# CELEBRATING THE LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS HERITAGE

# 50 YEARS EXPLORING THE WHITE CONTINENT & BEYOND

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Lindblad Expeditions





#### DEAR TRAVELER,

This 2016 Antarctic season is a landmark one for us—as we celebrate 50 years of Lindblad expeditions to the white continent. Our 50-year anniversary dates from January 1966, when my father, Lars-Eric Lindblad, was inspired to lead the first-ever 'citizen explorer' expedition to Antarctica, previously the exclusive province of professional explorers and scientists.



Ships' registry: Bahamas

We celebrate his personal vision and courage; it was certainly an imaginative leap in the tourism industry of his day, and created a legacy of innovation that our company maintains today. (With a hat tip to the vision and courage of the fifty-seven intrepid travelers who dared to join him in going where no tourist had gone before. They left novel "tracks" that intrepid travelers now follow 50 years later.)

Most importantly, we celebrate his motivation: my father believed that seeing the planet's remote wild places with one's own eyes would make each visitor an advocate for preserving and protecting. His conviction earned him the designation of 'father of eco-tourism.' And it left the legacy that we honor and sustain today in our deep commitment to conservation through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund.

So, we look backwards this season—towards our founding and to the wider history of Antarctica exploration. As you'll see on page 14, our roster of Global Perspectives Speakers is a veritable 'Who's Who'—giving you the opportunity to share an adventure with some of the greatest names in polar exploration.

And, we also look forward—to our 1st-ever circumnavigation of the Falklands. We've been visiting these fascinating islands for decades, and have become accustomed to the usual pre- and post-visit reactions. Pre-voyage some guests are inclined to wonder: *"Why are we spending time there?" On to Antarctica!"* And once in the Falklands, the reaction is inevitably—*"Why must we leave?! Can't we stay longer?"* Now we can—for an in-depth experience of its beauty and wonder. And as an added benefit, we'll be accompanied for part of the expedition by a member of Falklands Conservation to give us an insider look at the efforts involved in preserving the islands' extraordinary wildlife.

And for the collectors among you, we will again be issuing our distinctive vintage-style Antarctica parka, this time with a limited edition 50th Anniversary patch, inspired by the sterling silver pin my father created for his Antarctic guests many years ago.

So, if you've been dreaming of penguins and gorgeous ice, I hope you'll make this the year. And if you've already been to Antarctica and had your appetite whetted, join us for the "feast" of our first-ever Falklands 360°.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

Cover: Chinstrap penguin. This page: Zodiac rides at Neko Harbor, Antarctica. Photos ©Ralph Lee Hopkins.

"I looked down at the bottom of the map, unmarked by airline routes. Then I noticed that Antarctica wasn't even on the map. My enchantment with Antarctica had been so great since childhood that I wondered why I had never thought of it before. I was aware that the idea of setting up tours to that frozen continent would be tangled with



complications. Going there might even be impossible. But inspired by the koumiss\*, I boldly announced to everyone, "Our next exploratory tour will be to a place that isn't even on the map."

> -FROM LARS-ERIC LINDBLAD'S 1983 AUTOBIOGRAPHY, PASSPORT TO ANYWHERE

# MONGOLIAN CAMPFIRE, ANTARCTIC INSPIRATION

This is the romantic context in which Lars-Eric Lindblad, widely considered the father of ecotourism, invented new possibilities—not only for the fifty-seven stalwart passengers of his pioneering 1966 Antarctic expedition, but for the thousands of curious, intelligent citizen explorers who would follow in their wake, ready and willing to follow Lindblad's lead and go where only explorers or scientists had gone before. As Sven Lindblad, his son, has said: "It's remarkable to think of the courage and vision that took." Lars-Eric Lindblad invented the category of 'expedition travel,' and created a model of exploration that we still follow today. And it's this courage, vision, and invention that we celebrate as we head into our 50th Anniversary Antarctic season, with the knowledge and expertise we've earned in the many years since the first guests embarked a Lindblad expedition. Join us for a historic return to our roots!

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\* "Consisting of fermented mare's milk, slightly effervescent and carrying a wallop." Lars-Eric and his recon team were drinking koumiss around a campfire in Mongolia in 1964, watching the distant spectacular launch of a Russian missile.



Top: Active exploration is a hallmark of our modern Antarctic expeditions—here guests hike past a gentoo penguin colony in the scenic Neumayer Channel. Right: Lars-Eric Lindblad, the father of eco-tourism, led the first-ever citizen-explorer expedition to Antarctica in 1966, inventing the category of expedition travel.



# VINTAGE MATERIALS FROM LARS-ERIC LINDBLAD'S PIONEERING EXPEDITIONS



Sterling silver commemorative pin, stamped 'Antarctica Expedition 1967,' inspires our 50th anniversary patch design (page 6) and the original itinerary from the pioneering Lindblad expedition.



The original logo of Lindblad Travel, founded by Lars-Eric Lindblad in 1958.

Early ship logs were handwritten by the top scientists and naturalists accompanying Lindblad's expeditions. Often, drawings to illustrate sightings were included, like these above by renowned artist, Robert Bateman.

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July 12, 1996

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We are pleased to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names appro-Matarctic geographic name Linghtad Cove at its March 28, 1996 meeting, follow will be published in future editions of the Antarctic Names (ACAN). The will be published in future editions of the Antarctic Gazetteer and will also be a to the public through the Nation's official repository of geographic names, the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). wing the The na

descriptive entry for the decision reads as follows:

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Lindblad Cove 63\*51'S, 59\*27'W Cove, 5 km wide, between Almond Point and Auster Point in Charoot Bay, Trinity Diabblad (1927-94), pioneer in Antarctic tourism. A noted conservationist, Mr. Lindblad (1927-94), pioneer in Antarctic tourism. A noted conservationist, Mr. Lindblad (1927-94), pioneer in Antarctic tourism. A noted conservationist, Mr. Lindblad operated the first cruise to Astarctica in 1966 and was a leader in the concept of expedition tourism as a means of environmental awareness.

In 1996, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names recognized Lindblad's contribution to Antarctica by officially designating a section of Charcot Bay as "Lindblad Cove." Their letter stated that, "A noted conservationist, Mr. Lindblad operated the first cruise to Antarctica in 1966 and was a leader in the concept of expedition tourism as a means of environmental awareness."

*Today,* National Geographic Explorer occasionally calls at Lindblad Cove. A toast is invariably made to the memory of Lars-Eric by the ship's staff, many of whom first traveled to Antarctica with him on board the Lindblad Explorer.

Inset above: Sven Lindblad visiting Lindblad Cove on his 2011 return to Antarctica.

# CELEBRATE OUR 50TH-RECEIVE A LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE PARKA

Lars-Eric's innovative exploits in travel have guided us over the course of our 50-year history—through the era defined by Sven Lindblad's leadership of **Special Expeditions**, to the current planet-roaming alliance of **Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic**.

It's this continuum of exploration—adventuresome, intellectually rewarding, mind-body connecting



and spirit-affirming—that we now celebrate. Choose to join our 50th Anniversary Antarctic expeditions, and you'll return home with a limited edition commemorative patch on your exclusive Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic parka.

Debuted in 2014, our vintage-inspired parka has proved so popular it is now *the* emblem of a Lindblad Antarctic experience. Based on historic expedition wear, including the parka worn by Lars-Eric Lindblad on the cover of his autobiography, *Passport To Anywhere*, our parka combines vintage style with high-tech fabrication for maximum comfort. It's the ultimate souvenir of your Antarctic adventure, a keepsake you'll wear with pride for all the years you'll savor the memories, and the photos, of your Antarctic expedition.



*It's in the spring season (Nov.-Dec.) when the captain can "park"* National Geographic Explorer *and* National Geographic Orion, *allowing guests to disembark directly on the ice.* 

U NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



# ULTIMATE POLAR EXPEDITION SHIPS

*National Geographic Explorer*, flagship of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, is a purpose-built expedition ship, and the only newly converted ship whose design is informed by 50 years of Lindblad's polar expedition experience, plus the collective 170 years of expedition experience the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic alliance represents.

*National Geographic Orion*, the most recent addition to the fleet, is also a purpose-built expedition ship, commissioned in 2004 and constructed to traverse vast expanses of the Southern Ocean, from the tropics to the polar reaches.

Both are ice-class polar operating vessels, built to demanding technical specifications with DNV Ice 1A, ice-classed hulls. Both are beautiful ships as well, designed with careful attention to details and comfort. *Explorer* accomodates 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins. *Orion* accommodates 102 guests in 53 outside-facing cabins. Both ships are equipped with state-of-the-art tools for exploration, making them each an unparalleled base for explorations, and enabling the fullest expression of our signature style: an intimate, learning-oriented expedition environment.



The captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet are extraordinary mariners. For example, Leif Skog, Lindblad VP of Marine Operations and Master of the National Geographic Explorer, has been navigating vessels in Antarctica nearly every season since 1979. As Chairman of the IAATO Marine Committee (Int'I Assn. of Antarctic Tour Operators), he was a primary architect of the IAATO Emergency Contingency Plan for all vessels operating in Antarctica.

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Guests photograph a crabeater seal amid the otherworldly Antarctic ice.











# COOL TOOLS ABOARD ENSURE EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

*National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* are the only ships exploring Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falklands with this complete array of exploration tools. Combine these tools, designed to maximize your opportunities for up-close, personal adventures, with our generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10, and you have the opportunity for unprecedented and life-enhancing encounters with Antarctica's beauty and wildness.

- A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can explore depths of up to 1,000 feet to reveal the fascinating polar ocean
- A Remote-controlled Crow's Nest Camera with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin
- An Electronic Chart System that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins

- A Chart Room with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
- Open Invitation to visit the Bridge to observe ship navigation first-hand
- The Observation Lounge, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations
- A Large Fleet of Mark-V Zodiacs can go almost anywhere, and are the finest and most tested expedition landing craft in the world

✓ A Fleet of Double Kayaks

(36 on *Explorer*; 24 on *Orion*) that allow guests to kayak in pristine environments. A specially designed kayak launch platform enables kayak deployment from anywhere

 A Professional Video Chronicler to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and make a professionally edited DVD available for purchase by departure

# TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

The comment cards we receive from guests after every voyage consistently express the same sentiments: "*Outstanding expedition staff.*" Our expedition leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, are exceptional leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, marine biologists, geologists, historians, climatologists, and undersea specialists who accompany our voyages. Collectively, these specialists have hundreds of years of experience, and many are long-tenured polar veterans. They are the informative experts with whom explorers want to travel repeatedly; and the engaging conversationalists with whom curious travelers want to share drinks or dinner.



Here is a partial list of staff during our Antarctic season: clockwise from top left: expedition leader Lisa Kelley; Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor Michael Nolan; polar naturalists Eric Guth and Brent Stephenson; marine biologist and undersea specialist Alyssa Adler.

#### PLEASE VISIT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXPERTBIOS AND SELECT YOUR ITINERARY TO LEARN WHICH STAFF IS TRAVELING ON YOUR DEPARTURE









IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE OCEAN WHILE STAYING COMPLETELY DRY

Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Sylvia Earle, Bob Ballard, and other National Geographic explorers, *National Geographic Explorer* and *Orion* are the only polar expedition ships that travel with an undersea specialist. They dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the lounge, perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d'oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be a revelation—the Antarctic footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.

Explorer and Orion are also equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet to capture vibrant footage for viewing in the lounge.





# SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH ENGAGING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

We've assembled a rare roster of noted polar explorers to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Travel on any of the featured departures and you'll share adventures, drinks, dinner, and deck time with the intriguing individuals who know Antarctica.

#### PETER HILLARY

Born into mountaineering royalty, the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, Peter was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition. He has summitted the highest mountain on each



of the seven continents, and established a new overland route to the South Pole.

Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Nov. 7, 2016
Antarctica, Nov. 27 and Dec. 7, 2016

#### **MIKE LIBECKI**

A 2013 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year who has planned and succeeded on 60 expeditions and established multiple first ascents. His tenday climb to Bertha's Tower in



Antarctica's Queen Maud Land was featured on the National Geographic Live! Film series.

✓ Antarctica, Dec. 17 & 27, 2016

#### **TIM JARVIS**

Adventurer, author, filmmaker, and public speaker who led the Shackleton Epic in 2013—the first authentic retracing of Shackleton's voyage across the Southern Ocean from Elephant Island, Antarctica, to South Georgia.



✓ Antarctica, Jan. 6 & 16, 2017

#### JAMES BALOG

Author of *Extreme Ice* and contributing editor to *National Geographic Adventure*, he photographed the June 2007 *National Geographic* cover story on melting glaciers. ✓ Antarctica, Jan. 26, 2017



#### **KEN TAYLOR**

Professor and scientist leading the effort to recover and analyze the ice core to help predict future climate and sea levels.



✓ Antarctica, Feb. 5, 2017

✓ Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 15, 2017



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.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS ABOARD

There is no clearer symbol of the everlasting connection between expedition and photography than the presence of a National Geographic photographer aboard every National Geographic Explorer and Orion voyage. Travel with these top pros and you'll pick up tips and advice in incredible field conditions. You'll share every photo op, and you might just land some cover-worthy shots yourself. Joining us this season are National Geographic photographers Kip Evans, Krista Rossow, Jeff Mauritzen, Annie Griffiths, Jim Richardson, Rich Reid, Susan Seubert, Sisse Brimberg, and Tim Laman.

 MEET THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS AT
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A guest prepares to capture the wildlife up close.



# "COME FOR THE PENGUINS, COME BACK FOR THE ICE"

This phrase has talismanic powers for Antarctic travelers. Talk to anyone who has experienced the White Continent, and you'll hear it immediately. And for anyone who has yet to visit Antarctica, it has the solemn power of a prophesy—guaranteed.

Choose to visit during the Antarctic spring of November and December, and you'll see the penguins you've come for starting to nest, beginning the intriguing courtship rituals that will keep them together and allow them to raise a healthy chick. And you'll experience *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*'s unique capabilities in the early ice—as our captains guide them through floes, looking for wildlife, and if nature allows, driving into the fast ice to allow us to disembark for a walk on a frozen sea. And throughout the season, the legendary ice, the ice you'll come back for—larger than you ever dreamed possible, bergs of impossible beauty, each with its own shape and color—studs the passages, bays, and inlets we'll explore in wonder. Our expedition team will take advantage of the 20 hours of austral daylight to show you every facet of Antarctica, in every way possible: by Zodiac, kayak, or on hikes to ridges for views of towering mountains and cascading glaciers.

Antarctica will touch the deepest part of your soul. The things you'll see there will tattoo themselves on your heart. And the National Geographic photographers aboard our ships will help ensure you capture it in the best photos of your life.

*Gentoo penguin parents with chicks.* 

### JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

#### 14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$13,360 to \$27,520 (See pages 34-35 for complete National Geographic Explorer prices; see pages 36-37 for National Geographic Orion prices.)

raveling aboard the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Explorer* or *National Geographic Orion*, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous icebergs by

Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak amid abundant marine life.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists during Lindblad's 50th anniversary year in Antarctica.
- View magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and ice formations that make up the dramatic Antarctic landscape.
- Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of seals.
- Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.
- On shore observe thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Our unparalleled team is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice in

activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders. And a Global Perspectives guest speaker adds relevant insight (*Explorer* only).

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

Diving gentoo penguin.

#### DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (*EXPLORER*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION*)

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Ritz-Carlton Hotel before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

#### DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA /EMBARK

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

#### DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

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

#### DAYS 5-10: 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 extra landing. We anticipate making Zodiac landings each day to hike, 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 chinstrap 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 1,000 feet 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 11 AND 12: AT SEA

Enjoy the ship's amenities as the Antarctic coast 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)

#### DAYS 13 AND 14: DISEMBARK

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (*EXPLORER*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION*)/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)





#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES (*Explorer*): 2016 Nov. 27; Dec. 7, 17<sup>+</sup>, 27<sup>+</sup>; 2017 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5 DATES (*Orion*): 2016 Dec. 16<sup>+</sup>, 26<sup>+</sup>; 2017 Jan. 5, 15 *Note:* Orion *departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website. \*For holiday rates, see pages 34-35* (Explorer); *and pages 36-37* (Orion).

#### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book select departures by **Apr. 30, 2016** for free round-trip economy group airfare Miami/ Buenos Aires or Santiago; ask about other U.S. gateways. Upgrade to business class for \$2,400 on select dates (space available). See page 40 or call for details.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos** Aires (*Explorer*) or two days in **Santiago** (*Orion*). Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** (both ships), or three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls** (*Explorer* only). Call for details, or see page 38.

#### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Author James Balog, Jan. 26, 2017; adventurers Tim Jarvis, Jan. 6 & 16, 2017; Peter Hillary, Nov. 27, and Dec. 7, 2016; Mike Libecki, Dec. 17 & 27, 2016; scientist Ken Taylor, Feb. 5, 2017.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

*Explorer*: **Kip Evans** Nov. 27 and Dec. 7, 2016; **Krista Rossow** Jan. 6 & 16, 2017 and **Sisse Brimberg** Jan. 26 and Feb. 5, 2017. *Orion*: **Rich Reid** Jan. 5 & 15, 2017.



# GO FURTHER, TO SOUTH GEO



No Lindblad-National Geographic expedition to South Georgia is complete without a pilgrimage to Sir Ernest Shackleton's gravesite at Grytviken—and a whisky toast to "The Boss."

Why stop at Antarctica when there is so much more to discover? Follow in Shackleton's footsteps and explore more to experience Serengeti-like masses of wildlife.

Dense colonies of king penguins, fur seals, elephant seals, and macaroni penguins. Slopes thick with grey-headed, blackbrowed, and light-mantled sooty albatross—nearly a third of all birds of the species nest here—and that's only South Georgia. Add the Falklands, with its amusing rockhopper penguins in the tussocks, black-browed albatross homing to windward ledges, and the resolute Englishness of the sheep camps dotting the landscape, and you have one of the most life-enhancing travel experiences on the planet.



# RGIA & THE FALKLANDS





### ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

#### 24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS-ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$23,100 to \$44,550 (See pages 34-35 for complete National Geographic Explorer prices; see pages 36-37 for National Geographic Orion prices.)

his voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland's amazing bird colonies. Traveling aboard one of our ice-class expedition ships National

Geographic Explorer 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 to South Georgia and toast at his gravesite.
- See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 50 years of experience here.
- Glide in a kayak or Zodiac past massive icebergs.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Our experienced expedition leader and team of naturalists are your conduit to an extraordinary experience. PERIENCE And the National Geographic

photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board, ours exclusively, are key to capturing the incredible wildlife. Our video chronicler will record the entire voyage. The undersea specialist will reveal the deep, while our wellness specialist helps you feel the "tonic of wildness." There's a generous expedition staff-to-quest ratio of 1:10. And a Global Perspectives quest speaker adds relevant insight (Explorer only).

Guests enjoy a thrilling humpback whale encounter on a Zodiac ride.



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#### DAY 4: 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)

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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 sail through the incomparable Lemaire Channel and land on the "White Continent," exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-17: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and we'll hoist a toast at

his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. Hundreds of Antarctic fur seals are on hand as our Zodiacs make landfall. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 18 AND 19: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 20 AND 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS The Falklands boast the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world, king cormorants, nesting rockhopper penguins, and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic Victorian-style town of Port Stanley and visit



the evocative Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 22: 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)

#### DAYS 23 AND 24: DISEMBARK

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#### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with adventurer **Peter Hillary** (right) Nov. 7, 2016, or scientist **Ken Taylor,** Feb. 15, 2017.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS Explorer: Tim Laman, Nov. 7, 2016; Sisse Brimberg, Feb. 15, 2017. Orion: Annie Griffith, Nov. 6, 2016, Jeff Mauritzen Nov. 26, 2016, Susan Seubert Feb. 14, 2017.

# SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

#### 19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS-ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$16,530 to \$31,920 (See pages 34-35 for complete prices.)

Steeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: gentoo and macaroni 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 stately king



penguins on a single beach. See the human face of the region in the Falklands, reminiscent of Great Britain, with grazing sheep, tea and crumpets. And in this privileged place, the albatross reveal the beauty of their mysterious lives.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Hike in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fated Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition aboard *Endurance*.
- See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- Observe magnificent albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and explore the isolated bays by Zodiac.
- Compare camera settings side-by-side with a National Geographic photographer.



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activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders. Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.

King penguins as far as the eye can see, South Georgia.

#### MAR. 6 AND 7: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital. Check into the excellent Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel before having a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (Mar. 7: L)

#### MAR. 8: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/ EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

#### MAR. 9: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

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



MAR. 10 AND 11: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with whitesand 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 fur and elephant seals. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a few at a local pub, and stroll this remote Victorian town. (B,L,D)

#### MAR. 12 AND 13: 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. A lookout is kept to identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)



#### MAR. 14-18: 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 make stops every day including Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Bay, where Shackleton, Tom Crean and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. And, on a single beach, you will see thousands of

#### MAR. 19 AND 20: AT SEA

king penguins! (B,L,D)

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the bridge. Or spend the day enjoying the ship's spa, fitness center, library, and observation deck. (B,L,D)

#### MAR. 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Take a last walk along the beautiful white-sand beaches, meander through tussock grass or sit atop a cliff and ponder the views. (B,L,D)

#### MAR. 22: AT SEA

One last chance to catch up on your reading in the library and send emails home saying "Don't want this to end." (B,L,D)

#### MAR. 23 AND 24: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS

AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires by private charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (Mar. 23: B,L)

#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2016: Mar. 6 2017: Call for dates and rates.

#### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now to receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires). Call for details.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a four-day post-voyage extension on Easter Island, or a two-day pre-voyage stay in Buenos Aires. Visit our website or see page 38.

#### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS Explore with oceanographer Don Walsh and polar scientist Robert Bindschadler.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER Travel with Susan Seubert. Learn more at expeditions.com/photo



Say "South Georgia," ask people to free-associate and most will respond, "Shackleton." He arrived at South Georgia after the most famous navigational feat in history—the 800-mile open ocean crossing in the 22-foot James Caird. At the end of the two-year ordeal all 28 men survived.



# EXPAND YOUR TRAVEL HORIZONS: EXPERIENCE TWO 'FIRST-EVER' OPPORTUNITIES

For several decades now, the Falkland Islands have been included on our Antarctica-and-beyond itineraries, and guests have consistently commented: "Want more time there!" So, our development team has slated our first-ever circumnavigation of the Falklands for October 2016.

The Falklands are a legendary eco-destination for UK and pan-EU travelers. And now our guests will have the opportunity for the deep steep in wildness the Falklands deserves, and richly rewards.

And within our pioneering 'first' Falklands 360° are other firsts, as well. We'll not only linger, as you'll see on the following pages, in the Falklands' important conservation sites (Steeple Jason Island, for example, holds the largest colony of black-browed albatross in the world—over 150,000 breeding pairs), we'll be accompanied for part of the voyage by a member of The Falklands Conservation for an insider's eye view. And, as a gesture of respect for their work, we will adopt a king penguin in your name—and you'll get to name yours. And there's more.

On November 6, 2015, *National Geographic Explorer* was the first foreign-flagged vessel admitted into the protected waters of Staten Island, Argentina, off-limits to tourism since 1923. Choose to join us, and you will be the second wave of Lindblad explorers to visit this astounding wildlife sanctuary. To preview the wonders ahead, be sure to use the link below to see naturalist/photographer Eric Guth's exuberant Staten Island blog post.



SEE OUR FIRST STATEN ISLAND PHOTOS AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/SI\_FIRST
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As another rarity we'll send you Jules Verne's "Lighthouse at the End of The World," a Robinsonade/marine thriller written about Staten Island, with our compliments.



Above from top: You'll see colorful houses and classic British telephone booths in Stanley. The southernmost cathedral in the world is located in Stanley, the Anglican Christ Church Cathedral. Left: In November 2015, National Geographic Explorer was the first foreign-flagged vessel admitted to the protected waters of Staten Island, Argentina, in 92 years.

### FALKLANDS 360°

**13 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION** PRICES FROM: \$10,850 to \$20,990 (See pages 36-37 for complete prices.)

mbark on our first-ever circumnavigation of the Falklands aboard *National Geographic Orion* to discover a 'new' destination and a true 'capital of wildness.' Nature enthusiasts, photographers, birders, and travelers alike will savor this time among the astonishing creatures and engaging islanders that thrive in this remoteness—plus the chance to visit Argentina's extraordinary Staten Island.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover a profusion of wildlife: an astounding 150,000 breeding pairs of black-browed albatross; battling 8,000-pound elephant seals; rockhopper, Magellanic, and king penguins.
- Explore Argentina's Staten Island, an area historically off-limits to tourism since 1923, it is a land of extreme biodiversity that few have seen.
- See one of the world's rarest—and some say most aggressive—raptors, the striated caracara, known locally as the Johnny Rook.
- ▶ Visit the charming communities of the Falklands and experience life in a far-flung outpost.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



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activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

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Guests photographing a black-browed albatross colony, Steeple Jason.

#### DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE

Fly overnight to Santiago. Settle in before an overview of Santiago's Plaza de Armas, main square, and Presidential Palace. Overnight at the Ritz Carlton Santiago Hotel. (Day 2: L)

#### DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ EMBARK

Fly by private charter flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the scenic Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA

Explore Staten Island by special permission, one of the newest nature reserves in the Southern Hemisphere. Discover colonies of seabirds and marine mammals along its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: STEEPLE JASON/FALKLAND ISLANDS

Steeple Jason is one of the most remote, windswept, and arguably most important wildlife conservation sites in the Falklands. See the largest colony of black-browed albatross in the world—over 150,000 breeding pairs, and the world's rarest species of raptor—the striated caracara, locally known as the Johnny Rook. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: CARCASS/SAUNDERS

In the morning hike Carcass Island to view king penguins, myriad bird life, and sweeping views of the harbor. Enjoy a lavish tea with our longtime friends the McGill family, owners of the island. During the afternoon on Saunders Island visit a white sandy beach, see gentoo and Magellanic penguins, and look for Commerson's dolphins surfing the waves. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: STANLEY

Options abound in the Falkland's largest and most populated city. Take a guided tour to experience local "English" life; visit the family-owned and operated Long Island Farm for demonstrations of peat harvesting and sheep shearing along with a local tea service; hike to Mount William, the historic site of a large battle during the Falklands War; or take a short walk from the pier to the Stanley



Growers Hydroponics Gardens that produces all the fresh produce for the small community of 2,500. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: GEORGE AND BARREN ISLANDS

Explore the rarely visited George and Barren Islands, where we first landed in 2001. Zodiac cruise and hike to encounter sea lions, elephant seals, and Magellanic penguins. The afternoon brings us to the local settlement and a typical English tea. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: FOX BAY

Visit a local ranch for a superb barbecue. Mix with locals and ranch hands to learn about their ways of life. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: NEW ISLAND NATURE RESERVE

Former property owners and our expedition team members Tony and Kim Chater will share this nature reserve that seeks to return the island to its previous glory before whalers and sealers introduced predators. Sheep graze on a limited fenced-in area, and experiments to re-establish tussock habitat in another area can be observed. From Settlement Harbour, walk to a colony of rockhopper penguins, black-browed albatross, king shags, and visit the newly established historical museum. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: AT SEA

As we sail to Ushuaia, there's time to edit photos with your National Geographic photographer, journal, or just relax. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 12 AND 13: DISEMBARK

USHUAIA/FLY TO SANTIAGO/HOME Disembark in Ushuaia after breakfast. Fly to Santiago for connecting overnight flights home. (Day 12: B,L)

#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2016: October 19, 28

#### **GET A PENGUIN!**

Join this pioneering expedition and we'll adopt a king penguin on your behalf to benefit



Falklands Conservation. See our website for details: **expeditions.com/getapenguin** 



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# AN A+ EXPEDITION CREW IN THE HOUSE TOO

Above: Hotel Manager Patrik Svärdmyr welcomes guests aboard National Geographic Explorer. Right: Strikingly plated dinner entrees dazzle daily.









Serge Dansereau, owner and chef of Sydney's beautiful Bather's Pavilion restaurant, has been a transformative force in Australian cuisine since the '80s. His commitment to natural foods, sustainable producers and responsibly harvested seafood mirrors Lindblad-National Geographic's own. The force behind Orion's celebrated menus, he continues to design National Geographic Orion's menus, and train her kitchen and waitstaff.

Our hotel managers and head chefs are integral to every expedition—as important to the intricate calculus of happiness aboard our ships as the expedition leaders and the captains. 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 wildlife sighting, without worry that it's wreaking havoc in the kitchen: dinner will still be superb.

Like the ships' connectedness to the outdoors, each meal is a window of sorts, reflecting the region through fresh ingredients sourced locally from providers who act sustainably. Whether you're hiking the tussock grasses in the Falklands to see nesting black-browed albatross, photographing penguins in Antarctica or elephant seals in South Georgia, you're building an appetite—for food, comfort and personal service—these team members are dedicated to satisfying.







The sauna aboard Orion and Explorer (shown here) is the perfect place to end the day, and the well-equipped fitness center offers panoramic views.

# THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS

Decorated in relaxing earth tones, *National Geographic Explorer* has 81 cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins, and all are inviting and rewarding. *National Geographic Orion*'s private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in rich jewel tones, she has 53 cabins, including 9 suites with balconies, and 4 solo cabins.

All cabins feature deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets and thick terry robes. In addition, each has a flat screen TV with movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from our remote-controlled crow's nest camera, and our electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with Ethernet connections, plugs for your own laptop and phone or camera charger.

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Clockwise, from right: The library (shown here on Explorer) is a relaxing place to read or study a topic; have a massage in the spa to unwind; head to the comfortable lounge (shown here aboard Orion) to hear talks from our staff, sip a drink and socialize, or attend an evening recap.











### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

#### CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet.

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an Ice-1A Super on the forward 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.

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

**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.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT**: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote controlled camera and video microscope.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Global Perspectives guest speaker, National Geographic photographer, LEX photo specialist and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

**WELLNESS**: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms and sauna.

### **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. 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. Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. 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.





From top: Category 3 cabin; a standard bathroom; example of a spacious solo cabin with window.

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ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 7	cat. A Solo	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Journey to Antarctica — Page 18	2016/ 2017	\$13,360	\$14,360	\$14,790	\$15,920	\$19,150	\$21,880	\$25,480	\$17,950	\$18,490	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,280; Business from \$3,210. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
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South Georgia and the Falklands – Page 24	2016	\$16,530	\$17,630	\$18,570	\$19,760	\$23,860	\$27,520	\$31,920	\$22,040	\$23,210	\$1,800	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,280; Business from \$3,210. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).



### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION OUR NEWEST EXPEDITION SHIP

#### CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins. REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 338 feet.

The state-of-the-art National Geographic Orion is the newest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with a reinforced hull.

**PUBLIC AREAS**: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, marina platform, and mudroom. 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

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

controls, internet access for your own laptop, and a flat-screen TV with DVD/CD player. 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 hydrophone, underwater video cameras, kayaks, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).

**SPECIAL FEATURES**: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists.

**WELLNESS**: A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board. A whirlpool hot tub on the Observation Deck doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates.

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: Sole 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.





Nautical chart table in the observation lounge and library; main lounge and bar; Category 3 suite.

EXPEDITION DECK

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Falklands 360° – Page 28	2016	\$10,850	\$11,590	\$12,680	\$15,550	\$17,990	\$20,990	\$16,250	\$18,990	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/ Santiago: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$2,900. Charter Airfare: \$850 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).

# EXTEND YOUR EXPEDITION



### ADD BUENOS AIRES

PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2016/17\*: \$1,890per 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 *Explorer* voyages only.



# ADD SANTIAGO CITY, WINE & CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS 2016/17\*: \$1,890 per person, double occupancy.

Get a taste for Santiago's world famous cuisine at premier restaurants and at a cooking class by a renowned local chef. Venture into wine country for tours and tastings. Available for *Orion* voyages only.



### ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

#### POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/ 3 NIGHTS

2016/17\*: \$2,790 per person, double occupancy.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon—an incredible display of raw power. Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park. The extension can be taken after **Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands; South Georgia & the Falklands.** 



### ADD EASTER ISLAND

**POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS** 2016/17\*\*: \$4,190 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 carved by the ancient Rapa Nui. Add it after select departures of **Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**.

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### **CONSIDERING ANTARCTICA?**

There are 6 important questions to ask before you decide with whom to book your Antarctic adventure. This guide answers them all:

- 1. What kind of ship is best?
- 2. What safety features are vital?
- 3. What is the travel operator's experience?
- 4. How active will your Antarctic experience be?
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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 specialized arrangements.

#### **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

**BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS:** Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken aboard *National Geographic Explorer* or *Orion.* This savings is applicable on voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare.

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#### **ABOARD SHIP**

- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle

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- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Fitness center & Sauna
- Fully stocked library
- The guidance and company of our expedition staff

#### ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

#### **RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**Costs Include:** All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and non-alcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, tips (except to ship's crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, 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.

#### **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 this brochure on pages 35 and 37, as well as on our website. Holiday departure dates and certain longer voyages may carry additional advance deposit requirements due to high demand for these voyages. 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 more.

**Final Payment:** Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment schedules may vary for Holiday departures and certain longer voyages, due to high demand for these voyages. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**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, medical assistance, 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:** Certain other provisions concerning, 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 valid as of publication date, and are subject to change. Under normal conditions, the total expedition cost is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the published price is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event we determine that current costs create an unsustainable financial model, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to pass on these costs to you, to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide a transparent accounting of the reason for such an increase in costs.

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CANCELLATION POLICY						
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee					
180 or more days	\$750*					
179–120 days	Advance payment cost					
119–90 days	25% of trip cost					
89–60 days	50% of trip cost					
59–0 days	No refund					
*\$750 will be rewarded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.						
This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions, as well as all other additional services.						
The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation 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.						
Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to						

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our Group cancellation policies are listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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- » World Travel Awards: World's Leading Green Cruise Line, 2015

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- » Travel + Leisure "World's Best for Families" Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
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