

5 WAYS TO DISCOVER ICONIC ALASKA



ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION, SEA BIRD & QUEST | 2017



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DEAR TRAVELER,

It has been 35 years since we first started expeditions to Alaska. From our first reconnaissance expedition to the last voyage last season, every member of our expedition team remains captivated by the wildness and beauty of Alaska. And in these many years of exploring Alaska, we have perfected our ability to reveal it to you, to take you past the cruise ships hovering in the deep water, to go deep inside the slender fjords and passages where authentic Alaska is—the bears, breaching whales and bald eagles, the old-growth forests, the calving glaciers, gorgeous vistas, and charming road-less communities.

Our twin expedition ships, the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *Sea Bird* have been in continuous operation since they first sailed from Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in the Seattle area. They are perfect platforms for our style of expedition travel—with outward-facing cabins and expansive bows where the entire expedition community can share the adventure of observing phenomenon like bubble-net feeding whales, and benefit from our naturalists' commentary. Each ship is equipped with a fleet of expedition landing craft, kayaks, and this year—paddle boards—to enable you to enjoy personal forays into wildness and wonder.

It's a tribute to American boat building that these ships have served us so well for so many years and will continue to do so. However, this year we proudly add a new ship to our fleet, the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*, which makes its debut in June 2017 on a remarkable inaugural expedition—the details are on pages 20-21. Also built by Nichols Brothers, *National Geographic Quest* is larger than our twin ships, with a slightly larger guest community, but she has been astutely customized to preserve a shallow draft, to venture safely into the intimate bays where big ships simply can't.

Our itineraries have been perfected over years of exploring the region and developing a network of knowledgeable insiders, which allows us to expand your opportunities to engage. This season we offer you five exceptional ways to experience Alaska—including a new 5-day itinerary that compresses a thrilling amount of Alaska, and increased level of activity, into a convenient timeframe. Suited for active travelers, it might be the ideal way for a family to share an adventure every member will love. And for travelers with a reverence for First Nations culture, our expedition to Haida Gwaii—we consider ourselves extremely privileged to be given rare access there—is a unique and meaningful opportunity.

And all of our itineraries offer two features no other Alaska adventure can—the ability to virtually explore the surprising Alaskan undersea, thanks to our undersea specialist who dives and video captures it for us all. And the presence of a top National Geographic photographer aboard, or a certified photo instructor, to help you take your best photos ever. On behalf of our dedicated expedition teams, we look forward to sharing Alaska with you this coming season.

All the best,

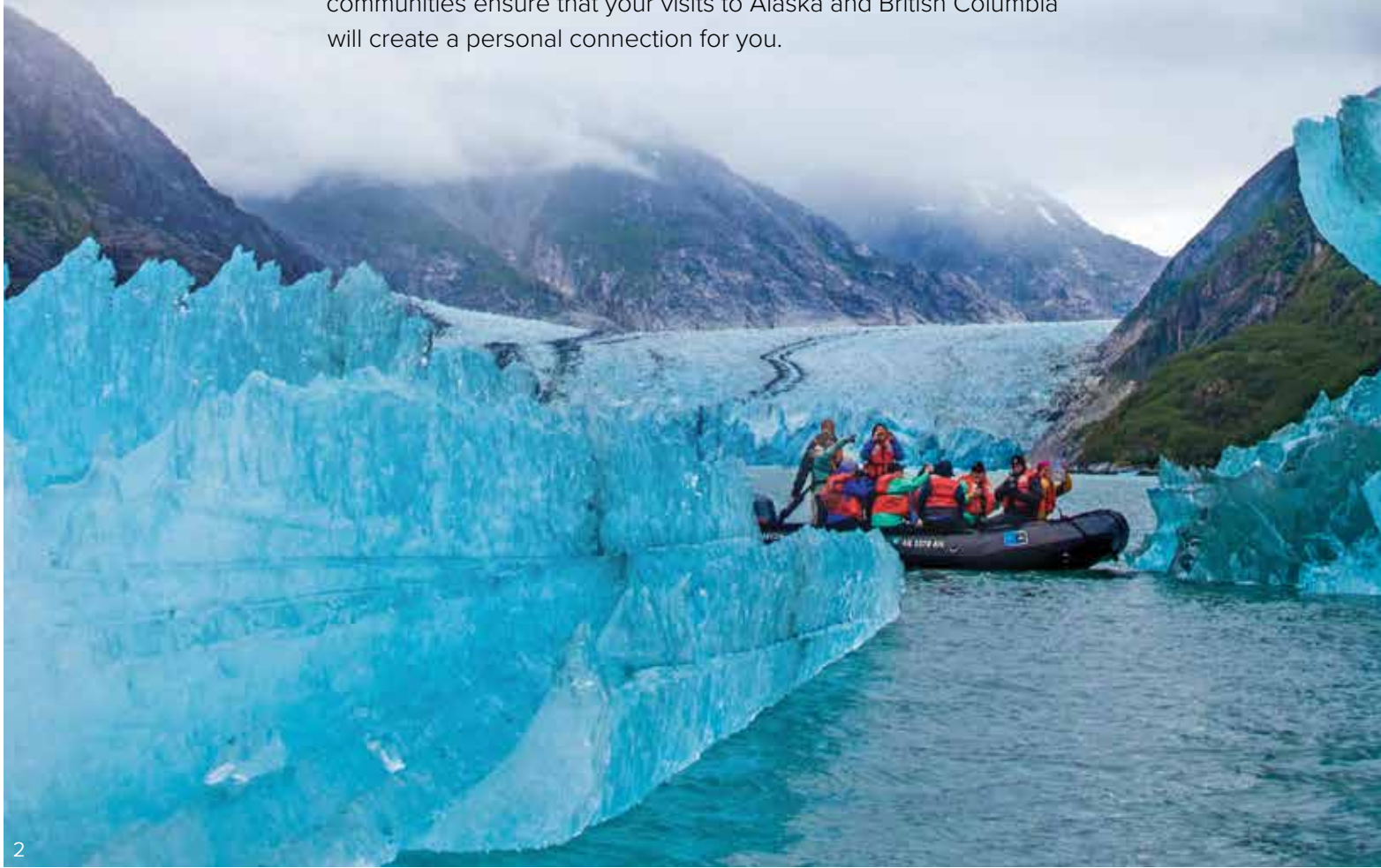


Sven-Olof Lindblad

THE KEY TO ALASKA'S GRANDEUR

Discover a maze of fjords lined in ancient forests framed by snow-capped mountains. Hear the thunderous crack of glaciers. Linger in calm bays with humpback whales. See hauled-out Steller sea lions, feeding puffins, mountain goats picking their way along a rocky shore, and bald eagles perched in massive Sitka spruce trees.

Our 50 years of expedition heritage and 35 years of Alaska expertise is your key to the most in-depth, engaging encounter. Our nimble expedition ships and special permits from the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service allow us to sail far into Glacier Bay National Park and remote wild regions of the Tongass National Forest—places we've been virtually alone exploring for decades. And our connections to welcoming locals and First Nations communities ensure that your visits to Alaska and British Columbia will create a personal connection for you.





Guests enjoy a cruise through glacial ice.

THE RICHEST WHALE VIEWING EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE

In spring humpbacks converge in Alaska. Drawing on 35 years of knowledge exploring the region, we know where to position our ships in the narrow, fast-moving channels and along undersea shelves where they feed, ensuring more encounters. With our skill in timing, we can position perfectly to be “there” when whales are—creating amazing observation 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-feeding, and even bubble-net feeding strategies. And if the opportunity arises, our naturalists may even drop a hydrophone to reveal the whales’ communication, or give you a whale’s-eye view through exclusive footage shot by National Geographic’s Crittercam team.

“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

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

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Bubblenet feeding is a phenomenon that occurs and was first observed in Southeast Alaska. During bubblenet feeding a group of humpback whales corral Pacific herring and small baitfish into a dense cylinder using feeding songs, bubbles, and their pectoral fins. Once the fish are pushed together, the humpbacks charge straight up through the corralled fish, mouths agape to feed. With our behavioral knowledge, and the right timing, we are sometimes capable of witnessing this amazing sight and photo op.



EVEN EXPLORE ALASKA'S VIVID UNDERSEA

See more of Alaska than you ever imagined. No other travel company offers this kind of look at 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 unusual life forms that are only found well beneath the water's surface. Watch as your undersea specialist's bright lights dance across the seafloor, revealing the brilliant purples and greens.



Left: A diver admires how the nutrient-rich water feeds the vibrant, seldom-seen undersea, including this fried-egg jellyfish. Above: Close-up of a giant Pacific octopus.

“We found ourselves in a forest of giant plumose anemones...among them hundreds of species of marine invertebrates—each more vibrant than the last. Hermit crabs whose shells had been fully engulfed by sponges, a rare butterfly crab, and six species of sea stars—including the largest on Earth. Sharing the images with everyone aboard brought excitement and shed light on the seldom-seen underwater world.”

—JEFF LITTON, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST



▶ WATCH A FASCINATING PACIFIC OCTOPUS ENCOUNTER AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/OCTOPUS](https://www.expeditions.com/octopus)

FAMILY ADVENTURE WITH MAGIC & MEANING



Leave the commutes, schedules, and screen-staring behind. Discover how a wild, beautiful land and uncommon adventure can unite a family in shared activities—kayak side-by-side through a quiet cove, hike the forest, draw safely near a thundering glacier, spot a bald eagle together, or watch humpback whales surge as they feed. Our expeditions ensure

seamless family getaways where everything is taken care of—all you have to do is relax and enjoy the adventure. Kids thrive in the sociable confines of the ship where they can exercise some autonomy, and our naturalists are excellent role models who ably embed learning in every fun activity. And options for activities—short, medium, or long hikes, scavenger hunts and hands-on science exploration for kids, or a peaceful cruise by expedition landing craft with minimal walking—ensure all fitness levels are accommodated. And since we believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience, we invite you to take advantage of savings: **\$500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under the age of 18.**

▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT FAMILY ADVENTURES AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/FAMILY](https://www.expeditions.com/family)



Exploring the intertidal zone.



Guest holds glacial ice.





Guests brave Alaska's chilly waters to earn their "polar plunge" cred.



Family expedition landing craft cruise.

"In this era of devices and seemingly limitless connectivity, it's become far too easy for family members to spend more time with their phones and tablets than each other. Expedition travel, with its mix of fresh daily sights, wildlife, undersea wonders, and activities for every age and fitness level, is the perfect antidote—to disconnect your family from screens, and re-connect you with each other."

—SVEN-OLOF LINDBLAD, CEO & FOUNDER
LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS

THE PERFECT PLATFORM TO EXPLORE WILD ALASKA

Our CEO & Founder Sven Lindblad envisioned ship-based exploration as a moving safari camp capable of traveling among otherwise inaccessible wild areas—an inspiration shaped during his years as a photographer on the plains of East Africa. After 50 years of honing ship-based expedition travel, we now offer a fleet of three ships, purpose-built to explore Alaska’s narrow, winding fjords and shallow, fast-moving channels. A fleet of onboard expedition landing craft ensure quick departures to shores untouched by tourist infrastructure. Single and tandem kayaks let you paddle in quiet coves or venture into wind- and water-carved caves. And now, for 2017 we are offering a chance for guests to try stand-up paddleboarding, something we have perfected in warmer waters and are now bringing to Alaska. Plus, enjoy the luxury of choice: a 100-guest vessel with larger cabins, or our smaller twin 62-guest ship that *National Geographic Traveler* magazine writer, Andrew Evans, once compared to Cousteau’s *Calypso*.



Clockwise from top right: Our ships are ideally suited to sail into shallow, fast-moving channels and fjords; there are plenty of photo opportunities to be had right from the comfort of the ship; crew from the National Geographic Sea Lion assist guest boarding a kayak in Misty Fjords National Monument; expedition landing craft allow access to intimate coves.





B. Private balconies are on 22 of the 50 cabins aboard, and all cabins have modern facilities, and are the most spacious accommodations in our Alaska fleet.

A. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the dining room ensure you never miss a wildlife sighting or view of the grand landscape. And two expedition landing craft loading platforms at the stern mean we get off the ship twice as quickly to get out exploring.



SAVE THE DATE!

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

We wanted to build the perfect ship to explore from the northern reaches of Alaska’s Inside Passage, south to the tropical coasts of Costa Rica, Panama, and through the Canal to Belize. So, we turned to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, the company that built the beloved *National Geographic Sea Bird* (1981) and *National Geographic Sea Lion* (1982)—vessels that, with our regular maintenance schedule and recent refurbishment, have been operating successfully for decades. Nichols Brothers has been building boats on beautiful Whidbey Island since 1964—approximately the same time as Lars-Eric Lindblad pioneered expedition travel to Antarctica and the Galápagos. So, we entrusted the building of the *National Geographic Quest*, to them; it will be the first expedition ship of its kind to be built entirely in the U.S. So mark this date—June 2017 for the *National Geographic Quest* inaugural!

In addition, Quest achieves some other firsts. She will be the first ship in our fleet voyaging in these geographies with step-out balconies (22 of the 50 cabins), plus 6 sets of connecting cabins for families and groups; and a designated mudroom for expedition gear. Carrying 100 guests, Quest is larger than the 62-guest Sea Bird/Sea Lion, but has the same draft depth, allowing us to navigate the same inner reaches to provide the same intimate experiences of the charismatic regions we explore.



C. The lounge includes a state-of-the-art presentation space, and the ship’s open bow is designed with platforms to comfortably accommodate the entire expedition community for shared wildlife viewing.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPEDITION WITH THE BEST TEAM IN ALASKA

Learn, see, and do more by exploring with experts who know the region best. Share the adventure with a team of naturalists, a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an expedition leader, and a video chronicler. Since personal attention is important, we explore with one staff member for every 10 guests, the largest expedition team and best guest-to-naturalist ratio in Alaska. And since you are never assigned to a staffer, you're able to gravitate towards individuals whose interests mirror your own—photography, kayaking, the undersea, whales, botany, or something different daily. Benefit from a greater variety of expertise, perfectly sized groups on hikes, varied perspectives, and engaging personalities.

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Enjoy naturalist-led expedition landing craft rides.

At left: The Bridge is an inviting space onboard, drop in any time to see the Captain and officers at work. Certified photo instructor, Alberto Montaudon points out wildlife.



At right, representing our expert team for the 2017 season, clockwise from upper left: Jen Martin, expedition leader; Rab Cummings, expedition leader; Susan Mobeus, wellness specialist; Paul North, undersea specialist; Jennifer Davidson, naturalist & certified photo instructor; Pete and Gretchen Pederson, naturalists; and Carlos Navarro, undersea specialist.

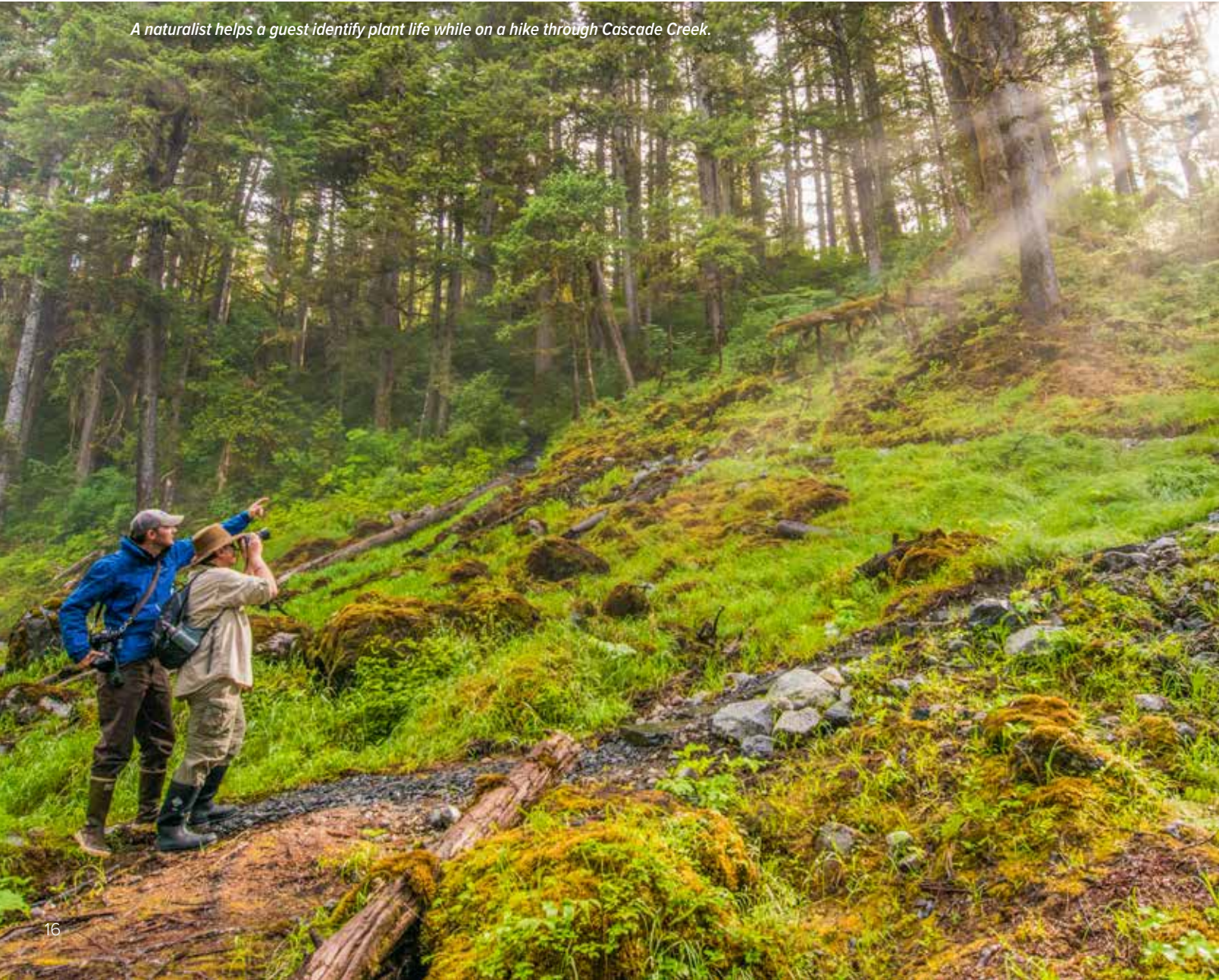


EXTRAORDINARY PHOTO OPS + EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY

Make the most of Alaska's long days and unrivaled photo ops. Our exclusive Expedition Photography program will enable you to "see" glaciers, whales, bears, and eagles with fresh eyes, as your Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor offers assistance, instruction, and shooting tips in the field. Their expertise will inspire you, and help you to return home with incredible photos—no matter your current skill or interest level.




A naturalist helps a guest identify plant life while on a hike through Cascade Creek.



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We also offer designated Photo Expeditions, offering immersion in the world of professional travel and wildlife photography. They provide unprecedented opportunities to shoot with and learn from a top National Geographic photographer, plus at least two Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors. Outings are timed to take advantage of the best light, and onboard seminars and photo talks offer tips, tricks and helpful critiques. Photo Expeditions offer opportunities to actively explore as other expeditions—so photographers miss nothing, and their travel companions can be fully engaged.



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.

CHOOSE A SELECT DEPARTURE AND LEARN FROM THESE TOP NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EXPERTS:



JONATHAN IRISH

Wild Alaska Escape

National Geographic Sea Bird

Jul. 11 & 16, 2017

See page 29.



ANDREW HOWLEY

Wild Alaska Escape

National Geographic Sea Bird

May 27, 2017

See page 29.



RALPH LEE HOPKINS

Big Picture Alaska

National Geographic Sea Bird

Jul. 26 & Aug. 5, 2017

See page 37.



FLIP NICKLIN

Treasures Of The Inside Passage: Alaska & British Columbia—Inaugural Voyage

National Geographic Quest, Jun. 26, 2017

See page 21.

Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness

National Geographic Quest, Jul. 8, 2017

See page 23.

A Remarkable Journey To Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii

National Geographic Sea Bird, Sep. 4, 2017

See page 33.

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Orca whales surface in Alaska's Inside Passage.

UGURAL VOYAGE



On the lookout for wildlife.

The orca-studded waters of the San Juan Islands. Alert Bay and the *Kwakwaka'wakw* people. Historic Johnstone Strait and the regal landscapes of British Columbia's Inside Passage. The glacier-carved cliffs of Misty Fiords, and the thunderously calving terminals of Glacier Bay. These and more are the magnets that pull adventurous travelers to Alaska—and are what *National Geographic Quest* was expressly designed to discover. She is the perfect platform for exploring—with an onboard fleet of landing craft, kayaks, and paddle boards, and an exceptional expedition team. Larger than our other Alaska ships, *Quest* carries 100 guests yet retains the intimate scale and warmth of the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *Sea Lion*. So, for those who love sharing the bow with our expedition team as we watch feeding humpbacks or hunting killer whales, it will feel exactly the same. But with more space and amenities, *Quest* offers a level of comfort that enhances the entire expedition experience, from early morning outings to cocktail hour recaps. Join us for the inaugural—be the first aboard!



Guests watch a performance in the big house in Alert Bay.

NEW

TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE: ALASKA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST*

PRICES FROM: \$9,390 to \$14,835 (See page 41 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the wild and sublimely tranquil San Juan and Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Observe a moving First Nations performance at the U'Mista Cultural Center.
- ▶ By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 10-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience.

An expedition leader, four 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.

Mother bear and cub, Southeast Alaska.



DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

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

DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WASHINGTON

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

DAY 3: GULF ISLANDS

Sail into British Columbia to kayak among forested islands and along wildlife-rich shorelines. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the U'Mista Cultural Center, and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)



First Nations performance in Alert Bay.

DAYS 5-6: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

DAY 7: MISTY FIORDS, ALASKA

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

DAY 8: PETERSBURG

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, fishing village of Petersburg

on Mitkof Island. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg," with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Later, enjoy an evening crab feast. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TRACY ARM-FORD'S TERROR WILDERNESS

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

DAY 10: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Via special park permit, spend the entire day among the 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 and a National Park Ranger will join us to share the lore and legend of the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: INIAN ISLANDS/ICY STRAIT

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

DAY 12: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

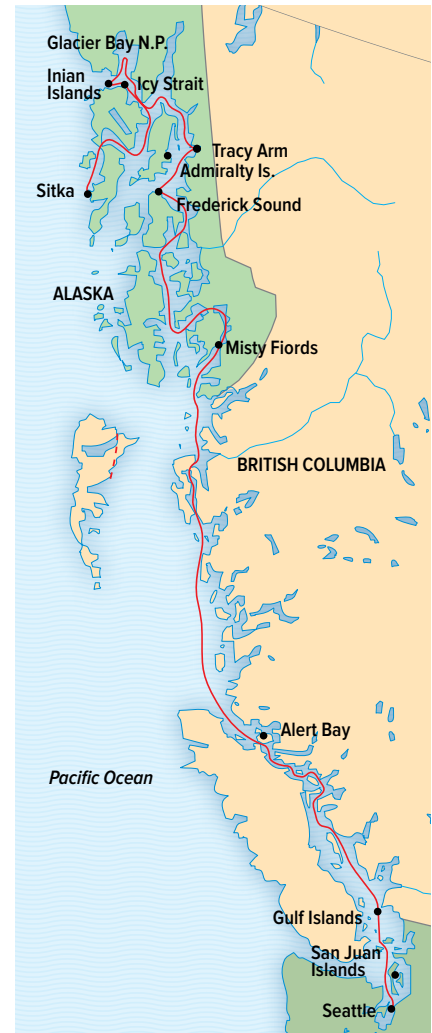
Spend a full day searching for humpback whales in the rich waters off of Chichagof or Baranof Island, kayak, hike and enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

Visit Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral with its picturesque spire; walk through the Sitka National Historical Park, where totem poles line trails; and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. Transfer to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



Exploring the calved icebergs.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Jun. 26; Sep. 2*

*This departure travels in the reverse order, from Sitka to Seattle, making all the same stops.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join Alaska resident and legendary marine mammal photographer, **Flip Nicklin** on the June 26, 2017 inaugural departure aboard the *National Geographic Quest*.





Harbor seals hauled out on icebergs in South Sawyer Glacier in Tracy Arm.



EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

Our Time-Tested Expedition Plus The Luxury Of Choice

For over 35 years our classic Alaska expedition itinerary has consistently delivered unparalleled experiences in this capital of wildness. We know the protected coves where sea otters congregate, the river rapids where bears fish for salmon, and the rich channels where whales feed. And now, we're able to offer the luxury of choice in exploring—sail aboard the newest ship in our fleet, the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*, or choose the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Both offer the same exploration into the breathtaking beauty and wildlife of Southeast Alaska. *Quest* offers more spacious cabins, while *Sea Lion* sails with a bit more intimate of a group. With more naturalists aboard *Quest* to accommodate more guests, you're able to explore with the benefit of more perspective and a wider breadth of expertise. And, thanks to two expedition landing craft loading platforms aboard *Quest*, both ships disembark guests at the same rate, which maximizes our time exploring off the ship.



Orca whale sighting in the Inian Islands.

EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

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

PRICES FROM: \$5,890 to \$10,600 (See pages 41 & 43 for complete prices.)

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Sea Lion* or *National Geographic Quest* 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 first-hand perspective on Alaska's indigenous people from a Tlingit cultural interpreter.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled 6-person expedition team aboard the *National Geographic Sea Lion* or 10-person team aboard the *National*

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A humpback whale breaches near the ship.

DAY 1: SEATTLE/JUNEAU/EMBARC

Fly from Seattle to Juneau. Explore the newly constructed Alaska State Museum, with its sprawling collection of natural history and cultural artifacts, and explore downtown Juneau. 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)



Petersburg.

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 or 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

Explore among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters

reside. We’ll search for marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Strait and choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike and kayak. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

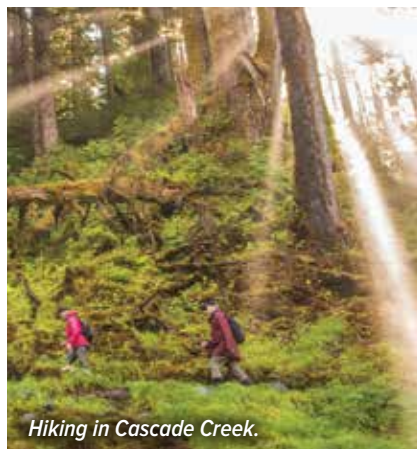
By special permit, we explore Glacier Bay, a not-to-be-missed gem of Alaska. See glaciers that end abruptly at the water’s edge and possibly observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wilderness abounds—mountain goats and brown bears patrol 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

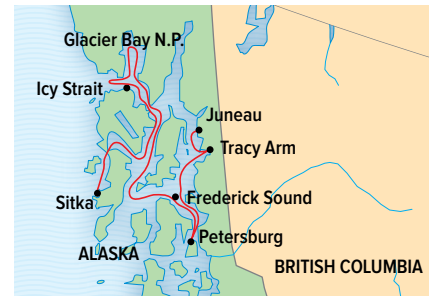
Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, or hike stunning forest trails, or see bear tracks worn into the soil while walking an isolated meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are very common. If conditions permit, we’ll do some kayaking, 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. 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)



Hiking in Cascade Creek.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 May 14*, 21, 28*; Jun. 4, 11*, 18, 25*; Jul. 2, 9*, 16, 23*; Aug. 13, 20*, 27 (*Sea Lion*)
2017 Jul. 8*, 15, 22*, 29; Aug. 5*, 12, 19*, 26 (*Quest*)

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

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2016 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on select May and June 2017 departures.

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.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join Alaska resident and marine mammal photographer **Flip Nicklin** on the Jul. 8, 2017 voyage aboard the *National Geographic Quest*.



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Travel aboard the *National Geographic Quest* with Radiolab’s **Robert Krulwich**. Robert Krulwich is co-host of Radiolab, WNYC’s program about ‘big ideas’ and one of public radio’s most popular shows. It is carried on more than 500 radio stations and its podcasts are downloaded over 7 million times each month. He is also the author of the “Curiously Krulwich” blog, featured on National Geographic, where he illustrates hard-to-fathom concepts in science using drawings, cartoons, videos, and more. Robert will be joining the **Aug. 5, 2017** departure.





Kayak deep into the Islands as you immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska.



Bicycling around Chilkoot Lake.

NEW! PACK A LOT OF ALASKA ADVENTURE IN 5 DAYS

Hike! Bike! Kayak! Raft! This highly active Alaska expedition aboard the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* immerses you, or you and your active family, in the wild beauty of Alaska, including Haines, Alaska’s “adventure capital.” A larger, active naturalist staff and small groups enable customized explorations. Want to make a point-to-point kayak trip while the ship repositions to meet us? We can make it happen. Want to go on an epic hike with a few others? Great! And at Haines, you’ll have the opportunity to raft, mountain bike, or hike—and then enjoy an evening in town to hit the pubs and feel like locals. Plus, we’ll explore the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan for an immersion in tribal dance and culture to contact the timeless roots of Alaskan life.



The ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan.

NEW

WILD ALASKA ESCAPE

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
PRICES FROM: \$4,290 to \$7,490 (See page 43 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Paddle on long, naturalist-guided kayaking journeys into Alaska's dramatic bays.
- ▶ Explore Haines, the "adventure capital of Alaska," via raft, bicycle, or hiking boots.
- ▶ Zip around incredible icebergs and to the face of a glacier in Tracy or Endicott Arm.

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, 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.

Explore by bike in Haines.



DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Stretch your legs by walking the Totem Trail in Sitka National Historic Park or other local nature trails before stopping in at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center for an up close look at Alaska's birds of prey. Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird*. (L,D)



Rafting down the Chilkat River.

DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Island's countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through these mirror-calm waters. In the afternoon, hear the stories of this ancient rain forest on an adventurous hike with your naturalist guide. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: LYNN CANAL

At the northern limit of Alaska's Inside Passage, the Lynn Canal offers ample opportunity for active exploration. Spend today hiking and kayaking in the shadows of snow-capped peaks where the mighty Chilkat River meets the sea. Tonight we'll call into the small town of Haines for an Alaskan evening as the locals do. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HAINES

Haines is known as the "adventure capital of Alaska" for a very good reason. Many, in fact. If you're feeling extra adventurous, you can choose from one of many world class hikes,

or cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord. Or you may also choose to raft down the Chilkat River, calling into the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation. The day is full of options. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

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

DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK/ SEATTLE

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



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 May 27; Jun. 1*, 6, 11*; Jul. 6, 11*, 16, 21*; Aug. 15, 20*, 25, 30*

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

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Travel with National Geographic author and expert, **Andrew Howley** on the May 27, 2017 departure and get a taste of his enthusiasm for expedition travel. Or, choose to join professional outdoor adventure and travel photographer, **Jonathan Irish** (right) on the Jul. 11 & 16, 2017 voyages.



Hiking in Cascade Creek.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI



Special Access to Mythic Haida Gwaii

Though Haida Gwaii, a spectacular archipelago off British Columbia, is known as the “islands at the edge of the world,” it is well within reach aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *Sea Lion*—the only U.S. vessels permitted to visit these hallowed islands in over 20 years. The Haida are legendary Pacific coast artists and artisans. So, we

were initially permitted to visit Haida lands because of our commitment to artisans, evidenced by our Artisan Fund (financed by a percentage of sales from onboard Global Galleries) and the environment in which they create their works. To see their works, most strikingly the totems created by master carvers, and to hear the stories woven into the very fibers of Haida regalia, is indeed a privilege. Haida cultural interpreters will introduce us to a wealth of cultural objects—including the legendary site, SḠang Gwaay Lnagaay, where silvered totem poles some 150–200 years old, line the shore.

Plus An In-Depth Southeast Alaska Exploration

Sail into mist-shrouded fjords and see the thundering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. See whales, bears, eagles—all of the region’s iconic wildlife—on an expedition to the state’s famed natural wonders as well as some out-of-the-way regions we’ve uncovered in our 30+ years here. This long expedition gives us a richer opportunity for more wildlife observations.



Clockwise from far left: Wood carving at Old Massett; masks created by world-renowned Haida artist in his home studio in Old Massett; a Haida dancer in traditional dress before his performance in Old Massett, Haida Gwaii.



“We feel so privileged to be able to offer our guests the opportunity to visit Haida Gwaii, and interact with this community of first generation people, and to experience their art and handcraft, among the most extraordinary in the world, first hand from the artists themselves. And to travel up and down the coast, landing on some of the extraordinary beaches where some of the totems, over a hundred years old, beautifully weathered, still remain...”

—STACY SINDLINGER, DIRECTOR OF
ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT, LINDBLAD
EXPEDITIONS

A Haida guide walks among the totems at SGang Gwaay in Haida Gwaii.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION

PRICES FROM: \$10,900 to \$19,860 (See page 43 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 only company with ships carrying more than 22 guests permitted to visit Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage site in over two decades. Here, you'll see the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and meet with local artisans in a region rich with history seldom-seen.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

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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, Haida Cultural Interpreter, 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 bios for this expedition.

Standing poles at SGang Gwaay.

DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark. (D)

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Search for orca whales and sail north past forested islands. (B,L,D)



DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

DAY 4-5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

DAYS 6-8: HAIDA GWAI

With a shared respect for the natural world, explore the islands of Haida Gwaii. A Haida cultural interpreter will join us, first visiting the Haida Heritage Centre at Kay L'nagaay 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. By special permit, see the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay (Ninstints) or K'una (Skedans). Take expedition landing craft around the incredibly biodiverse islands where endemic species thrive. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

Cruise past glacially carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fjords' 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: 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 13: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside. Hike nearby islands, kayak and search for whales in rich waters of Icy Strait. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen in on the whales' communication. (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/SEATTLE

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center before transferring to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Apr. 30 📷; May 13 📷;
Sep. 3* 📷, 4 📷*

*These departures travel in the reverse order, from Sitka to Seattle, making all the same stops.

📷 Photo Expedition

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join Alaska resident and legendary marine mammal photographer, **Flip Nicklin** on the Sep. 4, 2017 departure.



SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2016 and receive complimentary one-way air (Sitka/Seattle) on select April & May 2017 departures.





NEW! BIG PICTURE ALASKA

A Unique Photo Expedition Encompassing The Inside Passage

Explore the Inside Passage from top to bottom with ample time to focus on photography! This voyage aboard the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* sails from the glacially carved cliffs of the southern Misty Fjords all the way to the northernmost reach of the passage, Haines—Alaska’s adventure capital. Spend a full day shooting legendary Glacier Bay National Park from the bow of our ship, getting photo tips and tricks from your onboard National Geographic photographer and two Lindblad-National Geographic photo instructors. Add photos of all of Alaska’s incredible wildlife—whales, bears, eagles—to your portfolio. Shoot the mist-shrouded landscapes or early morning and snow-capped mountains glowing at dusk with outings specially timed to take advantage of lighting ops. Plus, enjoy all the same tools for exploration and insights from our natural history staff as every Alaska expedition we offer.



Clockwise from far left: Humpback whale breaching near Pinta Point; group photo of guests on board the National Geographic Sea Lion; curious harbor seal; bald eagle in flight; see an abundance of unique plant life; a century-old mortuary pole still stands at the ancestral village of SGang Gwaay LInagaay; orca whales surfacing; brown bear fishing for pink salmon.

NEW

BIG PICTURE ALASKA

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$15,740 (See page 43 for complete prices.)

Sail aboard the *National Geographic Sea Bird* on this immersive, wide-ranging photo expedition through Alaska's famed Inside Passage. Experience the perfect mix of small-town life and the grand expanse of the wild landscape that surrounds it. Capture it all with the help of our Lindblad-National Geographic photo expedition team.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Raft through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, which boasts the largest congregation of bald eagles in the world.
- ▶ Explore Glacier Bay National Park, Misty Fjords National Monument, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak amid glacial ice, hike the Tongass National Forest and learn about the region's rich Tlingit heritage.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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

Guest kayaking off George Island.



DAY 1: KETCHIKAN/EMBARK

Arrive in Ketchikan, view the priceless collection of 19th-century Tlingit totem poles at the Totem Heritage Center. Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird*. (D)

DAY 2: MISTY FIORDS

Wake amid the glacially-carved cliffs of Misty Fiords National Monument. Explore by expedition landing craft and kayak for a closer perspective. (B,L,D)



DAY 3: BEHM CANAL/CLARENCE STRAIT

Explore the verdant Tongass National Forest. Cruise through steep-walled fiords in search of photogenic wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THOMAS BAY/PETERSBURG

Call at the quaint Alaskan town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. See a unique muskeg ecosystem with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Explore by bike or optional flightseeing. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Navigate the spectacular Tracy or Endicott Arm fjords to South Sawyer or Dawes Glacier, and, if conditions permit, venture closer in our expedition landing craft for unparalleled photo opportunities. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: HAINES

Explore Alaska's "adventure capital" on a world class hike or bike ride along the edge of a glacial lake. Or raft the Chilkat River to a bald eagle preserve, and call at the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan for a cultural interpretation. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: LYNN CANAL

Hike and kayak where the mighty Chilkat River meets the sea, in the shadow of snow-capped peaks and at the northern limit of Alaska's Inside Passage. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

We spend the entire day amidst the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers, and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park. Search for mountain goats, harbor seals, Steller sea lions, and puffins. A native Tlingit interpreter and a National Park Ranger join us to share the local legends of the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: ICY STRAIT/INIAN ISLANDS

See an abundance of Steller sea lions. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in the rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLANDS

Kayak, hike, and explore where conditions are best and wildlife most active. Cap off the day with the Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

After breakfast, disembark to visit picturesque Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral then visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center before transferring to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Jun. 16* 📷, 26 📷;
Jul. 26* 📷; Aug. 5 📷

📷 All dates are Photo Expeditions

*Itinerary travels Sitka to Ketchikan making all the same stops.

TRAVEL WITH EXPEDITION PHOTO DIRECTOR

Travel with founder and director of the Expedition Photography program, **Ralph Lee Hopkins** on the Jul. 26 and Aug. 5 voyages.



EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL PARK

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





Canoe on Wonder Lake in Denali National Park.

ADD AN INLAND ADVENTURE— 2 WAYS TO EXPLORE DENALI

Discover the wildness at the heart of Alaska by adding an inland exploration of Denali National Park to your coastal expedition. Choose from two ways to explore this grand National Park—both capped with rail rides on the historic Alaska Railroad through scenic countryside that is otherwise inaccessible.

NEW! TALKEETNA & DENALI NATIONAL PARK ADVENTURE

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION | 7 DAYS

Cost Per Person: \$5,690 Double; \$7,690 Single Occupancy

Discover the small-town charm of Talkeetna, a jumping off point for mountaineers today and gold prospectors of yesteryear. Venture into the Kantishna Valley of Denali National Park via restricted-access roads where grizzlies, moose, caribou, wolves, marmots, beavers, and eagles are prevalent. On daily guided hikes, with the Kantishna Roadhouse as our basecamp, you can choose from multiple adventures from highly active and adventurous to slower paces more accommodating to families or multigenerational groups. Participate in dog sled and gold-panning demonstrations, or strike out on your own to fly fish and mountain bike using equipment we provide.



DENALI NATIONAL PARK FROM THE NORTH FACE LODGE

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION | 7 DAYS

Cost Per Person: \$6,190 Double; \$8,590 Single Occupancy

Begin and end your days at the idyllic North Face Lodge, located 89 miles into the heart of the Park. With unparalleled access to prime hiking and wildlife viewing, the lodge is a quiet retreat, accessible only to guests and staff. Dine on delicious, locally sourced cuisine, and enjoy nightly presentations that tell the story of Denali's natural and cultural history. Explore via private vehicles, or if you prefer a more personal exploration, you can hike a trail near the lodge, canoe on Wonder Lake, bike, or even spend an afternoon fishing.



▶ VISIT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/DENALI FOR FULL DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARIES.

NEW SHIP



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

CAPACITY: 100 Guests in 50 cabins.
REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

The *National Geographic Quest* will be the latest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage, *National Geographic Quest* is able to explore the same remote locations we've sought out for decades while setting a new standard in comfort and style.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our "open bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet, lunch is served family-style, and enjoy deliciously served menu options for dinner. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, a fleet of 24 kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, underwater video camera, video microscope and paddleboards.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.



Inserts clockwise from top: (Artist's renderings): The lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; a spacious and open sun deck will provide unparalleled views.



Left to right: (Artist's renderings) Category 5 cabin is our most spacious. Category 4 cabin with lower single beds converted to a Queen and a private balcony. Select cabins connect via an inside doorway.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

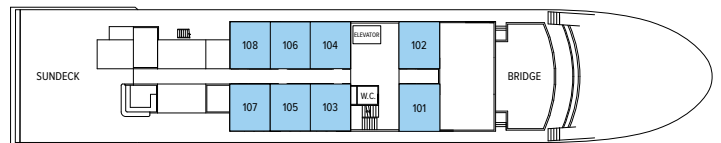
CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and a two large view windows.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass doors, and small, private balcony.

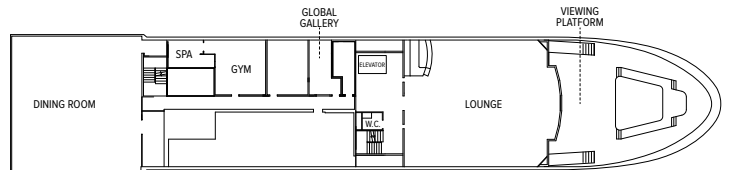
CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, two full window views, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access:
Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307
Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227



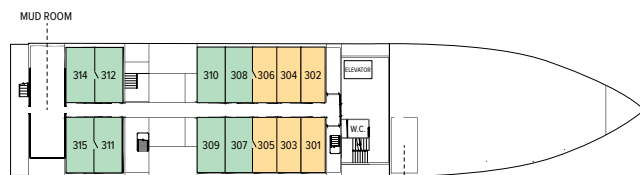
OBSERVATION DECK



LOUNGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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

| ITINERARY | CAT. 1 | CAT. 2 | CAT. 3 | CAT. 4 | CAT. 5 SUITE | CAT. 1 SOLO | CAT. 2 SOLO | ADVANCE PAYMENT | NOTE |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska and British Columbia – Page 20 | \$9,390 | \$9,990 | \$10,590 | \$11,490 | \$12,400 | \$13,990 | \$14,835 | \$1,000 | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$200; Business Class from \$1,100. |
| Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness – Page 24 | \$6,590 | \$7,290 | \$7,790 | \$8,690 | \$9,590 | \$9,990 | \$10,600 | \$750 | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$410; Business Class from \$815. |



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our 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, and LEXspa. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and lunch is often served family style. Menu emphasizes local fare.

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

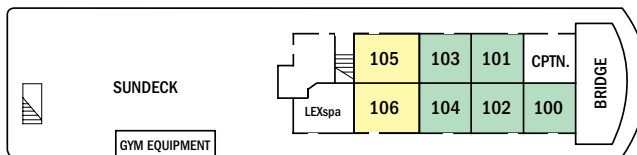
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A video chronicler and undersea specialist are on board all voyages.

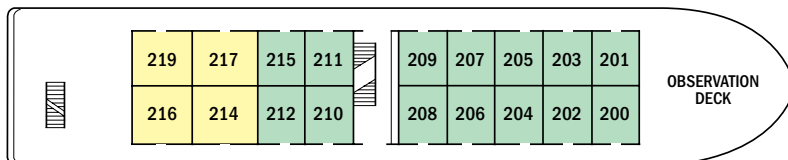
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



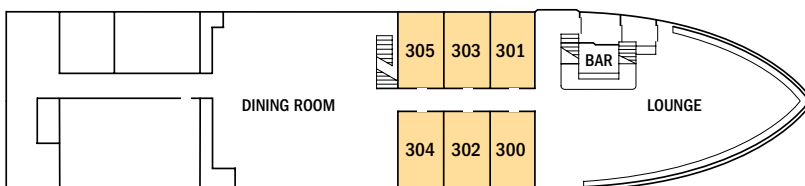
Guests enjoy the view of Glacier Bay National Park from the sundeck.



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



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

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

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

Note: 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.

Photos (clockwise from left): Expedition ship National Geographic Sea Bird can access hard to reach locations; twin beds can be pushed together to form a double bed in Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck; enjoy an assortment of wine selections while dining; a comfortable Category 2 cabin freshly redesigned.

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 24 | 2017 | \$5,890 | \$6,750 | \$7,730 | \$8,840 | \$10,125 | \$750 | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800. |
| Wild Alaska Escape - Page 28 | 2017 | \$4,290 | \$4,990 | \$5,990 | \$6,440 | \$7,490 | \$750 | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800. |
| A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii – Page 32 | 2017 | \$10,900 | \$12,450 | \$14,530 | \$16,350 | \$19,860 | \$1,500 | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$210; Business Class from \$650. |
| Big Picture Alaska - Page 36 | 2017 | \$8,990 | \$10,490 | \$11,890 | \$13,490 | \$15,740 | \$1,000 | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Ketchikan/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800. |

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIRFARE: Receive complimentary airfare on **Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness** and **A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii** on select departures if you book before Dec. 31, 2016. Offers valid for new bookings only. Certain offers may not be combinable; please call for further details.

TRAVELING AS A GROUP: Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This savings is applicable on voyage fares only, and not on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payment, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.



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—internet usage, 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
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| 119–90 days | 60% Denali cost |
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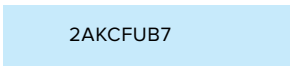
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