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

Dear Traveler,



I often wonder what each and every one of you, our travelers, are thinking as you leave your homes, heading out to join one of our expeditions.

What are your expectations and your hopes? I wonder whether your decision to go was clear and unambivalent, or whether deciding was difficult.

For most of us, deciding where to travel and, more importantly, how to travel, is really quite complex. There are so many possibilities, so much noise and, frankly, a massive amount of disinformation out there in the world.

Some places are iconic which makes them easier to fathom. But there is often a correlation between iconic and overcrowding.

The world is very much on the move these days, and places where you can find interesting things to see and experience, while not feeling like an invading army, are harder and harder to find. It's why we have focused so much on relatively small expedition ships: they give us the ability to easily slip away from the pack, and get in closer for a more in-depth experience.

I just came back from 15 days in Indonesia with family and friends. It was part vacation and part reconnaissance. We spent 4 days in Bali, a week on a small boat exploring Komodo National Park and surrounding islands and, finally, 4 days in Borneo. I hadn't been back to this part of the world for 21 years, and was really eager to go diving with my kids, and to spend some quality time with orangutans (see pages 76-77 for some of the photos I took there). To accomplish this we took 11 flights, spent endless hours in airports, even had to leave luggage here and there because of various weight and other restrictions.

It was great fun and very inspiring but, at the same time, really hard work with plenty of stress.

During one particularly grueling layover at some outpost airport I thought to myself, people on the *National Geographic Orion* would cover essentially the same and more geography in less time, with seven fewer flights, and with bags unpacked just once.

Contrast is a powerful experience.

In any case, I hope the expeditions on the following pages prove inspiring. It's still a most interesting world out there and our expedition teams are committed to making it even more so, with a minimum of travel stress.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven-Olof Lindblad', written in a cursive style.

Sven-Olof Lindblad



Young male orangutan in the jungle of Tanjung Puting National Park.



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2015 Expedition Calendar

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	PAGES	SHIP	
POLAR REGIONS			
Antarctica–South Georgia–the Falklands	12-17	NG Explorer & NG Orion	■
Arctic Norway	18-21	NG Explorer	
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast	22	NG Explorer	
Iceland	106	NG Explorer	
From Iceland to Greenland	24	NG Explorer	
Greenland and the Canadian Arctic	26	NG Explorer	
SOUTH AMERICA			
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NORTH AMERICA			
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Pacific Northwest: Columbia & Snake Rivers	54	NG Sea Bird/NG Sea Lion	
Baja California and the Sea of Cortez	56 & 107	NG Sea Bird	
Costa Rica and the Panama Canal	58-61	NG Sea Lion	
The Caribbean	62	Sea Cloud	
EUROPE & THE MEDITERRANEAN			
Azores & Madeira to Morocco	64	NG Explorer	
Morocco, Spain and Portugal	66	NG Explorer	
Holland and Belgium	68	NG Explorer	
British Isles and Irish Isles & Scotland	70 & 107	NG Explorer	
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AUSTRALIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC			
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Here's to the 10th Anniversary of the Lindblad



April 29, 2014. Lindblad expedition leaders and expedition photographers assembled on the steps of historic Hubbard Hall at National Geographic Society's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Seen in the background are two of the five large murals that famous clan patriarch, N.C. Wyeth, completed in 1927 for the Society's library.

Expeditions-National Geographic alliance!

On Monday April 28, 2014 Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic hosted a expedition staff meeting at the National Geography Society in Washington, DC. The meeting brought together Lindblad expedition leaders and members of the Expedition Photography team for engaging planning and idea-generating discussions.

It also created the opportunity for National Geographic President and CEO, Gary Knell, and the National Geographic team, to festively honor the 10th Anniversary of the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic alliance. The team surprised Sven Lindblad, lifelong explorer, photographer, filmmaker, travel company founder and president, with something he doesn't have in his collection—a *National Geographic* magazine featuring him on the cover! While obviously make-believe, the cover tribute was heartfelt. The gesture commemorates the mutual inspiration and affection that binds the two organizations in an alliance that continues to inspire, illuminate and educate the thousands of travelers who have explored and will explore the world aboard the ships of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. Here's to many more years more of fostering our planet's wonders together with our incredible expedition teams and interesting explorer-guests!



This explorer portrait of Sven was shot in Antarctica in 2012, when he first visited Lindblad Cove, named in honor of his father Lars-Eric Lindblad by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names in 1996. Note the image in the upper left: it's from a 1977 National Geographic magazine article describing an accident Sven had as a young staffer aboard his father's ship in Antarctica. It taught him the respect for wildness and experience that guides Lindblad teams today.

50+25=75 | The impact of educators adds up



2013 Grosvenor Teacher Fellows, from left: Amy Lake, Susan Pike, Rona Zollinger.

“This was a life-changing experience for me. Having known and taught about the Arctic for years through books and video I felt that I covered it adequately in my classes. However, having now experienced it first hand—glaciers, icebergs, polar bears, a polar plunge, permafrost, giant seabird colonies (the list is endless)—I am much more passionate in my delivery than ever before. What kids and our fellow teachers remember the most about any topic is the passion and enthusiasm with which it was delivered. [Now] everyone I touch has been, through me, touched by the Arctic!”

—SUE PIKE, 2013 GROSVENOR TEACHER FELLOW

This year, twenty-five selected educators from the United States and Canada will embark on Lindblad voyages aboard *National Geographic Explorer* for a hands-on experience for professional development. On in-depth, eight- to 14-day expeditions to locations including Arctic Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland, the Canadian Maritimes and Antarctica, they'll actively experience the landscapes, wildlife and cultures unique to these parts of the world, including formidable glaciers, polar bears and penguins. Led by expert Lindblad-National Geographic expedition team members, including Lindblad naturalists, a National Geographic photographer and an undersea specialist, the Fellows will hike, kayak, and explore on Zodiac and cultural outings. Fellows gain a wealth of knowledge to develop activities, lesson plans, and projects to share with their classrooms, colleagues, and communities upon returning home.

And when this year's group of 25 returns from their expeditions, it will bring the total number of educators who've experienced the Grosvenor Teacher Fellow Program to 75. And when one considers the year-after-year impact that a single exceptional teacher has on their students, peers and communities, the value of 75 educators' enhanced geo-literacy is exponential.



In March 2014, Sven Lindblad visited the PS 321 5th grade class of 2013 Grosvenor Fellow, Crystal Thiele. As the photo shows, he and the kids spent a mutually engaged couple of hours on the topic of adventure and exploration. The class' follow-up note is among his favorites ever.

» FIND PHOTOS & BIOS OF THE 2014 FELLOWS ON THE GROSVENOR TEACHER FELLOWS WEBSITE AT WWW.NATGEOED.ORG/GTF



2014 Class of Grosvenor Teacher Fellows and staff, on the steps at National Geographic, Washington D.C. April 2014. The Fellow program was established in 2006 to honor National Geographic Society Chairman Emeritus Gilbert M. Grosvenor (front row, blue shirt) and his lifelong commitment to improving geographic education. Lindblad Expeditions Founder and President Sven Lindblad stands at left.

Celebrate



the Centennial with substance and style



Parika bears our exclusive Centennial patch featuring "The Boss," Sir Ernest Shackleton. Below, right: The entire crew poses in front of the *Endurance* for Frank Hurley's camera.

The centennial of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1917) spans three years, as did the epic hardship and leadership it commemorates. Choose to celebrate the Centennial by exploring Antarctica with us, and in addition to lasting memories and astounding photos, you'll take home this centennial-edition parka, designed exclusively for our commemorative 2014-2015 and 2015-16 seasons.

Based on historic expedition wear, including the parka worn by Lars-Eric Lindblad on the cover of his autobiography, *Passage To Anywhere*, our parka combines vintage style with high-tech fabrication for maximum comfort. Complete with commemorative patches, it's the ultimate souvenir of your adventure, a "merit badge," so to speak, and a keepsake you'll be proud to own. Of the many travelers in this world, few have or will enjoy the privilege of visiting Antarctica, and only a small subset of that group will receive this parka as a memento. If you're planning to go, perhaps 2015-2016 is your year! We're planning special onboard Centennial presentations and more.



JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,970 to \$26,720 (See pages 110-111 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see pages 114-115 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

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



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 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 amid thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.
- ▶ Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

45+
YEARS
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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, 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.

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

Last season guests had the privilege of spotting a young emperor penguin amid two gentoo penguins.



DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch overlooking the Beagle Channel. Then embark our ship and set sail. (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 perform off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing during the day. We

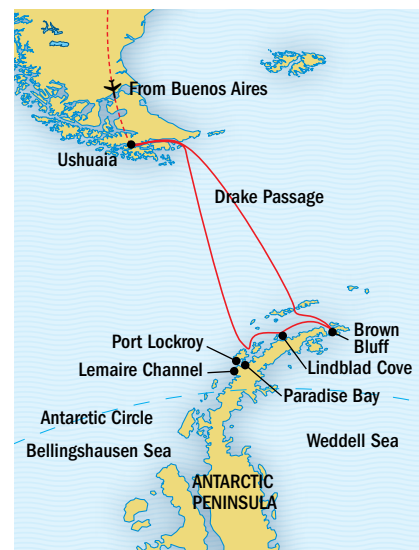
anticipate making Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of Adélie and chinstrap penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of those same 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 more, see more 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: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

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



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (Explorer): 2015 Nov. 27; Dec 7, 17[†], 27[†]; 2016 Jan. 6, 16

DATES (Orion): 2015 Dec. 6, 16[†], 26[†]
2016 Jan. 5

Note: Orion departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Ask for details or visit our website.

[†]For holiday rates, please see pages 110-111 (Explorer) and 114-115 (Orion) or visit our website.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** or a three-day post-voyage extension at **Iguazú Falls**, or a two-day pre-voyage extension to **Buenos Aires** for *Explorer*. Visit our website. Ask about **Santiago** and other extensions for *Orion*.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Explore with Alasdair McGregor, photographer, painter and author of *Frank Hurley: A Photographer's Life*, Nov. 27, 2015.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: Susan Seubert Nov. 27 & Dec. 7, 2015, Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson Dec. 17 & Dec. 27, 2015;

Orion: Jeff Mauritzen Dec. 6, 2015, Maria Stenzel Dec. 16, 2015, Chris Rainier Dec. 26, 2015 & Jan. 5, 2016.



Kayakers paddle the waters of Antarctica.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
AND *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$22,430 to \$43,250 (See pages 110-111 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see pages 114-115 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

This 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 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 during the centennial anniversary year.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 45+ years of experience here.
- ▶ Glide in a Zodiac or a kayak past massive icebergs.
- ▶ Observe tens of thousands of king penguins on a single beach.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

45+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our experienced expedition leader and team of naturalists are your conduit to an extraordinary experience. 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-guest ratio of 1:10.

South Georgia's spectacular landscape.



DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony of the pink palace forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch overlooking the Beagle Channel. Then embark your ship and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA

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

DAYS 5 AND 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS

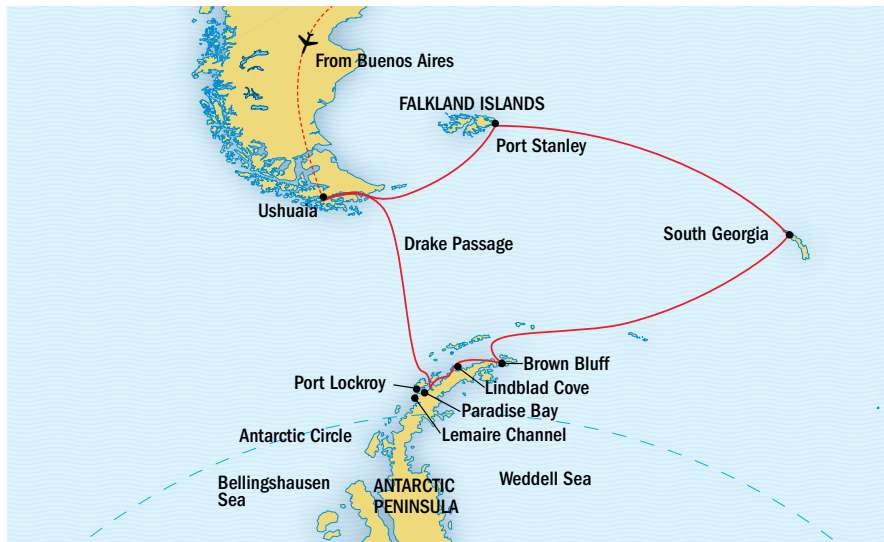
The Falklands boast the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world, king cormorants, nesting rockhopper penguins, and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic Victorian-style town of Port Stanley and visit the evocative Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)



Black-browed albatross.

DAYS 7 AND 8: AT SEA (B,L,D)**DAYS 9-13: 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)



Photographing elephant seal pups.

DAYS 14 AND 15: AT SEA (B,L,D)**DAYS 16-20: ANTARCTICA**

With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We'll 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 21 AND 22: AT SEA

On our final days 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: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. After time to explore, fly to Buenos Aires by charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (Day 23: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (Explorer): 2015 Nov. 7; 2016 Feb. 15*

DATES (Orion): 2016 Jan. 25*; Feb. 14*

*These voyages travel in reverse.

Note: Orion 2016 departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Ask for details or visit our website.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day post-voyage extension at [Iguazú Falls](#), or a four-day post-voyage extension on [Easter Island](#), or two days pre-voyage to [Buenos Aires](#). Visit our website. Ask about [Santiago](#) and other extensions for *Orion*.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with mountaineer [Peter Hillary](#) Feb. 16, 2015, or author [Alasdair McGregor](#) Nov. 7, 2015.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: [Sisse Brimberg](#) and [Cotton Coulson](#) Nov. 7, 2015; *Orion:* [Michael Melford](#) Jan. 25, 2016; [Massimo Bassano](#) Feb. 14, 2016



King penguins.

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$16,530 to \$31,920 (See pages 110-111 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.



Our unparalleled expedition team is key to an in-depth experience, and our 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, 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.

Visit a vast colony of thousands of king penguins.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike in the footsteps of “the Boss,” Sir Ernest Shackleton, during the centennial year of the Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition.
- ▶ 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.



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital. Check in to the excellent Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before having a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

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)



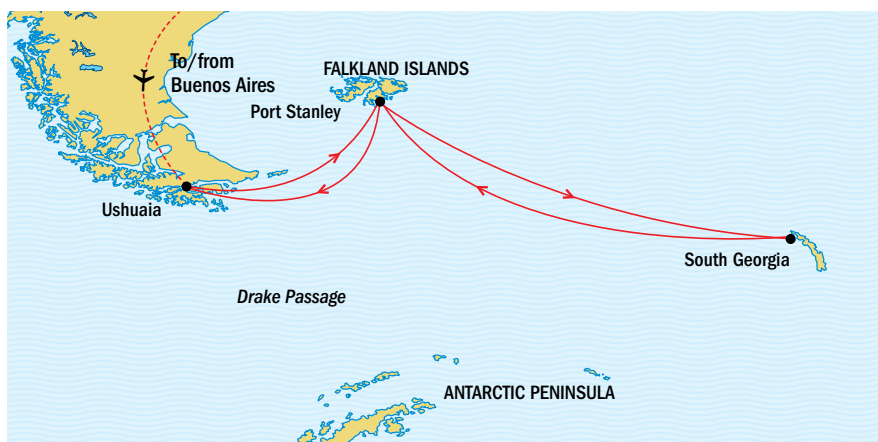
Elephant seal.

MAR. 10 AND 11: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as herds of 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 may come upon thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

MAR. 19 AND 20: AT SEA

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the bridge. Or spend the day enjoying the ship's spa, 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

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2014** to receive complimentary round-trip economy group airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires). Call for full details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day post-voyage extension at [Iguazú Falls](#) or a four-day post-voyage extension on [Easter Island](#), or a two-day pre-voyage stay in [Buenos Aires](#). Visit our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

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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.

LAND OF THE ICE BEARS: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$9,440 to \$17,460 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

A high Arctic archipelago situated between Norway and the North Pole, Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, massive sheets of ice, and magnificent polar bears. Travel under the midnight sun aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*, and experience nature in its purest form.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—the polar bear—and observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
- ▶ Take naturalist-led walks, and cruise among beautiful icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.
- ▶ Experience the legendary midnight sun: the ethereal light of the northern summer, when the sun never sets.
- ▶ Watch for huge walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Ace spotters, our veteran expedition leader and 8 naturalists are your best assurance of seeing polar bears in their native habitat,

on the ice. Our undersea specialist will reveal the deep, and the National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard will see to it that you get your shots, while the video chronicler creates a lasting record of your voyage.

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

A mother polar bear with her two cubs.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Depart on an overnight flight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the Thon Hotel Bristol (or similar). Explore this charming city, stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen.

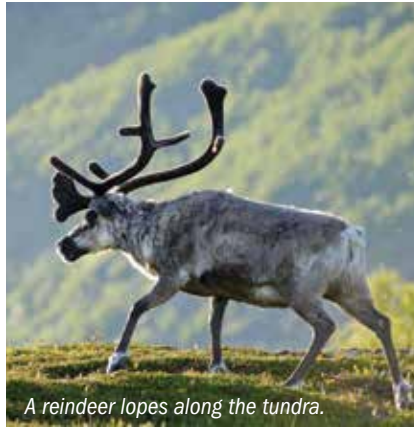
DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of discovery, and our travel in the archipelago is exploratory by design. In a region ruled not by humans, but by polar bears, we let nature guide our course. Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer midnight sun never sets. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe the ice in search of wildlife; our exact day-to-day itinerary remains flexible, depending on local ice and weather conditions. Zodiacs and kayaks take us closer to experience the region's geologic features and the wildlife that flourishes during the summer months. With our National Geographic photographer and a seasoned naturalist staff, venture to

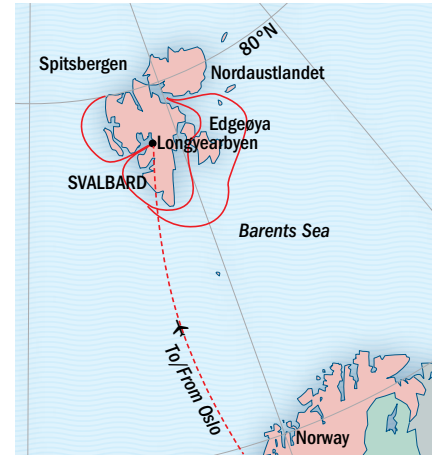
the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; and search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walrus, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. (B,L,D)



A reindeer lopes along the tundra.

DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

In Longyearbyen, the largest settlement in Svalbard, disembark and enjoy time to explore. Founded by an American coal executive in 1906, this is one of the northernmost human settlements on Earth. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 11: OSLO/FLY TO U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Jun. 1, 8, 15

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to **Norway's Fjords**, or a four-day post-voyage extension to **Iceland**. Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel on Jun. 15, 2015 with polar explorer **Eric Larsen**, (right), or **Barry Lopez**, author of "Arctic Dreams," Jun. 8, 2015.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with award-winning nature photographer and filmmaker **Rich Reid**, Jun. 8 & 15, 2015. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo**



Guests observe walrus.



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Kayakers off Svalbard's pristine coast.

NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$15,170 TO \$27,750 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Meander along Norway's fjord-carved coast, from the Hanseatic town of Bergen, past the North Cape to the ice and wildlife of the Svalbard Archipelago, only 600 miles from the North Pole. Visit tiny fishing hamlets, kayak narrow inlets between towering peaks, and hike wildflower-strewn islands. Then search for the polar bears of Svalbard and other arctic wildlife.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

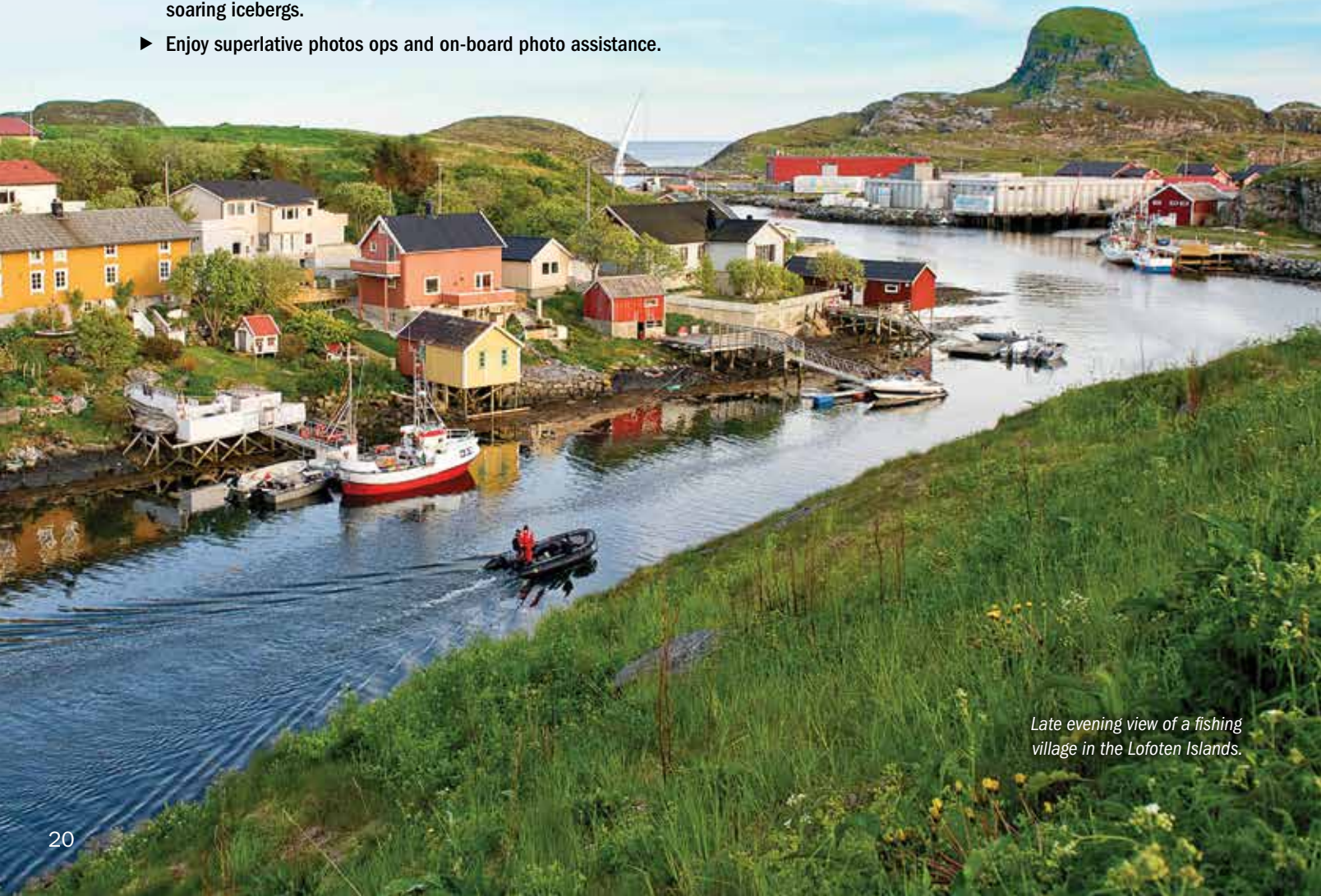
- ▶ Follow the bucket-list-worthy fjord-carved coast and see its small islets and island communities.
- ▶ Explore the High Arctic of Svalbard, the polar bear capital of the planet, and watch for walrus, reindeers, whales and rich birdlife.
- ▶ Actively explore: hike, walk, Zodiac-cruise and kayak amid stunning fjord scenery and soaring icebergs.
- ▶ Enjoy superlative photos ops and on-board photo assistance.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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Late evening view of a fishing village in the Lofoten Islands.

MAY 19 AND 20: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)/EMBARK

Fly overnight to the Hanseatic town of Bergen, the gateway to the fjordlands. Stroll Bryggens Wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage site, before embarkation. (May 20: L,D)

MAY 21: NORDFJORD

Today we enter lovely and little-touristed Nordfjord where we are transported via coach along Loen Valley's jagged mountains and turquoise-colored lake. Hike flat trails to Briksdal Glacier. (B,L,D)



Nordfjord.

MAY 22: SMØLA

After over 30 years of exploring this extraordinary coastline, we still find new and exciting places to visit. Explore the scenic little island of Smøla, where we have been specially invited by the locals. (B,L,D)

MAY 23 AND 24: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

Amid the rugged, mountainous islands and steep-walled fjords we explore a variety of landings: Zodiac along vertical rock faces, paddle a kayak in a deep fjord surrounded by cascading waterfalls, or hike with our naturalists. Over the years, we've discovered special places, including Melfjord, a narrow channel surrounded by high granite cliffs. (B,L,D)

MAY 25: LOFOTEN ISLANDS

The Lofoten Archipelago is an enchanting area of picturesque villages by the sea backed with jagged peaks. By Zodiac, view Atlantic puffins, razorbills and guillemots. Go ashore at the island of Værøy, and be on deck as we cruise into dramatic Trollfjord, one of Norway's most famous fjords. (B,L,D)

MAY 26: TYSFJORDEN

Enter the long Tysfjorden, where only a few small villages cling to rocky shores. Explore unspoiled Hellemobotn by Zodiac, kayak or on foot. (B,L,D)

MAY 27: TROMSØ

Tromsø is known as the "gateway to the Arctic" because so many Arctic expeditions originated here. Visit the Polar Museum and the Arctic Cathedral, where the unique architecture evokes icebergs. (B,L,D)

MAY 28: BEAR ISLAND

Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, guillemots and gulls. (B,L,D)

MAY 29-JUN. 2: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Arctic Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, and massive ice sheets. Our focus is the search for walruses, seals, reindeer, arctic foxes and polar bears. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. With our stabilized, ice-class ship, a flexible itinerary, and years of experience here, we are able to venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, hike the tundra, and explore fjords that split the coastline. (B,L,D)



Mother and cub.

JUN. 3: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Longyearbyen and visit the Svalbard Art Gallery and Museum before boarding our charter flight to Oslo. Check in to the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, and have the evening free in Oslo. (B,L)

JUN. 4: OSLO/U.S. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 May 19

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). Visit our website or see page 29.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Captain Alfred S. McLaren "has probably spent more time than anyone else beneath the earth's northern ice, measuring its thickness, investigating its life and mapping the plains, crags and fissure of its seabed," reads *The New York Times*.



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SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$13,820 to \$25,230 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Explore three iconic and stunningly beautiful Arctic regions: the Svalbard Archipelago of Norway, and the countries of Iceland and Greenland. Go aboard the world's ultimate expedition ship, and rely on the planet's best ice team as you probe the ice edge to search for wildlife, including polar bears, walrus, reindeer, and arctic foxes. This is an authentic expedition aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, a ship perfectly suited to the ever-changing ice. Like the brave sailors of the golden age of exploration who set out with no set itinerary—seeking adventure, knowledge, and the unknown—we are completely dependent on ice, wildlife, and weather conditions, allowing nature to guide us to her wonderful surprises.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Arctic Svalbard, the polar bear capital of the planet, to observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
- ▶ Navigate the arctic wilderness of the Greenland Sea to Iceland's wild western coast, with expert naturalists and a fully equipped expedition ship—making multiple stops en route completely dependent on ice, wildlife, and weather conditions.
- ▶ Watch for huge walruses, whales, and reindeer, and spot rich birdlife.
- ▶ Glide between soaring ice floes, exploring via ship, Zodiac, and kayak.

A walrus flicks his huge tusks.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled expedition 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, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, an undersea specialist, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

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



JUN. 22 AND 23: U.S. FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSLO, NORWAY

Fly overnight to Oslo. On arrival, check into the Thon Hotel Bristol (or similar) and explore this charming city. Stroll amid Oslo's famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian polar explorers Nansen and Amundsen.

JUN. 24: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

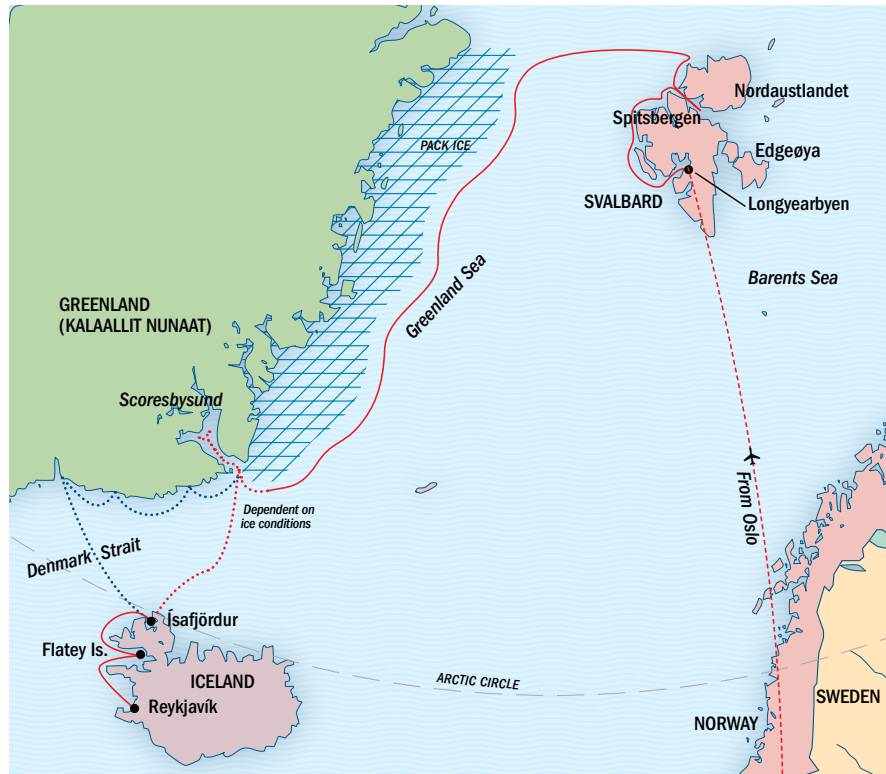
JUN. 25-JUL. 7: EXPLORING SVALBARD, GREENLAND & ICELAND

Our itinerary, in keeping with the nature of an expedition, will be a thoughtfully considered framework based on our experience in this dynamic arctic region. We'll take advantage of our 'human resources'—our experienced captain, expedition leader and naturalists—as well as our technological resources. Armed with the latest satellite imagery, we'll chart where the ice is impenetrable, and where there are leads guiding us to exciting discoveries. We have an ice-strengthened hull and forward-searching sonar, plus agile Zodiacs and kayaks, allowing us to make forays among the icebergs. The undersea specialist will deploy the ROV, bringing back imagery few, if any, have ever seen. And with unforgettable days in the ice, and two professional photographers on board, you'll get your best photos ever.



Polar bear.

Svalbard Norway is a place of deep fjords, snow-capped mountains, and massive ice sheets. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. Venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, hike the tundra, and explore fjords that split the coastline.



Svalbard's wonders are a prelude to discoveries on unknown shores, following the ice's edge. Our quest is to discover the Arctic's grand wilderness. Be on deck as our captain navigates between icebergs that drift from the calving glaciers. And if the ice yields, we'll aim for Scoresbysund, on the east coast of Greenland, awakening from winter's icy grip. If the ice is unrelenting, we'll explore a bit further south where there are spectacular fjords reliably ice-free at this time of year, as well as intriguing native villages such as Tasiilaq where Lars-Eric Lindblad took intrepid travelers dog-sledding 40 years ago.

Our journey ends on the west coast of Iceland: the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills; Flatey Island, a former trading post; and Ísafjörður, a picture postcard of Icelandic life. (B,L,D)

JUL. 8: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

We'll see Iceland's capital, Reykjavík for a guided overview of the old town, visit the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths, and have lunch prior to our flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Jun. 22

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 to receive complimentary charter airfare (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a five-day pre-voyage extension to the [Norwegian Fjords](#), a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland](#), or a one-day post-voyage extension to [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#). Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel on Jun. 22, 2015 with journalist and author **Fen Montaigne**, whose work has appeared in *National Geographic*.



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ALONG THE VIKING TRAIL: FROM ICELAND TO GREENLAND

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$10,580 to \$19,550 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Centuries ago, Erik the Red became the first European to visit Greenland. In 1972 Lars-Eric Lindblad pioneered expeditions to the icy country. Feel the stir of your inner Viking aboard *National Geographic Explorer* as we follow in the wake of the legendary explorer, discovering the dramatic landscapes and rich traditions of Greenland and Iceland. Explore Iceland's western fjords by Zodiac; kayak among the magnificent icebergs of East Greenland; and hike amid charming Scandinavian hamlets. Immerse yourself in Nordic history on visits with our experts to fascinating Viking sites and settlements.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture to two remarkable sites on the Viking Trail, settled by Erik the Red 500 years before Columbus.
- ▶ Glide between soaring ice floes in East Greenland, exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot.
- ▶ Hike and Zodiac Iceland's wild Westfjord region and explore Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital city.
- ▶ Meet the friendly Greenlanders who maintain their traditional lifestyle.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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A puffin on the clifftops.

JUL. 19 AND 20: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, located just south of the Arctic Circle. On a walking tour of the old town, visit Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral and delve into Viking history at the National Museum, with its Viking treasures. Embark our ship. (Jul. 20: L,D)

JUL. 21: THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

National Geographic Explorer navigates Iceland's wild western frontier, sailing past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to Flatey Island, a trading post for centuries, for walks in the village and explorations of the coast by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

JUL. 22: CROSSING THE DENMARK STRAIT

Crossing to Greenland, *National Geographic Explorer* follows in the wake of Eric the Red and Brendan the Navigator. Watch for whales as we cross. (B,L,D)

JUL. 23: EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND

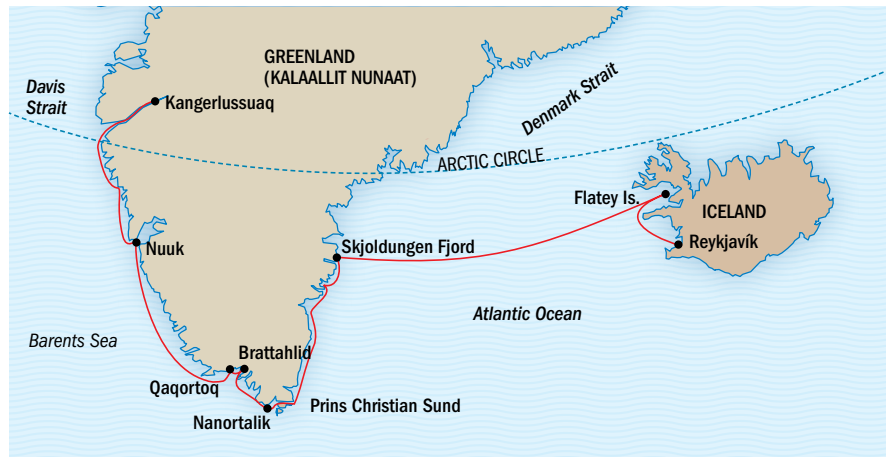
The Greenland Ice Sheet is the second largest ice body in the world, after the Antarctic ice sheet, roughly 80% of the surface of Greenland. The high arctic-like climate is dominated by ice floes. Among the options for exploration are landings at Skjoldungen fjord or Napasorsuaq fjord. We'll use our tools for exploration to the fullest, taking Zodiac or kayak forays among the icebergs and deploying our ROV. (B,L,D)

JUL. 24: PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND & NANORTALIK

Prins Christian Sund is a fjord on the southern coast of Greenland. Surrounded by mountain pinnacles and glaciers, the decks are perfect for viewing this landscape. Anchor off Nanortalik, Greenland's most southerly town. Go ashore to the picturesque town. (B,L,D)

JUL. 25: HVALSEY RUINS (QAQORTUKULOQ) & QAQORTOQ

Today you'll explore a remarkable site on the Viking Trail. Qaqortukuloq was settled by one of Erik the Red's cousins in 986 AD. A UNESCO World Heritage site, it is the most



extensive Norse site in Greenland. Continue to Qaqortoq. Inhabited since Norse times, the Scandinavian influence is still apparent in the colorful wooden buildings and town museum, displaying Greenlandic kayaks, hunting equipment, art, and crafts. (B,L,D)

JUL. 26: BRATTAHLID/ERIKSFORD

Eriksfjord is the area that Erik the Red chose for his farm when he settled here in 982 AD. You'll explore Brattahlid, site of the first Christian church in the western hemisphere, built by Erik's wife, Tjodhilde. This region is also the starting point of the first voyages to North America by his son, Leif Eriksson, 500 years before Columbus. (B,L,D)

JUL. 27: NUUK

Nuuk is the world's smallest capital city with 15,000 inhabitants. Visit the National Museum with its famous 15th-century Qilakitsoq mummies, found near Uummanaq and the subject of a *National Geographic* cover story. (B,L,D)

JUL. 28: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Today is for exploration. Take a Zodiac cruise, kayak, or hike across the tundra. Our undersea specialist may launch the ROV to see the marine life inhabiting the fjord floor. (B,L,D)

JUL. 29 AND 30: KANGERLUSSUAQ/ DISEMBARK/FLY TO OTTAWA/U.S.

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and fly to Ottawa via chartered aircraft. Overnight at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, or similar, and fly home. (Jul. 29: B,L; Jul. 30: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Jul. 19

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2014** to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa)—a \$1,200 value. Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 TO \$24,790 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- ▶ Discover the incredible wildlife and landscapes of the Canadian High Arctic.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, walruses, ringed seals and, with luck, narwhals in their natural habitat.

An inquisitive polar bear.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

There is simply no better, more veteran team with whom to head into this bellwether geography. Our expedition leader, and 8 naturalists are Arctic-adept. A National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler will help you capture the experience. An undersea specialist and wellness specialist round out our team. And the Global Perspectives Guest Speaker adds relevant insight.

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DAY 1: U.S./OTTAWA, CANADA

Arrive in Ottawa and check into the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. (D)

DAY 2: OTTAWA/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK

Fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark *National Geographic Explorer* at the head of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, a picturesque waterway that stretches 100 miles. (B,L,D)

Bethel church in Sisimiut.

**DAY 3: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT**

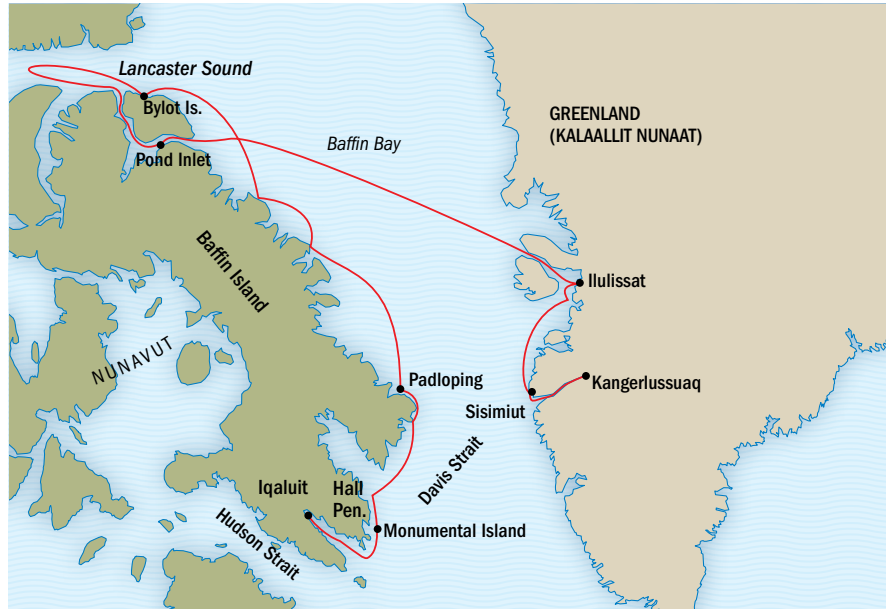
Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. Trace this ragged coastline, and search for humpback and minke whales. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among towering icebergs. Explore the historic Inuit fishing village of Sermermiut, and view the Jakobshavn Icefjord and its immense, calving glacier. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY (B,L,D)**DAYS 6-8: EXPLORING THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC**

Carved by Ice Age glaciers, Lancaster Sound is the eastern gateway to the Arctic Archipelago. European explorers like William Baffin first ventured here in the 15th century to search for the Northwest Passage. The sound has been a favorite Inuit hunting and fishing location for hundreds of years. Our days here will be spent searching for ringed seals, arctic



foxes, walrus, and polar bears, as well as beluga and bowhead whales. We may even see the elusive narwhal, an arctic whale known for the long, spiraling tooth that projects up to ten feet from its upper jaw. (B,L,D)



Bowhead whale.

DAYS 9-11: EASTERN BAFFIN ISLAND

Using our years of experience in judging ice conditions, we make the most of the eastern Baffin shores. Hike the tundra in search of caribou and arctic foxes, or follow our botanist to learn more about the hardy arctic plants. We'll cruise the coastline in search of walrus and other icons of the Canadian North. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 AND 13: DISEMBARK IQALUIT, NUNAVUT/FLY TO OTTAWA, CANADA/U.S.

DiseMBark in Iqaluit and fly to Ottawa, Canada by chartered aircraft. Overnight in Ottawa at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, or similar. (Day 12: B,L; Day 13: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jul. 28; Aug. 7*, 17, 27*

*These voyages travel from Iqaluit to Kangerlussuaq.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:

Explore with Rich Reid, Aug. 17 & 27, 2015, or Ralph Lee Hopkins, whose Arctic wildlife images have appeared in National Geographic books and magazines, Jul. 28 & Aug. 7, 2015.



Guests explore the ice via kayak.

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Optional Post-voyage Extension IGUAZÚ FALLS

3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2015/16 PRICES*: Double Occupancy: \$2,690; Sole Occupancy: \$3,360

*To be added to the cost of the voyage. Airfare not included.

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 Iguazú Falls extension can be taken after **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; and **Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island**.

Discover towering Iguazú Falls and Iguazú National Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site because of its beautiful subtropical forest that's home to over 450 bird species. For the itinerary go to www.expeditions.com/iguazu



Iguazú Falls.



Moai, Easter Island.

Optional Post-voyage Extension EASTER ISLAND

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2015/16 PRICES*: Double Occupancy: \$3,390; Sole Occupancy: \$4,940

*To be added to the voyage cost. Chilean immigration fee, all airfares are not included.

NOTE: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Buenos Aires. Additional costs will apply. Ask for details.

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. The Easter Island extension can be taken after select departures of **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; **Peru & Chile**; **Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island**.

See the giant stone statues of Easter Island and learn about the long-lost culture that grew up in isolation.

For itinerary go to www.expeditions.com/easterisland

Optional Pre-voyage Extension BUENOS AIRES

2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2015/16 PRICES*: Double Occupancy: \$1,690; Sole Occupancy \$1,990

*To be added to the voyage cost.

The Buenos Aires extension can be taken before select departures of **Antarctica**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**, and **Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island**.

Explore vibrant Buenos Aires on a curated two-day extension that showcases the beguiling personality of one of the world's greatest cities.

For itinerary go to www.expeditions.com/buenosaires



Buenos Aires.

EXTEND YOUR VOYAGE IN THE ARCTIC

Optional Pre-voyage Extension THE HEART OF NORWAY'S FJORDS

5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2015 PRICES*: Double occupancy: \$4,290; Sole occupancy: \$4,860

*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfare not included. Ask for details.

The rich landscapes of southern Norway, including Sognefjord—the longest and deepest fjord in Norway—are the ideal addition to your adventures. Thundering waterfalls and snowy peaks offer wonderful photo ops. The Norwegian Fjords extension can be taken before **Land of the Ice Bears**; and **Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast**. See the itinerary at www.expeditions.com/norwayfjords



Sognefjord.

Optional Post-voyage Extension ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2015 PRICES*: Double occupancy: \$3,760; Sole occupancy: \$4,150

*To be added to the voyage cost. International airfares (including Oslo/Keflavik) are not included. Ask for details.

Once you've seen the land of ice, it only makes sense to see its counterpart: the land of fire and ice—Iceland. Explore Iceland's hot springs, bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers and massive icecaps and glaciers. Iceland's Natural Wonders can be taken after departures of **Land of the Ice Bears**; **Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard**; and **Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast**. See itinerary at www.expeditions.com/icelandwonders



Myvatn, geothermal area.

GALÁPAGOS

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

PRICES FROM: \$5,490 to \$12,850 (See pages 116-119 for complete prices.)

It's different in Galápagos, “a little world within itself,” as Darwin described it, where magical encounters with animals—curious, or sublimely indifferent to our presence—happen like nowhere else on earth. Each island is different. The undersea offers you a remarkable experience. And when you explore with us you experience it all, in a different, more in-depth way than any other company can offer.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Snorkel with sea turtles, penguins, playful sea lions & the world's only swimming iguana.
- ▶ Experience many of Galápagos' different islands; walk among the wildlife for incredible photo ops.
- ▶ Observe rare giant tortoises in the wild.
- ▶ Explore up close & personally by kayak or Zodiac.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

40+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

In the nearly 50 years we've been exploring Galápagos, we've introduced generations of travelers to its magic and mystery.

We're committed to Galápagos; and have raised millions, along with our guests, for its conservation. And we're fully invested, too; the only U.S. company that owns and operates two ships, based there year-round. An expedition leader, our team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, wellness specialist, and video chronicler all contribute to your experience of the wonders of Galápagos.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Galápagos giant tortoise.



DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Depart for Guayaquil and upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Hilton Colón.

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS

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

DAYS 3–8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

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

ISLA BARTOLOMÉ

Walk to the top of Bartolomé's volcanic cone for a stunning view of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding beaches. After the hike, immerse yourself among schools of multicolored reef fish. You may also have the opportunity to swim with Galápagos penguins.

ISLA SANTIAGO

Hike through a beautiful *Palo Santo* forest, explore a hidden lagoon. Follow a path along a series of tide pools and underwater caverns in search of Galápagos fur seals, marine iguanas, sea lions, shore birds, and Sally Lightfoot crabs.

ISLA SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz is home to the Charles Darwin Research station; learn about the science done here and visit the neighboring captive breeding program for endangered species of Galápagos giant tortoises, run by their partners in conservation, the Galápagos National Park Service. Later, travel into the highlands where wild tortoise forage to observe and photograph these tortoises in the wild.

ISLA ISABELA

Explore the largest island in the group, home to enormous marine iguanas, abundant sea turtles, the only species of flightless cormorant in the world and the only penguin species that inhabits the equator. Cruise by Zodiac and hike against the backdrop of giant shield volcanoes, and snorkel in the cool, rich waters that often draw whales and dolphins to the area.

ISLA FLOREANA

Take a pre-breakfast hike to a turtle nesting beach and a lagoon home to flamingos and other bird species. At Champion Islet, snorkel among sea lions, or peer into an underwater world in a glass-bottom boat (*Endeavour* only) while keeping an eye out for the endangered Floreana mockingbird. Visit Post Office Bay, founded by whalers in the 18th century—if you see a letter addressed to someone who lives near you, the tradition is to deliver it by hand.

ISLA FERNANDINA

Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza as we hike over lava flows. Galápagos hawks, sea lion nurseries, and the rare Galápagos flightless cormorant will be found as we explore this island. Snorkel among sea turtles, penguins and occasional marine iguanas.



Guests kayaking.

ISLA ESPAÑOLA

See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds and boobies, on this birder's paradise. Walk among vivid green and red marine iguanas and lava lizards, and observe sea lions up close on a pristine white-sand beach.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Guayaquil. The evening is at your leisure at the Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/U.S.

Depart Guayaquil this morning, arriving home the same day. (B)

* Please note: Itineraries vary from week to week, subject to the Galápagos National Park regulations. Each itinerary will include Isla Santa Cruz and a selection of the other stops listed on these pages.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2014 & 2015: Expeditions depart every Friday on the *National Geographic Endeavour* and every Saturday on the *National Geographic Islander*.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 and receive free round-trip air from NYC or Miami to Galápagos on select Sep.–Dec. 2014 departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour* only. Plus, free round-trip air on select 2015 departures. Subject to availability; new bookings only.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Galápagos expedition with a voyage to the [Upper Amazon](#) or [Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca](#). Or make the most of your time in the region by combining all three expeditions. Visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with National Geographic photographers **Peter Essick** on Oct. 24 & 31,



2014 departures; and **Becky Hale** on Feb. 20 & 27, 2015 departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour*.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Galápagos** video.

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

16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR* AND
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

PRICES FROM: \$10,380 to \$19,140 (See pages 116-119 for complete prices.)

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from a historical and archaeological perspective. Take advantage of Peru's proximity to the Galápagos and journey from the islands to Lima. Then expert guides join you for an exploration of the Sacred Valley of the Inca, the majesty of Machu Picchu and the winding colonial streets of Cusco.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



This expedition has been developed with the insight and depth we've obtained from decades in the region, and the quality of our veteran

Galápagos staff extends into our Machu Picchu & Peru program. Your Peruvian expedition team will be of the same caliber as those on our ships—a team of local experts with in-depth knowledge of Peru's rich Inca heritage, unique cuisine, and distinct geography.

The Inca city of Machu Picchu.



DAYS 1-8: AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 30-31.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the conveniently located Costa del Sol Ramada Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to Awanacancha, a farm where llamas and alpacas are bred. Enjoy an afternoon lecture by Peter Frost. Check into the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Peter Frost will join us as we visit the massive Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. Then attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. Enjoy an outdoor lunch with a Paso horse demonstration. Join a visit to a local pottery studio, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. After dinner, enjoy a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Continue from the valley to Machu Picchu

for a guided visit. Overnight at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (formerly Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge). The lodge's grounds are home to a great variety of the region's colorful flowers and birds. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Early morning, hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu, and watch day break over the quiet ruins. The morning is free to explore. After a train and bus ride we arrive in Cusco in the late afternoon for two nights at the Belmond Monasterio Hotel (formerly the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel). (B,L,D)

DAY 14: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the city. Relax, shop or visit one of the museums or convents including the magnificent 17th century cathedral and convent of Koricancha. Dinner is on your own. This evening, experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. (B,L)

DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at Miraflores Park Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 16: LIMA/U.S. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: Year-round, weekly departures following Galápagos aboard *National Geographic Endeavour* and *National Geographic Islander*.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 and receive free round-trip air from NYC or Miami to Galápagos/Lima/Cusco/Lima on select Sep.–Dec. 2014 departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour* only. Plus, free round-trip air on select 2015 departures. Subject to availability; new bookings only.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Take advantage of your proximity—extend this [Galápagos + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca](#) journey with the [Upper Amazon](#) expedition. Visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPEAKER

Spend time with National Geographic historian **Peter Frost** on our 2014 & 2015 departures.



Cathedral at Plaza de Armas square, Cusco.

MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

PRICES FROM: 2014: \$4,990 per person double occupancy; \$6,190 sole occupancy
2015: \$4,990 per person double occupancy; \$6,290 sole occupancy

Machu Picchu is a life-list must. Offering an ideal mix of history and stunning archaeological sites on your wild island adventure. You'll experience colorful contemporary Lima, historic Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Inca—and your adventure culminates with an early arrival at Machu Picchu to watch as day breaks over the legendary mountaintop ruins.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ See daybreak over the ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate.
- ▶ Discover Cusco's rich heritage and visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca.
- ▶ Explore the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo.
- ▶ Stroll colorful markets, explore early cathedrals and hear local musicians.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



For the 30 years we've been exploring here, we've highlighted how Inca cultural heritage influences contemporary life in Peru.

This expedition has been developed with the insight and depth we've obtained from decades in the region. You can be assured that the exhaustive attention to detail that goes into all our ship-based expeditions has gone into planning this exhilarating land journey. Your Peruvian expedition team will be of the same caliber as those on our ships. And your accommodations have been carefully chosen for their location, ambiance, and comfort.

Inca ruins of Machu Picchu.

DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Depart the U.S. and arrive in Lima by late evening.

DAY 2: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to Awanacancha, where llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and guanacos are bred. Attend an afternoon talk by Peter Frost. Check into the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Peter Frost will join us as we visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. Then attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. Enjoy an outdoor lunch with a Peruvian Paso horse demonstration. Join a visit to a local pottery studio, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. After dinner, enjoy a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Continue from the valley to Machu Picchu for a guided visit. Overnight at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (formerly the Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge). The

lodge's grounds are home to a great variety of the region's colorful flowers and birds. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

In the early morning, hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu, and watch day break over the quiet ruins. After a train and bus ride we arrive in Cusco for two nights at the Belmond Monasterio Hotel (formerly the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel). (B,L,D)

DAY 6: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the city. Visit one of the museums or convents including the magnificent 17th century cathedral and convent of Koricancha. This evening, experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

DAY 7: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at Miraflores Park Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 8: LIMA/U.S. (B)

A Peruvian market.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca departs weekly, year-round.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Take advantage of your proximity—extend this Peru journey with a [Galápagos](#) expedition or combine it with the [Upper Amazon](#) expedition. Please call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPEAKER

Spend time with National Geographic historian **Peter Frost** on our 2014 & 2015 departures.



Peruvian Paso horse and riders in formation.

UPPER AMAZON

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD *DELFIN II*

PRICES FROM: \$6,390 to \$7,460 (See page 124 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the lakes of the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced naturalists.
- ▶ Spot legendary wildlife of the Amazon, including pink and gray dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- ▶ Get acquainted with native ribereños on a visit to a community at the river's edge.
- ▶ Gaze at the wilderness from the comfort of the *Delfin II*, and enjoy delicious, local meals prepared by our onboard chef.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



We have conducted numerous Amazon expeditions in our history, and launched our first voyage aboard the beautiful, 28-guest *Delfin II* in August

2010. In order to provide expedition leadership in this pristine region, we tapped our tenured expedition leaders to lead our Amazon voyages, providing our guests with the same in-depth interpretation they find on our other expeditions. Our veteran team is highly knowledgeable about this locale, and trained to illuminate all the discoveries you'll make.

Blue & yellow macaw in flight.



DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

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

DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA

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

DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

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

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

parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive paiche fish, the Amazon’s largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

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

Pay a visit to one of the communities on the reserve’s edge and get to know the ribereños, those who live on the riverbanks, and their age-old traditions. Enjoy watching them make jewelry and other local handicrafts. Learn how local subsistence farmers cultivate wild plants and trees to earn income. Hear about how the locals find edible fruits and indigenous plants with medicinal properties hidden in the jungle. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 9: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta, and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima. Overnight at the Costa Del Sol Ramada. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/U.S.

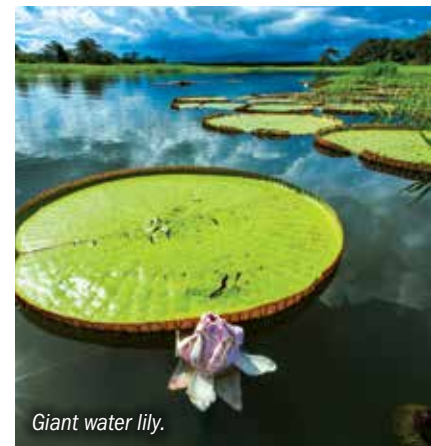
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015: Jul. 4, 11, 18, 25; Aug. 22, 29; Sep. 5, 12, 19; Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Amazon expedition with a voyage to the **Galápagos**; **Machu Picchu & the Land of the Inca**. Visit our website or call for details.



Giant water lily.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GUEST SPEAKER:

Kitty Coley is a geologist, naturalist, and avid birder who serves as a consultant to *National Geographic Magazine*. As a professional geologist, she has worked in remote rain forests and rugged landscapes around the world. Kitty will join a diverse group of naturalists on our November 14 & 21, 2015 departures.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Amazon** video.



Guests exploring the remarkable wilderness by kayak.

UPPER AMAZON & GALÁPAGOS

20 DAYS/19 NIGHTS

DEPARTURE: Combine a Galápagos expedition with Upper Amazon on a number of our 2015 departures. Please call for details. See page 124 for pricing information.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk and snorkel among the abundant, iconic Galápagos wildlife that is unfazed by your presence.
- ▶ Hike pristine islands, kayak their peaceful shorelines, and explore the Galápagos undersea.
- ▶ In the Amazon, discover an entirely different kind of biodiversity—macaws, monkeys, sloths, and more, plus meet the ribereños—inhabitants of the jungle we explore.

DAYS 1-8: PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 30-31.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the conveniently located Costa del Sol Ramada hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA

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DAYS 11-18: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—one of the largest in South



Guests exploring by skiff in the Amazon.

America—stretching more than five million acres, and harboring some of the Amazon's most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, two powerful rivers that converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by their glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, hikes on terra firma. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for massive paiche fish, the Amazon's largest.

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A monk saki monkey, perched high in a tree.

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DAY 19: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta, and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima, and overnight at the Costa del Sol Ramada. (B,L)

DAY 20: LIMA/U.S.

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

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

This Upper Amazon + Galápagos expedition can also be combined with the [Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca](#) program. Please call for details.

UPPER AMAZON + MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS

PRICES FROM: \$11,380 to \$12,450 (See ship page 124 for complete prices.)

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ See daybreak over the magnificent ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate.
- ▶ Discover Cusco, capital of the Inca empire, and the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress.
- ▶ Balance your archeological and cultural expedition with a wildlife and nature expedition into the green heart of the Amazon jungle.

DAYS 1-9: AS PER AMAZON ITINERARY ON PAGES 36-37.

DAY 10: IQUITOS/LIMA, PERU

Fly from Iquitos to Lima. Overnight at the conveniently located Ramada Costa Del Sol. (B)

DAY 11: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to Awanacancha, a farm where llamas and alpacas are bred. Enjoy a talk by Peter Frost in the afternoon. Check into the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Peter Frost joins us as we visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. Then attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. Enjoy an outdoor lunch with a Peruvian Paso horse demonstration. Join a visit to a local pottery studio, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. After dinner, enjoy a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Continue from the valley to Machu Picchu for a guided visit. Overnight at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (formerly the Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge). The lodge's grounds are home to a great variety of the region's colorful flowers and birds. (B,L,D)

Peruvian woman.



DAY 14: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

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DAY 15: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the city.



Machu Picchu's terraced fields.

Relax, shop or visit one of the museums or convents including the magnificent 17th-century cathedral and convent of Koricancha. Dinner is on your own. This evening, experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. (B,L)

DAY 16: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Miraflores Park Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 17: LIMA/U.S. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015: On our Amazon departures, Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca is available as either a pre- or post-voyage extension. Please call for details.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca expedition with a voyage to the [Galápagos](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GUEST SPEAKER

Lecture by National Geographic writer and historian **Peter Frost** on our 2015 Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca departures.

NEW

COASTAL TREASURES FROM THE PANAMA CANAL TO PERU

14 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$12,590 to \$23,280 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

This multifaceted voyage begins with what's bound to be a memorable transit of the Panama Canal, continuing to remarkable, seldom-visited places along the Pacific coast of Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. We explore an exciting sequence of off-the-beaten-track islands and protected areas, part of the Eastern Pacific Marine Conservation Corridor. And we'll learn of some of history's most intriguing ancient cultures. As we travel, we'll be warmly welcomed by people who are proud of their contemporary cultures and eager to share them.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Transit the legendary Panama Canal, linking the Atlantic and the Pacific.
- ▶ Visit the ancient adobe sites of Chan Chan and the Temples of the Sun and Moon, built by the Moche people.
- ▶ Meet with the Emberá Indians in the rain forest of the Darien Gap.
- ▶ With our naturalists, explore several national parks and wilderness areas to observe unique birds and marine life. Kayak, swim and snorkel from pristine beaches.
- ▶ Explore extraordinary sites of the Pacific side of Colombia on *National Geographic Explorer's* inaugural visit—in the company of Colombia's former president, César Gaviria.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled expedition team is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous 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, 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 bios for this expedition.

Emberá children.



**SEP. 27: U.S./PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/
EMBARK**

Arrive in Panama and drive to Colón, where we embark our ship and begin with a passage through the Gatún Locks. (D)

SEP. 28: PANAMA CANAL

The Canal, surrounded by the tropical rain forest that so challenged its builders, is an amazing feat of engineering. The 1,000-foot locks will raise and lower our ship a total of 85 feet, without pumps. Choose among several excursions before we complete our Canal transit. Today's exact schedule will be governed by the Panama Canal Authority. (B,L,D)

SEP. 29: ISLAS DE LAS PERLAS

This cluster of islands offers wonderful opportunities to swim, snorkel, explore on foot, or perhaps we may navigate the mangrove system via Zodiac. (B,L,D)

SEP. 30: DARIEN REGION

Go deep into the dense tropical forest of the Darien Gap and visit the Emberá Indians, known for their traditional lifestyle. (B,L,D)

OCT. 1: BAHÍA SOLANO, COLOMBIA

On *National Geographic Explorer's* inaugural visit to Colombia, our first stop is at the tranquil town of Bahía Solano, backed by dense jungle. Have a guided walking tour of town, or visit the botanical gardens. (B,L,D)

OCT. 2: UTRÍA NATIONAL PARK

With a gorgeous seaside setting, Utría's rain forest harbors mangrove swamps, estuaries, and coral reefs. Have a choice of activities: go birding; hike to a refreshing waterfall; or go kayaking, snorkeling or diving. (B,L,D)

OCT. 3: ISLA GORGONA NAT'L PARK

A UNESCO site, Gorgona shelters monkeys, brown boobies, and the endemic blue anole lizard. Visit the historic ruins of a penal colony, and enjoy great snorkeling and diving. (B,L,D)

OCT. 4: SAN LORENZO, ECUADOR

San Lorenzo protects a fantastic system of some of the world's tallest mangroves, along with sandy islands that harbor

thousands of birds. There are good hiking possibilities too. Our visit may well be the first by any expedition ship. (B,L,D)

OCT. 5: ISLA DE LA PLATA & PUERTO LÓPEZ

Renowned as "Ecuador's other Galápagos," Isla de la Plata is a protected national park perfect for hiking or a Zodiac foray. At Puerto López, explore Machalilla National Park and learn about archaeological findings of the little-known Manteño people. (B,L,D)

OCT. 6: ISLA SANTA CLARA, ECUADOR

A remote island surrounded by jagged outcrops with a lighthouse, Santa Clara is a nesting ground for thousands of seabirds including blue-footed boobies, pelicans, and magnificent frigatebirds. (B,L,D)

OCT. 7: ISLA LOBOS DE TIERRA, PERU

Spend a peaceful day exploring islands abundant with marine life, including sea lion colonies—on foot and via Zodiac and kayak. Our undersea specialist will take underwater footage for our evening recap. (B,L,D)



Chan Chan ruins.

OCT. 8: TRUJILLO & CHAN CHAN

Explore the intriguing desert oasis city of Trujillo, founded by Pizarro in 1536. Venture nearby into the sacred Moche Valley, center of the ancient Moche culture. See the renowned Temple of the Moon, discovered by archaeologists after being covered by desert sands. Later, explore the ancient imperial city of Chan Chan, a World Heritage site. (B,L,D)

OCT. 9 AND 10: LIMA/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Lima. Explore the city's historic center, a World Heritage site. Hotel rooms are reserved until our evening transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the U.S. (Oct. 9: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Sep. 27

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 for complimentary economy group airfare Miami/Panama City, Lima/Miami. Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension in **Panama**, or six days post-voyage in **Machu Picchu**. See our website or call for details.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Former President of Colombia César Gaviria will be aboard through Oct. 4 to welcome you to his country and introduce the economic and political climate of Latin America.

Note: A State Department travel warning for Colombia is currently in effect (<http://travel.state.gov>). We expect to operate this voyage as planned, but will continue to closely monitor events in the region, and will alter the itinerary if necessary.



Transiting the Panama Canal.

NEW

PERU AND CHILE: ANCIENT SITES AND NATURAL WONDERS

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$17,690 to \$33,730 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

This adventure is filled with breathtaking archaeological and natural wonders and charged with amazing energy: the Nazca Lines, the wildlife-rich Juan Fernández Islands, and the extraordinary Atacama Desert, one of the most remarkable places on Earth—where we'll spend two days exploring. Near Paracas, Peru, we'll see the seabird and marine mammal colonies of the Ballestas Islands. This voyage, with highlight after highlight, is guaranteed to be a memorable one.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Take a flightseeing excursion over the Nazca Lines, seeing the remarkable animal figures and geometric shapes carved into the desert some 1,350-1,600 years ago.
- ▶ Spend two days exploring the Atacama Desert's unbelievable landscapes and wildlife. It's the driest desert on Earth and a place of great beauty.
- ▶ See penguin and seabird colonies, explore historic towns, and hike through forests.
- ▶ Explore the seldom-visited Juan Fernández Islands, thought to have inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe*.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Valley of the Moon, Atacama Desert.

OCT. 8: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Fly to Lima, founded by Spanish conquistador Pizarro as the City of the Kings. Check into our fine hotel.

OCT. 9: LIMA/CALLAO/EMBARK

Explore Lima's golden past. Visit the Indian market and the Larco Herrera Museum, with its exquisite Gold and Silver Gallery. Embark our ship in Callao. (B,L,D)

OCT. 10: PARACAS: BALLESTAS ISLANDS

Explore the arches and pink granite caves of the Ballestas Islands by boat, seeing hundreds of sea lions and seabirds by the tens of thousands: pelicans, Inca terns, and Peruvian boobies. Later, visit the extensive Inca ruins at Tambo Colorado. (B,L,D)



Nazca Lines.

OCT. 11: NAZCA LINES

From Puerto San Juan, drive to Nazca and take an included flightseeing excursion over the Nazca Lines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. From the air, spot enormous geometric and animal shapes—cut into the stony desert by a long-departed civilization. (B,L,D)

OCT. 12: MEJÍA LAGOONS OR AREQUIPA

Explore the little-known Mejía Lagoons National Sanctuary, perfect for birdwatching. Or take a stunning drive into the Andes to Arequipa, a UNESCO site, whose museum holds the Inca mummy “Juanita” that was discovered by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Johan Reinhard. (B,L,D)

OCT. 13 AND 14: ARICA/ATACAMA DESERT, CHILE

From Arica, take a private flight to the Atacama Desert, for two nights in a fine

lodge. Visit the Valley of the Moon, with its jagged mountains and wind-created salt sculptures that give it an otherworldly appearance. Dinosaur Valley and Death Valley offer great views. (B,L,D)

OCT. 15: ATACAMA DESERT/ANTOFAGASTA

Continue exploring the Atacama Desert before driving to Antofagasta to rejoin our ship. (B,L,D)

OCT. 16: ISLA PAN DE AZÚCAR

Azúcar National Park offers a protected slice of Chile's coastal desert habitat harboring about 3,000 Humboldt penguins, which share their name with the chilly Humboldt current. Explore via Zodiac and kayak. (B,L,D)

OCT. 17: COQUIMBO/ELQUI VALLEY/ LA SERENA/FRAY JORGE

Choose to take a cloud forest walk at Fray Jorge World Biosphere Reserve; or explore the green Elqui Valley, home of the Nobel Prize-winning poet Gabriela Mistral and the museum dedicated to her; or see the superb colonial towns of Coquimbo and La Serena. (B,L,D)

OCT. 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)**OCT. 19 AND 20: JUAN FERNÁNDEZ ISLANDS**

Remote and rarely visited, the archipelago was home to castaway Alexander Selkirk, who inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe*. Look for the endangered red hummingbird, herds of endemic fur seals, and rare plants. (B,L,D)

OCT. 21: AT SEA (B,L,D)**OCT. 22: ANCUD, CHILOÉ ISLAND:**

Chiloé is the northern gateway to Patagonia. Visit the Chepu Reserve, taking small boats along a remarkable submerged forest sunk by a 1960 earthquake. Or visit the town's unique mission church, designated a UNESCO site. (B,L,D)

OCT. 23 AND 24: PUERTO MONTT/ DISEMBARK/HOME

Disembark in Puerto Montt. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home, arriving Oct. 24. (Oct. 23: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Oct. 8

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension in **Machu Picchu**, or a four-day post-voyage stay in **Torres del Paine**, or a post-voyage extension to **Easter Island**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer **Kike Calvo** has transformed his fascination with Latin America into a career focus. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo**



Sea lions, Ballestas Islands.

NEW

ROUNDING THE CAPE: CHILEAN PATAGONIA AND ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND

21 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

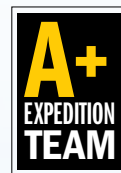
PRICES FROM: \$18,880 to \$34,920 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Remote and largely inaccessible, Patagonia is the essence of wildness—a maze of channels and islands. Venture deep into Chile's glorious fjords past incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers. From the "land of fire," Tierra del Fuego, to the jagged spires of Torres del Paine National Park, experience Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. And then have the unique experience of visiting Argentina's Staten Island—*National Geographic Explorer* will be one of the few expedition ships ever allowed to visit this unique habitat.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ See Patagonia's signature Torres del Paine National Park with naturalists.
- ▶ Explore the Chilean fjords by Zodiac, kayak and on foot.
- ▶ Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Yendegaia and Karukinka Natural Parks in Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ By special permission, be one of the few people ever to explore Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), located at the extreme end of South America.
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and take in the view of Cape Horn.

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, 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 bios for this expedition.

Rockhopper penguins.



OCT. 21 AND 22: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE

Fly overnight to Santiago, and check in to the Hyatt Regency. The Andes form an inspiring backdrop to our guided overview. (Oct. 22: D)

OCT. 23: PUERTO MONTT/EMBARK

Fly by private charter from Santiago to Puerto Montt, Chile's northern gateway to Patagonia. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

OCT. 24: CASTRO (CHILOÉ ISLAND)

See Chiloé's attractive *palafitos*, colorful fishermen's houses precariously built on stilts along the water's edge. (B,L,D)

OCT. 25: CHAITÉN/PUMALÍN NAT'L PARK

Pumalín's 750,000 acres in Chilean Patagonia are protected as one of the last remaining areas of the unusual alerce forest, consisting of huge trees similar in size to California redwoods. Walk the park trails to see them up close. (B,L,D)



Zodiacs get us close to the ice.

OCT. 26-30: THE INLAND PASSAGE & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

A vast area of snowcapped mountains, glaciers, thousands of islands, lakes, soaring granite walls, and waterfalls, the archipelago is virtually untouched by man. We make good use of our Zodiacs, kayaks and undersea technology. One highlight is the Pio XI Glacier, the longest glacier in the southern hemisphere outside Antarctica. Be on deck to look for condors as our ship transits the White Narrows. (B,L,D)

OCT. 31: PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

From Puerto Natales, drive to monumental Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere. Discover one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and colorful lagoons. (B,L,D)

NOV. 1 AND 2: TIERRA DEL FUEGO, CHILE: KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

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

NOV. 3 AND 4: THE CHILEAN FJORDS, BEAGLE CHANNEL & YENDEGAIA

Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. We cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel to Yendegaia, a newly established park on Tierra del Fuego. (B,L,D)

NOV. 5: CAPE HORN

Today we visit Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of the continent, and, weather permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

NOV. 6-8: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA

By special permission, *Explorer* will be one of the only expedition ships ever to visit extraordinary Staten Island. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful. Spot colonies of southern rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, fur seals and sea lions. See the San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel by the same name, along with the ruins of a penal colony. (B,L,D)

NOV. 9 AND 10: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight home. (Nov. 9: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Oct. 21

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add three days post-voyage at [Iguazú Falls](#), or choose a post-voyage extension to [Easter Island](#). See our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Every departure travels with a National Geographic photographer to give advice, inspire guests and help them get their best shots ever. [Learn more at **expeditions.com/photo**](#)



Guest taking photo at Torres del Paine.

THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$7,690 to \$14,120 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Combine Canada's magnificent scenery and historic places—at a wonderful time of year.
- ▶ Discover coastal villages and small islands, like Cape Breton.
- ▶ Explore two UNESCO sites: Gros Morne National Park and the 11th-century Viking village at L'Anse aux Meadows.
- ▶ Discover the dunes, sandstone cliffs, and Acadian culture of the Îles de la Madeleine.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Lobster fishing huts at sunset.



SEP. 11: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA/EMBARK

Arrive in St. John's, the picturesque capital city of Newfoundland and Labrador. Settle into the *National Geographic Explorer* and take to the sea. (D)

SEP. 12: ST.-PIERRE, FRANCE

Our first landfall is St.-Pierre, France's oldest remaining overseas territory. Explore this picturesque French fishing enclave where we will stop at a scenic whale watching lookout and a French-style graveyard. (B,L,D)

SEP. 13: LOUISBOURG & BADDECK, CAPE BRETON ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA

Today we visit the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg, an 18th-century fort where the British and French fought. Later, we visit the village of Baddeck, where Alexander Graham Bell built his summer home, now the centerpiece of a beautiful park and museum. Explore the life of Bell with his great grandson, Gil Grosvenor, former president of the National Geographic Society. Enjoy an optional "white glove" tour of the Bell Museum and have the opportunity to hold historic artifacts. (B,L,D)

SEP. 14: ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE, QUEBEC

A cluster of wispy islands isolated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Îles de la Madeleine are home to miles of dunes, grassy hills, and dazzling red sandstone cliffs. Local experts will guide us across this landscape of caves and sea arches, stopping along the way in colorful fishing villages as we learn about Acadian culture. Weather permitting, you may explore on a bike or sea kayak. (B,L,D)

SEP. 15: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

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

that illustrates the phenomenon of plate tectonics. (B,L,D)

SEP. 16: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

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

SEP. 17: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

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

SEP. 18: ST. JOHN'S/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Sail through the harbor narrow in the early morning as our ship approaches St. John's, the picturesque capital city of Newfoundland and the most easterly point of North America. Visit the colorful waterfront and historic Signal Hill or the Rooms Museum before you transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Sep. 11

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Gil Grosvenor has served National Geographic since 1954, first as a writer and photographer, then as the editor of *National Geographic* magazine, president of the Society, and until 2010, as chairman of the board.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS



Explore with Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson.



Gros Morne National Park.

EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

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

PRICES FROM: \$6,290 to \$11,010 (See pages 121 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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

An expedition leader, three naturalists, a Lindblad-

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

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



DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK SHIP

Fly from Seattle to Juneau. Meet your naturalists and visit Mendenhall Glacier, set in the dramatic Mendenhall Valley. Settle into your cabin before dinner. Later, explore the port of Juneau on your own. (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

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

DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, true Alaskan town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity for bike riding and an optional floatplane excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)



Petersburg.

DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

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

DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

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

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

By special permit, we explore Glacier Bay, a not-to-be-missed gem of Alaska. See glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wildness abounds—mountain goats and brown bears patrol the shore; harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins live in these icy waters. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B,L,D)

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

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

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Visit the onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church. 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)



Alaska's still waters are perfect for kayaking.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015: May 16*, 17*, 23, 24, 30*, 31*; Jun. 6, 7, 13*📷, 14*, 20📷, 21, 27*, 28*; Jul. 4, 5, 11*, 12*, 18, 19, 25*, 26*; Aug. 1, 2, 8*, 9*, 15, 16, 22*, 23*, 29📷, 30📷

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

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

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

National Geographic TV host and bear expert **Casey Anderson** will be aboard **May 16** and **23**. Join award winning National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** on **June 13** and **20**. Or, join conservationist and expert on indigenous communities **Jon Waterhouse** on **June 27**. Also, National Geographic photographers **Flip Nicklin** and **Susan Seubert** will be aboard **Aug. 29** and **Aug. 30** departures.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on select May and June, 2015 departures.

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A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$10,390 to \$17,790 (See page 121 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 seldom-seen endemic species.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

Standing poles at SGang Gwaay.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 6-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience. An expedition leader and five naturalists, including a certified photo instructor and undersea specialist, contribute to your understanding of Alaska's wonders, in addition to a wellness specialist and video chronicler. National Geographic experts and photographers will add more learning on each departure.

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



DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

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

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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



Cultural dance performance.

DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

DAYS 4-5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

DAYS 6-8: HAIDA GWAI

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

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

DAY 9: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

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

DAY 10: FREDERICK SOUND AND PETERSBURG

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

DAY 11: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

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

DAY 12: JUNEAU

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

DAY 13: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

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

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

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

DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/HOME

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: 2015 May 2, 3; Sep. 5*, 6*

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

📷 Photo Expedition

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Travel with National Geographic photographer Rich Reid on the May 2 departure or Macduff Everton on May 3. Join marine mammal photographer Flip Nicklin on Sep. 5. National Geographic photographer Susan Seubert will be aboard on Sep. 6 departure.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 and receive complimentary one-way air (Sitka/Seattle) on the May 2 or May 3, 2015 departures.

OPTIONAL PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

PRICES FROM: 2015 \$5,690 per person double occupancy to \$8,090 per person single occupancy. This extension is available between May 30 and Sep. 6, 2015. Limited space available.

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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



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

DAY 1: FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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

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

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



Grizzly bears.

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

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

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

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

DAY 6: DENALI NATIONAL PARK/ ANCHORAGE

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

DAY 7: ANCHORAGE/SITKA OR JUNEAU/HOME

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

PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION

Double Occupancy: \$2,190

Single Occupancy: \$2,690

3 DAYS

Explore Seattle and Mt. Rainier National Park with a naturalist. Enjoy a full day of adventure hiking in the forests, viewing wildlife, and possibly snowshoeing in Mt. Rainier National Park. Then spend a day discovering some of Seattle's highlights and lesser-known gems.

This extension is available before every **Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness** or **A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii** departure.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

This seven-day extension can be taken before or after select **Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness** and **A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii** departures Sep. 5 & 6, 2015.



Dall Sheep.

Note: Payment and Cancellation terms for Denali are different from our standard terms. Please call or visit our website for details.

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



Pike Place Market.

COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS JOURNEY: HARVESTS, HISTORY & LANDSCAPES

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*
& *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$4,590 to \$8,090 (See page 121 for complete prices.)

The Corps of Discovery expedition, led by Lewis and Clark from 1804 to 1806, was a dramatic episode in American history. Conceived by Jefferson as more than a geographic exploration, it studied native cultures, collected specimens, and, through maps, put form to what was terra incognita. Retrace Lewis & Clark's rich history of exploration. Visit campsites of the Corps of Discovery and learn about their relationships with the Native American tribes. Plus see diverse landscapes, travel through a series of eight locks, and enjoy locally and sustainably sourced cuisine, including award-winning wines and craft brews.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Follow the path of Lewis and Clark's expedition, stopping at some of their campsites and learning about the Nez Perce people they encountered.
- ▶ Explore the history, geology, and cuisine of the Columbia & Snake rivers region aboard an intimate, 62-guest expedition ship.
- ▶ Enjoy locally sourced, sustainable food on board, from providers along the way, so it's literally as fresh as can be.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

20+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our 4-person expedition team is your link to the past and present of the region. An expedition leader, historian, geologist and naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, will ensure unparalleled understanding and enjoyment of the places and people along our route.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Columbia River Gorge at sunrise.

DAY 1: PORTLAND, OREGON/EMBARK

Board our ship and cruise the center of Portland on the Willamette River before reaching the Columbia River. (D)

DAY 2: ASTORIA

We begin our journey by navigating the Columbia to the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Fort Clatsop, where the explorers hunkered down for the wet winter of 1805-1806, we walk through the full-scale reconstructed fort. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which chronicles the history of river navigation and this port town. In the afternoon explore more of what the area has to offer with a trip to either the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Refuge or Cape Disappointment. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE/HOOD RIVER

This morning we begin our orientation to the Gorge. You'll get a fresh perspective on such highlights as Bonneville Lock and Dam, Beacon Rock, and Multnomah Falls. Continue through the Gorge to Hood River, where we'll enjoy fresh fruit from a family farm and taste award-winning wines at a local vineyard. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THE DALLES/MARYHILL MUSEUM

Visit the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center to learn about the region's natural history. Hike or take bicycles along the beautiful river trail. In the afternoon we'll visit the Maryhill Museum and view its extensive and eclectic collection of baskets woven by Native Americans, Rodin sculptures, and other fascinating exhibits. (B,L,D)



DAY 5: EXPLORING THE PALOUSE RIVER

The still water of the Palouse River is the perfect mirror for the surrounding basalt cliffs as we set off cruising on our expedition landing craft and kayak adventures. Visit Palouse Falls, where cascading waters plunge into the pool below. Afterwards, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Travel by comfortable jet boat up the Snake River into one of North America's most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. Or you may opt to follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark along the Clearwater River, visiting several of their actual campsites. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: CLARKSTON/DISEMBARK

Transfer to Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Sep. 21, 28; Oct. 3, 4*, 15, 27

**This departure travels from Clarkston, Washington to Portland, Oregon.*



Picturesque Multnomah Falls.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Choose a 1-day [Portland, Oregon](#) and/or [Willamette Valley Boutique Winery tour](#). Please call for details.



Conditions permitting, expedition landing craft transit McNary Lock.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Columbia & Snake Rivers** video.

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

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

PRICES FROM: \$5,990 to \$10,340 (See page 121 for complete prices.)

Seeing gray whales in their natural habitat is one of the great delights of this voyage. In Bahía Magdalena, venture out in expedition landing craft among these magnificent creatures. In the Sea of Cortez, search for a variety of whales, plus dolphins, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, cormorants and magnificent frigatebirds. You'll also snorkel among sea lions, join naturalists on hikes amid barrel cacti and sculpted sand dunes, and see a variety of desert flora and fauna.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Get an up-close view of gigantic gray whale mothers and their calves in the breeding grounds of Bahía Magdalena.
- ▶ Go snorkeling amid sea lions, brilliant blue damselfish, and schools of king angelfish.
- ▶ Kayak clear blue waters on the lookout for a variety of bird species including magnificent frigatebirds.
- ▶ Explore diverse landscapes, including sand dunes, a cactus forest and deserted islands.

Gray whales often approach our expedition landing craft, as curious about us as we are about them.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our expert 6-person expedition team will illuminate the wonders of the Sea of Cortez from every possible angle. Your expedition leader, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and naturalists, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, are dedicated to ensuring an incredible voyage. Certain departures feature a National Geographic photographer.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.



DAY 1: LOS ANGELES/LA PAZ/SAN CARLOS/EMBARK

Upon arrival in La Paz, transfer to San Carlos where we embark. (D)

DAYS 2-4: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Navigate through an immense system of protected coves, surrounded by a fringe of mangrove channels at one edge of a vast, windswept plain. Each winter, during their long migration, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and raise their calves in these sheltered waters. Observe migrating whales from the ship and up close from our expedition landing craft. Watch for magnificent frigate birds, pelicans, cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis and willets. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 5: LOS CABOS AND GORDA BANKS

This morning cruise past Friars Rocks at Land's End. For those who wish, we will visit the historic town center of San José del Cabo. The afternoon is spent at the Gorda Banks seamount or La Fortuna, gathering places for whales, especially humpbacks, dolphins and other sea life. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LOS ISLOTES AND ISLA ESPÍRITU SANTO

At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel (which we'll gladly provide) and swim with curious sea lions. We have a leisurely afternoon

to swim, kayak or hike at Isla Espíritu Santo. Brown pelicans, gulls and boobies are all part of the landscape. Finish the day with a relaxing beach barbecue complete with a campfire and a star-filled sky. (B,L,D)



Common dolphins.

DAY 7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Search for whales among the islands of the southern Sea of Cortez, an area that has proven to be one of the best for finding blue whales, and often common and bottlenose dolphins. Explore the many uninhabited islands such as Isla San José or Isla Santa Catalina to walk among huge cacti and observe the diverse bird life. Swim or snorkel with king angelfish, butterfly fish, damselfish and the beautiful parrotfish. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK/HOME

Disembark in La Paz after breakfast and drive to the airport for flights home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jan. 17*, 24, 31*; Feb. 7, 14*, 21, 28*; Mar. 7, 14*

*These departures travel in reverse from La Paz to San Carlos, making all the same stops.



Early morning on the Baja California Peninsula.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Flip Nicklin, one of the world's leading photographers of marine mammals. His incredible photos and audio recordings have been featured in numerous National Geographic publications and television specials, and you'll find the stories from his years working for the magazine enthralling. Join Flip on Jan. 24 or 31, 2015.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Baja California** video.



After a beach barbecue, guests gather around a bonfire.

COSTA RICA AND THE PANAMA CANAL

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

PRICES FROM: \$5,990 to \$10,490 (See page 121 for complete prices.)

To lock in 2014/15 prices for 2015/16 departures, book by December 31, 2014.

Immerse yourself in natural wonders along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and Panama on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Venture into the forests of Manuel Antonio and Corcovado National Parks; search for monkeys, frogs, sloths and brightly colored birds; and ride horseback on a pristine beach. Cap off your voyage with a crossing of the legendary Panama Canal.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover hidden pools and waterfalls deep within the jungles of the Osa Peninsula.
- ▶ Kayak around the tiny islands of the Gulf of Panama, and snorkel off Isla Coiba.
- ▶ Enjoy special access to the protected forests of Barro Colorado Island.
- ▶ Examine the fascinating lock system that made the Panama Canal one of the greatest engineering achievements of its era.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Every expedition sails with a veteran expedition leader and a handpicked team of four local naturalists including a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Each naturalist is deeply knowledgeable about Costa Rica and Panama and dedicated to sharing their passion for the region with you. Other key members of the expedition team include a wellness specialist, and a video chronicler. National Geographic experts are on select departures.

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

Scarlet macaw.

DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/ HERRADURA

Upon arrival in San José, transfer by land to Herradura and embark our ship *National Geographic Sea Lion*. (D)

DAY 2: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning in Manuel Antonio National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where thick forests fringe white-sand beaches. Watch for three-toed sloths lazing among the branches, and spot monkeys and vividly colored birds. This afternoon follow the Pacific coastline south and stop for a refreshing swim or a hike. (B,L,D)



Horseback riding, Osa Peninsula.

DAY 3: OSA PENINSULA

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

DAY 4: GOLFO DULCE

Enter the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce along the southwestern edge of Costa Rica. Visit Casa Orquídeas, a tropical paradise of ornamental palms, bromeliads, heliconias, and orchids closed to the general public and reached by boat only. Keep your eye out for tanagers, parrots, and toucans. Later, explore the placid bay, ideal for kayaking, expedition landing craft rides and swimming. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: COIBA NATIONAL PARK, PANAMA

We make our first stop in Panama this morning at the remote Isla Coiba, one of the many islands of Coiba National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Once a penal colony, the island has long been protected and accessible by special permit only. Among its many endemic and protected species are the



Coiba Island agouti, mantled howler monkey, and four varieties of sea turtle. Discover rich marine life while snorkeling, go kayaking or hiking, or relax on the beach. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Today, explore the tiny islets of the Gulf of Panama by expedition landing craft or kayak. Here we might spot frigatebirds, brown pelicans, neotropical cormorants, and brown boobies. Set sail for the Panama Canal this afternoon. Stretching more than 50 miles, the canal was a colossal engineering feat completed in 1914. It is still traversed by some 14,000 ships every year. As cargo ships tend to pass through the canal during the day, we'll most likely begin our crossing at night, when the canal is dramatically lit. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GATÚN LAKE/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Board our expedition landing craft to visit Barro Colorado Nature Monument in Gatún Lake by special arrangement. Scientists have worked at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute on Barro Colorado Island since 1923, researching its 120 mammals and diverse tree species. It is also the site of a National Geographic-supported project that tracks tagged animals using automated radio signals and wireless technology. Join local guides for a walk through the forests. This evening, continue through the complex lock system of the canal. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: COLÓN/PANAMA CITY/U.S.

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

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jan. 3*, 10, 17*, 24, 31*; Feb. 7 📷, 14* 📷, 21, 28*; Mar. 7, 14* 📷, Nov. 28; Dec. 5*, 12 📷, 19*, 26
2016 Jan. 2*, 9 📷, 16*, 23, 30*; Feb. 6, 13* 📷, 20, 27*; Mar. 5, 12* 📷.

📷 Photo Expeditions: departures are for passionate photographers with hands-on instruction from our Photo Expedition Team.

*These Departures travel from Panama City to San José.

To lock in 2014/15 prices for 2015/16 departures, book by December 31, 2014.

SPECIAL OFFER:

NEW! Panama Pre- or Post-Extension Stay an extra night and day in [Panama City](#) to view the Museum of Biodiversity, designed by Frank Gehry and the new [Panama Canal Expansion Observation Center](#). Select 2015/16 departures. Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day pre-extension to the [Monteverde Cloud Forest](#) and/or a seven-day post-extension to [Monteverde, Arenal Volcano & Sarapiquí](#). Call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS:

Travel with [Kike Calvo](#) on Feb. 7, 14 and Dec. 12, 2015; [Jeff Mauritzen](#) Jan. 9, 2016; [Susan Seubert](#) Feb. 13, 2016; or [Michael Melford](#) Mar. 12, 2016.



Howler monkeys.

COSTA RICA TO PANAMA PLUS MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$7,440 to \$11,840

(See page 121 for complete prices.)

DATES: 2015 Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4 📷, 18; Mar. 4

Call for 2015/16 dates and rates.

📷 **Photo Expedition:** departure is for passionate photographers with hands-on instruction from our Photo Expedition Team while aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*.

There is an aura about Monteverde's cloud forest—the mist drifting past silhouettes of majestic trees, the cool quiet and the haunting music of a bird called “Solitaire.” The cloud forest is a secretive place, revealing its magic to the trained eye of our naturalists, who will help you observe all facets of this marvelous habitat. On our Costa Rica expeditions, you will have a ground-level experience by walking the forest trail and then head up into the canopy to take a Skywalk—a series of suspension bridges—for a bird's-eye view. Combine Monteverde prior to your *National Geographic Sea Lion* sailing for an in-depth perspective.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk trails with butterflies and birds, and watch for the rare resplendent quetzal.
- ▶ Ascend a series of suspension bridges for a bird's-eye view of the forest canopy.
- ▶ Monteverde's cloud forest is sprinkled with moss, 300 species of orchids, and abundant wildlife.



Three-toed sloths.

DAY 1: MIAMI/SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Depart Miami mid-morning via American Airlines on a non-stop flight to San José, Costa Rica. Flying time is approximately three hours. Upon arrival, a short drive brings us to the Doubletree Cariari Hotel. (D)

DAYS 2 AND 3: MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

A scenic drive of approximately five hours takes us to Monteverde Cloud Forest, an acclaimed private reserve. Bathed in cool, year-round moisture, the forest is covered with mosses and 300 species of orchids. Walk trails rich with butterflies and bird life. Ascend the Skywalk, a series of suspension bridges, for a bird's-eye view



Guests explore on the Skywalk in Monteverde.

of the rain forest canopy. Learn about life in the early Monteverde community from Marvin Rockwell, one of the original Quaker homesteaders. We spend each night at a charming, family-owned lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MONTEVERDE/HERRADURA/ EMBARK

Visit a butterfly farm before transferring to Herradura to embark our ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-11 THEN FOLLOW “COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL” ITINERARY ON PAGES 58-59. (B,L,D)

PANAMA TO COSTA RICA PLUS MONTEVERDE, ARENAL VOLCANO & SARAPIQUÍ

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$8,980 to \$13,560 (See page 121 for complete prices.)

DATES: 2015 Jan. 3, 17, 31; Feb. 14 📷, 28; Mar. 14.

Call for 2015/16 dates and rates.

📷 **Photo Expedition:** departure is for passionate photographers with hands-on instruction from our Photo Expedition Team while aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*.

Cloud forests, volcanoes, and the sea: the ultimate allure of a Panama and Costa Rica expedition. This journey offers an amazing variety of experiences, including an in-depth transit of the Panama Canal; and time on land in Monteverde Cloud

Forest and at Arenal Volcano. Explore the area aboard the versatile expedition ship *National Geographic Sea Lion*, go kayaking, use expedition landing craft, and snorkeling gear. On this Central American expedition you can join rain forest hikes amid monkeys, sloths, and tropical birds. Naturalists accompany every activity and use underwater cameras to open up the vibrant undersea world.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Cloud forests, volcanoes and the sea create the ultimate expedition combination.
- ▶ Search for monkeys, iguanas, endangered scarlet macaws, and American crocodiles.
- ▶ Go whitewater rafting or river floating on the Sarapiquí River.



Arenal Volcano.



Naturalists are experts at spotting wildlife.

DAYS 1-7: FOLLOW “COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL” ITINERARY IN REVERSE ON PAGES 58-59.

DAY 8: HERRADURA/MONTEVERDE

Bird watch at Carara National Park and then see the Bat Jungle exhibit or hear from an early Quaker settler. Stay at a peaceful retreat with expansive grounds and picturesque views. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: MONTEVERDE

Visit a butterfly farm and tour the Monteverde reserve. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: MONTEVERDE/ARENAL

Visit a third-generation coffee farm, and then sail across Lake Arenal. Later, check into an elegant hotel with a panoramic view of the smoldering Arenal Volcano. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: ARENAL

Walk the Arenal Hanging Bridges, strung through three kilometers of dense rain forest canopy, then relax in thermal pools heated by the volcano. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: ARENAL/SARAPIQUÍ

Transfer to Sarapiquí, stopping to visit La Selva Biological Station to explore immaculate primary tropical rain forest. Check in to a family-owned lodge set in a private rain forest reserve. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SARAPIQUÍ

Float the Sarapiquí River on a relaxing journey or opt for adventurous whitewater rafting. Later, ride horseback to secluded waterfalls or pamper yourself in the spa. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: SARAPIQUÍ/SAN JOSÉ

Visit Sibú Chocolatier and enjoy a workshop on preparing chocolate. After lunch, visit a fine San José museum. The day ends with a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SAN JOSÉ/U.S.

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

SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$7,990 to \$15,750 (See page 123 for complete prices.)

Set sail aboard the magnificent four-masted barque *Sea Cloud*, and explore the lush islands and vibrant cultures of the Lesser Antilles. Hike in the mountainous rain forests of Dominica, explore an active volcanic crater in Saint Lucia, and glide on a catamaran in the idyllic Grenadines. Amid a spectacular tropical backdrop, enjoy opportunities to swim and snorkel at coral reefs and sandy beaches, and discover the hidden corners of the Caribbean Sea.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail the sparkling Caribbean Sea aboard the historic square-rigger *Sea Cloud*.
- ▶ Snorkel at lively coral reefs, swim in pristine tropical waters, and explore remote cays and beaches.
- ▶ Explore 18th-century forts, colonial outposts and an intriguing mix of cultures with our expedition staff.
- ▶ Experience an array of natural wonders, including volcanoes and rain forests showcasing island birds and wildlife.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

20+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Lindblad Expeditions first sailed aboard *Sea Cloud* in the 1980s, and over the years has developed unparalleled expertise in

operating expedition-style journeys aboard this superlative vessel. In addition to an expedition leader, you'll be joined by a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a historian who will tell you about the Caribbean's cultures, and local guides on each island.

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

Sea Cloud anchored in the Caribbean at dusk.

DAY 1: U.S./BARBADOS

Arrive in Barbados and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. Cast off this afternoon, and enjoy dinner and our first Caribbean sunset. (D)

DAY 2: AT SEA

Begin the morning on deck, where sailors climb the lines to raise the *Sea Cloud's* sails by hand. Enjoy a full day skimming across the Caribbean. Relax with a book, photograph the ship's exquisite details, and attend talks by our experts on the natural history of the islands we will soon explore. (B,L,D)



Petit Piton, Soufrière, St. Lucia.

DAY 3: DOMINICA

Spend the day exploring Dominica, known as “the nature island” for its spectacular beauty and many protected reserves. Hike through enchanting rain forest. Join our historian in exploring the ruins of Fort Shirley, an 18th-century British garrison, and learn about Dominica's turbulent colonial history. Go swimming or snorkeling before casting off for a sunset seen from the sea. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ÎLES DES SAINTES

Off the southern coast of Guadeloupe lie the French-speaking Îles des Saintes, a group of eight small islands. Anchor at Terre-de-Haut, the largest island in the archipelago. Explore Fort Napoléon, a 19th-century French barracks that now houses a museum and cactus garden. Stroll through the photogenic French Caribbean village of Bourg, which is decidedly French in character. Return to *Sea Cloud* for a great sail through Guadeloupe Channel. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ST. LUCIA

Rise early to watch as our crew trims the *Sea Cloud's* 32,000 square feet of sails. Conditions permitting, we'll lower Zodiacs so that you can photograph the yacht under sail. This afternoon, arrive at St. Lucia and anchor under the island's iconic twin peaks, Les Pitons, which rise dramatically above the sea. After exploring the fishing port of Soufrière, embark on a thrilling drive into St. Lucia's active volcanic crater and discover the otherworldly landscape of mud pools and sulfur springs. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: UNDER SAIL/EXPLORING THE GRENADINES

Spend the morning aboard *Sea Cloud* under sail, exploring the idyllic Grenadine Islands, with their quintessential tropical cays. We'll have options to take a local catamaran to snorkel at the Tobago Cays, or enjoy the sheltered beaches of Mayreau or Union Island. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: BEQUIA/UNDER SAIL

Anchor at tiny Bequia, and explore the charming waterfront. Go snorkeling at a nearby reef, swim along palm-backed beaches, or visit a sea turtle sanctuary to learn about local conservation. In the afternoon, set sail across St. Vincent Channel before heading back to Barbados overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BARBADOS/U.S.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud* on any 2015 departure, and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BIOLOGIST

Alexandra Cousteau is a National Geographic Emerging Explorer whose legendary grandfather, Jacques, and father, Philippe, explored the world's ocean wonders. Today she explores new ways to save them. Travel with her on the Feb. 26 departure.



Use your smartphone to watch our *Sea Cloud Caribbean* video.



Crew climbs Sea Cloud's rigging.

NEW

AZORES TO MOROCCO: ISLAND WONDERS AND FABLED SHORES

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,150 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

In the heart of the Atlantic Ocean are lush, mountainous archipelagos that combine the breathtaking landscapes of Hawaii with the charm and culture of old-world Europe. There is plenty to lure us. The Portuguese archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira were starting points for the bold explorers heading west to the New World. You'll drink in the islands' seafaring ways, view the natural wonders and spectacular geology of these volcanic isles. And while the islands are the expedition's focus, the surrounding seas often yield exhilarating whale sightings. Then voyage to the coast of Morocco, where orange groves, waving palms and fragrant *tajines* underscore the vitality and flavor of this melting pot of Berbers, Arabs, Spaniards, Portuguese, and French.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience a rare visit to remote islands with a deep-seated history, seafaring traditions, and ancestral cultures of food, wine and music.
- ▶ Walk in Madeira's lush laurel forests (a UNESCO site) and explore the Azores' spectacular geology: an active volcano and hot springs.
- ▶ Search for whales in the waters around the Azores, with the possibility of sperm, fin and other whales.
- ▶ Venture to two extraordinary Moroccan towns: Casablanca and Essaouira (a UNESCO site) to explore the *medina* and indulge your senses in the *souk*.

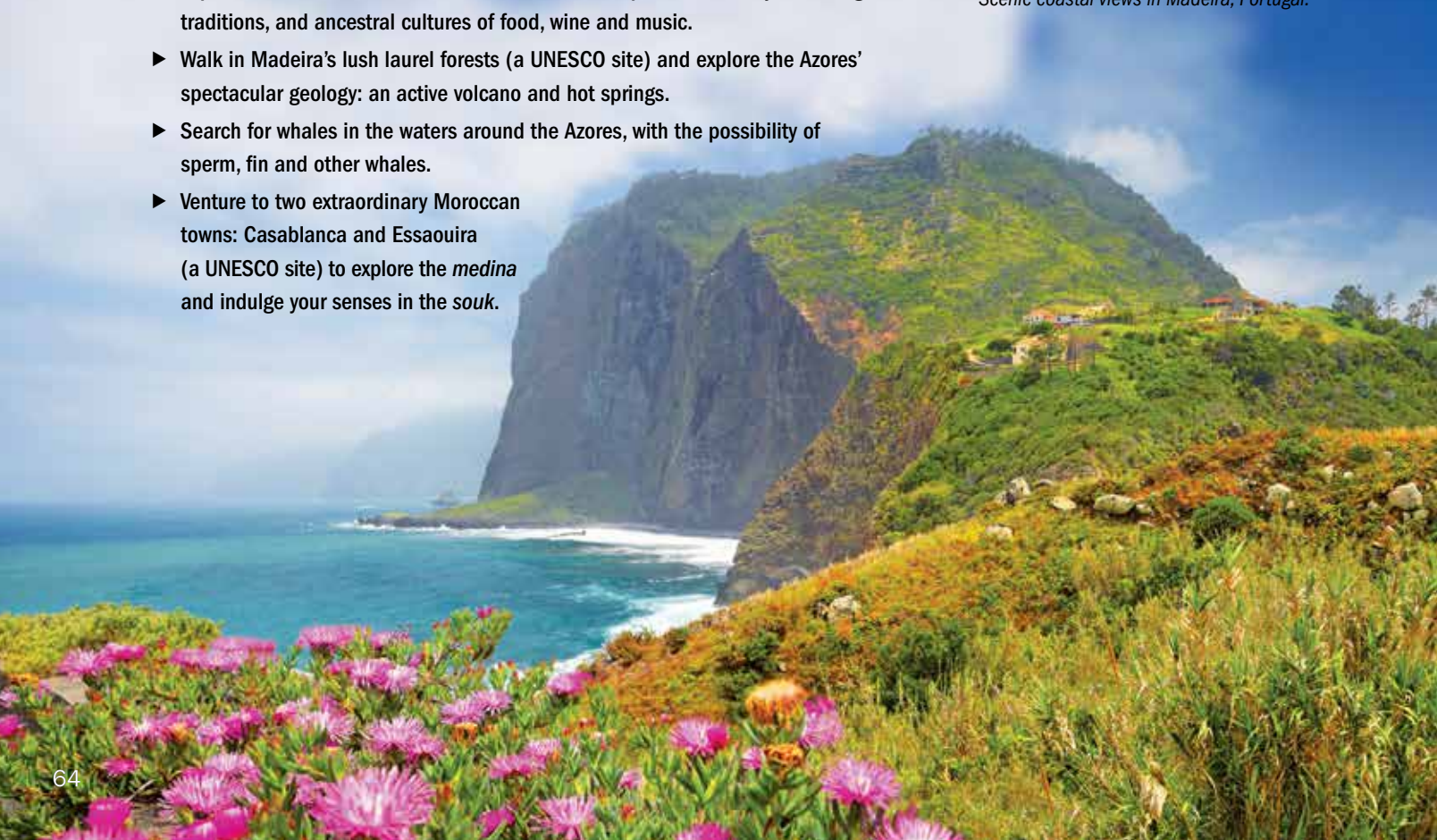
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Scenic coastal views in Madeira, Portugal.



MAR. 27 AND 28: U.S./SÃO MIGUEL, AZORES, PORTUGAL/EMBARK

Fly overnight to Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel. After time to relax a bit, we explore the Furnas Valley and its famed hot springs, hiking the trails, or perhaps visiting the lovely garden of Terra Nostra. And we savor a traditional Azorean *cozido* lunch, naturally cooked from the volcanic activity—underground! (Mar. 28: L,D)

MAR. 29: HORTA, FAIAL, AZORES

The Azores are a whale-watching mecca and we go in search of these gentle giants. On the island of Faial, see how dramatically the landscape changed when its volcano erupted in 1957. Stroll along the marina, visit the excellent scrimshaw museum, and raise a glass at legendary Peter's Café Sport, where sea adventurers historically dropped off their mail. For those interested, we can arrange for scuba diving. (B,L,D)

MAR. 30: SANTA MARIA, AZORES

Santa Maria is historically significant as the first landfall of Christopher Columbus on his return from the Americas. With our naturalists, we hike the trails to experience the scenery and atmosphere of the island. Later, local whale experts guide us on our whale-watching, much like the Maasai trackers of East Africa who have centuries of ties to their surroundings and an instinct for scouting their wild inhabitants. (B,L,D)

MAR. 31: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 1: MADEIRA**

Madeira has beautiful scenery, with a delicious climate. Walk in the endemic *laurisilva* (laurel forest), a UNESCO site. Wander along the tranquil *levadas* (former irrigation channels), visit the botanical gardens and the new Whale Museum. You'll sample Madeira's seafood, have a tasting of the famed Madeira wines, and hear a performance of authentic Fado singing. Be sure to browse the colorful market and exquisite embroidery factory. (B,L,D)

APR. 2: AT SEA

On our way to Morocco we will have an ever-vigilant lookout for marine life, and also

have presentations preparing us for our time in Morocco. (B,L,D)

APR. 3: SAFI, MOROCCO/ESSAOUIRA

We arrive in Safi and travel to the stunning town of Essaouira, with white buildings accented by deep blue shutters and Portuguese-style doors enclosed by medieval-looking battlements. The *medina* (old town) is a UNESCO World Heritage site. We have a good view of the coast from the *scalas*, or defense platforms, left by Spanish and Portuguese pirates, before exploring the *souk* (market). Here we see some of Morocco's best marquetry craftsmen fashion sandalwood with ancestral precision. (B,L,D)

APR. 4: CASABLANCA

Casablanca personifies modern Morocco living in harmony with its rich heritage. We travel along the attractive waterfront boulevard, known as Ain Diab Corniche, lined with beaches and terraced restaurants. Visit the extraordinary Hassan II Mosque, boasting the world's tallest minaret. Stroll through the city's Habous district and the *mechouar*, the ceremonial meeting place outside the Royal Palace, a masterpiece of Islamic architecture. (B,L,D)

APR. 5: CASABLANCA/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Mar. 27

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Extend your stay in **Morocco** for three days in **Marrakech** or take our seven-day post-voyage extension to its **Imperial Cities**. Call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

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BACK TO BACK SAVINGS:**MOROCCO, SPAIN & PORTUGAL**

Apr. 4-13, 2015

Save 10% on the voyage cost when you combine **Azores to Morocco** with **Morocco, Spain & Portugal** (page 66). Call for details.



Exploring the Botanical Garden, Madeira.

NEW

MOROCCO, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL: LAND OF THE MOORS

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,150 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

This short but extraordinary adventure through Morocco, Spain and Portugal encompasses two continents and three countries, spans centuries and cuts huge swaths through culture. Woven neatly together by our expert expedition team, the narrative is thoughtfully constructed to be a connected whole exploring the diversity of cultures found here—from the beauty of the Moorish legacy to the might of the Catholic kings. Wander the winding streets of ancient *medinas*, sip refreshing mint tea, and discover the grandeur of Spanish and Portuguese architecture from the Middle Ages.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Make a pilgrimage to magnificent Santiago de Compostela—one of the five UNESCO World Heritage sites we'll visit.
- ▶ Guided by our staff, discover Morocco's ancient *medinas* and bargain in the *souks*.
- ▶ Savor regional cuisines: port wines in Oporto, Spanish *tapas* and Moroccan *tajines*. Dine in historic *paradores* and have an elegant Galician lunch at the illustrious Hostal de los Reyes Católicos.

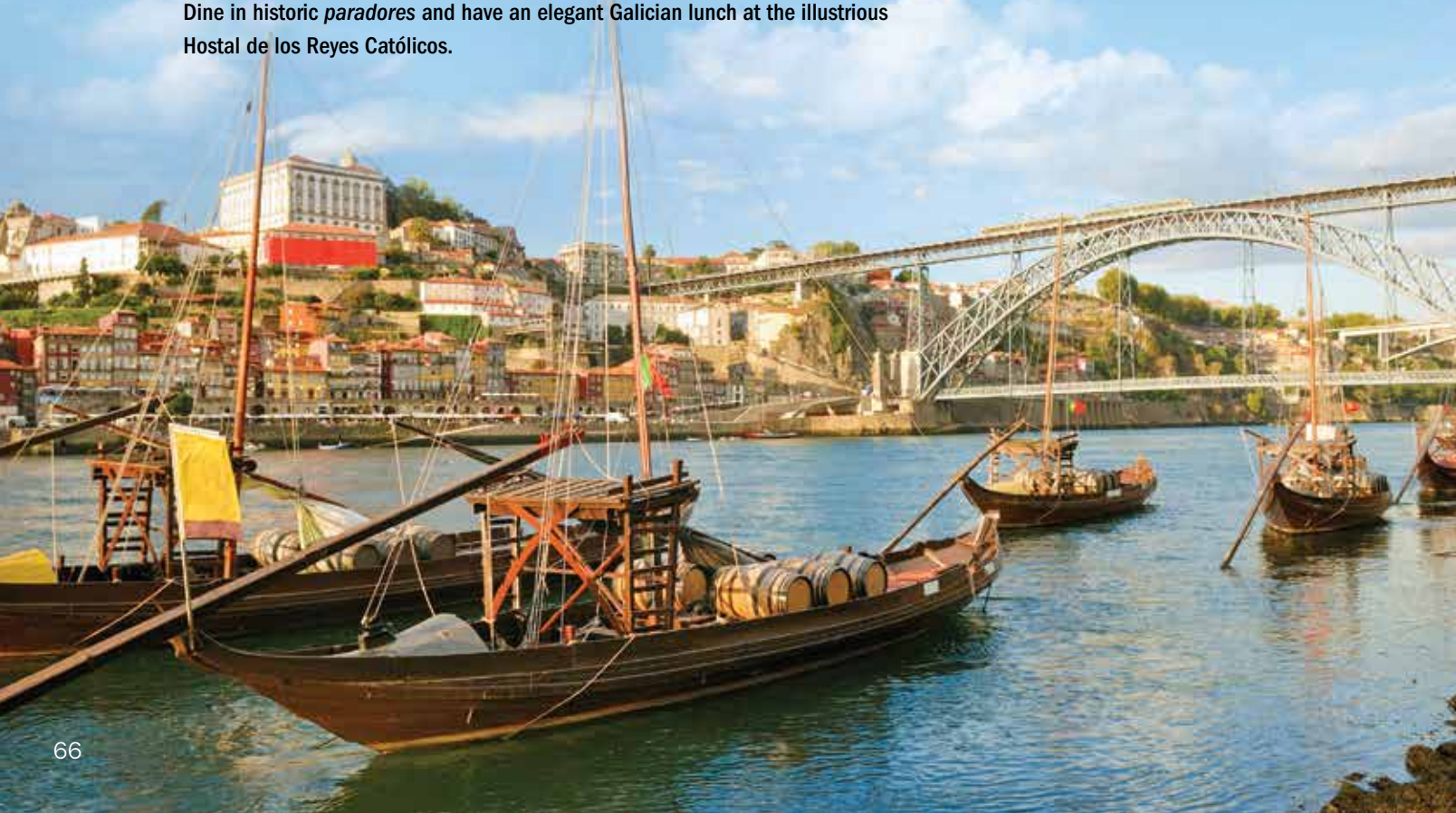
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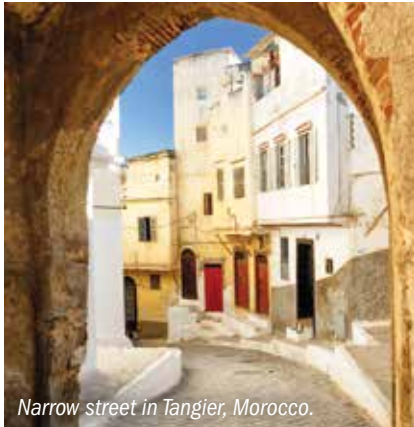
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Port barges on the Douro River, Oporto.



APR. 4 AND 5: U.S./CASABLANCA, MOROCCO/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Casablanca. Prior to embarking our ship, we take a scenic drive along the Ain Diab Corniche, where modern buildings sit alongside powdery beaches. See the new imposing Hassan II Mosque and visit the *medina* (old city) with its maze of narrow streets filled with colorful *souks* (markets). (L, D)



Narrow street in Tangier, Morocco.

APR. 6: AT SEA/TANGIER/ASILAH

After a relaxing morning at sea, we arrive in lively Tangier. A scenic drive along the coast takes us past the Natural Caves of Hercules, with their strange sea window shaped like a map of Africa. Stop in the beautiful seaside town of Asilah, where we stroll the narrow streets with their typical *medina* houses painted white, visit the old *medina*, and walk along the ramparts of the fortress walls. (B,L,D)

APR. 7: MOTRIL, SPAIN/GRANADA: ALHAMBRA PALACE

From Motril, drive to Granada to explore its breathtaking Alhambra Palace and Fortress, a UNESCO site. Built in the 13th century on a hill, it reflects both the wealth and love of beauty of the Moors. Visit Generalife, the summer palace and grand gardens of the Moorish rulers, and enjoy a typical Andalusian lunch at the exquisite Alhambra Palace Hotel. (B,L,D)

APR. 8: CÁDIZ/SEVILLA

From Cádiz, head through the Andalusian countryside, bound for romantic Sevilla. Observe the diversity of cultures found so

often in Spain—the beauty of the Moorish legacy and the might of the Catholic kings. Visit the Old City, containing the world's largest Gothic cathedral situated near the remnants of a 12th century mosque. Visit the Alcázar, the royal palace, now a UNESCO site, where the king and queen of Spain greeted Columbus. (B,L,D)

APR. 9: AT SEA/LISBON, PORTUGAL

Connect with Portugal's proud maritime traditions by arriving via sea. Lisbon is known for its extraordinary architecture and the history of Portugal's 15th- and 16th-century Age of Exploration. Begin at the massive Monument to the Discoverers, and see the richness of Manueline architecture evident on visits to the Jerónimos Monastery and the Belém Tower, a UNESCO site. (B,L,D)

APR. 10: OPORTO

Famous for its port wine, old town Oporto is a UNESCO site resounding in stately architecture: the 13th-century Church of São Francisco with its dazzling Baroque interior, and the 19th-century Neoclassical Stock Exchange. The scenic Douro was the main river for transporting the port wines, and of course, we visit one of the colorful riverside port houses to sample the port wine. (B,L,D)

APR. 11: MOUROS, SPAIN/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA/LA CORUÑA

The most magnificent pilgrimage site of the Middle Ages is the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO site. By special arrangement we witness the swinging of the extraordinary *botafumeiro*, a 125-pound silver incense burner. Enjoy lunch at the Hostal de los Reyes Católicos, built in the 16th century by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Return to our ship in La Coruña. (B,L,D)

APR. 12: AT SEA/BILBAO, SPAIN

A relaxing morning at sea gives time for talks from our staff. This afternoon lovers of art and architecture will appreciate Frank Gehry's futuristic Bilbao Guggenheim Museum with its distinctive titanium wave. (B,L,D)

APR. 13: BILBAO/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Apr. 4

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, you may extend your stay in **Morocco** for three days in **Marrakech** or take our seven-day extension to its **Imperial Cities**. Or begin with an extra night in Casablanca. Call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

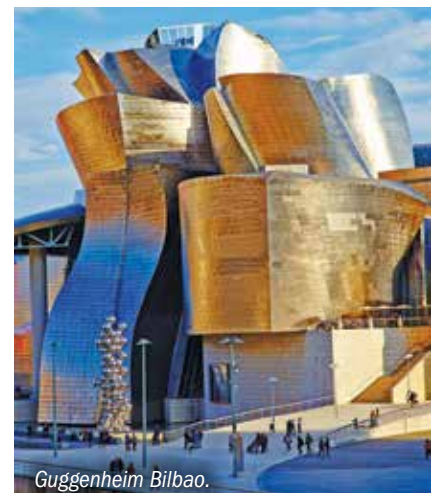
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Guggenheim Bilbao.

EXPLORING THE LOW COUNTRIES: HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

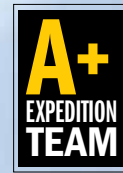
PRICES FROM: \$7,690 to \$14,120 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Discover wild islands, charming medieval towns, and a wealth of important art on a voyage from Germany to the Netherlands and Belgium to London's Tower Bridge aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Explore the seaside village of Harlingen and the dune-capped West Frisian Islands, and take in a dazzling view of the tulip fields of North Holland. In Amsterdam and Antwerp, experience the incredible artistic heritage of the Dutch Golden Age and the Flemish Primitives. Stroll the canal-carved medieval towns of Brugge and Gent, and revel in their rich culinary traditions.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the West Frisian Islands set on the Waddenzee—a wetland area recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit a tulip farm outside of Den Helder.
- ▶ Enjoy a warm welcome at Harlingen, and venture down the town's canals in Zodiacs by special permission.
- ▶ With our guides, examine the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Dürer at Amsterdam's recently refurbished Rijksmuseum, including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*.
- ▶ Revel in the rich culinary and musical traditions of the region—from Dutch cheeses and chocolates to Belgian waffles and the famous Belgian beers brewed for centuries by Trappist monks.
- ▶ End your journey near London's iconic Tower Bridge—a fitting finale.

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Canal cruising will be a special highlight throughout; Brugge is shown here.



APR. 29 AND 30: U.S./HAMBURG, GERMANY/BREMERHAVEN/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Hamburg. After a panoramic overview of this Hanseatic city, transfer to the port city of Bremerhaven and embark our ship. (L,D)

MAY 1: HARLINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

Enter the scenic Waddenzee, and dock in Harlingen, a lovely 17th-century seaside town with a festive setting. We'll receive a warm welcome and by special permission, explore the canals in Zodiacs. Enjoy an organ concert at the Grote Kerk then stroll past the lively shops that line the waterways. (B,L,D)



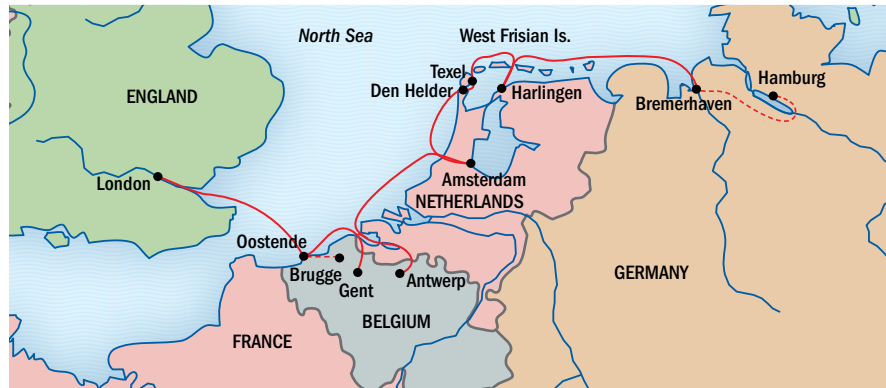
Tulips in market.

MAY 2: EXPLORING THE FRISIAN ISLANDS

The West Frisian Islands stretch out off the Dutch coast along the edge of the Waddenzee, a World Heritage site recognized for its birdlife-rich wetlands. Texel is the largest of the islands, lined with long, dune-capped beaches and marshes, perfect for hiking and birding. Then dock at Den Helder for a visit to a working tulip farm. (B,L,D)

MAY 3: AMSTERDAM

Cluttered with bicycles, bursting with flowers, and carved by canals, Amsterdam is a vibrant city with an arts scene that has flourished since the Middle Ages. Experience the spectacular Rijksmuseum, recently reopened after a mammoth renovation. On a guided tour, examine the works of Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other Dutch masters. You may also visit the newly reopened Van Gogh



Museum. Or opt to see the spectacular Keukenhof flower show with over seven million blooms. This evening, dinner is specially arranged at the historic 17th-century West India House, where the decision was made to build the fort 'Nieuw Amsterdam' on the island of Manhattan. (B,L,D)

MAY 4: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

A prosperous trading center for centuries, Antwerp brims with impressive architecture. A guided walk brings us to the 16th-century main square, lined with elegant guildhouses and the Renaissance city hall. Admire the works of Flemish masters Anthony Van Dyck and Peter Paul Rubens at the Rubenshuis. (B,L,D)

MAY 5: GENT

Gent was one of Europe's wealthiest medieval cities and remains a showcase of Flemish architecture. Historic belfries pierce the sky, filling the air with their chimes, and ornate guildhouses line the ancient harbor. Explore its historic sites with our guides. (B,L,D)

MAY 6: OOSTENDE/BRUGGE/LONDON, U.K.

Dock in Oostende and drive to medieval Brugge, a UNESCO site known for its Gothic architecture and serene waterways. Brugge was the birthplace of the school of Flemish Primitives, which include Jan van Eyck. After a guided walk, board small boats and glide down swan-dotted canals to experience the gem-like old town. Late afternoon, cross the English Channel to London, navigating up the Thames until berthing near the iconic Tower Bridge. (B,L,D)

MAY 7: LONDON/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Apr. 29

BACK TO BACK SAVINGS:

THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES

May 6-20, 2015

Save 10% on the voyage cost when you combine **Exploring the Low Countries** back-to-back with **Exploring the British & Irish Isles** (page 70). Call for details.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE GUEST SPEAKER

Russell Shorto is an American author, best known for his book on the Dutch origins of New York City. His newest book is *Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City*. A complimentary copy of his book, *Amsterdam*, will be sent to you prior to your voyage.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS



Photographers **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** have collectively photographed more than 60 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines. They have spent most of their careers working in Europe.

MUSICOLOGIST JACOB EDGAR

Ethnomusicologist **Jacob Edgar** will help us gain insight into the musical roots of these cultures through live performances.



EXPLORING THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES

15 DAYS/13 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 to \$23,720 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

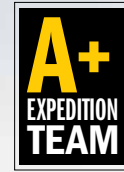
National Geographic Explorer follows a maritime thread through the isles, exploring the wild and beautiful places where Celtic and Viking influences still thrive in local languages and customs. Everywhere there are surprises: the subtropical gardens on the Isles of Scilly. The cloistered quiet of Iona, where Macbeth's grave allegedly lies. The way the 5,000-year-old dwellings at Skara Brae in Orkney banish forever any lingering notions of early man as "primitive." And the spectacular scenery along our route.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Begin your journey along the historic Thames, passing under London's iconic Tower Bridge.
- ▶ Navigate around magical Skellig Michael, which is crowned with a sixth-century beehive monastery. Examine the basaltic lava columns of Fingal's Cave.
- ▶ Peer into the past in the pre-historic homes at Skara Brae in the Orkneys.
- ▶ Venture into the mysterious ancient Celtic forts at Dun Aengus on the Aran Islands.
- ▶ Discover vibrant Gaelic culture on the remote isles off Scotland and Ireland.

Guest walking among the ancient Stones of Callanish in the Hebrides.

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MAY 6 AND 7: U.S./LONDON, ENGLAND

Depart on an overnight flight to London. Embark our ship along the Thames River, seeing the iconic Tower Bridge. (D)

MAY 8: PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth is the birthplace of Charles Dickens and the port from which the D-Day invasion was launched in WWII. The Historical Dockyard houses HMS *Victory*, Lord Nelson's flagship in the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, and the Tudor warship *Mary Rose*. (B,L,D)

MAY 9: FOWEY ISLAND/EDEN PROJECT

Explorers Drake, Raleigh, and Cook have all passed through Fowey (pronounced "Foy" by the locals). Stroll the winding, medieval streets and visit art galleries and pubs before visiting the Cornish countryside and the Eden Project, a botanical garden with vast biomes. Or opt to visit the Lost Gardens of Heligan, left derelict after WWI and recently restored. (B,L,D)



Shetland ponies.

MAY 10: ISLES OF SCILLY

According to Arthurian legend, the Isles of Scilly are all that remain of Lyonesse, a land off Cornwall that vanished beneath the Atlantic. Meander through Tresco Abbey Gardens, where an astounding variety of subtropical plants flourish. (B,L,D)

MAY 11: THE SKELLIGS AND DINGLE PENINSULA, IRELAND

An important center of Celtic Christianity, the beehive huts and seventh-century monastery of Skellig Michael still stand. Explore the ancient sites of the Dingle Peninsula and the colorful town of Dingle itself. (B,L,D)

MAY 12: CLIFFS OF MOHER & ARAN ISLANDS

View the towering cliffs of Moher and explore the Aran Islands, known for their limestone moonscapes and Gaelic identity. Visit Dun Aengus, a Celtic ring fort. (B,L,D)

MAY 13: COUNTY DONEGAL, IRELAND

Explore the fishing harbor of Killybegs, gateway to the Donegal's famous woolen mills, or discover some of the region's ancient archaeological sites. Sail past the 2,000-foot cliffs of Slieve league. (B,L,D)

MAY 14: IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND

Venture into 13th-century Iona Abbey. Examine the Celtic high crosses and the ancient graveyard where Macbeth lies buried. Explore Staffa Island, famed for its geometric basalt columns and deep-sea cave, where Felix Mendelssohn was inspired to write his "Hebrides Overture." (B,L,D)

MAY 15: OUTER HEBRIDES: ST. KILDA & CALLANISH

Visit the Outer Hebrides, where Scottish Gaelic is still spoken. Weather permitting, explore the cottages of St. Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage site inhabited since the Bronze Age. See the Neolithic Callanish Standing Stones on the Isle of Lewis. (B,L,D)

MAY 16: INVEREWE

Stroll Inverewe Gardens, where colorful subtropical flora thrives. Explore the charming fishing port of Ullapool. (B,L,D)

MAY 17: ORKNEY ISLANDS

Encounter a sophisticated Stone Age culture at the Ring of Brodgar and the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into the massive medieval St. Magnus Cathedral. (B,L,D)

MAY 18: FAIR ISLE AND MOUSA

On Fair Isle, known for its woolen crafts, we visit the bird research station, located on the migration flyway. On uninhabited Mousa, see an Iron Age broch. (B,L,D)

MAY 19: SHETLAND ISLANDS

Dock at Lerwick and drive through a rolling landscape with Shetland ponies. Explore the ruins at Jarlshof, a 4,000-year-old near-continuous settlement. (B,L,D)

MAY 20: BERGEN, NORWAY/DISEMBARK/ U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 May 6

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day extension in [Wales](#). Visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Richardson has produced more than 40 stories for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*. His areas of expertise include the United Kingdom, especially the people, culture, and landscape of Scotland, and the wider Celtic world.

**MUSICOLOGIST JACOB EDGAR**

Ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar will help us gain insight into the musical roots of these cultures through live performances.



Ring of Brodgar, Orkney.

NEW

SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,880 (See page 123 for complete prices.)

Sprinkled across the Aegean Sea and steeped in ancient mythology, the Cyclades are some of the most spectacular of Greece's many isles. Here, fishing boats cast colorful reflections in azure waters, whitewashed villages cascade down lavender-dusted slopes, and craggy headlands are punctuated by ancient ruins. Under the billowing sails of the exquisite four-masted tall ship *Sea Cloud*, voyage to sun-drenched Santoríni, the mystical isle of Delos, lovely Sífnos, some of the other small, lesser known islands, and more.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover the magnificent ruins in the ancient sanctuary of Delos, birthplace of Apollo and Artemis.
- ▶ Ride a donkey or cable car down a cliff side to the harbor on beautiful Santoríni.
- ▶ Soak up the lively culture, mythology, and Venetian legacy of age-old villages.
- ▶ Explore the Cyclades under full sail aboard the historic square-rigger *Sea Cloud*.

A cobalt dome sets off the bright whitewash of a hilltop church in Santoríni.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

20+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Lindblad Expeditions first sailed aboard *Sea Cloud* in the 1980s, and over the years has developed unparalleled expertise in

operating expedition-style journeys aboard this superlative vessel. In addition to an expedition leader, you'll be joined by a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a ranking expert on the cultures of the region and a team of local guides.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ATHENS, GREECE/ PIRAEUS

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens. After some time at leisure, travel to Piraeus and settle into your cabin on the majestic *Sea Cloud*. Cast off this afternoon, and take in our first Grecian sunset at sea. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA/SÍFNOS

This morning, find a spot on deck to watch as the *Sea Cloud's* sails are hoisted up their impressive masts by hand as we set sail for Sifnos. Distinguished for its ceramic chimneys and its Venetian dovecotes, Sifnos is a rugged island with a harbor village and a beautiful upper chora (village), waterfront tavernas and convenient beaches. It's a great island for walkers or loungers alike. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TINOS

Drop anchor at beautiful Tinos, dotted with villages steeped in Venetian history. The island's Venetian-era dovecotes, terraced hill-sides, and green marble quarries have long made this a haven for artists. Explore the picturesque village of Pyrgos, adorned with carved marble facades, and visit the church of Panagia Evangelistria, where thousands of pilgrims come every year to pray at Greece's holiest shrine. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DELOS/EXPLORING

The tiny archaeological gem of Delos is the birthplace of the twin gods Artemis, goddess of animals and the hunt, and Apollo, god of



Flowers at Santorini.

healing, music, and light. Spend the morning discovering the island's incredible ruins, including the Terrace of the Lions and the exquisite Temple of Apollo. This afternoon, we'll look to make an impromptu stop at one of the many interesting islands in the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AMORGÓS

Drop anchor at Amorgós, the easternmost isle of the Cyclades. Visit the main city, perched in the mountains, and see its beautiful domed churches and windmills. Explore the dazzling white monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa, clinging to a cliff face above the sea. Later, return to the *Sea Cloud* and enjoy a relaxing afternoon beneath its splendid sails. (B,L,D)



Setting the sails.

DAY 7: SANTORÍNI

Incomparable Santoríni is an island archipelago formed from a single volcanic cone that erupted in the second millennium B.C., burying the island's Minoan culture in ash. Sail into the caldera, and drive through windswept vineyards to the beautiful town of Oía which affords unrivaled views of the caldera below. After lunch, ride a donkey or a cable car down the cliff side back to the ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AT SEA

Enjoy a glorious day of sailing among the evocative isles of the Cyclades. Relax on deck with a book, observe the crew as they man the rigging and trim the sails, and attend presentations by our team of experts on the area's history and ecology. In the late afternoon, we may have a chance for an impromptu stop and a swim. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PIRAEUS/ATHENS/U.S.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 May 24; Jul. 4; Sep. 12, 19

Note: To take advantage of optimum sailing opportunities, the order and choice of some smaller islands may change during the course of this expedition.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud* on any 2015 departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre-trip extension to [Athens](#) or a three-day post-trip extension to [Crete](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:

Join **Chris Rainier**, one of the leading documentary photographers working today, on the Sep. 12 departure.



Street of Lions, Delos.



Use your smartphone to watch our *Sea Cloud Mediterranean* video.

UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$11,630 to \$22,190 (See page 123 for complete prices.)

From the ancient temples of Olympia to the medieval walled city of Hvar, immerse yourself in the history and culture of some of Europe's most spectacular places on board the legendary four-masted *Sea Cloud*. Discover the remarkable sites of Albania, cut off from the modern world for decades, and explore Montenegro, legendary Ithaca (Itháki), and incomparable Dubrovnik.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ply the waters of the Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas aboard the magnificent *Sea Cloud*.
- ▶ Step back in history at five UNESCO World Heritage sites including the ancient ruins of Olympia, Greece, and Albania's historic city of Butrint.
- ▶ Explore Montenegro's Gulf of Kotor to Our Lady of the Rocks, a tiny islet created over centuries by local fishermen.
- ▶ Spend a day among the marble-paved lanes and ramparts of Dubrovnik.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

20+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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Encircled by medieval battlements, the terra-cotta roofs of Dubrovnik shimmer in the Adriatic light.

**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ATHENS, GREECE/
PIRAEUS/EMBARK**

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving the next morning. This afternoon, transfer to Piraeus and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. (D)

DAY 3: AT SEA UNDER SAIL

Round the southern coast of the Peloponnese peninsula, enjoying a full day of sailing. Watch the crew hoist *Sea Cloud's* many sails by hand. Relax with a book on deck, photograph our yacht, and attend talks by our expedition team. (B,L,D)



Sea Cloud under full sail.

DAY 4: OLYMPIA

Dock in Katákolon and travel to the ancient site of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. Visit the legendary ruins of this UNESCO World Heritage site, the Olympic Stadium, and the superb Archaeological Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ITHACA/SAILING

Sail this morning to Ithaca (Itháki), home to Odysseus. The island remains somewhat isolated and retains the sense of adventure associated with Homer's hero. Visit gems of Ionian villages and explore sites that link to the era described in the epic poems. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: SARANDË AND BUTRINT, ALBANIA

Cut off from the world for 50 years by its Stalinist dictator, Albania is now feeling its

way into the 21st century. Explore the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO site, and return to Sarandë for refreshments at Lekuris Castle, looking down on the bay of Sarandë and Corfu. Set sail in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: KRUJE

Dock in Durrës, drive to the ancient capital of Kruje, and visit the medieval market and Ethnographic Museum. Also visit the Skanderbeg Museum, dedicated to Albania's national hero. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: PERAST AND KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Sail into Montenegro via the magnificent Gulf of Kotor. Stop at the historic town of Perast before taking a local boat to the islet of Gospa od Škrpjela, or Our Lady of the Rocks. Steeped in lore, the tiny islet was created by fishermen dropping rocks from their rowboats. Explore medieval Kotor this afternoon, or drive up 25 serpentine switchbacks to the top of the fjord. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Known as the "pearl of the Adriatic," Dubrovnik is regarded as one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world. Spend the day exploring the marvelous old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy a private performance of traditional Croatian *klapa* music. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SAILING/KORČULA

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites, and see the house believed by some to be Marco Polo's birthplace. This evening, attend a private traditional *Moreška* sword dance. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: HVAR/SAILING

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Take a walk along the marbled waterfront and the grand central square. Visit the arsenal and Croatia's oldest active theater, and if you choose, hike up to the dramatically located citadel. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: DUBROVNIK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 May 31, Jun. 10*, Aug. 23, Sep. 2*

*These departures travel from Dubrovnik to Athens.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud* on any 2015 departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension to [Athens](#) or a three-day pre- or post-voyage extension to [Mostar, Trogir & Split](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HISTORIAN

Grace Fielder is an expert on the history and cultures along the Dalmatian coast. She has studied the local lore, music, and cuisine of this region, and has even moonlighted as a lavender harvester on the island of Hvar. Grace will join the Sep. 2 departure.



Mostar bridge.



Use your smartphone to watch our *Sea Cloud Mediterranean* video.





I just returned from Borneo on August 8th. My stay there was part of an extended exploration and reconnaissance in Indonesia, a place I last visited 21 years ago. Not since the week I spent with Dian Fossey and the gorillas in Rwanda in 1975 was I so utterly mesmerized by an animal. Orangutans are smart, empathetic and mischievous—all the characteristics needed to be quite an extraordinary living being.

We spent three days among them, in the company of Dr. Biruté Galdikas. I was as enchanted with Dr. G. (as she likes to be called) as with the orangutans. One of Dr. Louis Leakey's legendary "trimates," along with Dian and Jane Goodall, Dr. G. has spent her entire adult life helping all of us to understand these remarkable animals, and works tirelessly to protect them.

If you join us on either of the itineraries featured on pages 92 and 94, you will have the privilege, as we did, to spend time with these magnificent primates, and the woman who is their essential champion.

All photos here shot by Sven Lindblad on his recent recon voyage at Dr. Biruté Galdikas' research station in Borneo. Above left: Young male; Right: Dr. G with an affectionate infant; Bottom, from left: Baby orangutan seeks comfort next to Dr. G; mother and infant; close-up of a distinctive face.

Sven

» TO READ MORE ON MY TIME WITH DR G AND THE ORANGUTANS, PLEASE VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/DR_G](https://www.expeditions.com/dr_g)

KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION: AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST

14 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*
PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$18,910 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Ask any Australian about the Kimberley, and you'll get an awed response. Australians hold it in the same kind of reverence that Americans hold the great parks of the American West. The land represents a symbol of wildness, a place they yearn to go. It's so old that vast tracts predate the existence of fossils. Geological forces have buckled the earth, leaving soaring red cliffs, cooling pools, towering waterfalls, isolated islands, secluded beaches and river inlets—and waters famous for their wildlife. Its secrets include 40,000-year-old rock art. And *National Geographic Orion* is the best way to experience this vibrant wilderness in full.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Zodiacs take you up the spectacular King George River, where you'll feel dwarfed by the towering red rock canyon walls, then cooled by the mist of King George Falls.
- ▶ View an outdoor Aboriginal art gallery, portraying images of the Wandjina spirits.
- ▶ Take a scenic flight over the famous Bungle Bungle Ranges, a natural wonder.
- ▶ Visit Montgomery Reef, where the tide drops so rapidly that waters trapped atop the reef create a raging torrent as they escape.

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, naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Guests photograph a crocodile by Zodiac in the Kimberley.



DAYS 1-3: U.S./DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA/EMBARK

Depart for Darwin, cross the international date line, embark *National Geographic Orion*. (Day 3: D)

DAYS 4 AND 5: COM/AT SEA

Settle into the ship and prepare for amazing photographic opportunities with hands-on instruction from our team. The ship makes a brief technical stop at Com. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: WYNDHAM & THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

Take a flight over the Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park, where ancient hills resembling giant beehives form deep chasms and long gorges, or cruise Ord River to Lake Argyle, navigating the river between Kununurra and Lake Argyle. See the lake from a scenic lookout, and visit the historic Durack homestead. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS

Zodiacs cruise along the spectacular King George River, with its near-vertical canyon walls. The river drains the Gardner Plateau into the highest single-drop falls in the Kimberley. Early season, we will linger in the thundering mist. Later in the year, we will get close, even under the falls. Opt to hike to the top for a swim in one of the freshwater pools. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: VANSITTART BAY

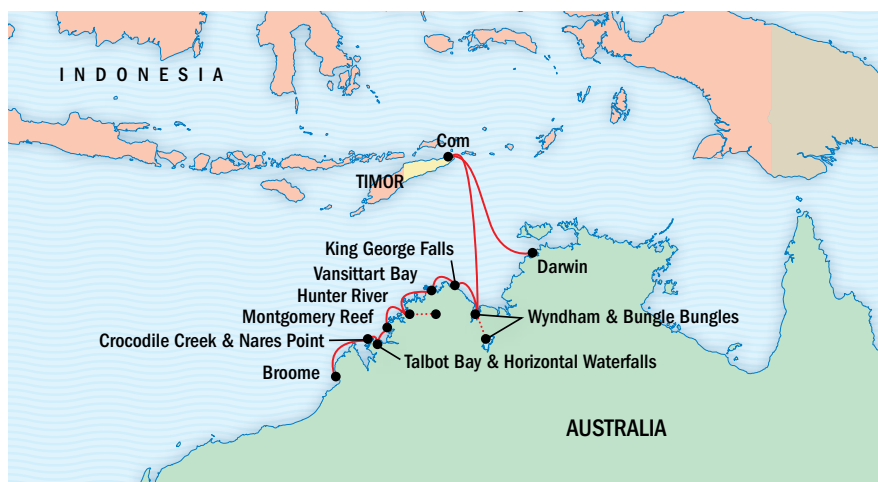
See 40,000-year-old Gwion Gwion Aboriginal rock paintings. Visit the wreck of a DC-3, a WWII remnant. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: HUNTER RIVER (AND OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TO MITCHELL FALLS)

From the stunning anchorage off of Naturalist's Island, we spend the day exploring the mangrove-lined channels of the Hunter River. Photographers will want to capture the vermilion rock at sunrise or sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: MONTGOMERY REEF & RAFT POINT

Conditions permitting, the quick tide change at Montgomery Reef creates raging torrents of water as the sea level drops and the reef seems to rise from the ocean. Watch from your Zodiac, and look for wildlife feeding on



stranded sea life. Then explore Raft Point with its outdoor Aboriginal drawings—an account of the Wandjinias on the Great Fish Chase. (B,L,D)



Short-eared rock wallaby.

DAY 11: TALBOT BAY/HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS

The Horizontal Waterfalls in the Buccaneer Archipelago are created by the rapid tidal fall between oceanside cliffs. When tidal conditions are right, a 'waterfall' ten feet high can form as the trapped waters cascade through the narrow gap. Later, explore the twisted geological folds of the ancient seabed at Cyclone Bay. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: NARES POINT & CROCODILE CREEK

Zodiac cruise and explore off Koolan Island, a finger of sandstone. Nearby Crocodile Creek defies its name, with several vertical embankments keeping it crocodile-free, allowing us to take advantage of the cool freshwater natural swimming pool. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 AND 14: BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark for your flight home. (Day 13: B)



Guests see humpback whales in July and August.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jun. 15*, 25; Jul. 5*, 15, 25*; Aug. 4

*These departures travel from Broome to Darwin.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with and learn from **Ira Block** on Jun. 15 and 25, **Susan Seubert** on Jul. 5 and 15, or **Massimo Bassano** on Jul. 25 and Aug. 4. See our website for full bios of each photographer.



King George Falls.

KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION WITH THE SPICE ISLANDS

18 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$12,640 to \$26,390 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Discover dramatic landscapes etched with ancient human history in the Kimberley, and sail to remote island villages of Indonesia where history comes alive in traditional ceremonies. Search for spectacular wildlife, from the giant saltwater crocs of the Kimberley to prehistoric Komodo dragons; see humpback whales during prime migrating season. Snorkel and dive at pristine Rowley Shoals; see giant manta rays and untouched coral gardens. Explore art galleries of Aboriginal rock paintings and Zodiac to the base of King George Falls. Learn the history of the Spice Islands, fought over among English, Portuguese, and Dutch colonizers.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Zodiac up the King George River to explore at water level and experience its towering red rock canyon walls.
- ▶ View an outdoor Aboriginal art gallery, portraying images of the Wandjina spirits.
- ▶ Zodiacs land virtually anywhere and take you up close to the unique wildlife in this region. See crocodiles, migrating humpback whales, and endearing wallabies.
- ▶ A special highlight is a visit to world-renowned Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to go in search of the legendary Komodo dragons.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive remote reefs with galaxies of colorful fish in the Spice Islands, and pristine Rowley Shoals in Australia.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Komodo dragons are the world's largest living lizards and can grow up to ten feet long and weigh 300 pounds.



AUG. 14-16: U.S./BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA/EMBARK

Depart U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Broome. Embark *National Geographic Orion* and set sail. (Aug. 16: D)

AUG. 17: ROWLEY SHOALS

With abundant marine life and untouched coral, Rowley Shoals is one of the world's most pristine marine environments, where you'll snorkel, dive and explore by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

AUG. 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)

AUG. 19: MONTGOMERY REEF & RAFT POINT

Conditions permitting, the quick tide change at Montgomery Reef creates raging torrents of water as the sea level drops and the reef seems to rise from the ocean. Watch from your Zodiac, and look for wildlife feeding on stranded sea life. Then explore Raft Point with its outdoor Aboriginal drawings—an account of the Wandjinas on the Great Fish Chase. (B,L,D)

AUG. 20: HUNTER RIVER (AND OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TO MITCHELL FALLS)

This is one of the most scenic parts of the Kimberley coast, lined with green rain forest, mangroves and soaring red cliffs. Anchor at Naturalists Island, the proper name of which is “Wunumpurramarra”—a stunning backdrop for the day's explorations. The Hunter River has many crocodiles and you may be lucky enough to see them on a Zodiac foray through the mangroves. The distance from Naturalists Island to renowned Mitchell Falls and Plateau is about 30 miles; choose an optional helicopter excursion over spectacular terrain in the vast interior. (B,L,D)

AUG. 21: BIGGE ISLAND

Aboard Zodiacs, visit this rocky island which juts out of vividly colored aqua seas and is famous for Wandjina rock art. Small monjon rock wallabies and the northern quoll thrive here, free of predators. (B,L,D)

AUG. 22: KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS

Zodiacs take us up the King George River, home to a wealth of bird species and

spectacular canyon scenery. King George Falls are the highest single-drop falls in the Kimberley. For more adventure, take a steep walk to the top of the falls for a swim. (B,L,D)

AUG. 23 AND 24: WYNDHAM/AT SEA

Take a boat trip up the Ord River from Wyndham, then spend the next day sailing north to East Timor. (B,L,D)

AUG. 25 AND 26: JACO ISLAND & DILI, EAST TIMOR

Search for endemic bird species, and swim, snorkel, and dive from white sand beaches in clear blue waters. Explore the evolving cosmopolitan capital of East Timor, where there is still much evidence of its 500-year history as a Portuguese colony, and a strongly Catholic population. See the giant Cristo Rei statue as we approach the harbor. Visit the local craft market and see the colorful local woven fabrics called *tais*. (B,L,D)

AUG. 27: LARANTUKA, INDONESIA

In the 1600s, Flores was an important Portuguese trade center. As Dutch influence spread throughout the 17th century, Portuguese populations moved here. Today Larantuka is a neat little seaside township with spectacular views. Meet the locals and learn their history and customs. (B,L,D)

AUG. 28: KOMODO

At renowned Komodo National Park, search for the world's largest living lizard: the Komodo dragon. These prehistoric creatures can grow up to ten feet long and weigh 300 pounds. Later, swim, snorkel, dive or kayak at Pink Beach, named for the red coral fragments that color the sand. (B,L,D)

AUG. 29: BADAS, SUMBAWA

Experience the culture of the Pamulung villagers with an elaborate display of a traditional mock wedding ceremony, and a buffalo race. (B,L,D)

AUG. 30 AND 31: BALI, INDONESIA/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive in Bali and transfer to the airport for your flight home on Aug. 30, then arrive the next day. (Aug. 30: B)



Badas, Pamulung Village, Indonesia.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Aug. 14

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day post-voyage extension in **Bali**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer Bob Krist works on assignment for *National Geographic Traveler*, *Smithsonian*, *Islands*, and *Outdoor Photographer*. He has been stranded on a glacier in Iceland, nearly run down by charging bulls in southern India, and knighted with a cutlass during a Trinidad voodoo ceremony. A former professional actor, Bob hosted “Nature's Best Photography” on the Outdoor Life Network.



Dive and snorkel pristine reefs in Australia and the Spice Islands.

NEW

PALAU TO SOLOMON ISLANDS: ALONG THE PACIFIC EQUATOR

19 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$17,390 to \$35,920 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Sailing east through the heart of Micronesia, we'll explore seldom-visited islands, and learn first-hand of the region's fascinating World War II history. Meet islanders who still follow traditional ways, and who share their incredible navigational skills with us. Search for Yap's famous manta rays, then snorkel and dive the reefs and wrecks of Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon. Turn south into Melanesia, where you'll be welcomed ashore with sing-sings in Papua New Guinea and warrior displays in the Solomon Islands. This expedition is the perfect combination of ocean passage and island exploration, allowing you to experience first hand some of the most remote places in the Pacific.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Attend a performance of the unique fire dances of the Baining tribe in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.
- ▶ Snorkel and scuba dive the World War II wrecks of Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon.
- ▶ See Yap's famous stone money "banks."
- ▶ Visit a village in Marovo Lagoon, meet some of the best wood carvers in the Pacific, and shop for art.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

*Explore the region
and learn about its WWII history.*

SEP. 29-OCT. 1: U.S./KOROR, PALAU/ EMBARK

Depart the U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Koror, Republic of Palau. Transfer to dayrooms before taking a short tour of Koror, en route to embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (Oct. 1: L,D)

OCT. 2 AND 3: AT SEA/YAP ISLAND, YAP STATE, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

"The land of stone money," intriguing Yap is notable for the largest and heaviest money in the world. Exploring on land, you'll walk ancient stone pathways, and visit a community house. Scuba divers will go in search of Yap's famous resident manta rays, while kayakers explore the island's extensive lagoon. (B,L,D)

OCT. 4 AND 5: AT SEA/SATAWAL, YAP STATE

You'll land at tiny Satawal, measuring just 1.5 miles long and accessible only by a small ship such as *National Geographic Orion*. Village women present a traditional welcome dance, while Satawal men demonstrate their renowned sailing skills in outrigger canoes made of breadfruit wood. Snorkel, dive, and explore the island's interior on foot. (B,L,D)

OCT. 6-8: AT SEA/CHUUK ATOLL, CHUUK STATE

A day at sea is followed by two full days in in world-famous Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon. The vast selection of WWII artifacts still found in the Chuuk Lagoon after five decades are testament to the unique history of the Micronesia Islands—visible propellers, torpedoes, cave networks, plans, and ships abound. You'll snorkel or dive among Chuuk's renowned wrecks, now blooming with corals. (B,L,D)

OCT. 9 AND 10: AT SEA/CROSSING THE EQUATOR (B,L,D)

OCT. 11 AND 12: NEW IRELAND & NEW BRITAIN ISLANDS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We arrive in Papua New Guinea today, stopping first on the north coast of New Ireland. Here, nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Bismarck Sea, are dozens of idyllic islands. Continuing south to Kimbe Bay, options are endless, and we'll spend these days exploring on land, as well as out on the reefs. (B,L,D)

OCT. 13: RABAUL

Plan to be on deck for the spectacular approach to Rabaul, dominated by its smoking volcano. In 1994 the volcano exploded, burying this "Pacific Pompeii." You'll observe firsthand the old city covered in ash with the steaming volcano as a backdrop. You'll also see the extensive WWII fortifications that made up the southernmost base of the Japanese advance. Another highlight will come after dark, when you see the unique fire dancers of the Baining tribe. (B,L,D)

OCT. 14 AND 15: AT SEA/MAROVO LAGOON, SOLOMON ISLANDS

In the heart of the New Georgia Islands is Marovo Lagoon. One of the world's largest double barrier-enclosed lagoons, this isolated spot has been proposed for a World Heritage listing and is an exceptional site for swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and diving. Visiting a village, we meet the wood carvers of Marovo, reported to be the best in the Pacific, and have the opportunity to shop for art. (B,L,D)



Snorkel and dive the WWII wrecks at Chuuk Lagoon.



OCT. 16 AND 17: HONIARA DISEMBARK/BRISBANE/AUS/U.S.

Disembark *National Geographic Orion*, and transfer to the airport for our charter flight to Brisbane. Connect to international flights, arriving home the next day. (Oct. 16: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Sep. 29

See our website for the National Geographic photographer on this voyage.



Wood carvings in Marovo Lagoon.



Fire dances of the Baining tribe, Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

NEW

SOLOMON ISLANDS TO FIJI: HIDDEN SOUTH PACIFIC

13 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*
PRICES FROM: \$10,870 to \$22,450 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

From the Solomon Islands to Fiji, this voyage takes us through the heart of Melanesia to the western edge of Polynesia. In the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, you'll be greeted with traditional "warrior welcomes," as you land by Zodiac on remote and verdant shores, while a warm smile and *Bula!* greet you on arrival in Fiji. Search for endemic bird species, snorkel and dive stunning reefs and wrecks, and soak up the tranquil beauty of palm-fringed beaches. Whether your interest is culture or nature, this short expedition has a sampling of both.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Dive the S.S. *President Coolidge* in Vanuatu, one of the best wreck dives in the world.
- ▶ See ancient petroglyphs at Fels Cave in Chief Roi Mata's Domain, Vanuatu's first UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ▶ Search for endemic bird species such as the orange fruit dove on Taveuni Island in Fiji.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive some of Fiji's finest reefs.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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EXPEDITION
TEAM

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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

A youthful warrior dance group welcomes guests on Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu.



OCT. 14-16: DEPART U.S./BRISBANE, AUS/ HONIARA/EMBARK

Depart the U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Brisbane, Australia where you'll transfer to our charter flight to Honiara. Upon arrival embark. (Oct. 16: D)

OCT. 17: SANTA ANA

On the tiny isle of Owaraha (formerly known as Santa Ana), we're greeted with a traditional dance performed by villagers in elaborate costumes and masks. (B,L,D)

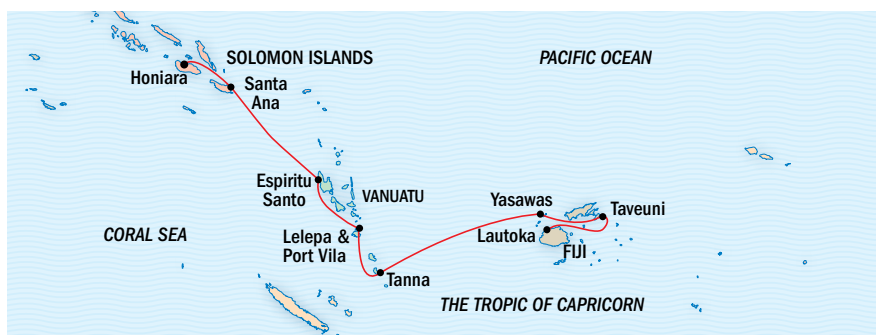
OCT. 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)

OCT. 19-21: VANUATU

Captain James Cook named these islands the "New Hebrides" because they reminded him of the rugged isles off Scotland's coast. On the main island of Espiritu Santo, experience one of the best wreck dives in the world: the S.S. *President Coolidge*, a luxury cruise liner used as a troop carrier during World War II, or enjoy a serene canoe paddle to the Blue Hole Grotto, a jewel-blue freshwater source surrounded by jungle. Ride Zodiacs to Lelepa to visit Vanuatu's first and only UNESCO World Heritage site, the final residence and burial site of 17th-century Chief Roi Mata. Here, we'll be welcomed with traditional songs and dance, and enter the impressive Fels Cave. (B,L,D)

OCT. 22: AT SEA (B,L,D)

Relax on deck as we make our passage from



Vanuatu to Fiji, or attend talks by our expert expedition and photo teams. (B,L,D)

OCT. 23-25: FIJI

Enter the island nation of Fiji from the west, with a stop in the volcanic Yasawa archipelago. Continue east to Taveuni, Fiji's third largest island, known as "The Garden Island" for its rich vegetation—which includes several species found nowhere else in the world. Head inland to discover the waterfalls of Bouma National Heritage Park, go diving or snorkeling, or take a birding walk along a coastal trail to see species such as orange fruit doves, endemic silktails, fantails, and parrots. (B,L,D)

OCT. 26: LAUTOKA, FIJI/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Lautoka this morning. Take a tour of western Viti Levu Island then transfer to the international airport at Nadi for flights home, or choose to extend your stay and check in to our hotel. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Oct. 14

See our website for the National Geographic photographer on this voyage.



Waterfall at Bouma National Heritage Park, Fiji.



The S.S. *President Coolidge* wreck dive in Vanuatu.



Look for the orange fruit dove in Fiji.

NEW

FIJI TO THE COOK ISLANDS: POLYNESIAN DISCOVERY

13 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$10,870 to \$22,450 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

The ideal South Pacific getaway, this short escape will take you from Fiji's "Garden Isle" to verdant Rarotonga. Explore the western reaches of Polynesia, visiting tropical islands and reefs that few ever see. Immerse yourself in Tonga's warm turquoise waters, and experience genuine Polynesian welcomes throughout the Cook Islands. Allow yourself to be mesmerized by deep-sea-blue water on ocean passages, while scanning the horizon for marine mammals and seabirds. Learn new techniques for photographing colorful markets and friendly faces. No matter your preference of activities, this voyage offers a rich dose of South Pacific sand, sea, warmth, and color.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Go ashore by Zodiac at Niue, one of the world's largest uplifted coral atolls and least populous nations.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive colorful reefs in four different Pacific nations—Fiji, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands.
- ▶ Spot rare and colorful birds and flowers on Fiji's spectacular "Garden Island," Taveuni.
- ▶ Experience the rich harmony of traditional Tongan singing, and visit remote island villages from Fiji to the Cook Islands.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Snorkel or dive in some of the planet's best undersea sites in Fiji, Tonga, Niue, and the Cook Islands.

OCT. 24-26: U.S./NADI, FIJI/EMBARK

Depart the U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Nadi, Fiji. Tour western Viti Levu Island, before embarking *National Geographic Orion* in Lautoka. (Oct. 26: D)



Bouma Falls and pool of fresh water.

OCT. 27-29: FIJI/AT SEA

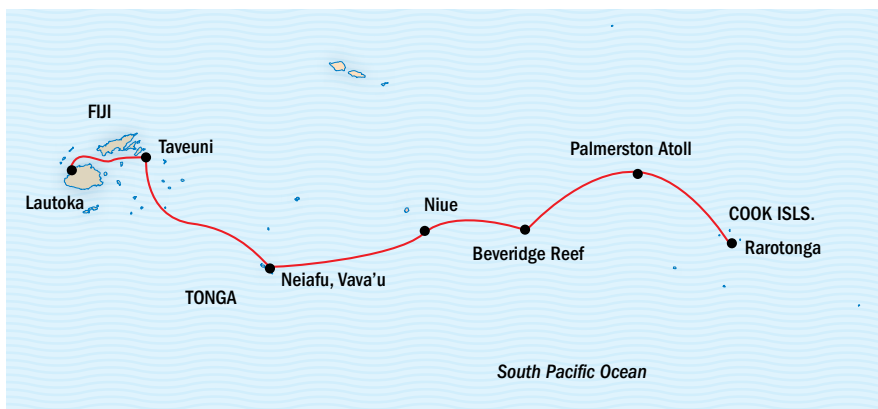
Our first stop is Taveuni, Fiji's third largest island, known as "The Garden Island" for its rich vegetation, which includes several species found nowhere else in the world. Head inland to discover the waterfalls of Bouma National Heritage Park and admire a panoramic view from 3,920-foot Des Voeux Peak. Go diving or snorkeling, or take a birding walk along a coastal trail to see species such as orange fruit doves, endemic silktails, fantails, and parrots. On Fiji's outer islands, experience the local culture in remote villages. Then take advantage of a full day at sea to settle into the relaxed pace of life on board. Watch for marine life from the deck, study our route on the navigational charts, and attend talks by our experts. (B,L,D)

OCT. 30: TONGA

The ship winds its way through a maze of uplifted limestone islets as we arrive in the lesser-known Kingdom of Tonga. In Neiafu, the capital of the stunning Vava'u island group, venture into verdant hills to visit a vanilla plantation



A local Tongan woman with her produce.



and browse the craft and produce markets at the wharf. Spend the afternoon on the water kayaking, snorkeling, diving, or taking a Zodiac into limestone caves along the coast. (B,L,D)

OCT. 31: AT SEA/NIUE

Enjoy a day at sea, crossing the deep Tonga Trench. Grab binoculars and cameras and join the expedition team on deck scanning for marine mammals, seabirds and scores of ever-present flying fish. Zodiacs take you ashore at the tiny island nation of Niue, one of the largest uplifted coral atolls, and least populous nations, in the world. Here, you'll tour the island, and have the opportunity to snorkel with docile banded sea kraits. Gain a day crossing the international date line. (B,L,D)

NOV. 1-3: AT SEA/COOK ISLANDS

Continue east to the Southern Group of the Cook Islands, where a number of possibilities await. Visit Palmerston Atoll, discovered by Captain Cook on his second voyage, now inhabited by the descendants of English carpenter William Marsters. Weather permitting, snorkel en route at Beveridge Reef, an oceanic reef with no land in sight! (B,L,D)

NOV. 4 AND 5: RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive at Rarotonga, the capital of the Cook Islands, this morning and disembark *National Geographic Orion*. Tour the island before transferring to the airport for flights home, arriving the next day, or choose to extend your stay and check in to our hotel. (Nov. 4: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Oct. 24

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer Jay Dickman has worked in photojournalism for 30+ years, photographing events as diverse as the war in El Salvador, national political conventions, six Super Bowls, and the 40th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. He has lived in a stone-age village in Papua New Guinea, spent a week under the Arctic ice in a nuclear attack sub, and escaped a sinking boat on the Amazon.



Discover remote Palmerston Atoll.



NEW

COOK ISLANDS TO TAHITI: PRISTINE REEFS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

13 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$10,870 to \$22,450 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Timed just before the bustle of the holiday season and the cold northern winter, this short expedition is the perfect South Pacific getaway. Walk pristine beaches, snorkel amid clouds of colorful reef fish and experience true Polynesian hospitality. Discover the popular notion of paradise—and some of the world's best dive sites—while sailing from the sparkling white shores of the Cook Islands to Tahiti's lush volcanic crags. Dive or snorkel in the Southern Line Islands, identified as one of the most unspoiled reef systems in the world by the National Geographic Pristine Seas project, with diverse coral, fish, and predator populations.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ride Zodiacs through the pass at Aitutaki, entering its sparkling turquoise lagoon.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive amid the corals of the Southern Line Islands, identified as one of most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.
- ▶ Experience traditional Polynesian welcomes in the Cook Islands and French Polynesia.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates Tiputa Pass into the lagoon at Rangiroa, one of the largest atolls in the world.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Turquoise waters meet white sand shores in the Cook Islands, Kiribati, and French Polynesia.

NOV. 3 AND 4: U.S./RAROTONGA/EMBARK

Depart the U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Take a short tour of the island before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (Nov. 4: D)

NOV. 5: AITUTAKI

Known for its turquoise central lagoon, Aitutaki has been described as the perfect South Pacific island. Board Zodiacs to enter the lagoon via the pass on the western side of this "almost atoll." Once ashore, you'll step over sacred welcome stones to be greeted with a traditional Polynesian welcome. Meet the friendly residents, walk the palm-fringed beaches and finish with a swim in the warm, clear lagoon. Later, choose to snorkel or ride the glass-bottom boat, hike one of the outer islands, or simply relax on the sparkling white beach. (B,L,D)

channels of its lagoon by Zodiac or kayak, seeing nesting boobies and tropicbirds on the shore, and swim above fields of giant clams. (B,L,D)

NOV. 11-13: AT SEA/RANGIROA

Gain a day crossing the international date line as we sail to French Polynesia. The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands known for some of the best diving and snorkeling in French Polynesia. The turquoise lagoon at its center is the second-largest in the world. Our ship passes between the islets to anchor inside the lagoon near the village of Tiputa, where local musicians greet us. Visit the village, and kayak, snorkel, and scuba in the rich waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, sea turtles, and hammerheads. (B,L,D)



Snorkel and dive in pristine seas throughout the voyage.

NOV. 6-10: AT SEA/SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS, KIRIBATI

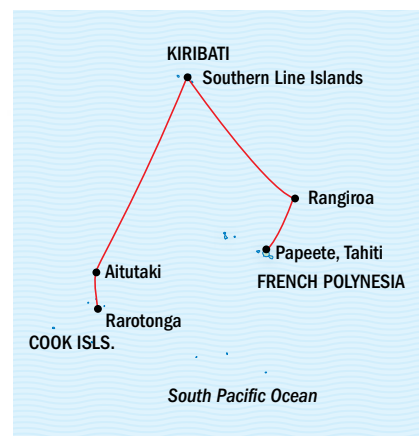
Two days at sea bring us to the Southern Line Islands, where you'll snorkel or dive some of the most remote and pristine atolls on Earth. Marine ecologist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala researched these islands as part of the Pristine Seas project and identified them as one of the last healthy, undisturbed places in the ocean. Explore deeper via our ROV. Go ashore on Caroline Island, renamed Millennium Atoll after becoming one of the first places to see the new millennium. Navigate the intricate

NOV. 14 AND 15: PAPEETE/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Approach the emerald crags of Tahiti's volcanic peak this morning and disembark in French Polynesia's capital city, Papeete. Join us for a tour of the city's museums, markets, and black pearl shops before transferring to the airport for your flight home, arriving the next day, or extend your stay in Tahiti, and check in to our hotel. (Nov. 14: B, L)



Visit black pearl shops in Tahiti.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Nov. 3

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer **Jay Dickman** has worked in photojournalism for 30+ years, photographing events as diverse as the war in El Salvador, national political conventions, six Super Bowls, and the 40th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. He has lived in a stone-age village in Papua New Guinea, spent a week under the Arctic ice in a nuclear attack sub, and escaped a sinking boat on the Amazon.



Experience traditional Polynesian welcomes.

NEW

TAHITI TO EASTER ISLAND: TALES OF THE PACIFIC

19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$17,390 to \$35,920 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From Tahiti, through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands, and remote and enigmatic Easter Island, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. Drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and walk the length of untouched tropical beaches. The voyage finale is one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of Fakarava, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the Pitcairn Islands, identified as one of most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.
- ▶ Trace the legend of the ill-fated H.M.S. *Bounty* from Tahiti to Pitcairn Island, where descendants of its mutineers still live today.
- ▶ Explore the unusual geology and wildlife of Henderson Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and look for endemic bird species.
- ▶ Delve into the intriguing lost culture of Easter Island, and examine ancient burial sites and towering *moai* with an archaeologist.

Easter Island, shrouded in mystery and guarded by the famous moai statues.

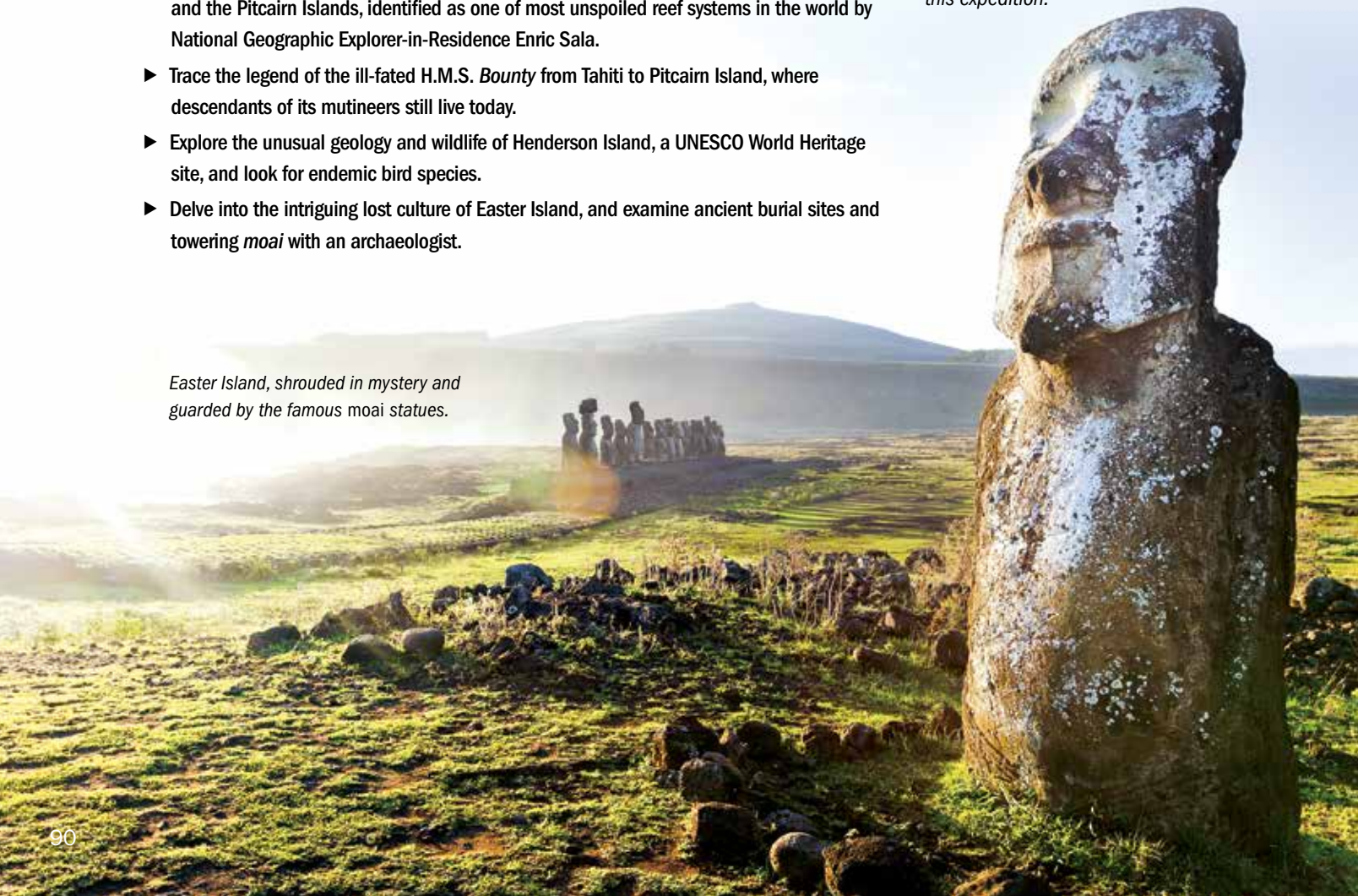
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NOV. 13 AND 14: U.S./PAPEETE/EMBARK

Depart the U.S. and arrive in Papeete, French Polynesia. Take a short tour of Tahiti before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (Nov. 14: D)

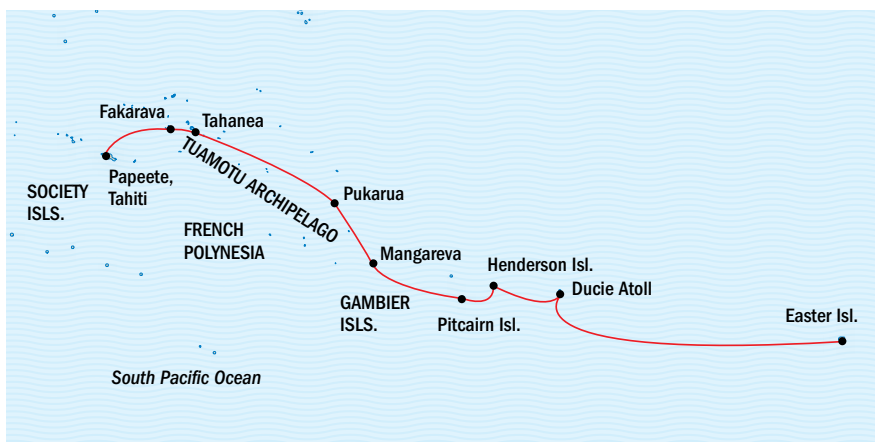
NOV. 15-20: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO/AT SEA

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” at Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. After a festive welcome with traditional dancers, learn about the island’s pearl industry, and walk its pristine beaches. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world-famous drift dive. In true expedition mode, explore one of the uninhabited atolls such as Tahanea. Navigate reefs and islets during a day at sea on our way to Pukarua, where we’ll be greeted by traditional dancers. (B,L,D)

Snorkel and dive among brilliant fish at UNESCO sites.

**NOV. 21 AND 22: MANGAREVA, GAMBIER ARCHIPELAGO/AT SEA**

Famous for its black pearls, Mangareva is the largest of the Gambier Islands. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their home here, and go on a hike with our naturalists. Then spend a day at sea scanning the horizon with our naturalists, or relaxing on deck with a good book. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 23-27: PITCAIRN ISLANDS/AT SEA**

Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Meet the residents and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of mutiny leader Fletcher Christian, and see the *Bounty*’s anchor, which was salvaged in 1957.

Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. On hikes and Zodiac excursions, discover the island’s four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology. Then spend a day on Ducie Atoll, watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs. Set out on our final leg east, listening to talks by our experts as we sail two days towards Easter Island. (B,L,D)

NOV. 28-DEC. 1: EASTER ISLAND/SANTIAGO, CHILE/U.S.

Disembark on Easter Island and check into our hotel for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal *moai* statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Explore on our final morning of Nov. 30; fly to Santiago, then an overnight flight back to the U.S. (Nov. 28-29: B,L,D; Nov. 30: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Nov. 13

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer **Bob Krist** works on assignment for *National Geographic Traveler*, *Smithsonian*, *Islands*, and *Outdoor Photographer*.



He has been stranded on a glacier in Iceland, nearly run down by charging bulls in southern India, and knighted with a cutlass during a Trinidad voodoo ceremony. A former professional actor, Bob hosted “Nature’s Best Photography” on the Outdoor Life Network.



Look for endemic bird species on Henderson Island in the Pitcairns, including the Henderson fruit dove.

WILD ENCOUNTERS FROM BORNEO TO BALI

13 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*
PRICES FROM: \$9,550 to \$19,990 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Sail between Singapore and Bali for a rare chance to observe endangered orangutans up close. Snorkel the coral reefs off the pristine Natuna and Anambas archipelagos, and explore the protected forests of Sarawak. Then venture into Tanjung Puting National Park by local boat to spot orangutans and visit Camp Leakey, an orangutan research center founded by National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas—one of the “Trimates,” along with Dian Fossey and Jane Goodall.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Meet with National Geographic grantee Biruté Galdikas on a visit to Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation center she established in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.
- ▶ Skim through the jungles of Tanjung Puting National Park on an all-day excursion by local boat, and interact with orangutans and other rare wildlife at a rehabilitation center.
- ▶ Explore the incredible array of Borneo’s flora and fauna at Bako National Park, home to seven different ecosystems.
- ▶ Swim and snorkel the coral reefs off the pristine, uninhabited isles of the Natuna and Anambas archipelagos.

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Orangutan at Camp Leakey.

DAYS 1-3: U.S./SINGAPORE/EMBARK

Depart for Singapore, crossing the international date line. Explore Singapore's diverse neighborhoods, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. Hear naturalist talks as we sail the South China Sea. (Day 3: D)

DAY 4: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO

Snorkel the pristine reefs around Pulau Lintang in the remote Anambas Archipelago. End the day with a beach barbecue. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: NATUNA ARCHIPELAGO

Scattered in the South China Sea between Borneo and the Malaysian peninsula, the 272 islands of the Natuna Archipelago are graced with white-sand beaches and volcanic peaks, and fringed with coral reefs. We'll snorkel at either Pulau Senua or Pulau Tiga, both pristine and uninhabited, and later enjoy a festive welcome ceremony in one of the fishing villages. (B,L,D)



Proboscis monkey.

DAY 6: BAKO NATIONAL PARK, SARAWAK, BORNEO

Hike dense rain forests and enjoy secluded beaches along a coast of carved sea arches and colorful sea stacks. The park harbors seven distinct ecosystems and most of the plant species found in Borneo. Search for rare birds and primates, including the proboscis monkey. (B,L,D)

DAYS 7-9: KUCHING/AT SEA

Visit Kuching, the capital of the Malaysian state of Sarawak. At the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre learn about ongoing research on orangutan behavior and a successful program that has reintroduced more than a thousand endangered animals into the wild. In the afternoon, discover the cultural treasures of Kuching. Spend two days relaxing at sea, tracing the western coast of Kalimantan, or Indonesian Borneo. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10 AND 11: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Set on a peninsula jutting out from the southern edge of Kalimantan, Tanjung Puting National Park is a trove of rare species and diverse habitats. While the park is home to some 220 bird species and numerous monkey species, its most famous residents are the endangered orangutans. Board local boats for a full-day excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels on the lookout for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps the unusual proboscis monkey.

Our destination is Camp Leakey, a research station established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Biruté Galdikas, a protégée of paleontologist Louis Leakey and the founder of Orangutan Foundation International (OFI). A many-time National Geographic grantee, Dr. Galdikas will discuss her efforts to save the orangutan from extinction through rehabilitation and habitat preservation. Our boats bring us to feeding stations throughout the forest, where we hope to observe these creatures at close range. The following day, visit the OFI's wildlife rehabilitation center to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 AND 13: AT SEA/DENPASAR, BALI/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Cross the Java Sea to Bali. Disembark the following morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (Day 12: B,L,D; Day 13: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 May 23*; Jun. 2; Aug. 28*; Sep. 7

*These departures travel from Bali to Singapore.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension in **Bali**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join **Ralph Lee Hopkins**, left, on May 23 and Jun. 2. Ralph is an inspiring teacher whose work is published by National Geographic. Learn from **Jeff**

Mauritzen,

right, on the Aug. 28 and Sep. 7 departures. Jeff has shot in nearly 50 countries around the world.



Look for birds at Bako National Park such as the stork-billed kingfisher.

NEW

WILD ISLANDS OF SRI LANKA, BORNEO, AND THE ANDAMAN SEA

22 DAYS/19 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$21,040 to \$43,410 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Search for leopards or elephants on game drives, see bird and primate species, and meet welcoming people of long-isolated cultures who continue to live close to their ancestral traditions on this sweeping expedition. Rare opportunities abound, including a two-day visit to an orangutan rescue center run since 1971 by National Geographic grantee and Louis Leakey protégée Dr. Biruté Galdikas. Plus, snorkel or dive some of the planet's most vibrant coral reefs.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience two game drives in southern Sri Lanka's national parks, in search of elephants or leopards and abundant birdlife.
- ▶ Explore the seldom-visited Andaman Islands, which are rich in history, for two days.
- ▶ Visit Sabang, at the western end of Indonesia, as well as the interior of North Sumatra.
- ▶ Meet with National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas on a visit to Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation center she established in 1971 in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.

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See elephants on a game drive in Sri Lanka.

MAY 4-6: U.S./COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Depart the U.S. and arrive in Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, the next day. Transfer to our hotel for the evening.

MAY 7: COLOMBO/EMBARK

Tour the city before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

MAY 8: GALLE, SRI LANKA

Sail under the ramparts of the Galle Fort at the harbor's entrance, an impressive photo op. Choose to either visit a tea plantation, for which Sri Lanka is famous, or take a wildlife river safari. Tour the historic city of Galle. (B,L,D)

MAY 9: HAMBANTOTA, SRI LANKA

Explore Sri Lanka's national parks—a wildlife highlight. Bring your cameras on game drives to search for leopards, elephants, and birdlife. (B,L,D)

MAY 10 AND 11: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAY 12 AND 13: ANDAMAN ISLANDS**

Once a British penal colony, the Andaman Islands have long been isolated from foreign visitation. We tour the capital city of Port Blair, then explore the outer islands and undersea. (B,L,D)

MAY 14: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAY 15: SABANG, PULAU WEH, INDONESIA**

Spend the morning in friendly, relaxed Pulau Weh, where we walk among the steaming fumaroles of the Jaboi Geothermal Area, then visit the quiet city of Sabang. Located where the Andaman Sea meets the Indian Ocean, Weh offers unparalleled opportunities for underwater exploration. Snorkel or dive one of the island's many reefs. (B,L,D)

MAY 16: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAY 17: MEDAN, NORTH SUMATRA, INDONESIA**

This busy port and capital of North Sumatra offer access to the hinterlands of Sumatra. Choose a full day in the orangutan sanctuary at Gunung Leuser National Park or the

highlands near Berastagi for a cultural exchange with the Batak Karo tribespeople. (B,L,D)

MAY 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAY 19: SINGAPORE**

Visit the incomparable, bustling city-state of Singapore with stops in Chinatown, the impressive National Orchid Garden at the Singapore Botanic Garden, and a bumboat ride along the Singapore River. (B,L,D)

MAY 20 AND 21: AT SEA (B,L,D)

Orangutan at Camp Leakey.

MAY 22 AND 23: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Tanjung Puting National Park is a trove of rare species and diverse habitats. While the park is home to some 220 bird species and numerous monkey species, its most famous residents are the endangered orangutans. Board local boats for a full-day excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels searching for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps the unusual proboscis monkey.

Our destination is Camp Leakey, a research station established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Biruté Galdikas, a protégée of legendary paleontologist Louis Leakey. A National Geographic grantee, Dr. Galdikas will discuss her efforts to save the orangutan from extinction. Visit feeding stations throughout the forest to observe these gentle creatures at close range. The next day, visit the OFI's wildlife rehabilitation center to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B,L,D)

MAY 24 AND 25: AT SEA/DENPASAR, BALI/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Cross the Java Sea to Bali. Disembark the following morning and transfer to the airport. (May 24: B,L,D; May 25: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 May 4

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a six-day pre-voyage extension in Sri Lanka or a two-day post-voyage extension in Bali. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer **Jay Dickman** has worked in photojournalism for 30+ years, photographing events as diverse as the war in El Salvador, national political conventions, six Super Bowls, and the 40th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr. Lawrence Blair is an expert on the culture, geography and zoology of Indonesia. He is also a filmmaker, and the writer, presenter and coproducer of the internationally acclaimed series *Ring Of Fire*, which won two Emmy awards in 1988.



Fabric merchant, Port Blair, Andaman Islands.

NEW

BALI TO PALAU: EXOTIC INDONESIA

16 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$14,130 to \$28,990 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

From the lush island of Bali to the stunning Rock Islands of Palau, this voyage takes us through the heart of the Coral Triangle. This biologically rich region is known as the global center of marine biodiversity, with more than 500 species of corals and nearly 2,000 species of fish, and is a mecca for snorkelers and scuba divers. Above sea level, the region is equally fascinating, from the giant lizards of Komodo Island to the unique dance performances of the Lesser Sunda Islands. End the voyage in incomparable Palau, where you may choose to extend your expedition.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ See Komodo dragons, the world's largest living lizards, in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive the colorful reefs of Raja Ampat, Indonesia.
- ▶ Spot rare red birds-of-paradise on an early morning walk.
- ▶ Watch skilled weavers create intricate ikat textiles on Flores Island, Indonesia.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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The Rock Islands of Palau.

SEP. 17-19: U.S./DENPASAR, BALI, INDONESIA/EMBARK

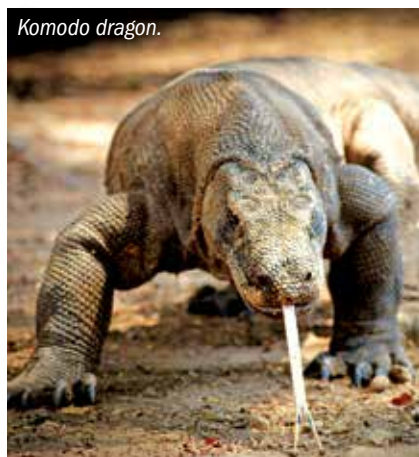
Depart the U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Denpasar, Bali. Enjoy a scenic tour of southern Bali before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (Sept. 19: D)

SEP. 20: SUMBAWA ISLAND

Our first stop is the Indonesian island of Sumbawa, where villagers welcome us with a lively cultural display. Witness a mock traditional wedding ceremony and a buffalo race. (B,L,D)

SEP. 21: KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

At the world renowned Komodo National Park, we go in search of the world's largest living lizard: the Komodo dragon. These prehistoric creatures can grow up to ten feet long and weigh 300 lbs. Learn about the conservation of these giants from park rangers, who join us on a morning hike to spot the lizards in their natural habitat. Swimming, snorkeling, diving, sea kayaking or just relaxing on the beach are all options this afternoon. (B,L,D)



Komodo dragon.

SEP. 22-24: LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS

Forming the boundary between the Savu and Banda Seas, this region offers ample opportunity for exploration. We'll meet the people of these arid islands, known for producing some of the finest ikat weaving in the world, then explore the reefs and waters that surround them by Zodiac, kayak and with mask and snorkel. From the deck of *National Geographic Orion*, we'll search for the region's abundant dolphins and whales. (B,L,D)

SEP. 25: BANDA ISLANDS

Today we sail into the heart of the Moluccas, to the Banda Islands. Here a *kora kora*, or traditional war canoe, will escort us in to Banda Neira, once the center of the Spice Island trade and a hub of the Dutch East India Company. You'll stroll past Dutch architecture and visit Fort Belgica, built to protect the spice trade. Nearby you'll see the near-perfect conical volcano of Gunung Api, and the clear waters provide some great swimming and snorkeling. (B,L,D)

SEP. 26: AT SEA (B,L,D)



Snorkel and dive Raja Ampat, one of the world's richest marine regions.

SEP. 27-29: EXPLORING RAJA AMPAT

Snorkel and dive one of the richest marine regions in the world. Above sea level, the experiences are just as amazing, with lush islands, towering limestone pinnacles jutting out of the water, and hidden white-sand coves to discover by Zodiac or kayak. Birders may join a pre-dawn nature walk to try to catch a glimpse of the ethereal red bird-of-paradise. (B,L,D)

SEP. 30: AT SEA (B,L,D)

OCT. 1 AND 2: PALAU/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive in the Republic of Palau and disembark *National Geographic Orion* this morning. Either transfer to the airport for your flights home, arriving the next day, or check in to our hotel and extend your stay in Palau. (Oct. 1 B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Sep. 17

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Melford has worked with the Society for over 25 years. He has produced 17 feature stories for *National Geographic* magazine, and over 30 stories for *National Geographic Traveler*. He has received many awards for his photographs, and prefers to remain humble and share his knowledge, his love of nature, and his sense of humor with guests on our expeditions.



Ikat textiles of Flores Island.

NEW

WILDLIFE AND CULTURES OF SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND MADAGASCAR

23 DAYS/20 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$25,940 to \$49,480 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Our voyage is extraordinary in its diversity and scope, visiting five countries and a remarkable number of habitats. Between Cape Town, South Africa and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, you'll see the wildlife of South Africa's bush country; Mozambique's capital and extraordinary coast and marine life; the lemurs and other wildlife of Madagascar, along with its renowned baobab trees; and the cultures and wildlife of Mayotte in the French Comoros.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore South Africa's Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, one of Africa's finest game parks, seeing wildlife for which the region is famous.
- ▶ Learn about the unusual cultures of the places we visit, including that of the Zulu people.
- ▶ In Mozambique, look for enormous whale sharks, and even have the chance to snorkel with them.
- ▶ See lemurs, baobab trees, and many other of Madagascar's unusual species.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Ring-tailed lemurs sunning, Madagascar.



MAR. 20 AND 21: U.S./CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Arrive and transfer to the Table Bay Hotel. (Mar. 21: D)

MAR. 22: CAPE TOWN/EMBARK

Take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, with views around the Cape Peninsula, and see Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Hear a musical performance by a leading local group, then sail the coast round the Cape of Good Hope. (B,L,D)

MAR. 23: HERMANUS

Explore Hermanus and the Fernkloof Nature Reserve, renowned for its plant life. Search for birds, baboons, and mongoose. Or dive with great white sharks (from a steel cage) in Gansbaai (at additional cost). Search for African penguins, cormorants, gannets, and fur seals. (B,L,D)

MAR. 24: MOSSEL BAY/KNYSNA

Discover the private Featherbed Nature Reserve's steep sandstone cliffs, ancient Khoi Khoi sea caves, and see many bird species. Lunch is under a canopy of milkwood trees. (B,L,D)

MAR. 25 AND 26: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAR. 27: DURBAN**

Durban's hinterland is a stronghold of Zulu culture. Visit a Zulu village and see a performance of dancing and drumming. Visit the Zululand Historical Museum (Fort Nongqayi). Alternatively, tour Durban's center. (B,L,D)

MAR. 28: RICHARDS BAY/ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK/ST. LUCIA

This UNESCO World Heritage site includes wetlands, savannah, forest, woodlands, forested dunes, papyrus marshes, beaches, and reefs. Look for hippos, crocodiles, fish eagles, and more. Stay at a local lodge. (B,L,D)

MAR. 29: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK

Search for the "big five" (rhinoceros, elephant, lion, leopard, and buffalo), plus giraffe, antelopes, cheetah, and outstanding birdlife. (B,L,D)

MAR. 30: MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

Visit the fortress of Nossa Senhora da

Conceição, the colorful Central Market, the Museum of Natural History, and more. (B,L,D)

MAR. 31 AND APR. 1: EXPLORING THE INHAMBANE AREA

Search for whale sharks, bottlenose dolphins, manta rays, and turtles—and snorkel with the whale sharks, and perhaps explore historic Inhambane. (B,L,D)

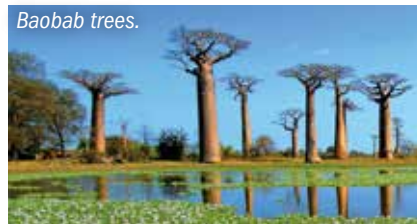
APR. 2: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 3 AND 4: TOLIARA & ISALO NATIONAL PARK, MADAGASCAR**

Explore sandstone cliffs, with unusual formations and great vistas, and see well-known "window rock." Overnight at a lodge. Search for lemurs, birdlife and other fauna, and see unusual plant life too. (B,L,D)

APR. 5: MORONDAVA/AVENUE OF THE BAOBABS

See the renowned "Avenue of the Baobabs." These trees can grow to 100 feet. (B,L,D)

Baobab trees.

**APR. 6: AT SEA (B,L,D)****APR. 7: MAHAJANGA/ANKARAFANTSIKA NATIONAL PARK, MADAGASCAR**

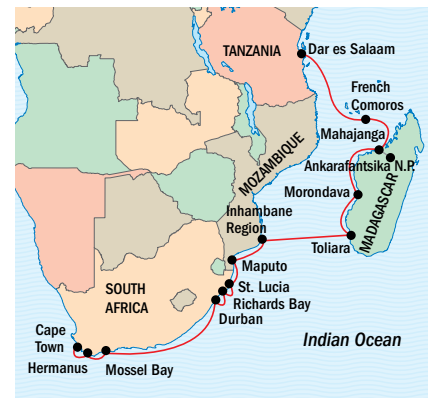
Drive from Mahajanga to Ankarafantsika. Walk in the forest to look for lemurs including Coquerel's sifakas, along with chameleons, frogs, and rare birdlife. (B,L,D)

APR. 8: MAYOTTE, FRENCH COMOROS

Mayotte is a territory of France. See French colonial architecture, colorful local cultures and a distinctive style of dress. Look for birdlife or dive or snorkel if conditions permit. (B,L,D)

APR. 9: AT SEA

Farewell reception and dinner. (B,L,D)

APR. 10 AND 11: DAR ES SALAAM/ DISEMBARK/U.S. (APR. 10: B,L)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Mar. 20

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre- or post-extension to [South Africa's Cape Town and the Cape Region](#), and/or a five-day pre- or post-extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

National Geographic Fellow and photographer **Chris Rainier**'s life mission is to document traditional cultures. He co-directed the Enduring Voices and All Roads Photography Programs; he is director of the Last Mile Technology Program, which helps preserve endangered culture and languages; and he was photographer Ansel Adams' last assistant.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Travel with and learn from **Dr. Patricia Wright**, primatologist, conservationist, and one of the world's foremost experts on lemurs; **Dr. Carl Safina**, global explorer, author, and president and co-founder of the environmental organization, The Safina Center; and **Dr. Andrea Marshall**, marine expert who discovered two new species of manta rays and who founded the Marine Megafauna Foundation.



A young male lion stalking his prey.

NEW

TREASURES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: ZANZIBAR AND THE SEYCHELLES

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$13,290 to \$27,420 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

Far from anywhere, surrounded by warm seas, these tranquil places have wildlife, plants, landscapes, and people different from any others on Earth. They represent something rare and beautiful: the chance to explore remote and idyllic regions and to learn about their unique cultures and wildlife. From the Swahili culture of Zanzibar, to the rare birds and giant tortoises of the Seychelles, to the coral reefs and extraordinary marine life you'll find almost everywhere we go, you'll see tropical nature at its most exuberant. Our expedition staff will share with you their passion for exploring.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ On the storied island of Zanzibar, explore the historic Stone Town and learn about Zanzibar's history and Swahili culture.
- ▶ Spend two days at Aldabra, an atoll that has an amazing amount and variety of marine life.
- ▶ See the unique coco-de-mer, with the largest leaf and seed in the world, on Praslin Island.
- ▶ See three World Heritage sites: Zanzibar's Stone Town, Aldabra, and Praslin's Vallée de Mai.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Giant tortoise, Aldabra, Seychelles.

APR. 8: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA**APR. 9: DAR ES SALAAM**

Arrive in Dar es Salaam and overnight at the Hyatt Regency Kilimanjaro. (D)

APR. 10: DAR ES SALAAM/EMBARK

Tour Dar es Salaam's waterfront. Visit the National Museum, which contains some Leakey family discoveries from Oldupai Gorge. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

APR. 11: ZANZIBAR

Discover the storied "spice island" of Zanzibar, where cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon are still cultivated. Tour historic Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and learn about traditional Swahili culture. Visit Zanzibar's museum, the Sultan's Palace, and Old Fort. (B,L,D)

APR. 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 13: ASSUMPTION, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS**

Stroll coconut groves to the remnants of a guano mining operation. Snorkel or dive among over 100 species of fish including black lionfish, blue-ribbon eels, black-streak surgeonfish, and Indian Ocean steephead parrotfish. (B,L,D)

APR. 14 AND 15: ALDABRA, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS

Aldabra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is among the world's largest atolls. Our plans will remain flexible to take best advantage of conditions. Possibilities including visiting the research station that houses the island's only inhabitants—scientists and rangers. See the Aldabra giant tortoise, reef sharks, rays, and turtles. Cruise among mangrove-covered islands and colonies of boobies and great frigatebirds. Snorkel the wildlife-rich channels where the tides pump water in and out of the lagoon, bringing massive numbers of fish. Scuba divers will ride the current on an exciting drift dive. (B,L,D)

APR. 16: ASTOVE

Snorkel or dive the outer wall of Astove's reef, which rises from great depths to within a few feet of the surface and hosts brilliant marine



life. Make a Zodiac landing at a sandy beach and look for nests of hawksbill and green turtles, and Abbott's sunbird. (B,L,D)

APR. 17: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 18: POIVRE/ST. JOSEPH**

Snorkel or dive among reef fish, rays, and more. Search for birds and explore the coconut plantations. St. Joseph's Atoll is surrounded by coral reefs, and we'll go ashore to see the thousands of shearwaters. (B,L,D)

APR. 19: ARIDE

Explore important seabird breeding grounds in the Indian Ocean, with large populations of shearwaters, lesser noddies, white (or "fairy") terns, roseate terns, sooty terns, tropicbirds, and a host of others. (B,L,D)

APR. 20: PRASLIN/LA DIGUE

Praslin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is famous for its palm forest, the Vallée de Mai, home to the rare coco-de-mer. This palm has mammoth fan-shaped fronds and a seed weighing up to 40 pounds—the largest leaf and seed in the world. La Digue is a photogenic island with powdery white sand beaches and giant granite boulders. Swim at Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach in the Seychelles. Explore by open vehicle or bicycle, and walk the forest reserve to look for the rare Seychelles black parrot and paradise flycatcher. (B,L,D)

APR. 21 AND 22: MAHE/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Victoria. Rooms are reserved until the late transfer to the airport for flights home, arriving the next day. (Apr. 21: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Apr. 8

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a five-day pre-extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Award-winning photographer **Bob Krist** works on assignment for *National Geographic Traveler*, *Smithsonian*, *Islands*, and *Outdoor Photographer*.



He has been stranded on a glacier in Iceland, nearly run down by charging bulls in southern India, and knighted with a cutlass during a Trinidad voodoo ceremony. A former professional actor, Bob hosted "Nature's Best Photography" on the Outdoor Life Network.



Vallée de Mai forest reserve, Praslin.

NEW

INDIAN OCEAN ODYSSEY: SEYCHELLES, MALDIVES, AND SRI LANKA

21 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$19,930 to \$41,120 (See pages 114-115 for complete prices.)

In the midst of the Indian Ocean strings of tiny tropical islands can be found, home to pristine ecosystems. Explore the Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka to discover idyllic islands rich in endemic plant and birdlife and surrounded by warm, crystalline seas that teem with vibrant life, including blue whales, year-round. Plus, visit the islands' colorful towns, including their intriguing histories, and an ancient seaport and 400-year-old fort in Galle, Sri Lanka.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience myriad wildlife at Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve: 1,000+ fish species including manta rays and whale sharks, plus a variety of birds.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive in crystalline Indian Ocean waters, teeming with abundant marine life.
- ▶ Walk the ramparts of the walled city of Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ▶ Search for blue whales, year-round residents of north Indian Ocean waters near the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

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Anse Source d'Argent, Seychelles, named the world's best beach in the National Geographic book, The 10 Best of Everything.

APR. 18 AND 19: U.S./FLY TO MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES**APR. 20: MAHÉ**

Arrive in Mahé, and check into Le Méridien Fisherman's Cove. Relax or enjoy the beach. (D)

APR. 21: MAHÉ/EMBARK

The morning is at leisure. After lunch, tour Mahé, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

APR. 22: SILHOUETTE/CURIEUSE

Silhouette is a steep, forested island where you'll see the Seychelles giant tortoise. Choose a long hike or relaxing walk, then sail to Curieuse for the beach, and snorkel, kayak, or dive. (B,L,D)

APR. 23: PRASLIN/LA DIGUE

At Praslin's Vallée de Mai, a UNESCO site, see the rare coco-de-mer palm, with mammoth fronds and seeds weighing up to 40 pounds—the largest leaf and seed in the tree kingdom. La Digue has white sand beaches and giant granite boulders. Swim at Anse Source d'Argent, Seychelles' most famous beach. Explore by open vehicle or bicycle, and look for the rare Seychelles black parrot and paradise flycatcher. (B,L,D)

APR. 24: ARIDE

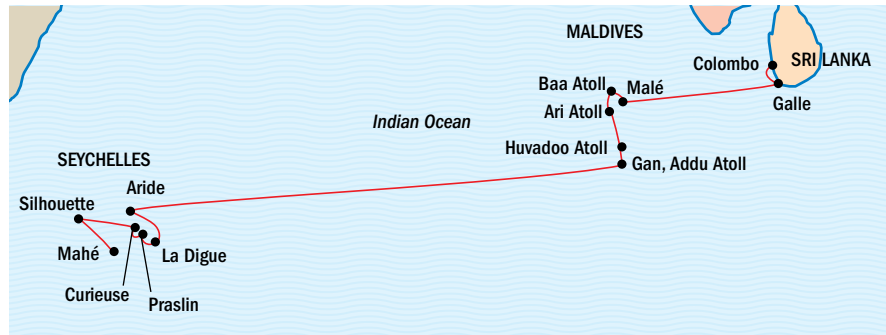
Aride has important seabird breeding grounds, with large populations of shearwaters, lesser noddies, white (or "fairy") terns, roseate terns, sooty terns, tropicbirds, and more, including the endangered Seychelles magpie-robin. Zodiac to the beach and hike a trail with great views. Then sail to the Maldives. (B,L,D)

APR. 25-27: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 28: GAN, ADDU ATOLL, MALDIVES**

Make landfall at the southernmost atoll of this archipelago, and visit the World War II Royal Air Force outpost at Gan. Swim and snorkel in crystalline waters. (B,L,D)

APR. 29: HUVADHOO ATOLL, MALDIVES

Swim, snorkel, kayak, dive or explore by Zodiac or glass-bottom boat on an uninhabited island. (B,L,D)

APR. 30: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAY 1: ARI ATOLL, MALDIVES**

Snorkel and dive in search of manta rays and whale sharks. (B,L,D)

MAY 2: BAA ATOLL, MALDIVES

Snorkel and dive this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, with over 1,000 fish species, including manta rays and whale sharks. Search for tropicbirds and frigatebirds by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

MAY 3: MALÉ ATOLL, MALDIVES

Visit the 17th-century cemetery, the Friday Mosque, the National Museum, and a local market in this bustling capital. (B,L,D)

MAY 4: AT SEA (B,L,D)**MAY 5: LACCADIVE SEA/GALLE, SRI LANKA**

Search for marine mammals and sail under the ramparts of the 400-year old Galle Fort on approach to the harbor. On an afternoon tour, we'll see its Portuguese and Dutch colonial architecture and learn about its history that includes Persian, Arab, Greek, Roman, and Chinese traders. (B,L,D)

MAY 6: GALLE, SRI LANKA

Historically known as *Gimhathiththa*, the ancient seaport of Galle is likely the site from which ivory, peacocks, and cinnamon were shipped to King Solomon's court. Today it's the base from which we explore a bit of southern Sri Lanka. Choose to learn about traditional culture with visits to a folk museum and a Ceylon tea plantation, or spend your day searching for wildlife on a guided river safari. (B,L,D)

MAY 7 AND 8: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark, tour Colombo, transfer to our hotel for the evening. Depart on flights home, arriving the following day. (May 7: B,L,D; May 8: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Apr. 18

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day post-voyage extension in **Sri Lanka**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Thiessen has been a photographer with the National Geographic Society for 20+ years, and is widely published in all areas of the National Geographic Society.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Travel and scuba dive with legend, shark chronicler, pioneering undersea photographer and filmmaker, and *National Geographic* magazine cover subject, **Valerie Taylor**.

Oriental butterflyfish in the corals at Baa Atoll, Maldives.



VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA: ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER, INCLUDING ANGKOR AND SAIGON

14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS—ABOARD *JAHAN*

PRICES FROM: \$9,870 to \$14,800 (See page 125 for complete prices.)

Linked by the mighty Mekong River, Vietnam and Cambodia abound with magnificent carved temples, lush landscapes, and cities where rich imperial and colonial legacies mingle. Encounter the incomparable treasures of Angkor, and take a river voyage aboard the elegant *Jahan* between the Tonle Sap River and Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Explore traditional villages, and gain insight into the daily lives of farmers, monks, and craftspeople.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail the Mekong River on a seven-night cruise aboard the elegant riverboat *Jahan*.
- ▶ Watch the sunrise at Angkor Wat, and spend two full days immersed in the splendor of Angkor's temples and palaces.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant cities of Phnom Penh and Saigon, and experience rural life on visits to floating homes, farms, and traditional villages.
- ▶ Experience the revitalization of Cambodian arts with *apsara* dance and a local craft workshop.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



This journey has been made possible by the launch of the outstanding river ship *Jahan*, which offers a level of accommodation that has not previously been available on the Mekong. Our expedition staff aboard ship consists of an expedition leader, experts on Southeast Asian cultures, a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and an American doctor, along with top local guides in each region.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Monk at Banteay Srei temple.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Depart for Siem Reap and arrive the following evening. Settle into our Khmer-style hotel, La Résidence d'Angkor, on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

DAYS 3 AND 4: ANGKOR

Rise early to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat. This 12th-century Khmer temple, one of the world's largest religious monuments, is adorned with elaborate bas-reliefs and sculptures. Ride a *tuk-tuk*, or motorized rickshaw, to the walled city of Angkor Thom. Discover the shrines of Ta Prohm and the temple of Banteay Srei. Visit a workshop where local youth are trained in age-old Khmer arts. (B,L,D; B,D)



A vendor prepares produce at a local market.

DAY 5: KAMPONG CHAM

Drive to the bustling town of Kampong Cham and embark the Jahan, our home for the next seven nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: WAT HANCHEY/ANGKOR BAN

At Wat Hanchey, see a variety of temples, including an eighth-century temple from the pre-Angkor Chenla period. Continue to the village of Angkor Ban, and encounter its traditional houses and friendly residents. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: KAMPONG CHHNANG/KAMPONG TRALACH

Visit a village where artisans make traditional pottery, and board local boats to see the clustered houses and shops that float in midstream. At Kampong Tralach, take an oxcart ride through rice paddies to a local school. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: PHNOM PENH

Explore the Cambodian capital by cyclo

(bicycle taxi), and visit the Royal Palace and the National Museum of Cambodia. Learn about the reign of the Khmer Rouge on a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening, enjoy a dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: CRUISING THE MEKONG

Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by our experts, and join our chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. Cross the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: CHAU DOC, VIETNAM

Explore the colorful markets of Chau Doc, and stop at a floating farm to watch traditional fish farming methods. Cruise through the narrow Tan Chau Canal that connects the lower and upper Mekong River branches. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SA DEC/CAI BE

Take a local boat to experience rural life in the Mekong Delta. See the floating market of Cai Be, step into a rice "factory" to watch rice-based candies being made, and cruise among floating markets and fish farms. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner aboard the *Jahan*. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: MY THO/SAIGON

Disembark in My Tho and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Then journey to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) and check into the Park Hyatt Saigon. This afternoon, meet with a local expert on Vietnam's modern development. (B,L,D)

DAYS: 13 AND 14: SAIGON/U.S.

Embark on a tour of Saigon's landmarks, including the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. This evening, connect with your return flight home, arriving on Day 14. (B)



Banteay Srei temple abounds with fine carvings.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Jan. 6, 14*, 20, 28*; Feb. 3, 25*, Mar. 3

*These departures travel from Saigon to Siem Reap.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Venture further into Vietnam on an eight-day extension to Vietnam: [From Hoi An to Halong Bay](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HISTORIAN

Paula Swart, who has published several books on the art and architecture of Asian culture and history, will travel on the Jan. 6 and 14, 2015 departures.



Halong Bay.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Vietnam and Cambodia** video.

INTRIGUING WATERWAYS

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DATE: 2015 Jul. 7 PRICES FROM: \$9,440 to \$18,880 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Experience an enchanting land of geological extremes on a circumnavigation of Iceland. Encounter vast volcanic landscapes and the world's youngest island, walk on lava fields and ice sheets, and feel the power of gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls. Cruise among magnificent icebergs in Jökulsárlón, kayak into fjords, and hike scenic stretches of the coast. Learn more at www.expeditions.com/iceland



*Guests take in the power and beauty
of Godafoss waterfall.*

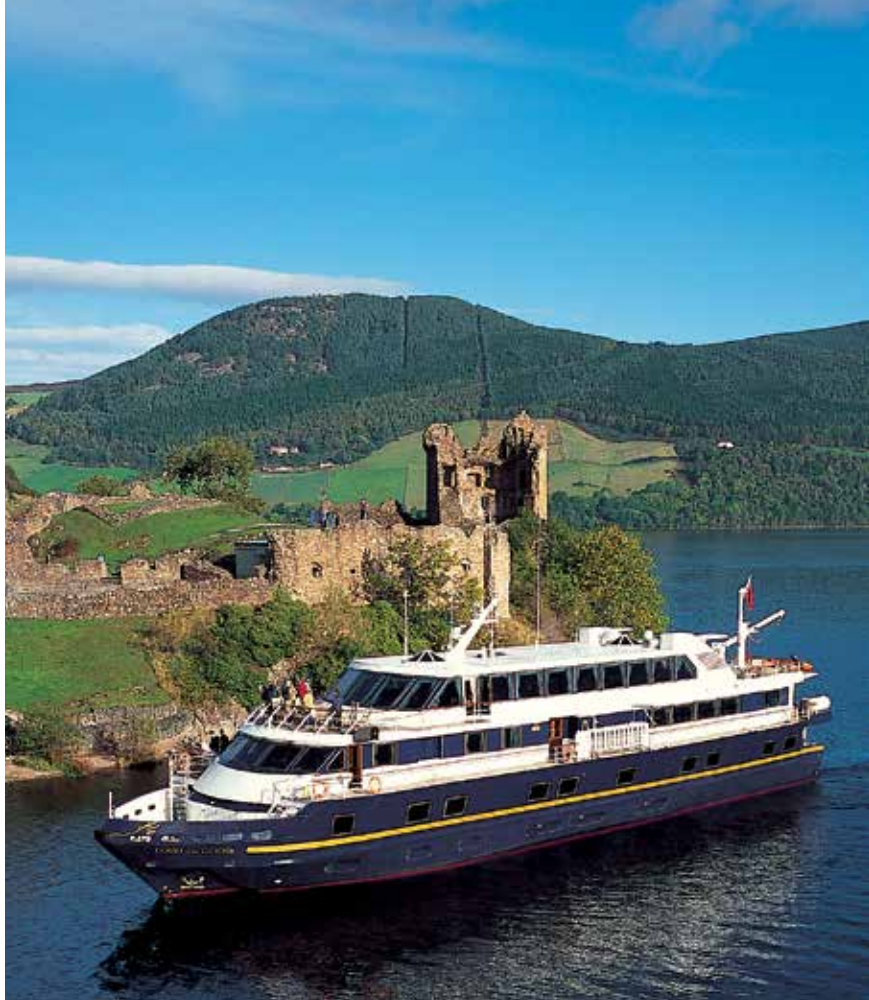
SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *LORD OF THE GLENS*

DATES: 2015 Jul. 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

PRICES FROM \$6,990 to \$9,990

On a voyage through Scotland's famed lochs and inland waterways aboard the *Lord of the Glens*, experience mystical landscapes dotted with medieval castles and churches. Trace Scotland's compelling history on visits to battlefields, fortresses, and ancient tombs. Cruise Loch Ness; descend through the intricate lock system of Neptune's Staircase; and explore serene hills and harbor villages on the picturesque islands of Mull, Iona, Eigg, and Skye. Go to www.expeditions.com/scotland to learn more.



Baja California & The Sea of Cortez: Discover its desert isles & living sea this season

WILD ISLANDS & TREASURES OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS | DATES: 2014: DEC. 20,
27; 2015 JAN. 3, 10

PRICES FROM: \$4,990 to \$8,990

SHIP: *National Geographic Sea Bird*

SPECIAL OFFER: Book by December 31,
2014 to receive a \$550 air credit on all
four departures.

Discover the pure wildness of Baja's desert
islands and the living sea, and then go
further and delve into the Peninsula's
unique culture and art from ancient times
to modern.

WHALES & WILDNESS: SPRING IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

8 DAYS | DATES: 2015
APR. 4 📷, 11 📷

PRICES FROM: \$5,690 to \$9,810

SHIP: *National Geographic Sea Bird*

Spring in the Sea of Cortez is the best
time to see large pods of dolphins and
various species of whales. Join National
Geographic photographer Flip Nicklin
on the Apr. 4 departure. On Apr. 11, join
National Geographic photographer Kike
Calvo and Jack and Rikki Swenson on
this unique journey.

BAJA CALIFORNIA: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

15 DAYS | DATES: 2015 MAR. 21 📷,
30 📷

PRICES FROM: \$10,390 to \$17,790

SHIPS: *National Geographic Sea Bird*
& *Sea Lion*

A photo expedition exploring both the
Pacific side of Baja California and the
islands in the Sea of Cortez. Venture
into the gray whale lagoons for up close
encounters, and spend ample time
exploring the Sea of Cortez and all its
marine mammals.





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP



Use your smartphone to watch our **NG Explorer** video.

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-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mud room 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, video microscope, snorkeling gear.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, LEX/NG-certified photo instructor and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

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

CATEGORY A SOLO: Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

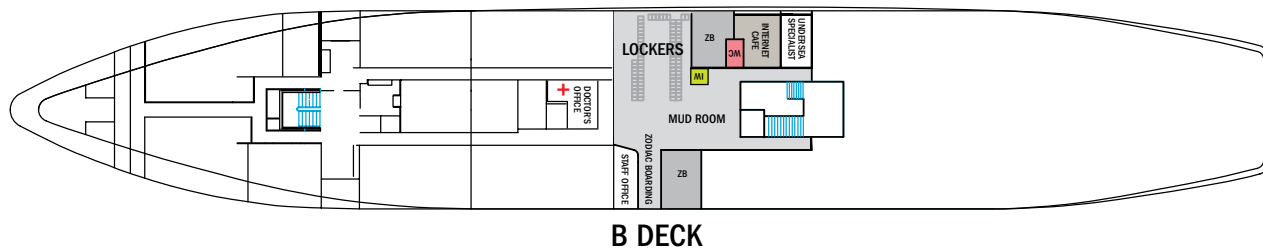
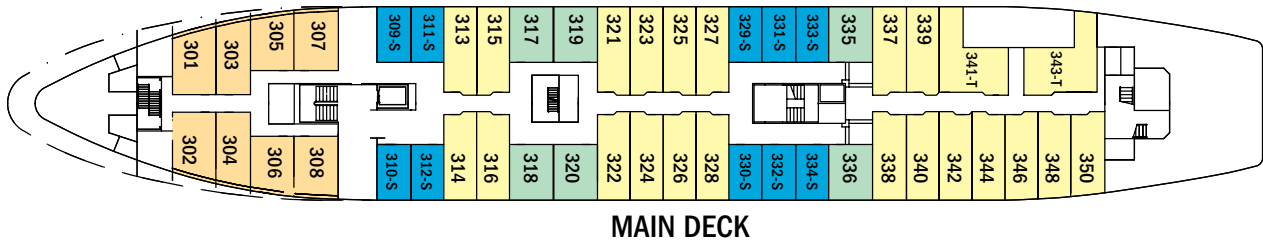
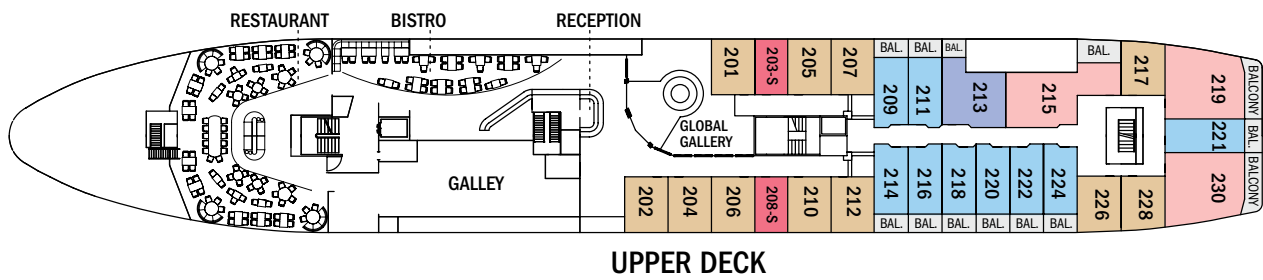
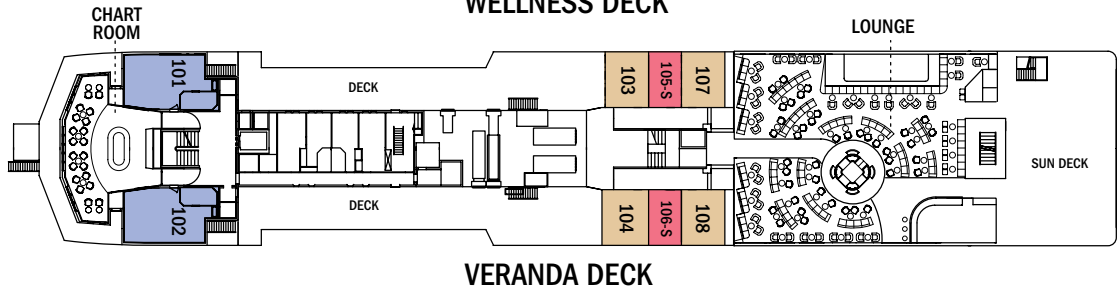
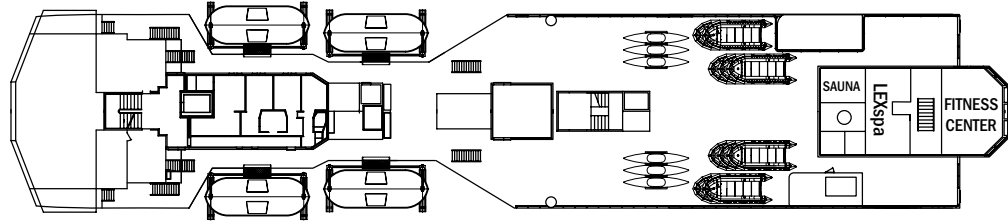
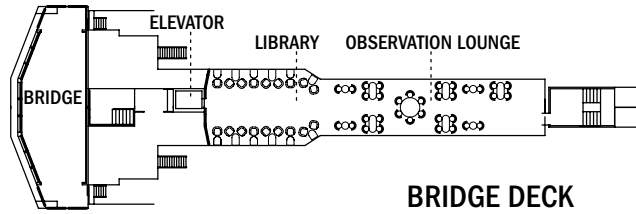
CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

SOLE OCCUPANCY: Cabins available in Categories A and B.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.



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The Fitness Center has panoramic views.



Browsing the library.



Guests are welcome at the Bridge.

National Geographic Explorer Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated otherwise.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5
Journey to Antarctica - Page 12	2015/16	\$12,970	\$13,940	\$14,370	\$15,460	\$18,550
Journey to Antarctica - Holiday departures - Page 12	2015/16	\$13,990	\$15,050	\$15,520	\$16,700	\$20,030
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands - Page 14	2015/16	\$22,430	\$24,030	\$25,160	\$26,350	\$32,320
South Georgia and the Falklands - Page 16	2016	\$16,530	\$17,630	\$18,570	\$19,760	\$23,860
Land of the Ice Bears - Page 18	2015	\$9,440	\$10,070	\$10,460	\$11,090	\$13,090
Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard - Page 20	2015	\$15,170	\$15,990	\$16,820	\$18,120	\$20,690
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast - Page 22	2015	\$13,820	\$14,590	\$15,290	\$16,470	\$18,820
A Circumnavigation of Iceland - Page 106	2015	\$9,440	\$10,290	\$10,620	\$11,560	\$13,680
Along the Viking Trail - Page 24	2015	\$10,580	\$11,290	\$11,700	\$12,410	\$14,670
Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic - Page 26	2015	\$12,990	\$13,990	\$14,430	\$15,550	\$18,680
Coastal Treasures from the Panama Canal to Peru - Page 40	2015	\$12,590	\$13,430	\$14,380	\$14,990	\$17,450
Peru and Chile: Ancient Sites and Natural Wonders - Page 42	2015	\$17,690	\$18,990	\$19,590	\$20,990	\$25,290
Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia and Argentina's Staten Island - Page 44	2015	\$18,880	\$20,140	\$20,910	\$22,180	\$26,170
The Canadian Maritimes - Page 46	2015	\$7,690	\$8,150	\$8,450	\$8,970	\$10,570
Azores to Morocco: Island Wonders and Fabled Shores - Page 64	2015	\$8,790	\$9,320	\$9,690	\$10,250	\$11,990
Morocco, Spain and Portugal: Land of the Moors - Page 66	2015	\$8,790	\$9,320	\$9,690	\$10,250	\$11,990
Exploring the Low Countries: Holland and Belgium - Page 68	2015	\$7,690	\$8,150	\$8,450	\$8,970	\$10,570
Exploring the British and Irish Isles - Page 70	2015	\$12,990	\$13,640	\$14,250	\$14,850	\$17,730



The Chart Room.



Wellness spa with sauna.

For rates aboard NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION IN THE ANTARCTIC—see pages 114-115.

CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$21,250	\$24,740	\$17,430	\$17,970	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$22,950	\$26,720	\$18,820	\$19,410	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$37,300	\$43,250	\$30,050	\$31,450	\$1,800	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$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 \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$15,280	\$17,460	\$12,590	\$13,080	\$1,000	Includes two hotel nights. Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: \$1,100; Business from \$3,700. Charter Airfare: \$725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$24,150	\$27,750	\$19,990	\$21,020	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark: Economy from: \$1,000; Business from \$3,900. Charter airfare: \$360 Longyearbyen/Oslo).
\$21,960	\$25,230	\$18,240	\$19,110	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. \$1,100; Business from \$2,700; Charter Airfare: \$360 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$16,370	\$18,880	\$12,830	\$13,280	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip NY/Reykjavik/NY: Economy from \$700; Business from \$2,200.
\$17,100	\$19,550	\$14,110	\$14,630	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night Ottawa. Sample Airfares: New York/Reykjavik, Ottawa/New York: Economy from \$600; Business from \$1,500; Charter airfare: \$1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).
\$21,290	\$24,790	\$17,490	\$18,040	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights Ottawa. Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Ottawa: Economy from \$670; please call for Business airfares; Charter airfare: \$1,750 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Iqaluit/Ottawa, or vice versa).
\$20,380	\$23,280	\$16,790	\$17,430	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: Miami/Panama City, Lima/Miami: Economy from \$850; Business from \$1,800.
\$28,890	\$33,730	\$23,740	\$24,490	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night Lima, two nights Atacama, charter flight Arica/Atacama, Nazca Lines flightseeing. Sample Airfares: Miami/Lima, Santiago/Miami: Economy from \$1,000; Business from \$3,000. Charter airfare from \$200 (Puerto Montt/Santiago).
\$30,560	\$34,920	\$25,180	\$26,140	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Sample Airfares: Miami/Santiago, Buenos Aires/Miami: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$4,000. Charter airfare from \$625 (Santiago/Puerto Montt, Ushuaia/Buenos Aires).
\$12,340	\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/St. John's/Newark: Economy from \$800, Business from \$1,800.
\$14,100	\$16,150	\$11,650	\$12,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Boston/Azores, Casablanca/JFK: Economy from \$1,100; Business from \$4,600.
\$14,100	\$16,150	\$11,650	\$12,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: JFK/Madrid/Casablanca, Bilbao/Madrid/JFK: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$4,800.
\$12,340	\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Newark/Hamburg, London/Newark: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$3,900.
\$20,460	\$23,720	\$17,050	\$17,810	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: New York/London and Bergen/New York: Economy \$900; Business \$3,700.



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 an ice reinforced hull, *National Geographic Orion* is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbors in the South Pacific, Indian Ocean, Borneo, and Indonesia.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, state-of-the-art lecture theater, library, global gallery, marina platform, and mud room. Our “open bridge” allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

CABINS: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, internet access for your own laptop, and a flat-screen TV with DVD/CD player. Some cabins have 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, a video microscope, and a crow’s nest camera on Kimberley voyages. Plus kayaks, snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24 guests, a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), and a glass-bottom boat on all Indian Ocean, South Pacific, Indonesia, and the Kimberley with Spice voyages. All expedition equipment except for scuba diving is offered on Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali.

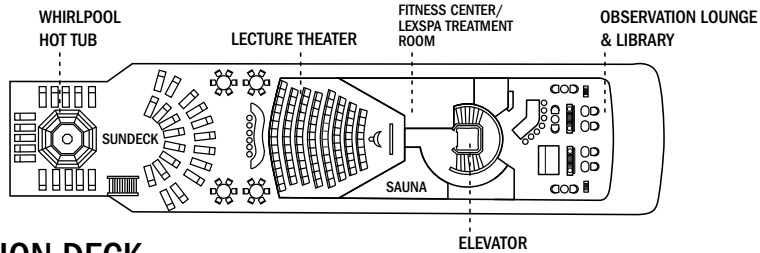
SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists, divemasters, and Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages.

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.

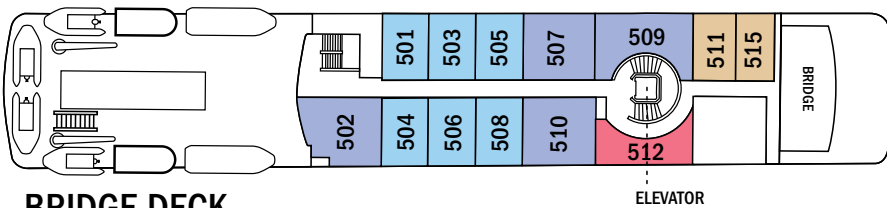
Note: Scuba divers must be certified by an internationally recognized dive association prior to the voyage, and certification cards and logbooks must be shown on board. Divers must have logged 25 dives in total and made a dive within the 12 months preceding the voyage.



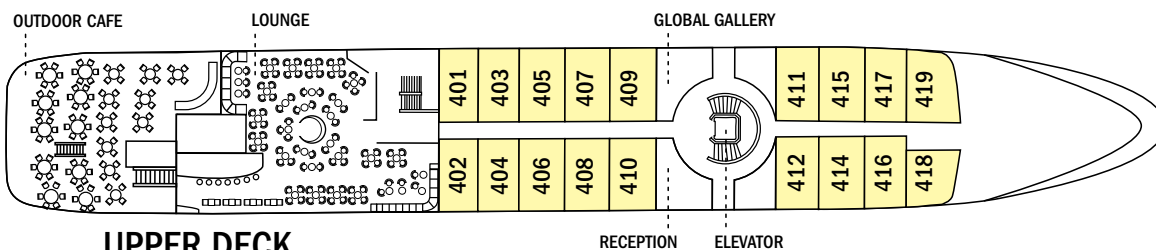
Above: National Geographic Orion’s comfortable Upper Deck lounge; award-winning Sydney chef Serge Dansereau creates menus that reflect the region’s flavors.



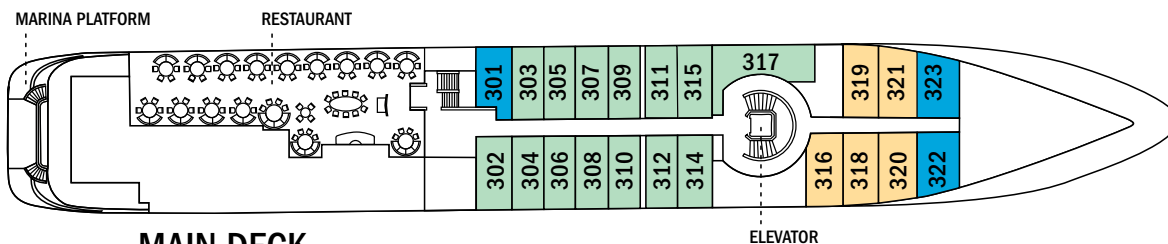
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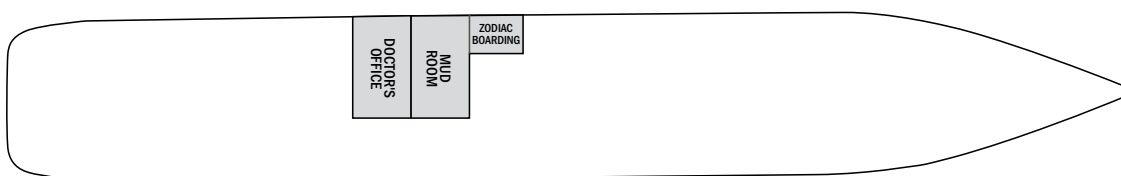
BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



EXPEDITION DECK

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 balcony
#501, 503-506, 508

CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510

*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a 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.



Category 1 & 2 cabin.



Category 3 suite.



Category 4 deluxe suite.

National Geographic Orion Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated otherwise.

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Journey to Antarctica – Page 12	2015/16	\$12,970	\$13,940	\$15,460	\$18,550
Journey to Antarctica Holiday – Page 12	2015/16	\$13,990	\$15,050	\$16,700	\$20,030
Antarctica, South Georgia & The Falklands – Page 14	2015/16	\$22,430	\$24,030	\$26,340	\$32,320
Kimberley Expedition: Australia’s Wild Northwest – Page 78	2015	\$8,990	\$10,380	\$12,450	\$13,630
Kimberley Expedition with the Spice Islands – Page 80	2015	\$12,640	\$14,670	\$17,430	\$19,080
Palau to Solomon Islands: Along the Pacific Equator – Page 82	2015	\$17,390	\$19,990	\$23,790	\$25,990
Solomon Islands to Fiji : Hidden South Pacific – Page 84	2015	\$10,870	\$12,570	\$14,870	\$16,280
Fiji to the Cook Islands: Polynesian Discovery – Page 86	2015	\$10,870	\$12,570	\$14,870	\$16,280
Cook Islands to Tahiti: Pristine Reefs of the South Pacific – Page 88	2015	\$10,870	\$12,570	\$14,870	\$16,280
Tahiti to Easter Island: Tales of the Pacific – Page 90	2015	\$17,390	\$19,990	\$23,790	\$25,990
Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali – Page 92	2015	\$9,550	\$11,090	\$13,170	\$14,420
Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea – Page 94	2015	\$21,040	\$24,370	\$28,810	\$31,530
Bali to Palau: Exotic Indonesia – Page 96	2015	\$14,130	\$16,340	\$19,330	\$21,160
Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar – Page 98	2015	\$25,940	\$27,880	\$30,920	\$37,100
Treasures of the Indian Ocean: Zanzibar and the Seychelles – Page 100	2015	\$13,290	\$15,390	\$18,200	\$19,920
Indian Ocean Odyssey: Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka – Page 102	2015	\$19,930	\$23,090	\$27,290	\$29,870



Category 5 balcony suite.



Category 6 owner's suite.



Category 1 solo cabin.

CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$21,250	\$24,740	\$19,450	\$23,180	\$1,000	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 from \$850 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
\$22,950	\$26,720	\$21,010	\$25,030	\$1,000	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 from \$850 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
\$37,300	\$43,250	\$33,590	\$39,510	\$1,800	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).
\$16,270	\$18,910	\$13,550	\$18,680	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Darwin, Broome/Los Angeles or vice-versa: Economy from \$1,700; Business from \$8,500.
\$22,780	\$26,390	\$18,950	\$26,150	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Broome, Bali/Los Angeles: Economy from \$2,300; Business from \$9,000.
\$30,990	\$35,920	\$25,990	\$35,680	\$2,500	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfare: Los Angeles/Palau, Brisbane /Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,400; Business from \$7,900. Charter airfare from Honiara to Brisbane: \$790.00 per person.
\$19,380	\$22,450	\$16,290	\$22,290	\$1,500	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfare: Los Angeles/Brisbane, Nadi, Fiji/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,900; Business from \$9,300. Charter airfare from Brisbane to Honiara: \$790.00 per person.
\$19,380	\$22,450	\$16,290	\$22,290	\$1,500	Sample Airfare: Los Angeles/Nadi, Fiji, Rarotonga, Cook Islands/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,800; Business from \$6,400.
\$19,380	\$22,450	\$16,290	\$22,290	\$1,500	Sample Airfare: Los Angeles/Rarotonga, Cook Islands, Papeete, Tahiti/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,800; Business from \$6,800.
\$30,990	\$35,920	\$25,990	\$35,680	\$2,500	Includes two nights accommodations on Easter Island. Sample Airfare: Los Angeles/Papeete, Tahiti, Easter Island/Santiago, Chile, Santiago, Chile/Los Angeles: Economy from \$2,900; Business from \$6,700.
\$17,210	\$19,990	\$14,290	\$19,740	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: San Francisco/Singapore, Bali/San Francisco or vice-versa: Economy from \$1,210; Business from \$6,200.
\$37,540	\$43,410	\$31,560	\$43,210	\$1,800	Visa fees not included. Includes one hotel night in Colombo. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Colombo, Bali/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,430; Business from \$6,850.
\$25,190	\$29,180	\$21,190	\$28,990	\$1,500	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfare: Los Angeles/Bali, Palau/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,500; Business from \$7,800.
\$42,500	\$49,480	\$38,900	\$46,360	\$2,000	Visa fees not included. Includes one hotel night in Cape Town. Sample Airfares: New York/Cape Town, Dar es Salaam/New York: Economy from \$1,550; Business from \$8,790.
\$23,710	\$27,420	\$19,930	\$27,290	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Includes one hotel night in Dar es Salaam and hotel room on departure date from Seychelles. Sample Airfares: New York/Dar es Salaam, Mahé/New York: Economy from \$1,610; Business from \$5,980.
\$35,560	\$41,120	\$29,890	\$40,940	\$1,800	Visa fees not included. Includes hotel nights: one night in Mahé and one night in Colombo. Sample Airfares: New York/Mahé, Colombo/New York: Economy from \$1,450; Business from \$5,940.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR

CAPACITY: 96 guests in 56 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 295 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness center; LEXspa; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, and presentations; sauna and small swimming pool; and sun deck. Our Ecuadorian captain welcomes guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu is international with Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes. Each has private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Kayaks, glass-bottom boat, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, and Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, laundry service, floating massage platform and wellness program. Ship's doctor and video chronicler are also on board.



Insets clockwise from top: Dining room, Category 5 cabin, Category 3 cabin.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #202, 204, A Deck #352, 353—All cabins feature two lower single beds, a writing desk and a porthole.

CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck # 122, 125; Main Deck #201, 203, 206, 208, 210-212, 214-218, 220—Cabins have two lower single beds and a writing desk. Upper Deck Cabins feature large windows & Main Deck cabins have two portholes.

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck # 209; A Deck #300, 350, 351—These spacious cabins accommodate two or three people, all with two lower beds, a sitting chair, a writing desk and two portholes. Each has a separate sleeping and sitting area.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #102, 104-112, 114-116, 118, 120, 121, 123—Conveniently located cabins feature two lower single beds and a writing desk.

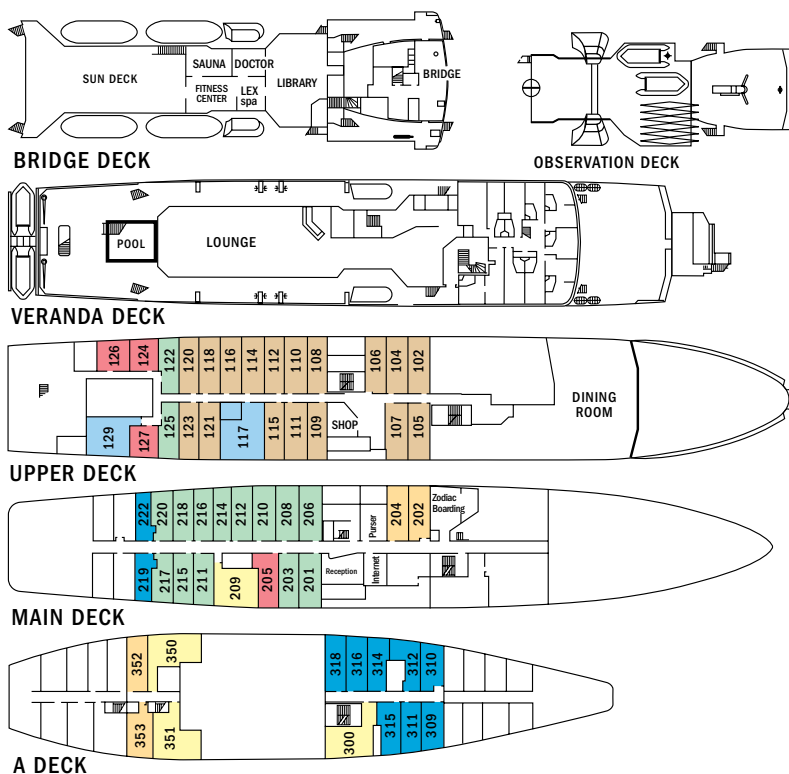
CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck #117, 129—The finest accommodations on board. Suites have separate sleeping and sitting areas, a large view window and a convertible sofa to accommodate a third person.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck # 219, 222; A Deck #309-312, 314-316, 318

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #124, 126, 127; Main Deck #205

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 and have one lower single bed and one porthole.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: We will make arrangements for shared accommodations at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2. Third person rates are available in designated cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.



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

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Prime: Sep. 15–Dec. 12	\$5,490	\$6,390	\$6,950	\$7,490	\$9,420	\$6,860	\$7,990	\$500	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/ Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/ Galápagos: Adult from \$475 Children (Under 12) from \$240. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 19, 26	\$6,590	\$7,440	\$7,990	\$8,550	\$10,480	\$8,240	\$9,300	\$500	
2014 GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA-PAGE 32	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Prime: Sep. 5–Dec. 12	\$10,380	\$11,280	\$11,840	\$12,380	\$14,310	\$12,950	\$14,080	\$800	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/ Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/ Galápagos: Adult from \$495 Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 19, 26	\$11,480	\$12,330	\$12,880	\$13,440	\$15,370	\$14,330	\$15,390	\$800	
2015 GALÁPAGOS: ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR-PAGE 30	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Jan. 1–Dec. 17	\$6,290	\$6,990	\$7,650	\$8,290	\$10,280	\$7,860	\$8,730	\$750	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/ Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/ Galápagos: Adult from \$495 Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 18, 25	\$7,120	\$7,990	\$8,590	\$9,290	\$11,320	\$8,940	\$9,990	\$750	
2015 GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA-PAGE 32	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Jan. 1–Dec. 17	\$11,280	\$11,980	\$12,640	\$13,280	\$15,270	\$14,150	\$15,020	\$1,000	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/ Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/ Galápagos: Adult from \$495 Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 18	\$12,110	\$12,980	\$13,580	\$14,280	\$16,310	\$15,230	\$16,280	\$1,000	



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

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

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness center; global market; LEXspa; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, and presentations; and sky deck. Our Ecuadorian captain welcomes guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, meals are informal. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Kayaks, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Internet access, laundry service, ship's doctor, wellness specialist, and video chronicler.

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



Left to right: Category 2 cabin, Category 5 cabin.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck # 201-206—Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302—Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

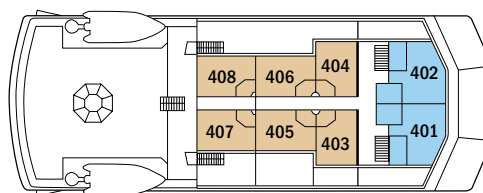
CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #303-306—Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Cabins 305 & 306 can accommodate a third person.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #403-408—Spacious cabins feature two lower single beds which can convert to a lower double bed. All cabins feature a window and outside glassed-in terraces with seating. There are large windows in the top half of the terrace doors. Note: The single beds in cabins 403 & 404 convert to double beds.

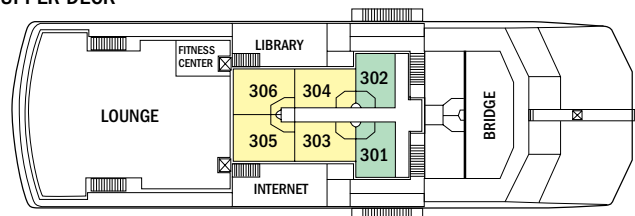
CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck #401 and 402—These are the largest cabins on board. They feature wrap around windows and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Both have a desk, chairs, and table. They also feature outside glassed in terraces with seating.

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.

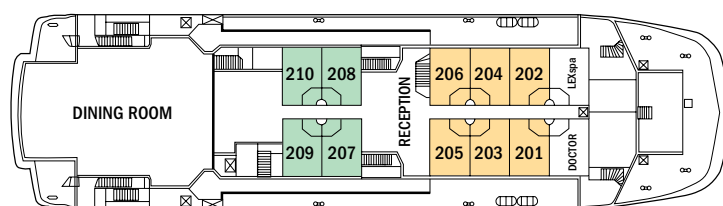
SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



UPPER DECK



BRIDGE DECK



MAIN DECK

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

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Prime: Sep. 15–Dec. 13	\$6,060	\$6,890	\$7,440	\$7,990	\$9,910	\$9,090	\$10,340	\$500	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$475; Children (Under 12) from \$240. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 20 & 27	\$7,110	\$7,940	\$8,490	\$9,040	\$10,970	\$10,670	\$11,910	\$500	
2014 GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA-PAGE 32	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Prime: Sep. 15–Dec. 13	\$10,950	\$11,780	\$12,330	\$12,880	\$14,800	\$15,180	\$16,430	\$800	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$495; Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 20 & 27	\$12,000	\$12,830	\$13,380	\$13,930	\$15,860	\$16,760	\$18,000	\$800	
2015 GALÁPAGOS: ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER-PAGE 30	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Jan. 1–Dec. 18	\$6,760	\$7,590	\$8,270	\$8,750	\$10,650	\$10,140	\$11,390	\$750	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$495; Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 19 & 26	\$7,660	\$8,570	\$9,190	\$9,750	\$11,720	\$11,490	\$12,850	\$750	
2015 GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA-PAGE 32	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Jan. 1–Dec. 18	\$11,750	\$12,580	\$13,260	\$13,740	\$15,640	\$16,430	\$17,680	\$1,000	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$495; Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Holiday: Dec. 26	\$12,650	\$13,560	\$14,180	\$14,740	\$16,710	\$17,780	\$19,140	\$1,000	

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. 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, snorkeling gear, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits in Baja and expedition landing craft.

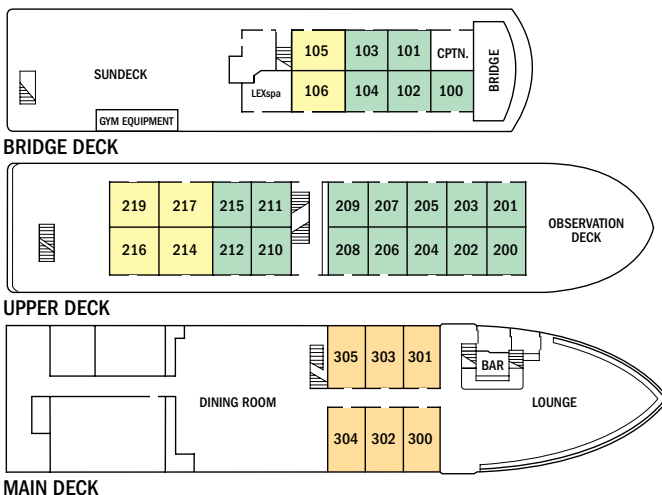
SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access.

A video chronicler is on board all voyages. A ship’s doctor is onboard in Baja and Costa Rica/Panama. An undersea specialist is on board in Baja and Alaska.

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



Insets clockwise from top: 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; a comfortable Category 2 cabin.



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

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

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

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

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



Left to right: Cocktail hour recaps are informative & always social; the sundeck is a great place for a morning stretch with our wellness specialist; the cuisine on board is fresh, as sustainable as possible and accented with a regional flair.

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 48	2015	\$6,290	\$7,340	\$8,390	\$9,440	\$11,010	\$750	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$570; Business Class from \$990.
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii - Page 50	2015	\$10,390	\$11,860	\$13,830	\$15,590	\$17,790	\$900	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$280; Business Class from \$600.
Columbia and Snake Rivers Journey: Harvests, History & Landscapes - Page 54	2015	\$4,590	\$5,390	\$6,270	\$6,890	\$8,090	\$450	We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements. Please call for airfares from your departure city.
Baja California and the Sea of Cortez: Among The Great Whales - Page 56	2015	\$5,990	\$6,890	\$7,730	\$8,990	\$10,340	\$750	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Los Angeles/La Paz/Los Angeles: Economy from \$650.
Whales & Wildness: Spring in the Sea of Cortez - Page 107	2015	\$5,690	\$6,540	\$7,490	\$8,540	\$9,810	\$750	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Los Angeles/Los Cabos/Los Angeles: Economy from \$540.
Wild Islands & Treasures of Baja California - Page 107	2014	\$5,690	\$6,590	\$7,490	\$8,540	\$9,890	\$750	Sample airfare: Round-trip Los Angeles/Los Cabos/Los Angeles: Economy from \$540.
	2015	\$4,990	\$5,890	\$6,790	\$7,490	\$8,990	\$750	
Baja California: A Remarkable Journey - Page 107	2015	\$10,390	\$11,860	\$13,830	\$15,590	\$17,790	\$900	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Los Angeles/La Paz/Los Angeles: Economy from \$650.
Costa Rica & Panama - Page 58	2014/15	\$5,990	\$6,790	\$7,690	\$8,990	\$10,190	\$750	Sample Airfares: Miami/Panama City, San José/Miami or vice versa: Economy from \$450; Business from \$800.
	2015/16	\$6,190	\$6,990	\$7,920	\$9,290	\$10,490	\$750	
Monteverde + Costa Rica to Panama - Page 60	2014/15	\$7,440	\$8,240	\$9,140	\$10,640	\$11,840	\$750	Sample Airfares: Miami/San José, Panama City/Miami Economy from: \$450; Business from \$800.
Panama to Costa Rica + Monteverde, Arenal & Sarapiquí - Page 61	2014/15	\$8,980	\$9,780	\$10,680	\$12,360	\$13,560	\$900	Sample Airfares: Miami/Panama City, San José/Miami: Economy from \$450; Business from \$800.

SEA CLOUD

CAPACITY: 58 guests in 30 cabins including two Owner's Suites.

REGISTRY: Malta. **OVERALL LENGTH** 360 feet.

Built in 1931 by Wall Street businessman E. F. Hutton for his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, *Sea Cloud* carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 sq. ft.

PUBLIC AREAS: The covered Lido Bar is a superb place to congregate and enjoy the outdoors. The open-air "Blue Lagoon" is a wonderful place to relax. There is a sumptuous lounge and guests are welcome on the "open bridge" to learn how *Sea Cloud* is navigated and sailed.

MEALS: Served in single seatings, meals focus on local and Continental cuisine. Wines are included at lunch and dinner. Refreshments are always available.

CABINS: The Main Deck cabins have antique and period-style furniture. These cabins are the ship's original cabins, including the Owner's Suites originally occupied by E.F. Hutton and Marjorie Merriweather Post. Cabins on the Promenade and Captain's Decks modern, stylish, comfortable furniture.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: #16-17: Upper and lower single beds and a porthole. These cabins once housed the ship's officers.

CATEGORY 1: #28-29: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers.

CATEGORY 2: #18-25: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers.

CATEGORY 3: #32-37: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers.

CATEGORY 4: #30-31: Cabins have a queen-size bed, a forward-facing window and showers.

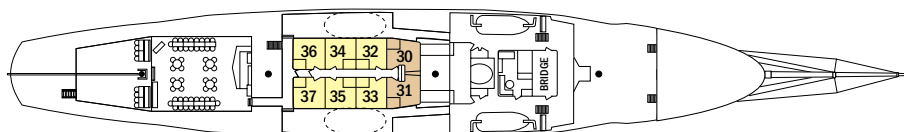
ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY B: Original and deluxe cabins, #5, 6, 9, 10: Located on the Main Deck, these large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with tub or shower. All have portholes.

ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY A: Original/deluxe cabins, #3, 4, 7, 8: Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with bathtubs. All have portholes.

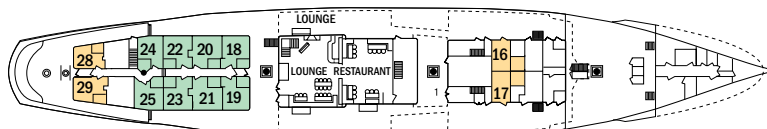
OWNER'S SUITES: Original owner's suites #1-2: These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms with bathtubs.



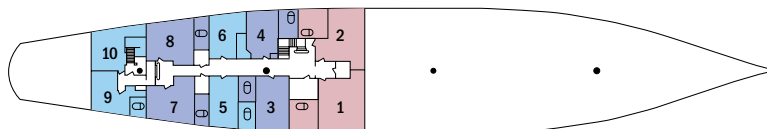
Insets clockwise from top: *Sea Cloud* under full sail; staircase to the Captain's and Lido deck; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's Suite which is one of the original cabins; crew climbs aloft to unfurl the sails.



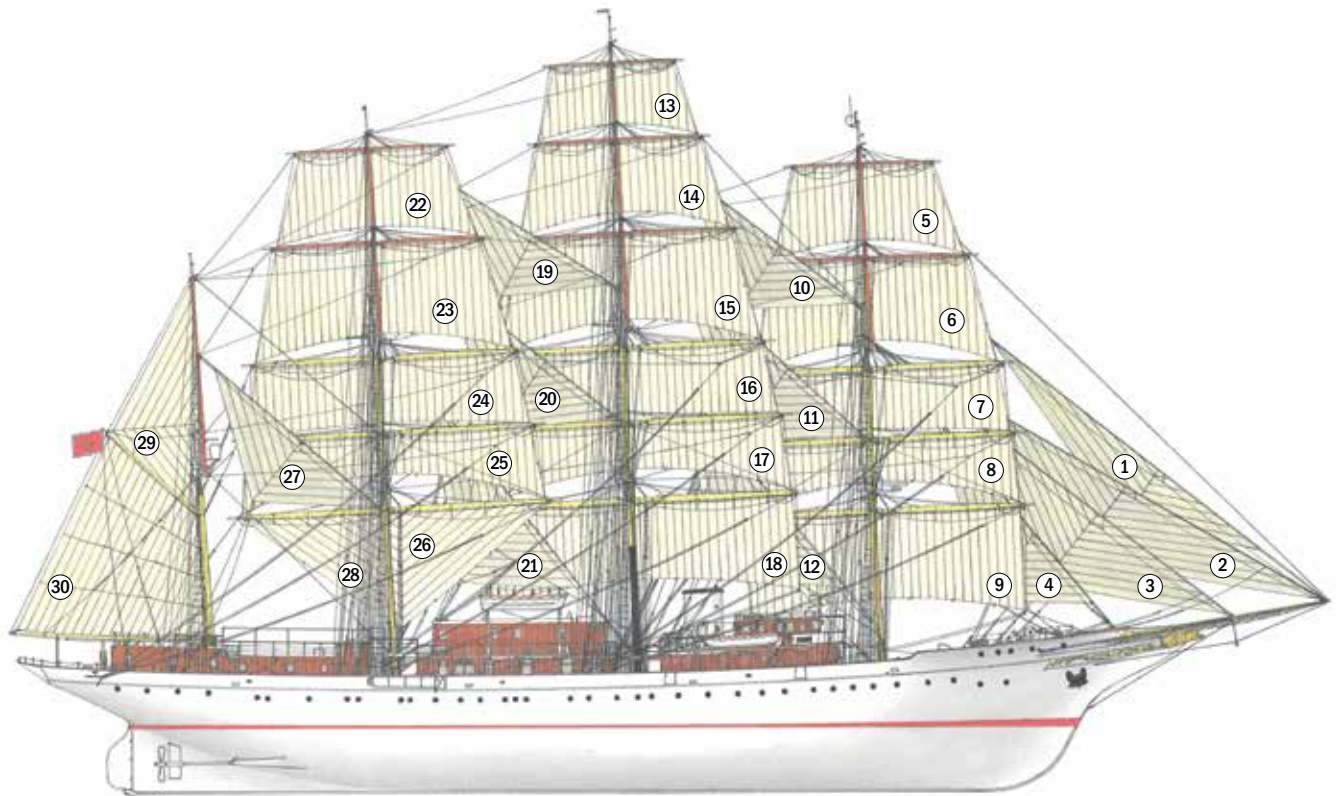
CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



MAIN DECK



1. Flying jib	6. Fore topgallant	11. Main topgallant staysail	16. Main upper topsail	21. Mizzen upper topsail staysail	26. Mizzen sail
2. Standing jib	7. Fore upper topsail	12. Main upper staysail	17. Main lower topsail	22. Mizzen royal	27. Jigger upper staysail
3. Inner jib	8. Fore lower topsail	13. Main skysail	18. Main sail	23. Mizzen topgallant	28. Spanker staysail
4. Fore top mast staysail	9. Fore sail	14. Main royal	19. Mizzen royal staysail	24. Mizzen upper topsail	29. Jigger topsail
5. Fore royal	10. Main royal staysail	15. Main topgallant	20. Mizzen topgallant staysail	25. Mizzen lower topsail	30. Spanker

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	ORIGINAL/ DELUXE CAT. B	ORIGINAL/ DELUXE CAT. A	OWNER'S SUITES	CAT. 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Sailing the Caribbean - Page 62	2015	\$7,990	\$9,130	\$11,070	\$11,550	\$12,950	\$13,640	\$15,750	\$11,980	\$900	Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Barbados: Economy from \$650. Please call for sample Business fare.
Sailing the Greek Isles - Page 72	2015	\$8,790	\$9,880	\$11,790	\$12,490	\$13,880	\$14,750	\$16,880	\$12,880	\$900	Sample Airfares: Round-trip New York/Athens: Economy from \$1,300. Please call for sample Business fare.
Under Sail from Greece to the Dalmatian Coast - Page 74	2015	\$11,630	\$13,150	\$15,890	\$16,710	\$18,180	\$19,690	\$22,190	\$17,090	\$1,300	Sample Airfares: New York/Athens, Dubrovnik/New York or vice versa: Economy from \$1,400. Please call for sample Business fare.

DELFIN II

CAPACITY: 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

REGISTRY: Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 120 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: An enclosed, air conditioned lounge. Outdoor areas include the well-designed, comfortable Top Deck and bar. There is a small reference library and the bridge, where you are welcome to meet the captain and officers.

MEALS: The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

SUITES: Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone. Enjoy complimentary organic sun block with insect repellent, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: 10-person skiffs – with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided before an excursion if deemed necessary.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guests may swim directly from the skiffs using the convenient swim ladder, weather & location permitting.

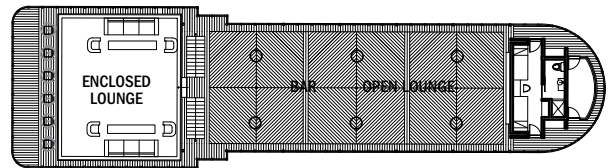
SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 – Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.

MASTER SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 – The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90 degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king, and Upper Deck Master Suites have king beds only.

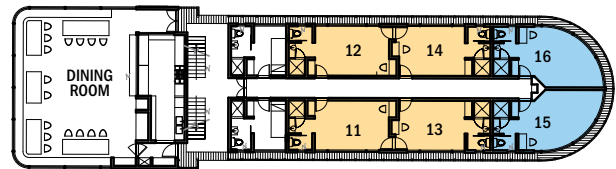
SOLE OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Due to the limited number of cabins available, sole occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.



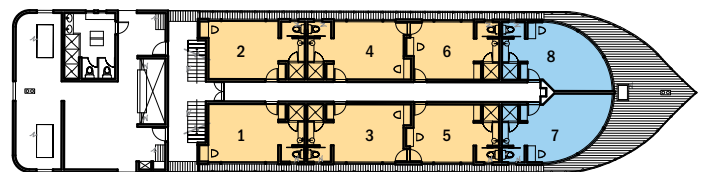
Insets clockwise from top left: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious master suites offer comfort and panoramic views.



TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

ITINERARY	YEAR	SUITE	MASTER SUITE	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve – Page 36	2015	\$6,390	\$7,460	\$500	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,800. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos/Lima: From \$395.
Exploring Galápagos + The Upper Amazon – Page 38	2015	Back-to-back expeditions combining Galápagos + Upper Amazon are available on a number of 2015 dates. Please call for specific dates & rates.			
Exploring Machu Picchu & The Upper Amazon – Page 39	2015	\$11,380	\$12,450	\$1,000	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$800; Business from \$3,000. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Cusco/Lima: From \$425. Lima/Iquitos/Lima From \$425.

JAHAN

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Vietnam. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 230 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: The ship is fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the Terrace Deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a small swimming pool, and a full service bar. The lounge, located on the Upper Deck, has a library 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.

CABINS: Every cabin is exceptionally spacious and comfortable. All face outside, and all have glass doors and private balconies for enjoying the scenery along the Mekong River and its tributaries. There is a mix of twin-bedded and queen-size bedded cabins. Each has private facilities and hair dryer, individual climate control, and a mini bar. A choice of pillows is provided on request.

SPECIAL FEATURES: There is a spa, offering a choice of massage treatments, and fitness room with steam bath and treadmill, stationary bicycle, and elliptical trainer. The boutique has a fine selection of local artwork and textiles. Morning Tai Chi classes are offered on the Terrace Deck. DVD and iPod players are available on request.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #103-112. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 103-104 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #105-112 have queen-size beds.

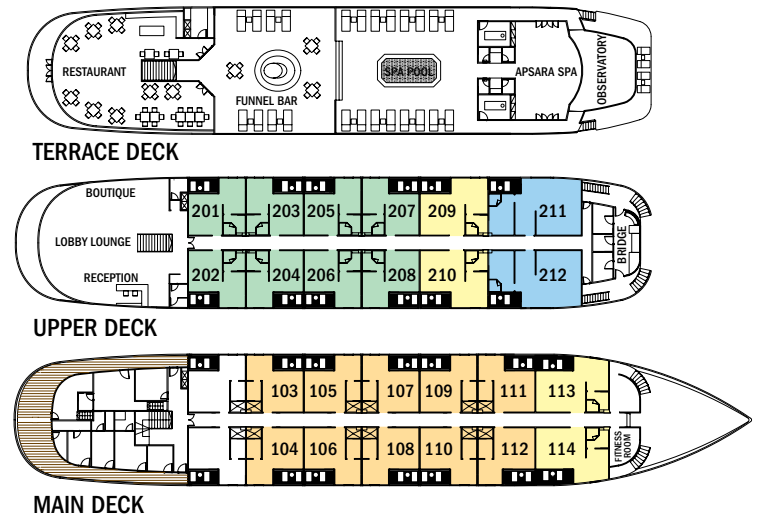
CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck #201-208. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 201-202 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #203-208 have queen-size beds.

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck #113-114 and Upper Deck #209-210. Each exceptionally large cabin has a queen-size bed and a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. There is a television and private DVD player. Each balcony has two sun beds and a table.

SUITES: Upper Deck #211-212. These are the largest and finest accommodations on board. Each has a queen-size bed, a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light, a television, a DVD player, and a private Jacuzzi.



Insets clockwise from top: The new river ship Jahan; Category 2 cabin; Category 3 cabin.



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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	SUITES	CATEGORY 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Vietnam and Cambodia: Along the Mekong River - Page 104	2015	\$9,870	\$10,590	\$12,350	\$14,800	\$14,790	\$1,100	Sample Airfares: U.S./Siem Reap, returning Saigon/U.S. or vice versa. Economy from \$1,100; Business fare: \$5,300.

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- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
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- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

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- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
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- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

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Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350*
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of total fare
59-45 days	50% of total fare
44-0 days	No refund

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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 total fare
89-60 days	50% of total fare
59-0 days	No Refund

*\$350 or \$750 will be refunded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

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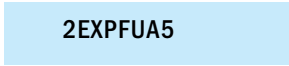
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