveness.

Joining us in Alaska really is one of the best travel decisions you could make—I promise.

Yours sincerely,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

P.S. Take a look at pages 10/11 and 22/23. We are incredibly honored to have been granted permission to visit Haida Gwaii for the first time in decades.



*Just for perspective,
we're on the right.*

SEE THE ALASKA YOU WOULD OTHERWISE MISS

To discover the wild, awe-inspiring reaches of Southeast Alaska, you have to sail into the narrow, shallow channels where whales and wildlife come to feed; and sail up winding fjords that terminate in towering glaciers—and then venture even closer aboard expedition landing craft and kayaks.



Our **62-guest expedition ships** are perfectly sized for in-depth exploration. Ample deck space easily accommodates all guests at once to share the best views and the thrills of each sight-

ing—whales breaching and feeding, glaciers crashing, and bears foraging along the shore—plus, hear **insights and commentary** from your expedition team, the largest in Alaska with five naturalists and an expedition leader.

Special permits from the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service allow us to sail far into Glacier Bay National Park and

wild, remote regions of the Tongass National Forest. And you'll go even more in-depth with cool tools for exploring, including a **fleet of eight solo and 12 double kayaks and five expedition landing craft**. Board one to draw close to glaciers, or paddle a kayak in a peaceful cove for a personal, water-level encounter with wildness. A **hydrophone** allows us to listen to the strange vocalizations of whales, and a **video microscope** to see the tiny creatures that make this water so productive, plus an **undersea specialist** films during dives to reveal the mysteries of the deep.

Above: Whale fluke; Our ships are outfitted with a fleet of solo and tandem kayaks that allow you to explore at your own pace; Right: Guests explore Tracy Arm's glacial ice aboard an expedition landing craft.





DISCOVER ICONIC AND UNEXPECTED WILDLIFE

With 30+ years of exploration in Alaska, we've discovered when and where to go to get you up close to Alaska's iconic wildlife, as well as the smaller, unheralded creatures.

Linger on deck as we sail through forest-framed channels and watch humpback whales tail-lobbing and feeding—no binoculars needed. See hauled out Steller sea lions, orcas swimming alongside our expedition landing craft, and playful otters floating on rafted strands of abundant kelp and feeding and foraging for sea urchins.



Harbor seal.

Watch a brown bear and her cubs forage along the shore as our naturalists stay on lookout for rare wolf sightings or, more common, mountain goats threading their way along steep cliffs. See eagles, puffins, guillemots, kittiwakes, and murrens. Birders can

sometimes tick off a dozen species in a single afternoon. Experience the peace of standing at the foot of towering hemlock and Sitka spruce trees. And discover the creatures you never imagined: carnivorous plants, brilliantly colored anemones, and strange banana slugs.



Eagle.



Brown bear.

It's one National Geographic moment after another, as the clips below show. Each is worth more than a thousand words. So, take a look at why exploring Alaska is so thrilling.



WILD WATERS

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THIS CLOSE

» EXPEDITIONS.COM/THISCLOSE



ALASKA MOMENT

» EXPEDITIONS.COM/ALASKAMOMENT



“Watching humpback whales is a life-changing experience. Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has contributed to the knowledge base of this unique community of these findings with travelers in the depths of the Alaskan wilderness.”

— DR. FRED SHARPE, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR,
ALASKA WHALE FOUNDATION

THE RICHEST WHALE VIEWING EXPERIENCE

Our ships allow us to go deeper into the domain of the whales. And with our knowledge and skill in timing, we can position perfectly to be “there” when whales are—creating amazing observations and photo ops. In addition, researchers from the Alaska Whale Foundation come aboard to share their knowledge and latest findings about humpback behavior. They are able to provide insight into some of the whale behaviors we may see, including tail-lobbing, lunge and even bubblenet feeding strategies. And if the opportunity arises, our naturalists may even drop a hydrophone to reveal the whales’ communication, and give you a whale’s-eye view through exclusive footage shot by National Geographic’s Crittercam team.



Dr. Fred Sharpe

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Tail-lobbing humpback whale.



EVEN EXPLORE THE **ALASKAN UNDERSEA**

See more of Alaska than anyone else, and more than you ever imagined. No other travel company offers an exploration of the vivid and surprising undersea life found in Alaska. On every departure your undersea specialist will don special cold-water diving gear to explore the depths of the undersea to shoot video of the otherworldly creatures, which you'll see on TV screens from the comfort of the lounge. See the vast kelp forests swaying in the currents and discover strange and wonderful marine life: anemones, jellies, rockfish and bizarre life forms that are only seen via deep dives. Watch as your undersea specialist's bright lights dance across the seafloor, revealing the brilliant purples and greens.



Left: Our undersea specialist approaches a crimson anemone 60 feet beneath the ship's bow; Above: Bright lights reveal the vibrant seafloor of benthic life in Alaska.

“Guests are so surprised by the colors. They don’t expect to see pinks and yellows and purples. They expect it to be all drab and browns and greens, but it’s absolutely beautiful down there.”

—JUSTIN HOFMAN, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST



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PACIFIC OCTOPUS ENCOUNTER**

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RARE ACCESS

HAIDA GWAI

Haida Gwaii (pronounced HY-duh-GWY, formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) is a spectacular archipelago off the coast of British Columbia—with islands that are among the wildest, most intriguing places on the planet. We have been granted special permission to bring *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *Sea Bird* into Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage site.

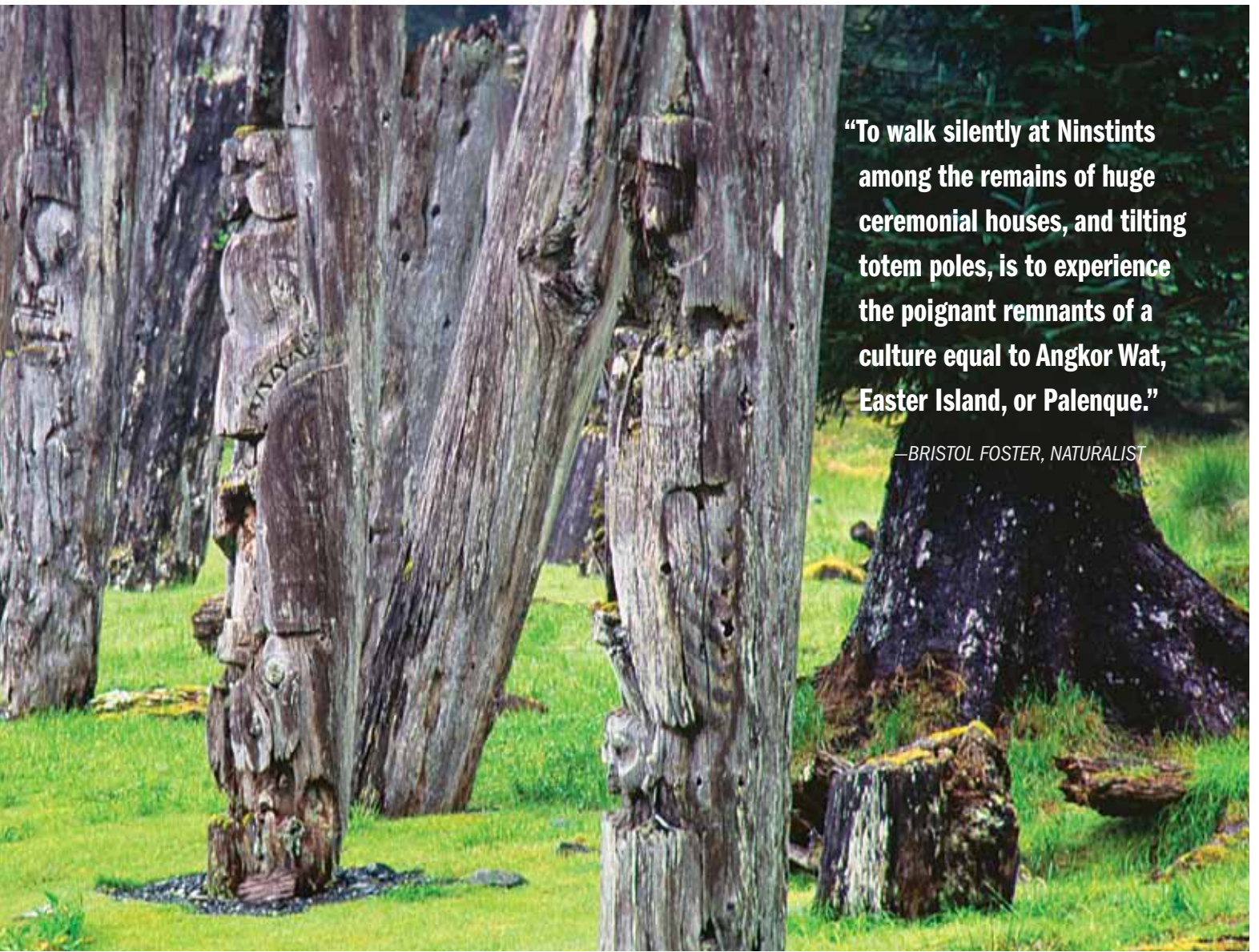


Guests on the springtime Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii will be the first to explore here with Lindblad-National Geographic in over 20 years. Exploring Haida Gwaii in spring is a chance to see the region's abundant wildlife wake from its winter slumber—including black bears that grow larger

than anywhere else in the world—and some of the 39 endemic subspecies of animals and plants. See the return of humpback whales and meet some of the region's incredible artisans.

At SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), a UNESCO World Heritage site, you'll walk among the age-old totem poles that stand as sentinels of a culture both ancient and modern. It is a chance to learn about the lives and ways of the Haida people that few travelers are granted.





“To walk silently at Ninjints among the remains of huge ceremonial houses, and tilting totem poles, is to experience the poignant remnants of a culture equal to Angkor Wat, Easter Island, or Palenque.”

—BRISTOL FOSTER, NATURALIST



PLUS, LEARN THE LEGENDS OF GLACIER BAY ON EVERY EXPEDITION

On every Alaska expedition a Huna Tlingit Interpreter joins us aboard as we sail into Glacier Bay National Park. This land is their ancestral home, and we see beyond its spectral glaciers and pristine wildness, cast in a new light through their lore and legends.



Clockwise from top: SGang Gwaay (Ninjints) is a UNESCO World Heritage site with the remains of houses and carved mortuary and memorial poles that illustrate the Haida way of life; Huna Tlingit Cultural Interpreter; One of the many lush temperate rainforests of Haida Gwaii; Ceremonial Haida clothing.

AN EXPEDITION TEAM THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Over the 45+ years of our history, the quality of our veteran staff and their companionship is the reason the Lindblad name is known and respected for top-quality expeditions. Your team consists of an expedition leader and five naturalists, including a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and an undersea specialist, in addition to a wellness specialist. We invest significantly to keep a guest-to-staff ratio of 10:1. This means optimally-sized groups for you, plus diverse expertise and varying perspectives.

Guests observe calving at South Sawyer Glacier from water level.



REPRESENTING OUR ALASKA SEASON TEAM:

EXPEDITION LEADER LEE FLEISCHER

Former Director of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and an expert on Alaska's unique ecosystems.



NATURALISTS PETE & GRETCHEN PEDERSON

Former Backcountry Rangers and guides in Denali National Park and accomplished wildlife biologists.



NATURALIST LEE MOLL

A professional naturalist since 1988 with a particular interest in botany, marine mammals, ornithology, and geology.



NATURALIST/CERTIFIED PHOTO INSTRUCTOR LINDA BURBACK

A former educator at Saguaro National Park, she is a gifted photographer and patient instructor, happy to share her knowledge.





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

EXPERTS ON BOARD

WADE DAVIS

Author of the acclaimed book *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, National Geographic named anthropologist Wade Davis ‘Explorer of the Millennium.’ Join Wade on the **May 3** departure of **A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii**.



JON WATERHOUSE

Presidential appointee to advise the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Jon Waterhouse offers insight on conservation and indigenous communities. Join Jon on the **May 4** departure of **A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii**.



BIRGIT BUHLEIER

Filmmaker, producer, and scientist, Birgit Buhleier has sidled up to seals, sea lions, and whales using National Geographic’s Crittercam. Join Birgit on the **May 17** or **May 24** departures of **Exploring Alaska’s Coastal Wilderness**.



CASEY ANDERSON

Host of *Expedition Wild* on the National Geographic Channel, learn about the grizzly cub that bear expert Casey Anderson rescued and raised. See bears with Casey on the **June 21** and **28** departures of **Exploring Alaska’s Coastal Wilderness**.



WELLNESS SPECIALIST SUSAN MOEBUS

A licensed massage therapist, she embodies the holistic mind *and* body spirit of our expeditions.



NATURALIST/UNDERSEA SPECIALIST JUSTIN HOFMAN

A marine biologist and photo instructor, Justin will dive and shoot video and bring the mysterious undersea to life during the expedition.



EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY OUR EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Unique in the world of travel, our Expedition Photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivaled photography opportunities—including a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board every expedition. Photo enthusiasts, from beginner to semi-pro can stand side-by-side with accomplished photographers and pick up tips in an extraordinary field environment. Their expertise will inspire you and help you improve your skills—so you can return home with great shots, or a complete photo record of your experience of a lifetime.



Top: A brown bear forging along the shore of Baranof Island; Kayaking provides opportunities for personal exploration.





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TRAVEL WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Certain Alaska departures are Photo Expeditions offering total immersion in the world of professional travel and wildlife photography. They offer the unprecedented opportunity to shoot with and learn from a National Geographic photographer and two Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructors. Outings are timed to take advantage of the best lighting, and on board seminars and photo talks offer tips and tricks.

Photo Expeditions offer all the same experiences and opportunities as all our expeditions—the cool tools to explore, kayaking, hiking, and up-close encounters with wildlife—plus the chance to develop photography skills that will last a lifetime.

2014 PHOTO EXPEDITIONS

Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness:
Jun. 1, 8; Aug. 30, 31
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii: Sep. 6, 7

Choose a select departure and learn from these Top National Geographic Photographers



JAY DICKMAN JUN. 1 & 8

Pulitzer prize-winning photojournalist, co-author of the book *Perfect Digital Photography*, and founder of the FirstLight Workshops.



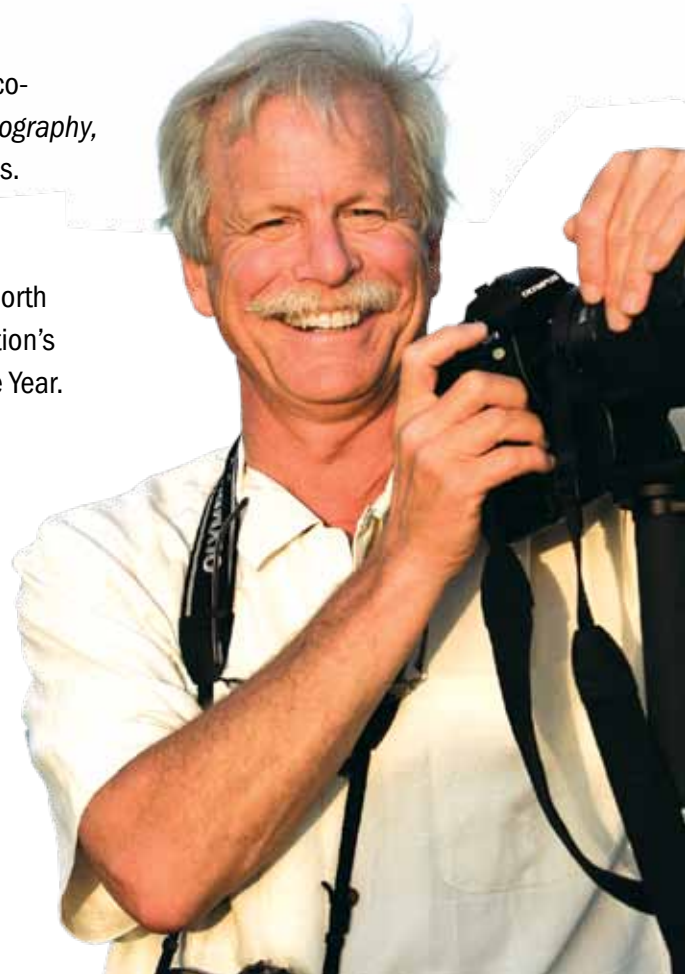
FLIP NICKLIN AUG. 30 & SEP. 6

Premier whale photographer and the North American Nature Photography Association's 2012 Outstanding Photographer of the Year.



MICHAEL MELFORD AUG. 31 & SEP. 7

Winner of the Graphis Photo Annual Photograph of the Year, and the Lowell Thomas Award for Travel Photography.

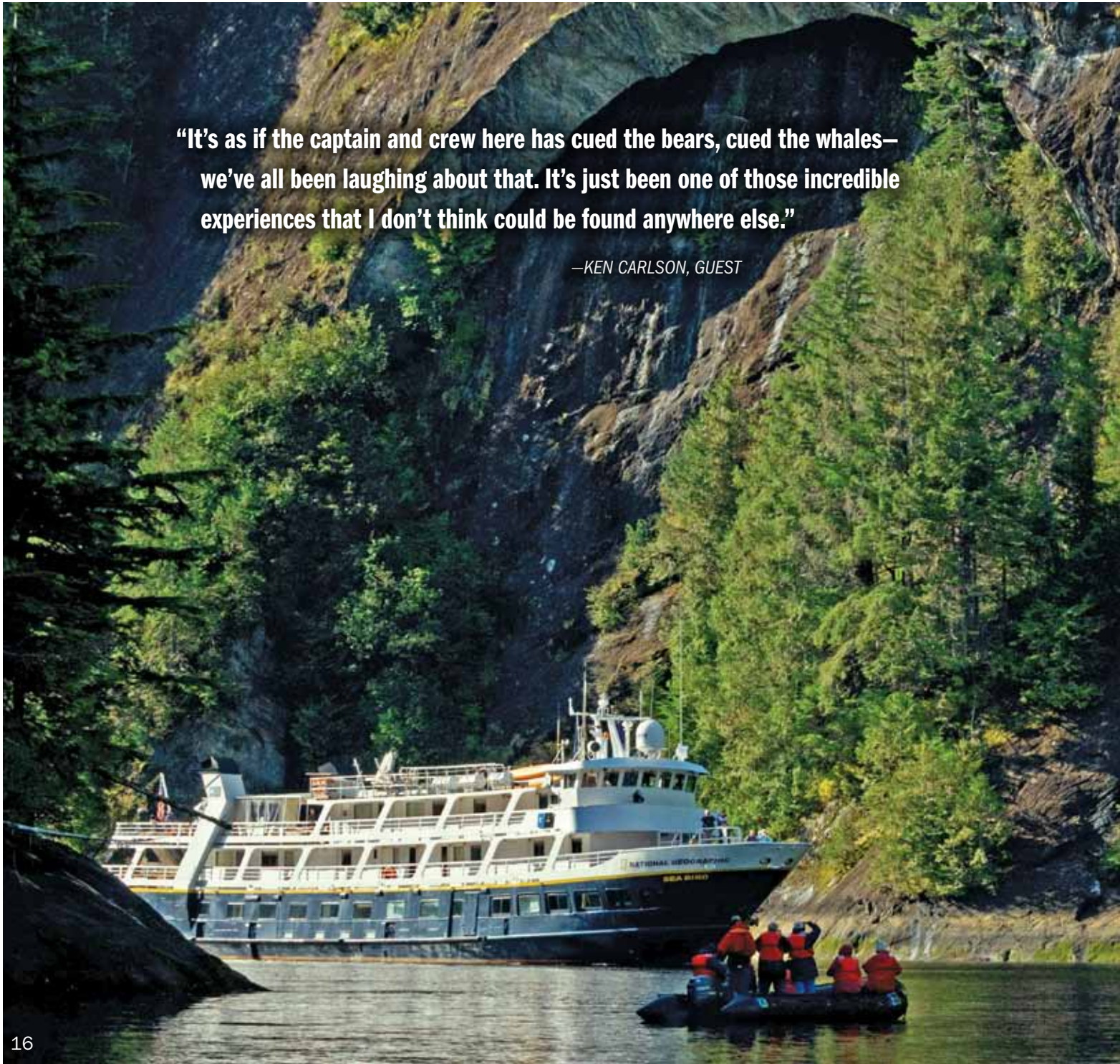




Photography presentation.



On the bridge.



**“It’s as if the captain and crew here has cued the bears, cued the whales—
we’ve all been laughing about that. It’s just been one of those incredible
experiences that I don’t think could be found anywhere else.”**

—KEN CARLSON, GUEST



Cocktails at Recap.



National Geographic Sea Bird transits Misty Fjords National Monument.

JOY OF ALASKA EXPEDITION-STYLE

Our founder, Sven Lindblad, spent his formative years in Africa, working as a guide with a high-end safari operator, and the words of his mentor have always stayed with him:

“only a fool has to suffer in the bush.”

That’s why our hotel staff and chefs are integral to every expedition—as important to the intricate calculus aboard as the expedition leader and the captain. Their ability to respond flexibly keeps our vital expeditionary spirit fed,



so to speak. You can eagerly rush to the deck for a spontaneous dinner hour whale sighting, with out fear that it’s wrecking havoc in the kitchen. Dinner will still be superb. Like the ship’s connectedness to the outdoors, each meal is a window of sorts, reflecting local, sustainable cuisine whenever possible, including fresh fish from Alaskan waters. Breakfast, lunch and dinner aboard earn rave reviews from guests. You’ll discover that life aboard our 62-guest expedition ships is warm and welcoming, with everyone participating equally in the adventure.

Evening Recaps in the lounge are a chance to swap stories of the day’s surprises with family and new friends over hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.



The Dungeness crab feast is often cited as a guest highlight.

FAMILY ADVENTURE WITH MEANING

Exploring Alaska's wilderness gives families and multi-generational groups the chance to share meaningful experiences in a natural way. Expeditions are unforgettable. You will always remember kayaking side-by-side through near-mythic wildness, and sharing the magic of watching whales rocket out of the water.

Bring the Family or Make it a Multi-Generational Adventure

We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18, based on double occupancy. Call for details.





THE YOUNG EXPLORER CHALLENGE TAKE THE FUN FURTHER

Our Young Explorer Challenge ensures that kids of all ages will get lasting value from their expedition experience—a great payback for parents or grandparents! They'll be able to turn their onboard journaling (photos, writing, map-drawing, or artwork) into a digital contest entry. Nine top prize winners—one for each age bracket (8-10; 11-13; and 14-17 years old) and from three ship categories (*National Geographic Sea Lion & Sea Bird*; *National Geographic Endeavour & Islander*; *National Geographic Explorer & Orion*) will win an all-expense-paid mini-expedition aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion* from Seattle for themselves and one parent/guardian. Find complete details and entry requirements at expeditions.com/youngexplorerchallenge

KIDS GET MORE WITH LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS-NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC:

- ✓ Photo workshops with our Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, using smart phones and/or point & shoot cameras
- ✓ Journals & journaling time to record kids' daily activities
- ✓ Scavenger hunts
- ✓ Hands-on science program: kids use the onboard video microscope to view and identify undersea specimens; learn about conservation efforts in Alaska
- ✓ Kid-friendly menu options, with a special kid's pizza & movie night.
- ✓ Expedition landing craft driving lessons & "certificates of achievement"
- ✓ Hands-on nature lessons with our naturalists who are trained to work with kids & are excellent role models

Clockwise from top left: Hiking through a temperate rain forest; Exploring tide pools for small creatures; Whale watching; Guests share a kayaking excursion; Kids of all ages enjoy a hike.



FAMILY ADVENTURE

» EXPEDITIONS.COM/ALASKAFAMILY

EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*
AND *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$6,290 to \$11,010 (See pages 27 for complete prices.)

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Sea Bird* or *National Geographic Sea Lion* into a land of mist-shrouded fjords, tidewater glaciers, and islands teeming with wildlife. Search for orcas and humpback whales, kayak amid glacial ice, spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park, and learn about Alaska's rich Tlingit heritage.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Kayak into protected coves and look for sea otters, seabirds, and harbor seals.
- ▶ Hike through lush forests to cascading waterfalls, and ride an expedition landing craft into coves to look for brown bears.
- ▶ Meet members of the Alaska Whale Foundation to learn about the local whale population, and get a firsthand perspective on Alaska's indigenous people from a Tlingit cultural interpreter.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.

A veil of water cascades off of a breaching humpback whale.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 6-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience.

An expedition leader, three naturalists, a Lindblad-

National Geographic certified photo instructor and undersea specialist, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, all contribute to your understanding of Alaska's wonders. Certain departures will feature a National Geographic photographer or expert.

Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.



DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK SHIP

Fly from Seattle to Juneau. Meet your naturalists and visit Mendenhall Glacier, set in the dramatic Mendenhall Valley. Settle into your cabin before dinner. Later, explore the port of Juneau on your own. (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 an expedition landing craft for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, porpoises and arctic terns. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, true Alaskan 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 floatplane excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)



DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

With luck, we'll see whales breaching, tail-slapping and feeding. We'll explore spectacular bays and inlets, following bear trails and salmon streams. Later, hike or kayak for up close exploration. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Hike and kayak among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters reside. We'll search for whales in the rich waters of Icy Strait and, conditions permitting, lower the ship's hydrophone to listen in on the whales' communication. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

By special permit, we explore Glacier Bay, a not-to-be-missed gem of Alaska. See glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wilderness abounds—mountain goats and brown bears patrol the shore; harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins live in these icy waters. A native Tlingit 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, and hike stunning forest trails, or see bear tracks worn into the soil while walking an isolated meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are very common. If conditions permit, we'll do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Visit the onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church and walk among totem poles that line trails through Sitka National Historic Park. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Center, we have close views of species normally seen at a distance. Drive to the airport for our afternoon flight to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2014: May 17*, 18*, 24, 25, 31*; Jun. 1* 📷, 7, 8 📷, 14*, 15*, 21, 22, 28*, 29*; Jul. 5, 6, 12*, 13*, 19, 20, 26*, 27*; Aug. 2, 3, 9*, 10*, 16, 17, 23*, 24*, 30 📷, 31 📷

*Indicates itineraries in the reverse order, from Sitka to Juneau.

Note: Due to a later arriving flight May 17, 18, 31 and June 1, departures that embark in Sitka will visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center and then proceed directly to the ship.

📷 **Photo Expedition.** These departures are for passionate photographers with hands-on instruction from our Photo Expedition team.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Travel with Pulitzer prize-winning photojournalist **Jay Dickman** on Jun. 1 or 8, or renowned marine mammal photographer **Flip Nicklin** on Aug. 30, or longtime National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** on Aug. 31. National Geographic TV host and bear expert **Casey Anderson** will be aboard June 21 and 28, and filmmaker and Crittercam expert **Birgit Buhleier** will join us on May 17 and May 24.

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by March 31, 2014 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on select May and June departures. Call for details.

EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Our Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables you to hike and kayak in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.

NEW

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION*
PRICES FROM: \$9,990 to \$16,940 (See page 27 for complete prices.)

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 first 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 in over two decades. Here, you'll see the ancient totems at SḠang Gwaay (Ninstints), a UNESCO World Heritage site, meet with local artisans, and search for seldom-seen endemic species.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore glacially-carved fjords, Glacier Bay National Park, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak among glacial ice, see waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls, and hike old-growth forest where paw prints outnumber foot prints.
- ▶ Explore ancestral Haida villages, see ancient totem poles, take part in a traditional dance performance, and much more.
- ▶ Search for endemic species in Haida Gwaii, considered the "Canadian Galápagos" for its wildlife-rich intertidal zone, including the world's largest black bears.

Standing poles at Ninstints.

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Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.



DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the ship. (D)

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Search for orca whales and cruise around forested islands. (B,L,D)



Cultural dance performance.

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 from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

DAY 4-5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Head northward along the untouched coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak the many bays and inlets. (B,L,D daily)

DAYS 6-8: HAIDA GWAII

With a shared respect for the natural world, explore the islands of Haida Gwaii. Two Haida interpreters will join us, first visiting the Haida Heritage Center at Kay Lnagaay to learn about the incredible history of the Haida people and the meaning behind their renowned artwork. In the ancestral town of Old Massett, join in a traditional dance performance and feast, and meet local artisans. Explore the Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage Site. See the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay (Ninstints) or K'una (Skedans). Kayak and take expedition landing craft around the incredibly biodiverse islands where

black bears are the largest in the world and endemic species thrive. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 9: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

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

DAY 10: FREDERICK SOUND AND PETERSBURG

Join naturalists on deck and search for orcas, humpback whales, and Steller sea lions. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and visit the fishing village of Petersburg, known as "Alaska's Little Norway." Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: 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 an expedition landing craft for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: JUNEAU

Visit Mendenhall Glacier with your naturalists and observe the ever-changing landscape and ice-carved valley up close. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Spend the entire day among enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. A National Park Service Ranger will join us as well. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS AND FJORDS

Kayak and hike among forested islands on our final exploration of Southeast Alaska. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/HOME

Visit Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral with its picturesque spire and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center before transferring to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2014 May 3, 4; Sep. 6* 📷, Sep. 7* 📷
*These departures travel in the reverse order, from Sitka to Seattle, making all the same stops. 📷 Photo Expedition

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Travel with anthropologist and Explorer-in-Residence **Wade Davis** on **May 3**. Or join conservationist and expert on indigenous communities **Jon Waterhouse** on **May 4**. Or join award-winning National Geographic photographers **Flip Nicklin** on **Sep. 6** or **Michael Melford** on **Sep. 7**.



Orcas.

OPTIONAL PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

PRICES: \$5,590 per person double occupancy, \$7,990 per person single occupancy

Note: This extension is available between May 24 and September 7, 2014. Limited space available.

Extend your coastal exploration with an inland adventure. With the idyllic North Face Lodge as your base camp, you'll experience Denali National Park as few visitors get to. Set deep in the heart of the park, this unique wilderness retreat offers unparalleled views of Mt. McKinley, a wide range of outdoor activities and nightly presentations that emphasize Denali's natural and cultural history, locally-sourced cuisine and special access to the park. The North Face Lodge's relationship with the park ensures exclusive opportunities for you to explore Denali's most pristine backcountry areas for prime hiking and wildlife viewing. Additionally, the small group size of 11 guests per every naturalist enhances the intimacy of outings and opportunities for in-depth learning.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Stay at a unique wilderness retreat with breathtaking views of Mt. McKinley.
- ▶ Enjoy special access to prime hiking and wildlife viewing areas in pristine wilderness.
- ▶ Travel first class aboard the Alaska Railroad.

Canoeing is a great way to discover Denali's dramatic landscape.



DAY 1: FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Arrive in Fairbanks, transfer to your hotel and settle into your river view cabin at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. This evening meet your leader and traveling companions at a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: FAIRBANKS/DENALI NATIONAL PARK/NORTH FACE LODGE

In the morning visit the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum, featuring collections that represent over 11,000 years of cultural traditions in the North. In the late morning we depart on a wildlife drive to our temporary home located within the heart of the park, the North Face Lodge. We'll travel in the lodge's private buses, on the otherwise highly restricted Denali Park Road, in order to access prime wildlife viewing areas; a privilege extended to the owners of North Face Lodge and their guests. The seven-hour, 90-mile drive is rife with opportunities to



Brown bear.

search for Denali's famed wildlife: grizzlies, caribou, moose, Dall sheep, wolves, eagles, arctic terns, and more. We'll enjoy a hearty, picnic-style dinner, served at the midpoint of the drive alongside the East Fork River. Regular stops at National Park Service facilities provide additional chances to stretch your legs. (B,L,D)

DAY 3-5: DENALI NATIONAL PARK/NORTH FACE LODGE

Immerse yourself in the remote wildness and north-country charm of the North Face Lodge, and become one with nature. See Denali's rich wildlife, flora and fauna firsthand and learn about its natural history during the daily activities of your choice—hiking, canoeing, fishing, and biking. Hiking is among guests' favorite activities, as the lodge offers exclusive opportunities to hike with

trained naturalist guides in the protected wilderness backcountry of Denali National Park. Optional flightseeing offers breathtaking aerial views of Alaska and is available at an additional cost. Days wind down with nightly presentations by the fireplace that focus on various aspects of Denali's natural and cultural history, including birds, mammals, wildflowers, tundra ecology, geology, mountaineering, land use, and natural resource issues. Rest well in lovely, comfortable rooms, and enjoy delicious meals featuring fresh baked goods and locally-grown produce throughout your stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: DENALI NATIONAL PARK/ ANCHORAGE

This morning we check out of the North Face Lodge and enjoy the scenic drive back out to the park entrance. Continue to experience the grandeur of Alaska aboard the Alaska Railroad, enjoying the first class, GoldStar Service en route to Anchorage. Lavishly appointed cars feature custom-designed interiors highlighted with original Alaska art and a private outdoor viewing deck. Dinner will be served on board the train. Overnight at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ANCHORAGE/SITKA OR JUNEAU/ HOME

This morning fly to either Sitka or Juneau to begin your Alaska voyage. Or, if your extension is taken after your voyage, transfer to the airport for connecting flights home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

This seven-day extension can be taken before or after select **Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness and A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii** departures between May 24 and September 7, 2014.



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Notes: Payment and Cancellation terms for Denali are different from our standard terms. Please see page 29 or visit our website for details.

Depending on your departure date, you may be responsible for one night on your own before or after joining the Denali extension. Please call for details.



Mighty Mt. McKinley rises out of Denali National Park.

National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 152 feet.

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 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 is a wide selection buffet and lunch is often served family style. Menu emphasizes local flair.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access.

A video chronicler on board all voyages.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



Above: National Geographic Sea Bird. Far right from top: The dining room with its unassigned seating makes for easy mingling; A comfortable Category 2 cabin; Twin beds can be pushed together to form a double bed in Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck.

Travel Planning With A Difference

Half of travel planning is learning what you don't know and generating questions. The other half is getting answers.

When you call **1.800.EXPEDITION**, you can ask for any one of our Expedition Specialists who have been on our Alaska expedition. They are full members of the Lindblad Expeditions team—students of the natural world and born explorers, not trained call center telemarketers.

SO WHY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR EXPERTISE? Don't hesitate to call with your questions—they're equipped to provide answers based on their knowledge and personal experience.

Ask them about Alaska, how we explore there, our ships, our itineraries, and more. We think you'll find the conversation rewarding.



You can feel confident speaking with our Expedition Specialists. Many of them have explored Alaska aboard our ships, and can provide you with answers based on knowledge and personal experience.

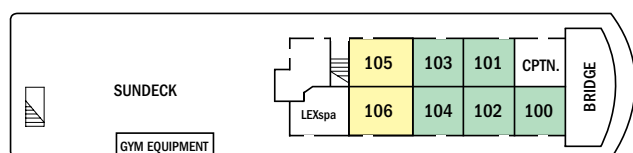
CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 — Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk and a large view window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 — These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

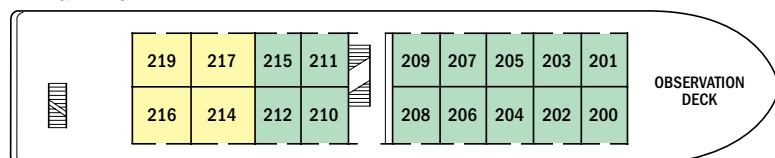
CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 — These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

NOTE: Sole 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.

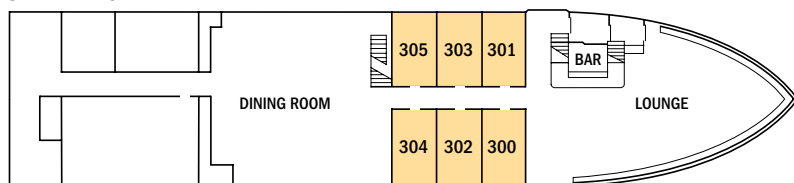
SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness – Page 20	2014	\$6,290	\$7,340	\$8,390	\$9,440	\$11,010	\$650	Sample Airfare: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$650; Business Class from \$1,250.
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii – Page 22	2014	\$9,990	\$11,290	\$12,650	\$14,990	\$16,940	\$900	Sample Airfare: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$300; Business Class from \$650.

The Lindblad Expeditions- National Geographic difference

✓ **Large & Experienced Expedition Team**

One naturalist for every 10 guests ensures dedicated access and attention, plus a wide range of expertise among our naturalists.

✓ **Fleet of Expedition Landing Craft & Kayaks**

Five expedition landing craft, plus 12 tandem and eight single kayaks.

✓ **Cool Exploration Tools**

Underwater cameras, plus a hydrophone, to hear whale vocalizations.

✓ **Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors**

On every departure—a naturalist trained to help shoot excellent photos.

✓ **Expedition Ship**

Our ship's bow allows every guest a prime spot for wildlife watching.

✓ **Flexibility & Choice**

A hallmark of our expeditions, there are always a variety of options on outings.

✓ **Casual Clothes & Attitude**

Casual defines our style. Unassigned seating at dinner makes mingling easy.

✓ **Video Chronicler Aboard**

To record your unique expedition experience.

✓ **Commitment to Conservation**

Through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Joint Fund, together with our guests, we've contributed \$460,000

directly to conservation and research.

✓ **Alaska Whale Foundation Aboard**

Researchers from the AWF come aboard to provide the latest in fascinating hump-back research.

✓ **Undersea Alaska**

Our undersea specialist dives on each voyage and captures video to reveal Alaska's seldom-seen life beneath the sea.

✓ **Wellness Specialist Aboard**

Enjoy wellness treatments, massages and morning stretching.

✓ **Special Access**

Explore pristine areas by specially arranged permits.

Inclusive Pricing

Just about everything you have the opportunity to do aboard and ashore is included in the cost of your expedition. The value of what we include, combined with the quality of our service and the excellence of our expedition staff adds up to considerable value. The only things not included are those of a personal nature, or that interest a limited number of people—alcohol, Internet usage, tips to our crew, wellness treatments, and other specialized arrangements.

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals and nonalcoholic beverages
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during nightly Recap
- ✓ Environmentally-friendly refillable water bottle
- ✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist
- ✓ Fitness equipment
- ✓ Access to reference books and board games in the library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Expedition landing craft explorations
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Presentations & photo instruction, including a special Alaska Whale Foundation presentation



Reservation Information

Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, use of kayaks (where available), special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of snorkeling equipment and wet suits, tips (except to ship's crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician on most voyages, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

Complimentary Airfare: On voyages with complimentary air offers, complimentary airfare is subject to availability at the time of booking, and is based on round-trip economy group flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the event complimentary flights are unavailable at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue an air credit. These offers are valid for new bookings only, and may not be combined with other offers. Please call for details.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined in our brochures, as well as on our website. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check. Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention. Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and so much more.

Final Payment: For expeditions of eight nights or less, final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. For expeditions of nine nights or more, final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, and damaged or lost baggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our website at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. The company reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the company's actual cost of fuel or other unexpected expenses.

CANCELLATION POLICY	
For Expeditions 8 Nights or Less	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
90 or more days	\$150*
89-60 days	Advance payment cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund
For Expeditions 9 Nights or More	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$150*
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund
* <i>\$150 will be rewarded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate. This cancellation policy applies to expeditions and may differ for extensions. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket. Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees. Additional Terms and Conditions may apply. For complete terms, please visit our website at www.expeditions.com/terms.</i>	
For Denali Extension	
\$550 deposit is due at time of booking the extension. Additional 60% of total cost is due on various dates, based on the departure date of your voyage. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$550
119-60 days	60% Denali cost
59 days	100% of Denali cost

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SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- » Condé Nast Traveler World Savers “Doing it All” Award, 2013
 - » Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Award-Top 25 Cruise Lines, 2013
 - » Condé Nast Traveler “Gold List”, 2013, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
 - » Virtuoso “Sustainable Tourism Leadership-Supplier” Award, 2013
 - » Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008
 - » Travel + Leisure “World’s Best” Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
 - » Travel + Leisure “World’s Best for Families” Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
 - » Cruise Critic Editor’s Pick Awards “Best for Adventure,” 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
 - » Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009
 - » Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008
 - » Tourism for Tomorrow “Global Tourism Business Award,” 2007
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