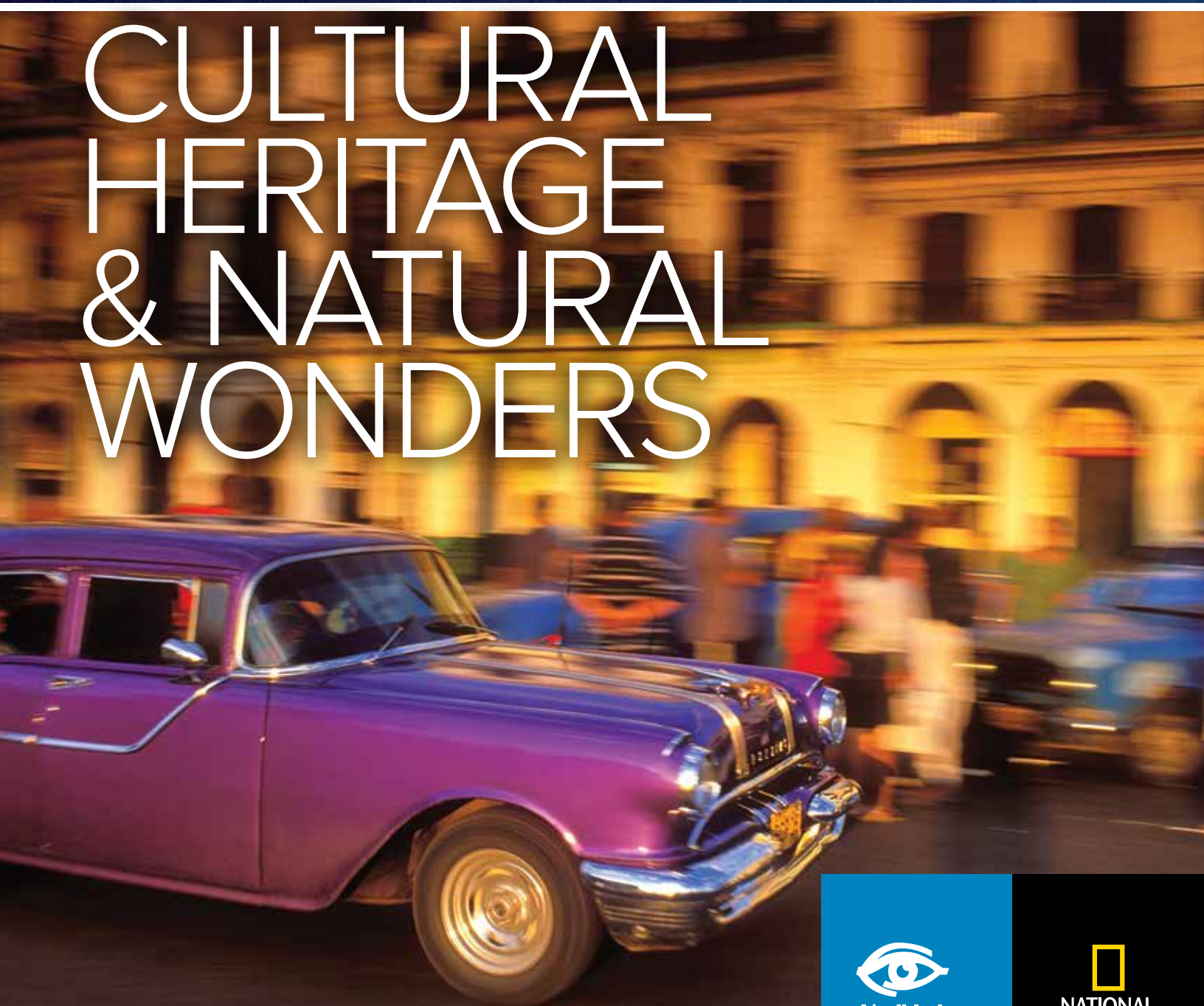




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DEAR TRAVELER,

In April of 2014, I had the privilege of joining an expedition in Cuba organized by the Environmental Defense Fund and the Helmsley Trust. The purpose was to meet key leaders, learn about the natural capital of Cuba, and to look for creative ways to be supportive of people and institutions focused on protecting the natural resources of the island. It was an exhilarating experience, one which made me realize how extraordinary and complex this island nation is.

What I also came to appreciate was how resilient and creative the Cuban people are. They don't have much in terms of material resources, but they have heart and determination.

I loved the expedition, including the best diving I have ever experienced in the Caribbean—thanks to protective measures instituted by Fidel Castro who was an avid scuba diver, and implemented by dedicated Cubans.



In February this year I returned with a team to look in earnest for a way to craft a unique opportunity for our guests, beyond the normal experiences offered today. We chartered a local boat to explore the southern coast, and had an exhilarating time discovering all kinds of remarkable places.



So, I believe we have created an exciting blend of nature, culture and history. We will spend three nights in Havana at the famed Hotel Nacional. Then we head south to Cienfuegos, where we embark on the *Panorama II*, a delightful 44-guest motor sailer, for a week's exploration of the southern coast. Our combination of exploring Cuba by land and by sea is unique. And our experience to date here, given that Cuba has only just opened to exploration, will definitely enhance yours.

I believe you will have an extraordinary time if you join us, but I do want to make one thing clear: bring along a good sense of humor, patience, and a good dose of curiosity. If you do, Cuba will be inspiring, great fun, and certainly hugely memorable.

I hope you choose to join us.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sverri-Olof Lindblad'.

Sverri-Olof Lindblad



CULTURAL TREASURES

Cubans are among the kindest, friendliest people on Earth, as you will discover through our people-to-people exchanges. As we all know, the Cuban Revolution has had an outsize influence on Cuban, hemispheric, and world affairs, and you'll learn what this has meant for the island's residents. You'll see what life is like for Cubans today—both

the joys and the struggles. And among the joys you'll find expressions of the arts, which are extravagant and full of life. Cuban music and dance are known and celebrated all over the world, for good reason. There has been a blossoming of the visual arts in recent years, often linked with grassroots efforts to develop local communities, so you'll see the emerging future too. These, along with Cuba's beautiful colonial cities, its 1950s-vintage cars, its cigar production, and its development efforts, all figure in our well-crafted people-to-people program.

From top, left to right: Our people-to-people exploration allows you to see, do, learn and engage; colorful marketplace; iconic vintage American auto; street musician; cigars and tobacco cultivation remain important to Cuba's economy.



CUBA'S NATURE



Although Cuba's natural history is less well known to the public than its culture, it harbors some of the richest marine environments in the Western Hemisphere, and for that matter the world. The jewel in the crown is Jardines de la Reina* (Gardens of the Queen)—the area surrounding a complex system of some 250 coral and mangrove islets on Cuba's south coast. It harbors a profusion of life: corals and fish in myriad forms and colors; turtles; sponges; seagrasses; mangroves; and on the islands, a great deal of birdlife. (60 Minutes did a great segment on this area, view it at <http://bit.ly/gardensqueen>.) You'll have two days there to explore, snorkel, and dive if you wish, and visit with Cubans who've worked hard and successfully at preserving this remarkable area. And you'll also get the chance to talk with Cubans at Cayo Largo and the Bay of Pigs*, other places rich in nature, as well as history—for a deeper 360° view of our island neighbor.



*From top, left to right:
Flamingo in flight;
prehistoric-looking lizard
with scales; encounter
a great diversity of
fish and intact corals;
snorkel or scuba dive the
dazzling undersea.*



AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM REVEALS A SELDOM-SEEN CUBA

Our expedition leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, attract and inspire our expert teams. Their commitment and passion will engage you, and their knowledge, enhanced by reconnaissance intelligence from veteran expedition leader, Tom O'Brien, and founder, Sven Lindblad, will illuminate all you'll see and do during your expedition. In addition, you'll be joined by an expert on Cuba's culture and history, a naturalist, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and local guides who will help illuminate the Cuban people-to-people experience. Plus, our trio of December inaugural voyages will feature an National Geographic archaeologist (Dec 7) and NG photographer (Dec 14, 21).



Representing our full team: From left to right: Veteran expedition leader *Cindy Manning*, *Naturalist & Lindblad-National Geographic certified Photo Instructor Mike Greenfield*, *Carlos Navarro naturalist/marine biologist*, and *Fabio Amador, archaeologist and Senior Program Officer for the NG Society/Waitt Grants Program*.

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EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY

Cuba is a brand-new experience for many travelers, making the photos you'll take very valuable. Point-and-shoot, iPhone and DSLR users alike will find the quality of their images and storytelling will improve greatly—thanks to the onboard Lindblad-National Geographic certified photographer who'll provide inspiration, tips and advice in the field, where it counts. Regardless of your skill level, you'll return home a more confident photographer, with shots you'll enjoy sharing. And if you relish the idea of shooting with a pro, join us on one of two inaugural departures to shoot with a top National Geographic photographer.

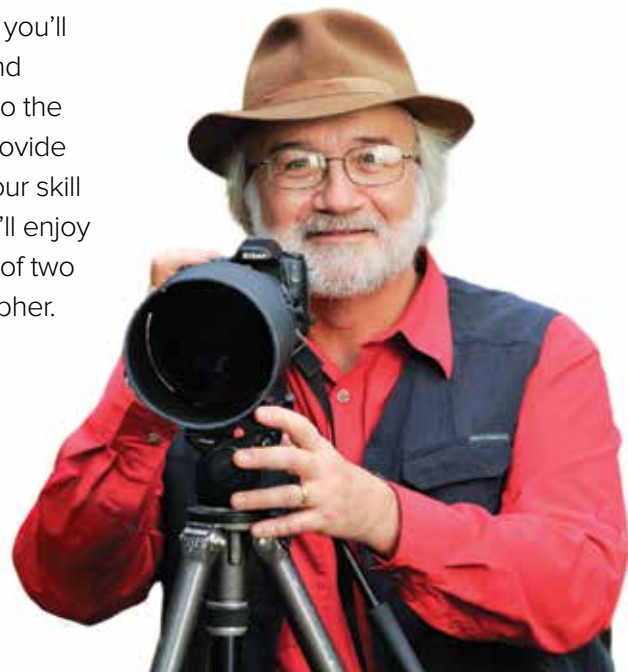


Share the adventure with National Geographic photographer, *Bob Krist* (right), on two inaugural departures: December 14 & 21, 2016.



In 1995 I represented Lindblad on a special two-week reconnaissance trip, building business ties between leading U.S. companies and Cuba in preparation for the day when relations were normalized. In the years since, we've been waiting eagerly with established plans and itineraries. How exciting that the day has finally come. We can't wait to share our enthusiasm for the fantastic culture and wildlife Cuba has to offer.

—TOM O'BRIEN, EXPEDITION LEADER



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11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—PRICES FROM: \$9,500 TO \$11,500

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience extraordinary people-to-people visits in Havana over three days. Stay at the famed Hotel Nacional—a former haunt of Hemingway, Sinatra, athletes, entertainers, and world leaders—and then embark the sailing yacht *Panorama II* for seven days.
- ▶ Explore the stunning Jardines de la Reina* (Gardens of the Queen) Marine Park—with some of the finest coral reefs in the world.
- ▶ Visit the Bay of Pigs*; explore well-preserved colonial Trinidad and Cienfuegos; and experience the country's famed music and cuisine.

DAY 1: MIAMI, FLORIDA/HAVANA, CUBA

Fly to Havana and transfer to the Hotel Nacional, a Havana landmark, where we stay for three nights. On a walking visit, meander through historic squares, interacting with merchants and locals, and learn about ongoing efforts to preserve Old Havana. Later, drive along the Malecón, the waterfront esplanade where Cubans come to stroll and socialize. (L,D)



Havana musicians.

DAYS 2 AND 3: HAVANA

Get acquainted with Havana through your choice of people-to-people excursions: visit an auto workshop where inventive mechanics repair classic American cars, wander through Ernest Hemingway's estate at Finca Vigía, or get a Cuban perspective on Castro's revolution at the museum. Visit a cigar factory, or learn about environmental education projects at the Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez. Enjoy meals in some of Havana's best *paladares*, and hear the signature rhythms of Cuba at an evening performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HAVANA/CIENFUEGOS/EMBARK

After another chance to meet with residents of Havana, drive to Cienfuegos and embark our ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: BAY OF PIGS*

The Bay of Pigs gained worldwide renown when U.S.-backed Cuban exiles attempted to invade in 1961. We visit a museum that recounts the failed invasion, and talk to local people to learn what the episode means to Cubans today. In nearby Ciénaga de Zapata National Park, meet with naturalists and look for endemic birdlife such as the bee hummingbird—the smallest bird in the world. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: CAYO LARGO

On beautiful Cayo Largo, we have a people-to-people visit with island doctors and nurses at a local clinic to discuss Cuba's medical system. Then meet with researchers at a sea turtle breeding center. You'll have a chance to swim and snorkel, or go diving (at an additional cost) in the company of environmental guides, scientists, or a Cuban dive expert. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TRINIDAD

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Trinidad is a meticulously preserved colonial city, perhaps Cuba's most beautiful. Take a walk along its cobblestone streets, visiting museums and meeting entrepreneurs and artists. After lunch, there's more time to get to know this charming town and its residents. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 AND 9: JARDINES DE LA REINA NATIONAL PARK*

Jardines de la Reina (Gardens of the Queen) is a marine protected area covering more than 850 square miles. Its reefs are some of the most robust in the Caribbean and home to large species such as lemon, hammerhead, and silky sharks as well as goliath groupers. Discover this unique marine



habitat alongside ecologists and researchers, who are working to preserve the "Gardens." Go snorkeling or opt to scuba dive (at an additional cost) to encounter a great diversity of corals, fish, and other creatures. Stop on the islands to take walks with naturalists, looking for ospreys, frigatebirds, spoonbills, pelicans, and more. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: CIENFUEGOS

Sail into Cienfuegos, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with elegant French-inspired architecture. Head into the town center on foot, seeing palaces, schools, churches, and residential houses. At the Graphic Arts Workshop, get to know local artists. Then meet up with musicians and singers for a musical performance. (B,L,D)



Cienfuegos.

DAY 11: DISEMBARK/CIENFUEGOS/MIAMI

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport in either Cienfuegos or Santa Clara for our flight back to Miami. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28; 2017 Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

**Please note: Our visits to the Bay of Pigs and Jardines de la Reina are pending permission from Cuban officials and are subject to change.*

PANORAMA II

CAPACITY: 44 guests in 22 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Greece. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: The ship is fully air-conditioned. There is a sun deck and an al fresco area on the Upper Deck. There is a library area and the lounge has a full service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations. Guests are welcome on the "Open Bridge" to meet the Captain and Officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Weather permitting, some meals are served al fresco on the Upper Deck. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties.

CABINS: All have lower beds and face outside, with windows or portholes. Each has private facilities, individual climate controls, television, internal telephone, safe, and mini-fridge.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Snorkeling equipment is available.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guests may swim directly from the yacht's stern swim platform, weather permitting. Satellite Internet access is available on board.

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

CATEGORY 1: Lower Deck # 14-17 Each cabin has a queen-size bed and a large porthole high in the cabin. **\$9,500**

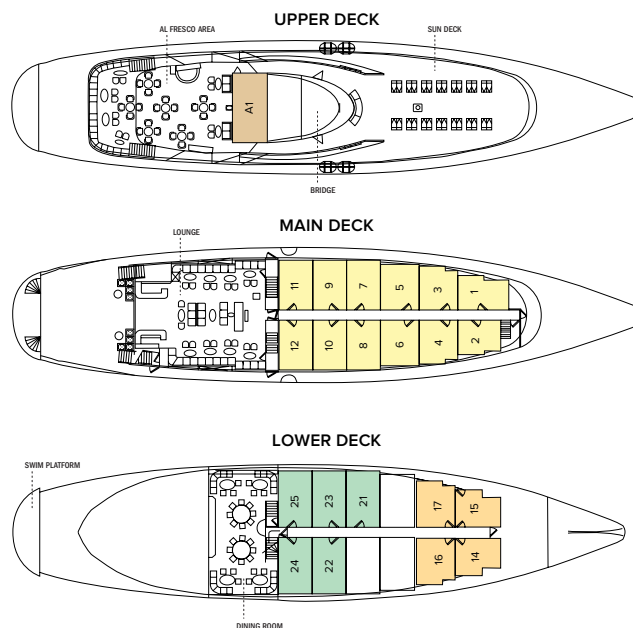
CATEGORY 2: Lower Deck # 21-25 Each cabin has either a queen-size bed or two lower single beds, and a large porthole high in the cabin. **\$10,200**

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck # 1-12 Each cabin has either a queen-size bed or two lower single beds, and a window. Two sets of cabins can be interconnected: # 7 & 9, and # 8 & 10. **\$11,000**

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck # A1 This is the largest cabin aboard ship, and can be configured with either two lower single beds or a queen-size bed. It has two windows. **\$11,500**

Note: Sole occupancy cabins are available in Category 1 only.

Shared Accommodations: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Category 2 only.



Left to right: Panorama II offers gracious accommodation and comfort. Category 4 cabin, Category 3 cabin, Category 2 cabin. The aft area at the Upper Deck provides generous semi-covered or sun-exposed areas where guests can enjoy meals al fresco, with wonderful views. The comfortable lounge is the hub of social activities and presentations.

For Reservations: Contact your travel advisor or Lindblad Expeditions

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cost Includes: All accommodations (three nights in hotel in Havana and seven nights aboard ship); meals indicated; people-to-people visits; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, staff and local guides; use of Zodiacs, snorkeling equipment and wetsuits; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes.

Not Included: Air transportation; immigration/visa/passport fees; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, emails, laundry, etc.; discretionary tips to ship's crew.

Flight Information: All guests are required to travel on group flights (Miami/Havana, returning Cienfuegos/Miami), which must be booked and ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions.

Advance Payment: \$1,000 due at time of booking.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain 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 web site at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for this trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Important: Cancellations are subject to penalty. Visit our website for details on our Cancellation Policy and Travel Protection Plan.

Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change.

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- » Porthole Cruise Magazine Readers’ Choice Awards: Best Expedition Cruise Line, 2015
- » The Tourism Cares Travel Philanthropy Awards: Legacy in Travel Philanthropy, 2015
- » World Travel Awards: World’s Leading Green Cruise Line, 2015
- » Condé Nast Traveler’s 2014 Readers’ Poll—Top 20 Small Cruise Ships in the World, 2014
- » Condé Nast Traveler World Savers “Doing it All” Award, 2013
- » Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Award—Top 25 Cruise Lines, 2013
- » Condé Nast Traveler “Gold List”, 2013, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
- » Virtuoso “Sustainable Tourism Leadership-Supplier” Award, 2013
- » Travel + Leisure “World’s Best” Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
- » Travel + Leisure “World’s Best for Families” Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
- » Cruise Critic Editor’s Pick Awards “Best for Adventure,” 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
- » Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009
- » Tourism for Tomorrow “Global Tourism Business Award,” 2007

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