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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,

2014 is off to a great start and, as you get this, our latest ship christened the *National Geographic Orion* on March 21, begins her new role in the Pacific before continuing on her 'round the world' expeditions.

It's always exciting to launch a new ship, but it's even more exciting to broaden our geographic scope and to inspire curiosity and a better understanding of our world. And that is true both above and beneath the sea.

July 2014 will also represent the 10th anniversary of our partnership with National Geographic. It has been, and continues to be, a very valuable and synergistic relationship on a multitude of levels.

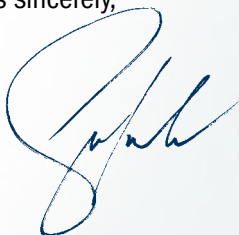
For me, personally, and for many who work here, our ability to inspire curiosity is exponentially increased because of our collective brain trust.

If any of us wants to know more about any spot on the planet, we can find a knowledgeable explorer or a scientist, an anthropologist, an oceanographer or a photographer connected to the Society. So it's not just googling geography; it's knowing it intimately.

We have great mutual plans in the years ahead. People often say partnerships are hard. In this case it's anything but, because we also inspire each other which, in turn, allows us to provide you, our travelers, with richer, more meaningful travel opportunities.

So, I hope you enjoy this edition of Explorations, and that we'll soon share an adventure out there on the world's ocean.

Yours sincerely,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

## VIDEO PREVIEW HOW-TO!

These black and white squares are your link to adventure. Called 'QR Codes,' they enable your smartphone to play videos anywhere they appear. Check pages 17-104 for tags!

1. Go to your smartphone's app store and search for 'QR readers.'
2. Download the free mobile app.
3. Using the app, snap or scan any tag and your browser will take you to a video. Enjoy; exploring by video is fun!





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# 2014-15 Expedition Calendar

	PAGE	# OF DAYS	SHIP	MAY
<b>POLAR REGIONS</b>				
Antarctica	10	14	NG Explorer & NG Orion	
Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands	12	24	NG Explorer & NG Orion	
South Georgia & the Falklands	14	19	NG Explorer	
Land of the Ice Bears	16	11	NG Explorer	
Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard	102	17	NG Explorer	
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast	18	17	NG Explorer	
A Circumnavigation of Iceland	20	11	NG Explorer	
Along the Viking Trail: From Iceland to Greenland	22	12	NG Explorer	
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<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>				
Galápagos	30	10	NG Endeavour & Islander	■
Galápagos + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca	32	16	NG Endeavour & Islander	■
Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca	34	8	Land Program	■
Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve	36	10	Delfin II	
The Upper Amazon + Galápagos	38	20	Delfin II	
The Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca	39	17	Delfin II	
Buenos Aires, Rio and Brazil's Wild Coast	40	18	NG Explorer	
Patagonia: Argentina & The Chilean Fjords	42	20	NG Explorer	
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>				
The Canadian Maritimes	44	8	NG Explorer	
Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness	46	8	NG Sea Bird/Lion	■
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii	48	15	NG Sea Bird/Lion	■
Pacific Northwest: Columbia & Snake Rivers	52	7	NG Sea Bird/Lion	
Baja California and the Sea of Cortez: Among The Great Whales	56	8	NG Sea Bird	
Whales & Wildness: Spring in the Sea of Cortez	103	8	NG Sea Bird	
Costa Rica & The Panama Canal	58	8	NG Sea Lion	
Sailing the Caribbean	62	8	Sea Cloud	
<b>EUROPE &amp; THE MEDITERRANEAN</b>				
Exploring the Low Countries: Holland and Belgium	64	9	NG Explorer	
Exploring the British Isles	66	15	NG Explorer	
Scotland's Highlands & Islands	103	9	Lord of the Glens	
An Island Odyssey: Azores, Canaries & Cape Verdes	68	16	NG Explorer	
Sailing the Greek Isles	70	9	Sea Cloud	
Under Sail: Greece to the Dalmatian Coast	72	12	Sea Cloud	
<b>AUSTRALIA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC</b>				
Kimberley Expedition: Australia's Wild Northwest	76	14	NG Orion	■
Kimberley Expedition with the Spice Islands	78	18	NG Orion	
Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali	80	13	NG Orion	
Indonesian Odyssey: Bali to the Great Barrier Reef	82	20	NG Orion	
Exploring the Coral Sea: Papua New Guinea to Fiji	84	16	NG Orion	
Reefs, Lagoons and Volcanic Isles: Fiji to Tahiti	86	20	NG Orion	
Legends of the South Pacific: Tahiti to Easter Island	88	20	NG Orion	
<b>AFRICA &amp; THE INDIAN OCEAN</b>				
Voyage to West Africa: The Gold Coast to Morocco	90	20	NG Explorer	
Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar	92	22	NG Orion	
Treasures of the Indian Ocean: Zanzibar to the Seychelles	94	15	NG Orion	
Indian Ocean Odyssey: Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka	96	21	NG Orion	
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# JEPARDY!

## Explore the World Sweepstakes

### FIRST 10 OF 30 WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED!

It's your last opportunity to enter for a chance to win one of 30 voyages with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic to celebrate Jeopardy!'s 30th anniversary! **Tune in to Jeopardy! weekdays from April 21-May 2, 2014 to enter.** See where the first ten winners are from and where they're going:

#### ARCTIC SVALBARD

Katharine S. (Clarksville, TN)

#### ALASKA

Ann S. (Waukesha, WI)

#### ANTARCTICA

David K. (Hollywood, MD)

#### BAJA CALIFORNIA

Catherine R. (Brooklyn, NY)

#### COSTA RICA & PANAMA

Susan R.  
(North Royalton, OH)

#### GALÁPAGOS

Chris B. (Enumclaw, WA)

#### GREECE TO DALMATIAN COAST

Jim R. (Wellston, MI)

#### MACHU PICCHU

Anthony B. (Acworth, GA)

#### UPPER AMAZON

David H. (Winder, GA)

#### VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Rebecca S. (Ashburn, VA)

To learn more, see [expeditions.com/jeopardy](http://expeditions.com/jeopardy)



### GOING 'THE LAST MILE'

The Last Mile Technology Program visits isolated, remarkable areas of the planet—to empower the people living there with technology, thus giving them a voice that can be heard beyond the reaches of their community. Fortunately *National Geographic Orion* visits a number of these places. So, Program Director, National Geographic Society Fellow and cultural photographer, **Chris Rainier, will be traveling aboard two NG Orion voyages in Fall 2014: Cairns to Fiji, and Tahiti to Easter Island,** bringing smart phones, laptops, cameras and video equipment to community leaders and teachers. Nokia, Apple and Google are partners who have donated equipment. In existence for five years, the Last Mile Technology Program is already working in places such as Peru, Botswana, Kenya (with the Leakeys)—and with the support of Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic—in Galápagos and soon in the South Pacific. To learn more about Chris's work visit [www.lastmiletechnologyconnect.org](http://www.lastmiletechnologyconnect.org)



## NOTEWORTHY PEOPLE



### 'CHASING ICE' HEADS TO ANTARCTICA

James Balog, subject of the feature film, *Chasing Ice*, is a photographer who initiated the Extreme Ice Survey (EIS) in 2007, the most wide-ranging ground-based photographic glacier study ever conducted. We are enabling the EIS team to extend their ice-monitoring activities, by helping them place time-lapse cameras on the seventh continent. **James Balog and his team will travel with us, and our guests, aboard NG Explorer on the February 15, 2014 departure** to set up their cameras and train our expedition team to monitor them the next five years. To view what happened, search the DERs from this voyage on [expeditions.com/DER](http://expeditions.com/DER)





Emperor penguins have provided some of the most captivating footage in the Crittercam program.

### TAXI SERVICE FOR CRITTERCAM RESEARCHERS

Crittercam inventor, scientist and filmmaker Greg Marshall, and Kyler Abernathy, the Director of National Geographic’s Crittercam program, were scheduled to study leopard seals with researcher Doug Krause from the NOAA Field Site on Livingston Island in **Antarctica—and *National Geographic Explorer* was their “ride” to and from their research site.** See the “taxi ride” down to Antarctica **[expeditions.com/to](http://expeditions.com/to)** and back **[expeditions.com/from](http://expeditions.com/from)** respectively.



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### THE LEX-NG FUND NEARS THE MILLION DOLLAR MARK & MAKES A DIFFERENCE

In 2013, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic guests donated nearly \$800,000 to the LEX-NG Fund—100% of which supports ocean conservation and initiatives in the regions they visited aboard the fleet. We expanded our efforts to new regions—Cambodia and the Amazon—and look forward to continued positive impacts in 2014! Learn more at **[expeditions.com/conservation](http://expeditions.com/conservation)**

# & HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR WORLD

### GROSVENOR TEACHER FELLOW PROGRAM DOUBLES IN SIZE IN 2014

The Grosvenor Teacher Fellow program is a professional development opportunity we provide together with National Geographic Education. It gives current K-12 classroom teachers and informal educators from the 50 U.S. states, Canada, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico recognition and the opportunity to feed their curiosity about the world and learn by traveling aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*. **In recent years, we’ve hosted 6-14 Fellows annually, mainly in the Arctic. This year we’re welcoming 25 educators on board to explore new regions** including: Arctic Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland, Canadian High Arctic, Canadian Maritimes, and Antarctica. To learn more, visit **[www.expeditions.com/teachers](http://www.expeditions.com/teachers)**



# THE IMPERIAL TRANS-ANTARCTIC



*The entire crew poses in front of the Endurance for Frank Hurley's camera.*

# EXPEDITION CENTENNIAL

In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 stalwart individuals attempted to undertake what Shackleton described as “*the one remaining great object of Antarctic journeying*”—crossing the continent on foot from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea via the South Pole. While disaster famously beset the *Endurance* expedition, Shackleton, through extraordinary leadership and dogged, relentless effort, lost none of his men; all were saved in 1916.

The legendary tale has inspired us as an expedition company, since Lars-Eric Lindblad took the first group of ‘citizen explorers’ to Antarctica in 1966. Shackleton’s leadership model underlies everything about us: the Ice Masters and expedition teams we assign, the guiding principles we adhere to, and the high degree of respect and caution we bring to voyaging in the untamed wildness of Antarctica.

Our expedition team has given guests a stirring presentation on the Shackleton expedition every season since our beginning. And no Lindblad-National Geographic expedition to South Georgia is complete without a pilgrimage to Shackleton’s gravesite and a whisky toast. So, taking advantage of the Centennial to honor him is simply another chance to do what our hearts and minds do annually.

## ENTER INTO THE SHACKLETON CENTENNIAL SPIRIT ON US

To celebrate we’ve commissioned a special Centennial badge, a symbol of our respect for Antarctica’s past, present and future. And an exclusive parka. Based on historic expedition wear, including the parka worn by Lars-Eric Lindblad on the cover of his autobiography *Passport To Anywhere*, it combines vintage style with maximum high-tech comfort. The ultimate souvenir, this keepsake marks a key moment in Antarctica’s history and brands you a genuine polar explorer. Both are yours with our compliments.



## EXCLUSIVE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

From an exclusive onboard multimedia presentation to special photography outings, and complimentary pourings of Mackinlay’s Rare Old Highland Malt to toast Shackleton, this Antarctic season will be uniquely celebratory. To inspire you, we’ll provide a complimentary copy of Alfred Lansing’s definitive *Endurance* as a voyage pre-read or to enjoy on board with Antarctic views.

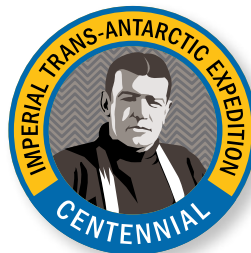
*Designs shown are for illustrative purposes only; actual details may vary slightly.*

# JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,350 to \$26,720 (See pages 106-107 and 110-111 for complete 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.



## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**45+**  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

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.

## 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 leopard seals.
- ▶ Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.
- ▶ Walk on shore 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.



*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 Beau-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 on a catamaran cruise of 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

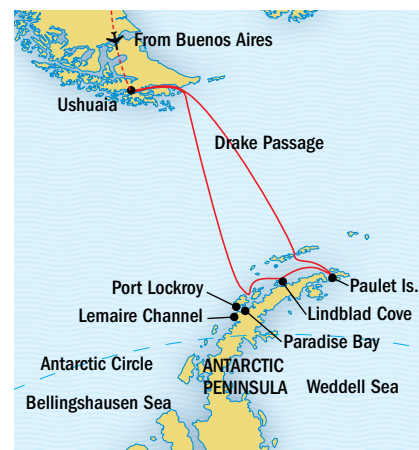
anticipate making several Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You'll learn how climate 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. (B,L)



### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES (Explorer):** 2014 Nov. 28; Dec. 8, 18, 28  
2015 Jan. 7, 17, 27; Feb. 6; 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 and extension options.*

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **July 31, 2014** on select 2014 *Explorer* departures to receive free economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires/Miami. See page 123 or call for full details.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add four days on [Easter Island](#) or three days at [Iguazú Falls](#), or two days to [Buenos Aires](#). Visit our website, or see page 26. Ask about extensions for *Orion*.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson Nov. 28 & Dec. 8, 2014, Michael Melford Jan. 7 & 27, 2015, Kent Kobersteen Jan. 27 & Feb. 6, 2015. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](#)

### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Explore with authors Ed Larson Jan. 17 & 27, 2015 or Fen Montaigne Dec. 28, 2014; mountaineer Peter Hillary Feb. 6, 2015; scientists Ken Taylor Nov. 28, 2014 or Joe McConnell Dec. 8, 2014.



Kayakers paddle past a sweeping iceberg.

# ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

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

PRICES FROM: \$21,360 to \$43,250 (See pages 106-107 and 110-111 for complete 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.
- ▶ Walk amid 200,000 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." Count on the Global Perspectives guest speaker for relevant insights. 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 on a catamaran cruise of 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)



*Black-browed albatross.*

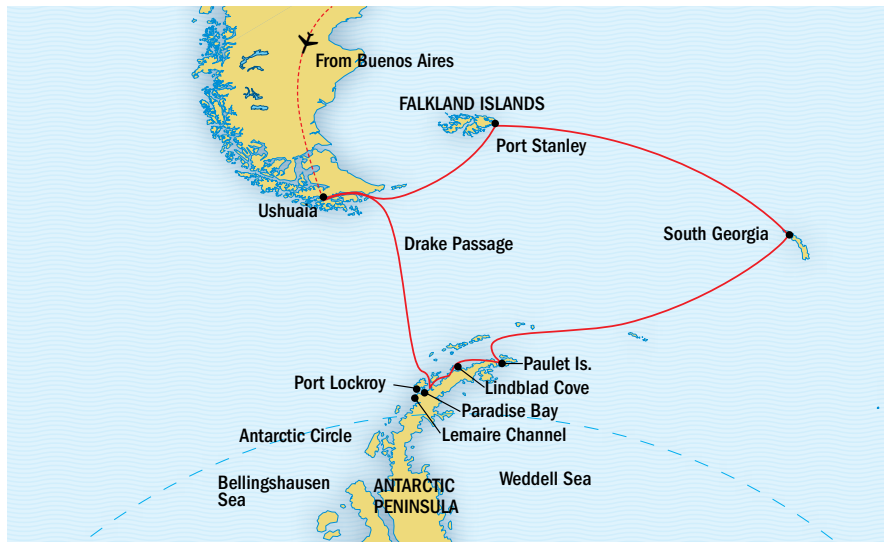
### DAYS 5 AND 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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)

### 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 be surrounded by 200,000 king penguins! (B,L,D)



### 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 private charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (B,L)



*Photographing elephant seal pups.*

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES (Explorer):** 2014 Nov. 8  
2015 Feb. 16\*; Nov. 7; 2016 Jan. 26\*; Feb. 15\*

**DATES (Orion):** 2014 Dec. 26  
2015 Jan. 25; Feb. 14\* 2016 Feb. 14\*

\*These voyages travel in reverse.

Note: Orion 2016 departure routes via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **July 31, 2014** and receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires) on the Nov. 8, 2014 *Explorer* departure. See page 123, or 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 two days pre-voyage to **Buenos Aires**. Visit our website or see page 26. Ask about extension options for *Orion*.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** Dec. 26, 2014, **Chris Rainier** Feb. 15, 2015 or, **Tim Laman** Jan. 25, 2015, **Rich Reid** Feb. 14, 2015. **Learn more at [expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)**

### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with **Jared Diamond**, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, scientist and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author Feb. 14, 2015, or mountaineer **Peter Hillary** Feb. 16, 2015.

# SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*  
PRICES FROM: \$16,530 to \$31,920 (See pages 106-107 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 200,000 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 200,000 king penguins.*

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike in the footsteps of “the Boss,” Sir Ernest Shackleton, during the centennial year of the Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition.
- ▶ Walk amid stately king penguins—literally 200,000 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 in a Zodiac among the bergs.
- ▶ Compare art and 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**

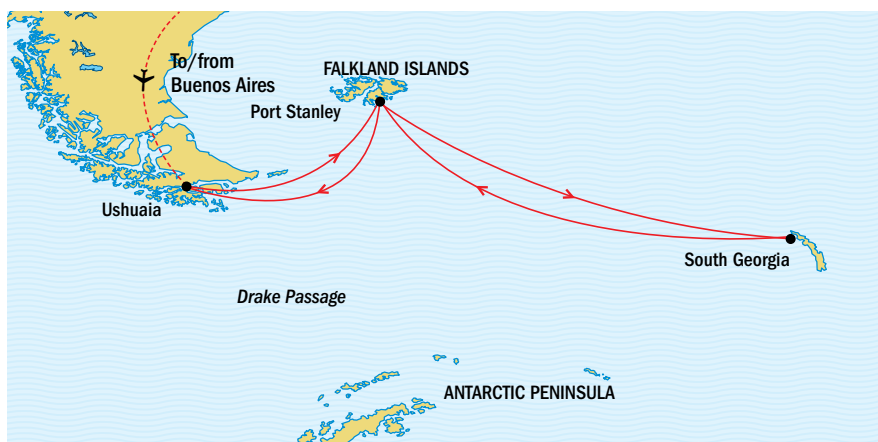
Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare us for the wildness ahead in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the bridge, scanning for seabirds, notably the albatross. (B,L,D)

**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 the famous Upland Goose 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. Leisurely circumnavigating the island, 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 200,000 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. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2016 Mar. 6

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **July 31, 2014** to receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/ Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires). See page 123, or 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 or see page 26.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Every *Explorer* 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](http://expeditions.com/photo)**



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

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

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$17,460 (See pages 106-107 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

**30+**  
**YEARS**  
**EXPERIENCE**

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 flourish during the summer months. With our National Geographic photographer and a seasoned naturalist staff, venture to

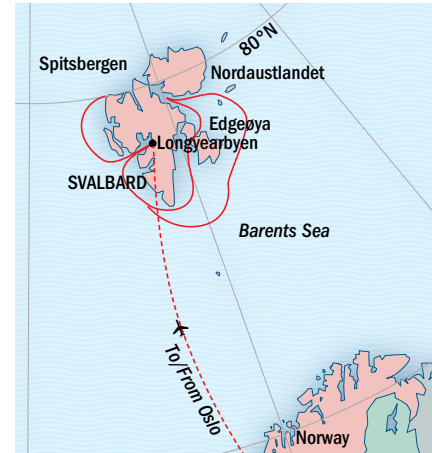
the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; and search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walrus, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more 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:** 2014 Jun. 6, 13, 20  
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 or see page 27.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS**

Travel with ecologist **Andrew Clarke** (right) Jun. 6 & 13, 2014 or **David Braun**, National Geographic environmentalist Jun. 20, 2014.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with **Susan Seubert** (left), an award winning travel and editorial photographer Jun. 13 & 20, 2014; **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** Jun. 6, 2014. **Learn more at**

**[expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)**



*Guests observe walrus.*



Use your smartphone to watch our **Arctic Svalbard** video. See pg. 2 for details.



*Kayakers off Svalbard's pristine coast.*

# SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*  
PRICES FROM: \$13,820 to \$25,230 (See pages 106-107 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



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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.*



### DAYS 1 AND 2: 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.

### DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

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

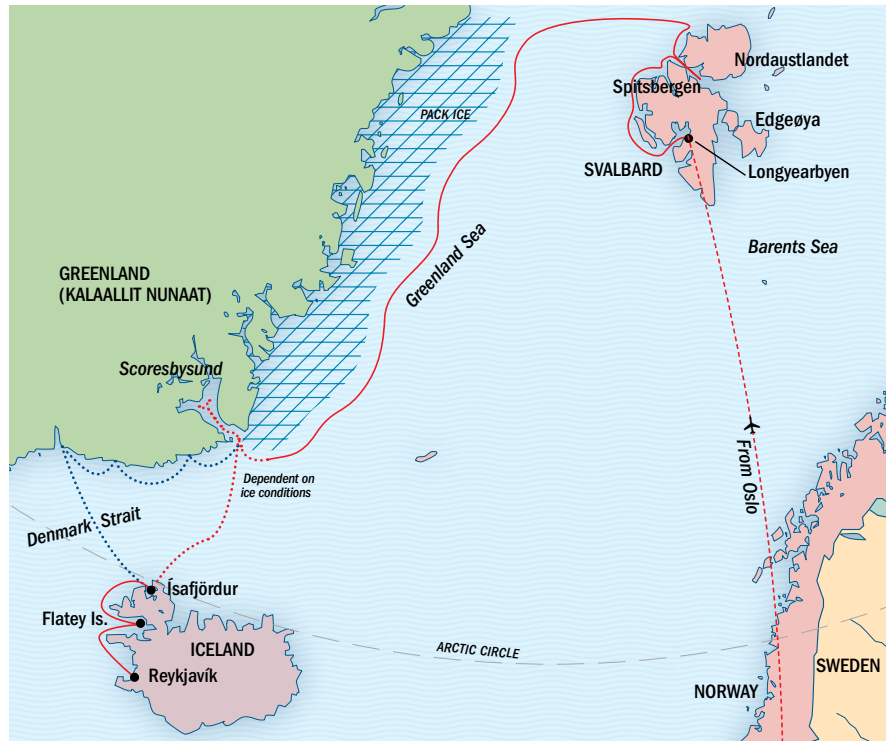


Polar bear.

### DAYS 4-16: 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.

Svalbard Norway is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped 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 Isafjörður, a picture postcard of Icelandic life. (B,L,D)

### DAY 17: 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:** 2014 Jun. 27 2015 Jun. 22

#### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now on the 2014 departure and receive complimentary airfare (New York/Oslo, Reykjavík/New York, plus charter airfare Oslo/Longyearbyen—a \$1,900 value). Book by **July 31, 2014** on the 2015 departure and we will hold the 2014 price and include complimentary charter airfare. See page 123 or call for details.

#### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a five-day pre-voyage extension to the [Norwegian Fjords](#), or add a post-voyage extension to [Iceland](#). Visit our website or see page 27.

#### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with Polar explorer **Capt. Alfred McLaren**, President Emeritus of The Explorers Club Jun. 27, 2014.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explore with National Geographic photographers **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** Jun. 27, 2014.

# A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$7,990 to \$18,880 (See pages 106-107 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, and spend a day on the Arctic Circle spotting rich birdlife. Kayak into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast. Cap off the adventure with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Europe's largest ice cap, and discover the lava-sculpted landscapes of the Westman Islands.
- ▶ Soak in hot springs, and see boiling mud pots and the thundering Godafoss Waterfall.
- ▶ Go whale-watching and spot birdlife on the shores of Iceland and its surrounding isles.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



A circumnavigation is a rare and wonderful opportunity, in this case abetted by our veteran team: an expedition leader, 8 naturalists, several with geology expertise, and an undersea specialist. To help you capture the experience: a National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and our video chronicler. Rely on our wellness specialist to help you start and end your active days well. And count on our Global Perspectives guest speaker for relevant insights.

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



*Guests take in the power and beauty of Godafoss waterfall.*

## DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Take a guided overview of the Old Town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral. Learn about Norse culture at the National Museum, whose collection includes Viking treasures, artifacts, and whalebone carvings. Embark ship. (Day 2: L,D)

## DAY 3: EXPLORING THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

Navigate Iceland's wild western frontier, sailing past the soaring Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to the island of Flatey, a trading post for many centuries, for walks and explorations of the coast by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: ÍSAFJÖRDUR

Located in the Western Fjords, Ísafjörður is a classic landscape sculpted by past glaciers, and renowned for its traditional eiderdown production. It's a picture postcard of Icelandic life and a great place for hiking, kayaking and for spotting eider ducks. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: EXPLORING NORTHWESTERN ICELAND

Hornstrandir is Iceland's northernmost peninsula, situated in the Westfjords region. Stunningly beautiful and peaceful, this remote corner of Iceland is uninhabited and can only be accessed on foot or by boat. Summertime is magical with 24 hours of daylight and many species of seabirds, including puffins, guillemots, razorbills, and kittiwakes.

## DAY 6: SIGLUFJÖRÐUR AND AKUREYRI

Start the day in Siglufjörður, the center of Iceland's once-thriving herring industry, and stop by the Herring Museum for a talk and a tasting. Then continue on to picturesque Akureyri, Iceland's second largest city. Explore the old town, with its beautifully maintained period houses set against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains, or visit the botanical garden. (B,L,D)

## DAY 7: MÝVATN AND HÚSAVÍK

Drive to Mývatn, the most geologically active

area in Iceland. See the bubbling mud pools at Hverarönd and the volcanic crater at Viti before continuing on for an unforgettable sight: Godafoss, the "waterfall of the gods." Meet the ship in Húsavík and set sail for the tiny island of Grímsey, where we officially arrive in the Arctic Circle. (B,L,D)



Bubbling mud pools at Hverarönd.

## DAY 8: EXPLORING NORTHEAST ICELAND

Iceland's rugged east coast is an unspoiled stretch of rocky outcrops, hidden coves, and hills that beckon hikers. Today is left open to explore this beautiful landscape with our naturalists by Zodiac and on foot. (B,L,D)

## DAY 9: DJÚPIVOGUR

Dock in Djúpivogur to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. For a closer look at the ice cap, take a boat ride through Jökulsárlón, a lagoon strewn with spectacular icebergs sculpted into all shapes and sizes. (B,L,D)

## DAY 10: WESTMAN ISLANDS

The Westman Islands were formed by under-sea volcanoes between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago and are among the youngest of the world's archipelagos. In 1963, the world witnessed on film the birth of its newest island, Surtsey—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—which we'll see as we cruise past the coast. In 1973, Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbor. Visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in amazing views of areas that were engulfed by lava. (B,L,D)

## DAY 11: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

We complete our circumnavigation and disembark in Reykjavík. Soak in the geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon and then have lunch before your flight home. (B,L)



## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATE:** 2014 Jul. 12\*, 20\* 2015 Jul. 7;

\*The 2014 voyages are one day shorter. Call for details.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#). Visit our website or see page 27.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with [Sisse Brimberg](#) and [Cotton Coulson](#) Jul. 12, 2014 or [Dan Westergren](#) (right), senior photo editor for *National Geographic Traveler* Jul. 20, 2014. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](#)



## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with [Andrew Evans](#), author of *Iceland: The Bradt Travel Guide* Jul. 12, 2014, or modern day explorer [Tim Severin](#) Jul. 20, 2014.



Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon.

NEW

# 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 106-107 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



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, 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.



*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. 10: L,D)

### JUL. 21: THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

*National Geographic Explorer* navigates Iceland's wild western frontier, sailing past the immense Latrabjarg 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

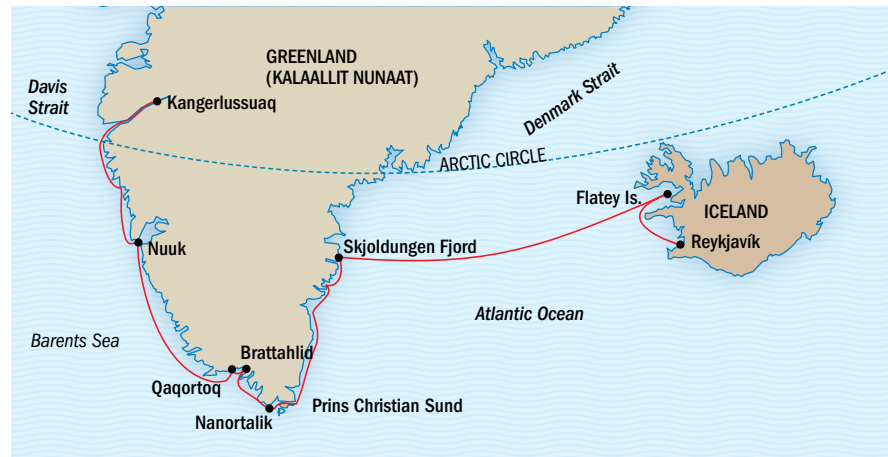
The Greenland Ice Sheet is the second largest ice body in the world, after the Antarctic ice sheet, roughly 80% of the surface of Greenland. The high arctic-like climate is dominated by ice floes. Among the options for exploration are landings at Skjoldungen fjord or Napasorsuaq fjord. We'll use our 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 **July 31, 2014** to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa)—a \$1,200 value. See page 123 or call for details.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a 4-day pre-voyage extension [Exploring Iceland](#), or a 2-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#). See page 27 or call 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.



Colorful Scandinavian-style houses.

NEW

# EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 TO \$24,790 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Arctic, a land where polar bears roam, walrus 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, walrus, ringed seals and, with luck, narwhals in their natural habitat.

## 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.

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

*National Geographic Explorer passing a magnificent iceberg in Greenland's Ilulissat Icefjord.*



**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**

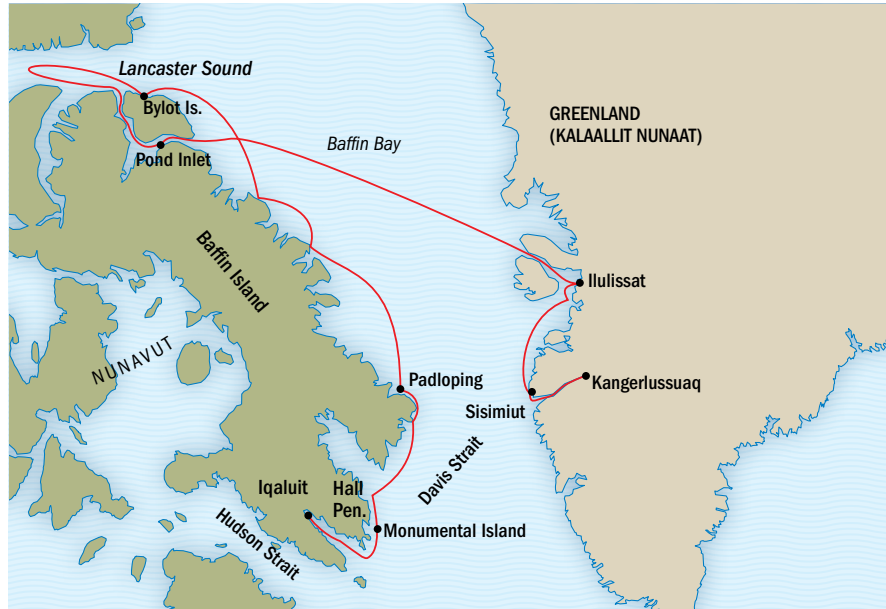
Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. Trace this ragged coastline, and search for humpback and minke whales. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings.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

**DAY 4: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT**

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore the Ilulissat Glacier, 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 Ilulissat 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: PADLOPING & HALL PENINSULA**

We spend another day in true expedition style, exploring the Padloping region and the unspoiled Hall Peninsula of Baffin Island. Hike the tundra in search of caribou and arctic foxes, or follow our botanist to learn more about the hardy arctic plants. The exposed rocky cliffs of Monumental Island are used as haul-outs by walrus. We'll cruise the coastline in search of these 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:**

Every departure travels with a National Geographic photographer to give advice, inspire guests and help them get their best shots ever.



*Guests explore the ice via kayak.*

# EXTEND YOUR VOYAGE IN ANTARCTICA

## Optional Post-voyage Extension IGUAZÚ FALLS

3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2014/15 PRICES\*: Double Occupancy: \$2,590; Sole Occupancy: \$3,290. Please inquire for 2015/16 prices. \*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfare not included.

The Iguazú Falls extension can be taken after departures of "Antarctica," "South Georgia & the Falklands," and "Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands," or "Patagonia: Argentina & the Chilean Fjords" and "Buenos Aires, Rio and Brazil's Wild Coast." Adds three nights to the voyage.



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](http://www.expeditions.com/iguazu)



## Optional Post-voyage Extension EASTER ISLAND

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2014/15 PRICES\*: Double Occupancy: \$3,350; Sole Occupancy: \$3,850. Please inquire for 2015/16 prices.

\*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.

The Easter Island extension can be taken after select departures of "Antarctica," "Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands," "South Georgia & the Falklands," and "Patagonia: Argentina & the Chilean Fjords." Adds four nights to the voyage.

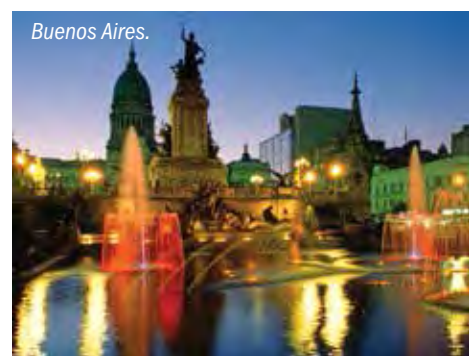
Visit one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island home to the giant stone statues of a long-lost culture. For itinerary go to [www.expeditions.com/easterisland](http://www.expeditions.com/easterisland).

## Optional Pre-voyage Extension BUENOS AIRES

2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2014/15 PRICES\*: Double Occupancy: \$1,560; Sole Occupancy \$1,910. Please inquire for 2015/16 prices. \*To be added to the voyage cost.

The Buenos Aires extension can be taken before select departures of "Antarctica," "South Georgia & the Falklands," and "Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands," and "Patagonia: Argentina & the Chilean Fjords." Adds two nights to the voyage.



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](http://www.expeditions.com/buenosaires)

# EXTEND YOUR VOYAGE IN THE ARCTIC

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

5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2014 PRICES\*: Double occupancy: \$4,150; Sole occupancy: \$4,740. Inquire for 2015 prices.

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

Adds 5 days/5 nights to the voyage.

The "Norwegian Fjords" extension can be taken before "Land of the Ice Bears," and "Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast."

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. Learn more about this extension at [www.expeditions.com/norwayfjords](http://www.expeditions.com/norwayfjords).



Sognefjord.

## Optional Post-voyage Extension ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2014 PRICES\*: Double occupancy: \$3,760; Sole occupancy: \$4,150. Inquire for 2015 prices.

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

4 days/4 nights to the voyage. The "Iceland's Natural Wonders" extension can be taken after "Land of the Ice Bears,"

"Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard," "Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast," and "A Circumnavigation of Iceland."

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. See itinerary at [www.expeditions.com/icelandwonders](http://www.expeditions.com/icelandwonders).



Myvatn, geothermal area.

# Our Expedition Photography Program


## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

What makes travel with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic so transformative, in addition to our itineraries, is our exclusive Expedition Photography program. National Geographic photographers are on every departure of *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*, and on select departures fleet-wide. And Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors, who are also trained naturalists are aboard every ship in our fleet.

Plus, we offer dedicated Photo Expeditions, uniquely immersive experiences, designed for photographers by photographers. Together these facets of our program create unprecedented opportunities for all, from beginners to advanced amateurs, to shoot alongside top pros, and aim at the world's most captivating subjects.

In addition to at-your-side-and-at-your-service inspiration and instruction, our program also includes informative onboard presentations, 'on assignment' practices, plus helpful one-on-one critiques, laptop gallery events and more. Guests can improve their confidence and skills—a benefit that lasts even longer than their memory cards—and return home with extraordinary images.

» [LEARN MORE AT EXPEDITION.COM/PHOTOGRAPHY](https://www.expedition.com/photography)



*National Geographic photographer Cotton Coulson leads guests on a photo walk in Antarctica.*



## HERE'S WHAT OUR GUESTS SAY:

*“My husband Douglas says I’m Velcro: whenever and wherever the National Geographic photographer goes, there I go. Sunrise? Freezing rain? Sharks? Meals? Check! Seemingly casual conversations while walking through a market, standing on the bow, or bouncing in a Zodiac have given me so many insights into better and more creative photography.”*

—CELESTE WALZ

*“I began traveling with Lindblad in the early nineties and have continued to this day. I met my wife on an Antarctic cruise in 2000. I have learned the art of photography from the wonderful NG shooters including Ralph Hopkins, Paul Nicklen, Flip Nicklin, Ira Block and a host of others. Specifically, the lessons of lighting and movement were paramount.”*

—ABE ORDOVER



*“In our retired life my wife and I have become avid wildlife photographers and Lindblad Expeditions’ Photography Program has been an outstanding platform to develop and hone our photography skills.”*

—BILL KLIPP



*“I appreciate the time spent with instructors in breakout sessions to learn your camera—even holding practice sessions out on deck so we are better prepared to capture images ‘In the Moment’.”*

—LINDA KLIPP

*“A photo instructor once remarked that the best way to get better pictures is to photograph better subjects, and Lindblad has taken me to some amazing places. Every effort is made to help travelers get the best pictures possible.”*

—BRUCE FRYXELL



# GALÁPAGOS

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

PRICES FROM: \$5,490 to \$12,850 (See pages pages 112-115 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 animals 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:**

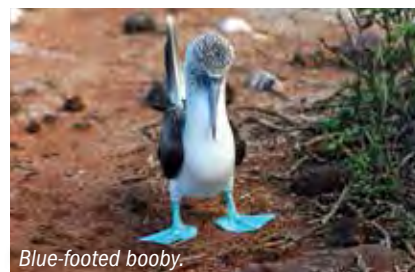
Book now and receive free round-trip air between Miami–Galápagos on select 2014 departures. Subject to availability; new bookings only.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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 **Krista Rossow** on the Jun. 13 departure; and **Annie Griffiths** (right) on the Jun. 20 and Jun. 27 departure aboard *National Geographic Endeavour*.



Blue-footed booby.



Use your smartphone to watch our Galápagos video. See pg. 2 for details.

# 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 112-115 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.*



## DAY 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 South American 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 Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge, set in the shadow of Machu Picchu. 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 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 now and receive free round-trip air between Miami/Galapagos/Lima/Miami on select 2014 departures. Subject to availability; new bookings only.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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.



Peruvian woman.



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.

We spend a week in Peru. Occasionally people ask, “why so long when the highlight is Machu Picchu?” The fact is that there is so much more in Peru, which you’ll see when you read the itinerary. You’ll spend your time in the company of expert guides exploring Peru’s wonders—ancient, colonial and contemporary.

## 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)



*Llama overlooking Incan ruins.*

**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 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 Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge, set in the shadow of Machu Picchu. 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 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)****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.



*Local girls in Cusco.*

# UPPER AMAZON

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD *DELFIN II*

PRICES FROM: \$5,990 to \$7,460 (See page 120 for complete details.)

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 tannin-rich 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 on 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 and our Lindblad-National Geographic certified photographers 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—one of the largest in South 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 and is known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by its 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 tannin-rich 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.

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 looking for its telltale yellow tail. 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 *riberños*, those who live on the riverbanks, and their age-old traditions. Enjoy watching them make jewelry and other 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, and 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 2014** Nov. 22, 29; Dec. 6

**2015** Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14; May 2, 16, 23; Jul. 4, 11, 18, 25; Aug. 22, 29; Sep. 5, 12, 19; Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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



Children at the market.



Guests exploring the remarkable wilderness by skiff.



Use your smartphone to watch our [Amazon video](#). See pg. 2 for details.

# GALÁPAGOS & UPPER AMAZON

20 DAYS/19 NIGHTS

**DEPARTURE:** Combine a Galápagos expedition with Upper Amazon on a number of our 2014 & 2015 departures. Please call for details. See page 120 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**

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 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 America—stretching



Guests exploring by skiff in the Amazon.

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 and is known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by its 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.

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 looking 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.



A monk saki monkey, perched high in a tree.

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 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 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)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

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: \$10,980 to \$12,450 (See ship page 120 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 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 Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge, set in the shadow of Machu Picchu. 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

In the 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 Orient Express Monasterio Hotel. (B,L,D)

### 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. Relax, shop or visit one of the museums or



Machu Picchu's terraced fields.

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: 2014 & 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.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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 2014 & 2015 departures.

# BUENOS AIRES, RIO AND BRAZIL'S WILD COAST

18 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*  
PRICES FROM: \$15,740 to \$28,880 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

Sail from the cultural capital of Salvador, Brazil to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Argentina aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Encounter the legacy of European empires in colonial towns that once boomed with the cacao and gold trade. See wildlife as we explore the Atlantic Forest and the Pampas. And you'll learn about cultures from the samba music of Rio to the gauchos of Uruguay. Every day brings a new opportunity to discover daily life, wildlife encounters, and the spirit of these vibrant areas.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the pastel-hued historic district of Salvador and the Atlantic Forest Southeast Reserves, biodiversity hotspots that edge the Brazilian coast.
- ▶ Soak up the spirit of South America's most vibrant cities: Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires.
- ▶ Spot tropical wildlife in coastal forests and look for humpback whales and other marine life at Abrolhos Marine National Park.
- ▶ Take an exhilarating ride on the Serra Verde Express, a mountain railway that clings to steep slopes on its way to the seaside.
- ▶ Get a rich introduction to the musical styles of the region, with live performances by leading musicians.

## 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, 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.*

*Rio de Janeiro, awarded UNESCO status in September 2012 for its natural setting and unique mix of nature and culture.*



**OCT. 10-12: U.S./SALVADOR, BRAZIL**

Fly overnight to vibrant Salvador, capital of the Bahia region and a hub of Afro-Brazilian culture, and spend a night at the fine Convento do Carmo Hotel, or similar. Set out to explore this well-preserved 16th- and 17th-century city. Wander past brightly painted baroque buildings in the historic district of Pelourinho, a World Heritage site, and see embroidered linens and woodcarvings at the local market before settling in aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. (Oct.12: B,L,D)

**OCT. 13: ILHÉUS**

Set sail for Ilhéus, once Brazil's flourishing cacao capital. See the Cathedral of São Sebastião, visit a cacao plantation, and stop in at the world's only sloth sanctuary. Alternatively, go birdwatching. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 14 AND 15: AT SEA/ABROLHOS MARINE NATIONAL PARK**

The waters surrounding the Abrolhos Archipelago are famous for their populations of humpback whales, which come here to court, breed, and give birth. We'll look for whales and calves, plus masked boobies and red-billed tropicbirds. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 16 AND 17: RIO DE JANEIRO**

Discover legendary Rio on a variety of excursions. Stroll the beach at Ipanema; visit a reserve with endangered golden lion tamarins; or explore Floresta da Tijuca, one of the world's largest urban forests. Ascend to the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer for panoramic views of the city and its island-speckled bay. Choose to experience the unique culture of a *favela*, or shantytown. Take in a live performance of some of the music for which Brazil is famous. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 18-20: PARATI/ANCHIETA/CURITIBA & PARANAGUÁ**

Follow the Costa Verde to Parati, once an important center of the gold trade. Stroll the cobbled lanes past whitewashed cottages and colonial buildings, and visit the waterfront, a World Heritage site. Continue to the tiny island of Anchieta and walk, explore its ruins, and swim or relax on its

beautiful beaches. Board the *Serra Verde Express* train in Curitiba for a remarkable mountain rail trip across 30 trestle bridges and through more than a dozen tunnels to the tropical lowlands. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 21 AND 22: AT SEA/RIO GRANDE**

Opt to explore the wildlife-rich wetlands near Rio Grande. Or visit Pelotas and see a *charqueada* (ranch) that has been family-run for centuries, then visit the town center to see its colonial architecture. The popular Quartchêto musical group performs for us aboard ship. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 23 AND 24: AT SEA/MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY**

In Montevideo, view elegant architecture, ranging from colonial to Art Deco. Then experience the culture of the *gauchos* (Argentine cowboys) and savor an *asado* (traditional barbecue) at a private *estancia* (ranch). (B,L,D)



Accordion player, Buenos Aires.

**OCT. 25-27 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA/U.S.**

Cap off our voyage in vibrant Buenos Aires where we'll visit Beaux-Arts palaces and the bohemian quarters of La Boca and San Telmo before checking into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery). Enjoy dinner and a tango show. Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, arriving Oct. 27. (Oct. 25: B,L,D; Oct. 26: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2014 Oct. 10

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls**. Visit our website or call for details.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **July 31, 2014** to receive complimentary airfare (Miami/Salvador, Buenos Aires/Miami). See page 123 or call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Award-winning photographer **Kike Calvo**.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

Brazilian **Alberto Pfeifer** oversees the Business Council of Latin America in 18 countries, including Brazil, and will give insight into Brazil's breathtaking ascent and future.

**CULTURAL SPECIALISTS**

Get an insider's view with "Carioca" **Priscilla Goslin**; National Geographic Emerging Explorer **T.H. Culhane**; musicologist **Jacob Edgar**; and Brazil culinary "spice-alist" **Olav Schrader**.



The Serra Verde Express railway, Brazil.

# PATAGONIA: ARGENTINA & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

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

PRICES FROM: \$15,950 to \$31,490 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

From the wilds of Tierra del Fuego to the pinnacles of Torres del Paine National Park, experience Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Set off from Buenos Aires, tracing the east coast of Argentina to Tierra del Fuego and watching for elephant seals and Andean condors, whales and rare Commerson's dolphins, guanacos and Magellanic penguins. Search for southern right whales at their renowned gathering spot off the Peninsula Valdés. Venture through the Strait of Magellan, deep into Chile's maze of glorious fjords, past massive glaciers. Explore Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and view land's end at Cape Horn.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture through pristine wildlife reserves not readily accessible to the public, including Yendegaia and Karukinka Natural Parks in Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ Explore the famed reserve of Peninsula Valdés, Argentina, observing endangered southern right whales up close.
- ▶ Explore Torres del Paine National Park with naturalists, and cruise in Zodiacs in the Chilean fjords. See guanacos and the Darwin's rhea, a large flightless bird.
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and take in the view of Cape Horn.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*

*Torres del Paine National Park.*



**DAYS 1-3: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and check into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery). Explore the city's Beaux-Arts palaces, the bohemian quarters of La Boca and San Telmo, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. Set sail on *National Geographic Explorer*. (Day 3: B,L,D)

**DAYS 4-7: AT SEA/BAHÍA BLANCA/AT SEA/PENINSULA VALDÉS**

After a day at sea, explore Bahía Blanca, where we head to a marvelous ranch in the hills outside town for a barbecue lunch, a chance to hike and to view the flora and fauna of the Pampas. Another day of sailing brings us to Peninsula Valdés, a World Heritage site. Southern right whales can famously be seen here close up at this time of year, and we'll venture out for great views. On land, look for guanacos, rheas, armadillos, and more. (B,L,D)



*Our undersea specialist has a close encounter with a right whale. See more: [expeditions.com/patagoniawhale](http://expeditions.com/patagoniawhale)*

**DAYS 8-10: BAHÍA BUSTAMANTE/PUERTO DESEADO/AT SEA**

Visit a vast family-owned *estancia* (ranch) in Bahía Bustamante that stretches from the coast to the Patagonian steppe, where we'll go on hikes, look for marine mammals, and encounter colonies of Magellanic penguins. The next day, travel in small boats into the Reserva Natural Ría Deseado, which is home to the rare black-and-white Commerson's dolphin. Later at the museum in Puerto Deseado, see artifacts retrieved from a 1770 sunken caravel. Spend a day sailing Argentina's southern coast. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE/MAGDALENA ISLAND**

Visit historic sites in the city or enjoy an optional hike in the forest reserve on the rolling hills above Punta Arenas. Visit Magdalena Island, seen by Magellan, which is home to a large Magellanic penguin colony. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 12-15: THE CHILEAN FJORDS/PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK/TIERRA DEL FUEGO**

Cruise deep into the western Strait of

Magellan to see tidewater glaciers. Venture into the fjords of the honeycombed Chilean coast, set against the spectacular backdrop of the Cordillera Darwin range, and explore by ship, by Zodiac, and on foot. Stop in Puerto Natales and drive to the Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Discover this magnificent park with our experts and local guides. Spend time exploring the Chilean fjords searching for humpback whales, Peale's dolphins, and rare

Chilean dolphins. Explore Tierra del Fuego's newest and largest protected area: Karukinka Natural Park. We are partnering with the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit the private reserve, which spans 1,160 square miles and harbors rich wildlife, including elephant seals, endangered culpeo foxes, and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 16-18: TIERRA DEL FUEGO/YENDEGAIA/BEAGLE CHANNEL/CAPE HORN**

Spend a day exploring some of the region's most beautiful sites, then land at Yendegaia, a stunning wilderness that covers more than 95,000 acres of Tierra del Fuego. We've received special permission to explore the reserve, a former cattle ranch that hosts beech forests, wild rivers, and abundant wildlife. The following day, transit the Beagle Channel en route to Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America, and weather permitting take Zodiacs ashore for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 19 AND 20: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.**

Disembark in Ushuaia. Board our charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight to the U.S. (Day 19: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2014 Oct. 23 2015 Oct. 22

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add four days post-voyage on [Easter Island](#) or three days post-voyage at [Iguazú Falls](#), or two days pre-voyage to [Buenos Aires](#). See page 26 or call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC****PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Travel with Pulitzer-prize winning photographer Jay Dickman, who has been on 25 assignments for the Society and published five books. (Oct. 23, 2014)

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

A National Geographic Education Fellow, John Francis has walked across the U.S., South America and Patagonia—in silence. His stirring memoir is *Planetwalker: 22 Years of Walking; 17 years of Silence*. (Oct. 23, 2014)



*Guanacos.*

# THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

**8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**  
PRICES FROM: \$7,320 to \$14,120 (See pages 106-107 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.*



**DAY 1: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA/SAINT-PIERRE, FRANCE/EMBARK**

Arrive in St. John's and fly by private charter to Saint-Pierre Island, France's oldest remaining overseas territory. Explore before embarking *National Geographic Explorer*. Our guest speaker, Gil Grosvenor, first traveled here in 1967 on assignment for *National Geographic*. (D)

**DAY 2: 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. Enjoy an optional "white glove" tour of the Bell Museum and have the opportunity to hold historic artifacts. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: 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 guide us across this landscape of caves and sea arches, while visiting colorful fishing villages and learning about Acadian culture. Weather permitting, set off to explore on a bike. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: 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, sea stacks, and sandy beaches. Learn about the forces that shaped this land and the ancient serpentine rock that illustrates the phenomenon of plate tectonics. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS**

Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, walk among the 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)

**DAY 6: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND**

Wild, rugged, and often accessible only by sea, discover tiny fishing villages tucked into coves and inlets along these stunning shores. Back on board, gain insights from our experts into the civilizations and wildlife that have made this island their home. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: ST. JOHN'S/NEWFOUNDLAND**

St. John's is set on a natural harbor at the most easterly point of North America. We sail through the harbor narrows in the early morning as we approach the picturesque capital city of Newfoundland and have the day to explore the surrounding sites. Explore St. John's with a full day of options: tour the city visiting Cape Spear and Signal Hill, discover the botanical gardens or visit the Rooms Museum. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: ST. JOHN'S/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2014 Sep. 11 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. He was the fifth generation to serve as *National Geographic* president, and his great-grandfather, Alexander Graham Bell, was the Society's second president. Gil was awarded the presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004. (Sep. 11, 2014)



*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 page 117 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 streams 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 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 are aboard certain departures.

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





**DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK**

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 surging 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—cliff-side mountain goats and brown bears on the shore; harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins live in these icy waters. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B,L,D)

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

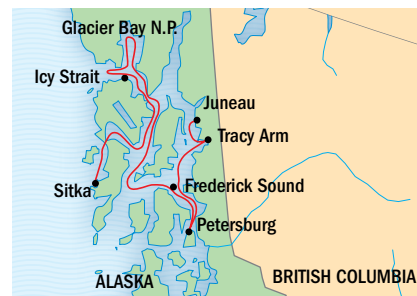
Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, and hike stunning forest trails, or see bear tracks worn into the soil while walking an isolated meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are very common. If conditions permit, we'll do some kayaking,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

**DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE**

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



Alaska's still waters are perfect for kayaking.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

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

2015 Departures every Saturday and Sunday between May 16 and Aug. 30.

📷 *Photo Expedition.*

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

*Note: Due to late arriving flights on the May 17, 18, 31 and Jun. 1, 2014 departures that embark in Sitka, we will visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center and then proceed directly to the ship.*

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS**

Travel with Pulitzer prize-winning photojournalist **Jay Dickman** on Jun. 1 or 8, 2014, or renowned marine mammal photographer **Flip Nicklin** on Aug. 30, 2014 or longtime National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** on Aug. 31, 2014. National Geographic TV host and bear expert **Casey Anderson** will be aboard Jun. 21 and 28, 2014, and filmmaker and Crittercam expert **Birgit Buhleier** will join us on May 17 and May 24, 2014.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book now and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on select May and June, 2014 departures. To lock in 2014 rates for 2015 departures, book by July 31, 2014. Call for details.

**EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST**

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

# A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI

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

PRICES FROM: \$9,990 to \$17,790 (See page 117 for complete prices.)

Join a unique expedition in Alaska's Inside Passage and British Columbia including Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) off the coast of British Columbia. We are the first company with ships carrying more than 22 guests permitted to visit Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage site in over two decades. Here, you'll see the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), a UNESCO World Heritage site, meet with local artisans, and search for seldom-seen endemic species.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

*Standing poles at 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)

**DAY 4-5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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

**DAYS 6-8: HAIDA 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 SGang Gwaay (Ninstints) or K'una (Skedans). Kayak and take expedition landing craft around the incredibly biodiverse islands where

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

**DAY 9: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA**

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

**DAY 10: FREDERICK SOUND AND PETERSBURG**

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

**DAY 11: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS**

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

**DAY 12: JUNEAU**

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

**DAY 13: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK**

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

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

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

**DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/HOME**

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2014 May 3, 4; Sep. 6\* 📷, Sep. 7\* 📷  
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 anthropologist and Explorer-in-Residence **Wade Davis** on May 3, 2014. Join conservationist and expert on indigenous communities **Jon Waterhouse** on May 4, 2014. Or join award-winning National Geographic photographers **Flip Nicklin** on Sep. 6, 2014 or **Michael Melford** on Sep. 7, 2014.



*Orcas.*

# OPTIONAL PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

## DENALI NATIONAL PARK

### 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

PRICES FROM: **2014** \$5,590 per person double occupancy, \$7,990 per person single occupancy. This extension is available between May 24 and Sep. 7, 2014. Limited space available. **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.

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

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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- ▶ 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)

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

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

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

**DAY 6: DENALI NATIONAL PARK/ ANCHORAGE**

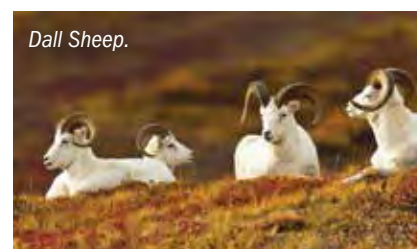
This morning we check out of the North Face Lodge and enjoy the scenic drive back out to the park entrance. Continue to experience the grandeur of Alaska aboard the Alaska Railroad, enjoying the first class, GoldStar Service en route to Anchorage. Lavishly appointed cars feature custom-designed interiors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

**DAY 7: ANCHORAGE/SITKA OR JUNEAU/ HOME**

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

This seven-day extension can be taken before or after select **Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness** and **A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii** departures between May 24 and Sep. 7, 2014 and May 30 and Sep. 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.



*Mighty Mt. McKinley rises out of Denali National Park.*

# COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS JOURNEY: HARVESTS, HISTORY & LANDSCAPES

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

PRICES FROM: \$4,490 to \$7,900 (See page 117 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**

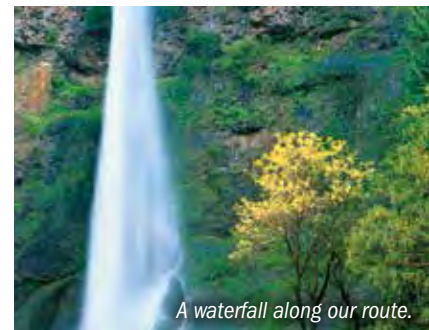
Transfer to Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2014 Sep. 22, 23, 29\*; Oct. 4, 5, 10\* 📷, 16

\*These departures travel from Clarkston, Washington to Portland, Oregon.

📷 Learn from a National Geographic photographer aboard this Photo Expedition, timed to capture the fall foliage season.



*A waterfall along our route.*

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

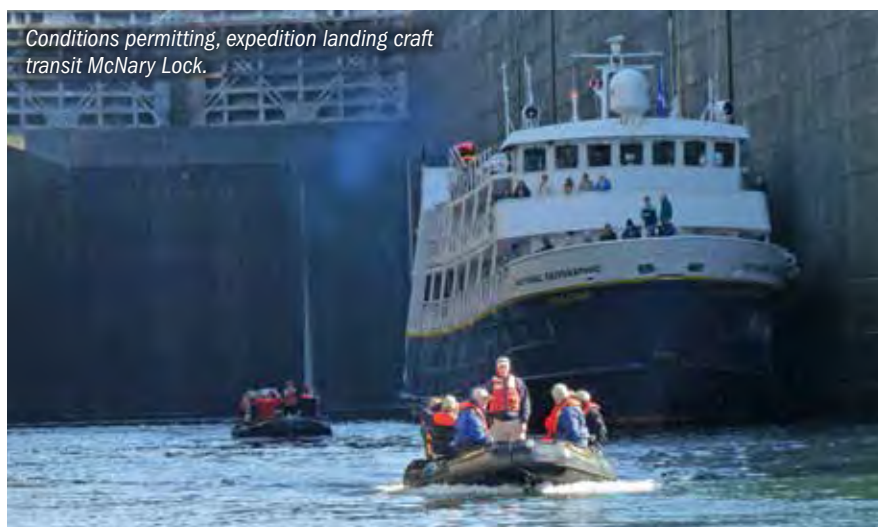
Choose a 1-day [Portland, Oregon](#) and/or [Willamette Valley Boutique Winery tour](#). Please call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT**

Join **Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs** author of *The Lewis and Clark Companion* and *Why Sacagawea Deserves the Day Off* on the on Sep. 23, 2014 departure. A renowned expert on the Corps of Discovery, she grew up on their trail, traveling with her father and fellow Lewis & Clark expert, the late Stephen Ambrose.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Please join **Rich Reid**, a contributor to *National Geographic* magazine, on our Oct. 10, 2014 departure.



*Conditions permitting, expedition landing craft transit McNary Lock.*



Use your smartphone to watch our **Columbia & Snake Rivers** video. See pg. 2 for details.



Hawksbill Turtle, Fiji.

These pristine places are unknown by all but long-distance fishing fleets, which have started to encroach on them. It is essential that we let the world know that these places exist, that they are threatened, and that they deserve to be protected. (Note: That National Geographic Explorer offered a rare expedition to Franz Josef Land in 2011. And National Geographic Orion will be exploring a number of these areas in 2014. See pages 86-89 for itinerary details.)



» FOR MORE ON THIS PROJECT VISIT [NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.ORG/PRISTINESEAS](http://NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.ORG/PRISTINESEAS)





# Voyaging on the ocean— for the ocean

The ocean is critical to humankind. It gives us more than 100 million tons of seafood per year, helps regulate the climate, and produces half of the oxygen we breathe. But overexploitation, pollution, and climate change threaten ocean health, and ultimately our own. **Currently, less than one percent of the ocean is fully protected.** While there is an increasing number of conservation organizations dedicated to ocean issues, and more collaboration among these NGOs, the global trajectory of ocean life continues to decline.

The *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*, our flagship expedition vessels, travel from pole to pole and across the ocean. They are uniquely positioned to support a truly global effort in ocean conservation.

There are few places left in the world that have not been impacted by humans, without fishing and pollution, places that look like the ocean eons ago. These places are key for preserving unique biodiversity and global ocean health, and also serve as a baseline for ocean conservation efforts.

**Pristine Seas, a project of the National Geographic Society, explores, surveys, and**

**helps protect these ocean wildernesses.** Since 2005, Pristine Seas has worked with a host of partners around the world to increase the amount of area under protection in the ocean. **Marine ecologist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Dr. Enric Sala** has developed an efficient model that has proven effective, resulting in the creation of some of the largest marine

reserves in the world, with additional marine reserves currently under consideration by the respective government authorities as a result of Pristine Seas expeditions.

Human threats to the ocean are enormous and, despite successes, less than one percent of the ocean is fully protected. Pristine Seas is working towards the international goal of protecting at least 10% of the ocean by 2020. For the next five years, from 2014 through 2018, Lindblad and National Geographic will support this effort by committing to direct **at least \$500,000 per year** aboard the *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* to Pristine Seas, to accelerate the creation of marine reserves and safeguard these last wild places in the ocean.



# 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 117 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 and channels, 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. Kayak and 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

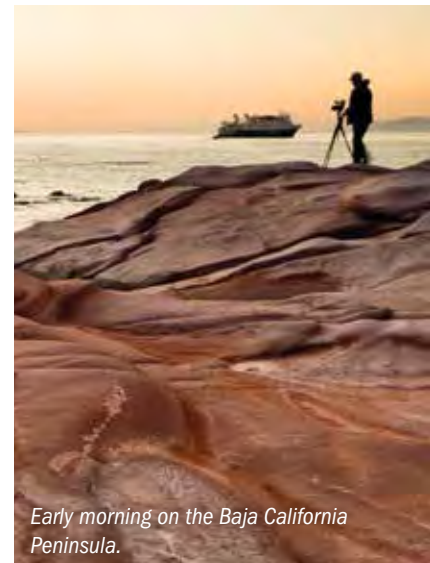
Disembark in La Paz after breakfast and drive to the airport for flights home. (B)



### 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. See pg. 2 for details.



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 \$10,190 (See page 117 for complete prices.)

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 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, which is ideal for kayaking, Zodiac 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 species are the Coiba



Island agouti and the mantled howler monkey, as well as 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:** 2014 Dec. 13, 20\*, 27  
2015 Jan. 3\*, 10, 17\*, 24, 31\*, Feb. 7📷,  
14\*📷, 21, 28\*, Mar. 7, 14\*📷.

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

\*These departures travel from Panama City to San José.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

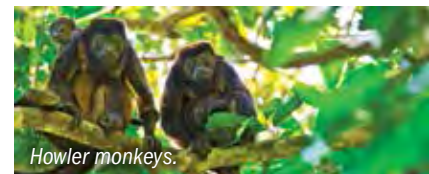
**NEW! Panama Pre- or Post-Extension**  
Stay an extra night and day in **Panama City** to view the Museum of Biodiversity, designed by Frank Gehry and the new **Panama Canal** Expansion Observation Center. Select 2014/15 departures. Call for details.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day extension to the **Monteverde Cloud Forest** and/or a seven-day extension to **Monteverde, Arenal Volcano & Sarapiquí**. See pages 60-61 for details.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS:

Travel with **Christopher Baker** on Jan. 3 and 10, 2015; **Kike Calvo** on Feb. 7 and 14, 2015; or **Jeff Mauritzen** Mar. 14, 2015.



Howler monkeys.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Costa Rica & Panama** video. See pg. 2 for details.

# COSTA RICA TO PANAMA PLUS MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

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

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

(See page 117 for complete prices.)

DATES: 2014 Dec. 10, 24 2015 Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4 📷, 18; Mar. 4

📷 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 with 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. (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 of the rain forest canopy. Learn about life



Guests explore on the Skywalk in Monteverde.

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*

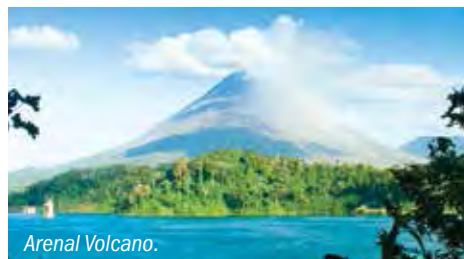
PRICES FROM: \$8,980 to \$13,560 (See page 117 for complete prices. )

DATES: 2014 Dec. 20 2015 Jan. 3, 17, 31; Feb. 14 📷, 28; Mar. 14.

📷 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.



*Arenal Volcano.*

## 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.



*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 Hacienda Sueño Azul, 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 119 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.*

*The sun sets as Sea Cloud sails the Caribbean.*





**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**

Tierney Thys is a National Geographic Emerging Explorer who has been swimming and diving since early childhood. She has studied the giant sunfish in many parts of the world. Travel with her on the Feb. 26 departure.



*Snorkler.*



Use your smartphone to watch our *Sea Cloud Caribbean* video. See pg. 2 for details.



*Crew climbs Sea Cloud's rigging.*

# EXPLORING THE LOW COUNTRIES: HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*  
PRICES FROM: \$7,690 to \$14,120 (See pages 106-107 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. See the vast tulip fields outside of Den Helder.
- ▶ Enjoy a warm welcome at Harlingen, venture down the town's canals in Zodiacs by special permission, and learn about the local Friesland culture.
- ▶ With our art historian, examine the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Dürer at Amsterdam's recently refurbished Rijksmuseum.
- ▶ Dine in specially arranged, historic medieval settings, and revel in the rich culinary traditions of the region.
- ▶ End your journey along the Thames in London, near the iconic Tower Bridge—a fitting finale.

## 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, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*

*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 and after a panoramic overview and lunch, transfer to the port city of Bremerhaven. Embark *National Geographic Explorer* and cast off into the North Sea. (L,D)

**MAY 1: HARLINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS**

Enter the scenic Waddenzee, a World Heritage site recognized for its birdlife-rich wetlands. Dock in Harlingen, a lovely seaside town that has a festive setting, much like Nyhavn in Copenhagen. We'll receive a warm welcome and by special permission, explore the canals in the heart of town in Zodiacs. Enjoy an organ concert at the Grote Kerk then stroll past the lively shops and restaurants that line the waterways—remaining on shore for dinner if you wish. (B,L,D)



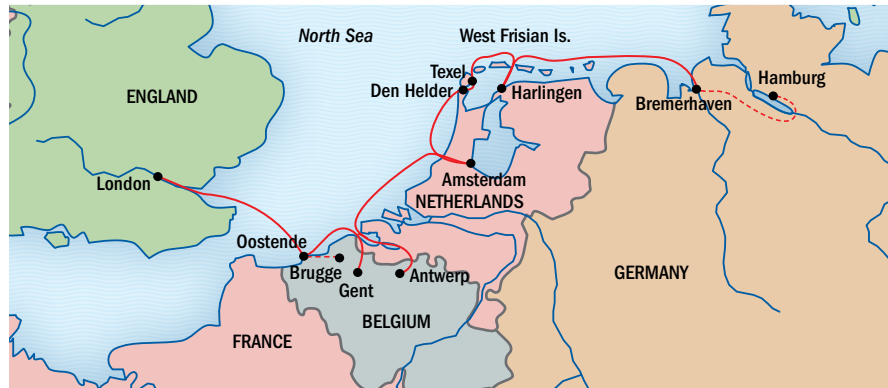
*A serene landscape in Texel, Frisian Islands.*

**MAY 2: EXPLORING THE FRISIAN ISLANDS**

The West Frisian Islands stretch out along the edge of the Waddenzee off the Dutch coast. Texel is the largest of the islands, lined with long, dune-capped beaches and marshes. Discover the island on cycling or walking excursions. Then dock at Den Helder for a visit to the vast tulip fields nearby. (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, nine-year 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 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. 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 and the hub of the global diamond trade, Antwerp brims with impressive architecture. A guided walk with our art historian brings us to the 16th-century Grote Markt, the main square, lined with elegant guild houses and the Renaissance city hall. See the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, and 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 cities during the medieval era and remains a showcase of Flemish architecture. Historic belfries pierce the sky, filling the air with their chimes, and ornate guild houses line the ancient harbor. Explore its historic sites with our guides. A gastronomic trip through Belgian cuisine has been specially arranged for lunch at the Belga Queen, set in a lovely 13th-century building. (B,L,D)

**MAY 6: OOSTENDE/BRUGGE/LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**

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

**MAY 7: LONDON/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in London and transfer to Heathrow Airport for flights home. (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" (pages 66-67). Call for details.



*St. Kilda, Scotland.*

# EXPLORING THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 to \$23,720 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

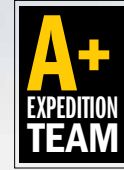
*National Geographic Explorer* follows a maritime thread through the isles, exploring the wild and beautiful places where Celtic and Viking influences still thrive in local languages and customs. Everywhere there are surprises: the sub-tropical gardens on the Isles of Scilly. The cloistered quiet of 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 near 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.*

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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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. (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, an enigmatic Celtic ring fort perched on a cliff's edge. (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 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 or call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Every *Explorer* 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](#)



Ring of Brodgar, Orkney.

# AN ISLAND ODYSSEY: AZORES, MADEIRA, CANARIES & CAPE VERDE

16 DAYS/13 NIGHTS—*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$13,820 to \$25,230 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

Why do we love islands and island life? Immerse yourself in the theme of island exploration and make plenty of discoveries of your own: secluded archipelagos and unique island flora and fauna, whale-watching, island cultures and ancient lore. Within the EU, explore three archipelagos known as the Macaronesia region: the Azores, Madeira (both belonging to Portugal) and the Canaries (Spain). Then voyage to isolated Cape Verde off the coast of West Africa. Explore the natural and cultural aspects of some of the remotest islands in the world.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience a rare visit to remote islands with deep-seated cultures, unique cuisine, and seafaring traditions.
- ▶ View spectacular geology: an active volcano, stunning lava formations, hot springs and the natural wonders of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.
- ▶ Enjoy opportunities to search for marine wildlife including dolphins, sperm whales at the height of the season, plus the possibility of orcas and blue, sei, and pilot whales.
- ▶ Hear some of the stirring regional music from haunting fado to rhythms of African salsa.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*

*Sunny Madeira's botanical garden.*



**SEP. 21 AND 22: U.S./SÃO MIGUEL, AZORES, PORTUGAL**

Fly overnight to Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel and embark our ship. (Sep. 22: D)

**SEP. 23: SÃO MIGUEL, AZORES**

At the heart of the Atlantic Ocean is a lush, mountainous archipelago that combines the breathtaking landscapes of Hawaii with the charm and culture of old-world Europe. Today we explore the Furnas Valley and its famed hot springs, hiking the trails or perhaps visiting a tea plantation, or the lovely garden of Terra Nostra. And we savor a traditional Azorean *cozido* lunch, naturally cooked from the volcanic activity—underground! (B,L,D)



Peter's Café Sport, Azores.

**SEP. 24: 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)

**SEP. 25: SANTA MARIA, AZORES**

Our local whale experts will guide us on our morning whale-watching. Go ashore at Santa Maria to hike the trails on this picturesque island that is historically significant as the first landfall of Christopher Columbus on his return from the Americas. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 26: AT SEA (B,L,D)****SEP. 27 AND 28: MADEIRA**

Madeira has beautiful scenery, with a delicious climate. Walk in the *laurisilva* (laurel forest), endemic to Macaronesia and now a UNESCO



Sperm whales feed along the undersea shelves surrounding the Azores.

Site. Wander along the *levadas* (former irrigation channels) or visit the botanical gardens. Sample Madeira's seafood and famed Madeira wines, and hear a performance of authentic Fado singing. Browse the exquisite embroidery and wicker crafted here. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 29: AT SEA/CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN**

After a morning at sea, arrive in the European-flavored Canary Islands. La Palma is known as *La isla bonita*, the "pretty isle," for its green mountain slopes set against azure waters. Visit World Heritage Taburiente to view the spectacular scenery of the collapsed caldera. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 30: LA GOMERA, CANARY ISLANDS**

La Gomera is considered to be the departure point of Christopher Columbus' journey to the New World. On this unspoiled island, we spend time at Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to hike and stretch our legs. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 1 AND 2: AT SEA (B,L,D)****OCT. 3 AND 4: CAPE VERDE**

Cape Verde is one of the world's smallest independent nations. See impressive landscapes on Santo Antão: terraced hillsides, eucalyptus forests and deep valleys. Visit the island of Fogo, and add volcano-gazing to your life list. We drive 5,000 feet up the volcano to sample the local wine at its source: inside the caldera! (B,L,D)

**OCT. 5 AND 6: PRAIA, SANTIAGO ISLAND, CAPE VERDE/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

See the Old Town with its colonial center, a relic of the slave trade. Disembark in Praia, and head to the airport for an overnight flight home. (Oct. 5: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2014 Sep. 21

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book now and choose complimentary airfare OR a bonus 6-day Atlantic crossing to Salvador, Brazil, continuing aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. (Airfare based on economy group flights Boston/Azores, Cape Verde/Miami.) See page 123 or call for details.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

**Ana Palacio**, the former Foreign Minister of Spain, provides insight into the Canary Islands and the European Union.

**MUSICOLOGIST**

**Jacob Edgar** introduces us to the sounds and musicians of these vibrant cultures.

**NATIONAL****GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

**Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** have



collectively photographed more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler*. On this voyage Cotton invites you to go On Assignment with him as he photographs island scenery, sights and faces for *National Geographic's Intelligent Travel* blog—with final photo selects taken from participating guests' best shots!

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NEW

# SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,880 (See page 119 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 Sífno, 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 pottery 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: TENOS

Drop anchor at beautiful Tenos, 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



Greek Orthodox priest.

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)



The majestic *Sea Cloud* under sail.

### 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 Rainer**, 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. See pg. 2 for details.

# UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *SEA CLOUD*

PRICES FROM: \$11,630 to \$22,190 (See page 119 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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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.



*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: TIRANA**

Dock in Durrës, drive to the ancient capital of Krujë, and visit the medieval market and Ethnographic Museum. Continue to the contemporary capital, Tirana, scattered with the vestiges of one of the longest dictatorships in Eastern Europe. (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 row-boats. 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 tour inside the delightful walled city. 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:**

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**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. See pg. 2 for details.

# Discover new seas, new islands

A tropical sunset over the ocean with palm trees and rocks. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the water is calm. In the foreground, there are large, dark rocks. The background shows a range of mountains and several palm trees silhouetted against the bright sky.

On March 21, 2014, the expedition ship formerly known as *Orion* is officially christened *National Geographic Orion*—and begins a momentous year of discovery that takes her, literally, around the world. The new itineraries featured here are a segment of her global route, but they are familiar to the Lindblad Expeditions team, who eagerly await the opportunity to return, and the chance to share this fascinating region's natural and cultural wonders with you.

*Dawn on La Digue, Seychelles.*

## **WILDLIFE AND CULTURES OF SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND MADAGASCAR**

Five countries and remarkable diversity—the scope of this voyage is extraordinary. Beginning in Cape Town, South Africa, and ending in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, it includes the spectacular urban setting of Cape Town; the wildlife of South Africa’s bush country; Mozambique’s capital, coast and marine life; Madagascar’s nature, including lemurs and baobab trees; and the cultures and wildlife of Mayotte in the French Comoros. See itinerary on page 92.

## **TREASURES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: ZANZIBAR TO THE SEYCHELLES**

From the Swahili culture of Zanzibar, to the rare birds and giant tortoises of the Seychelles (the only other giant tortoises live in Galápagos), to the coral reefs and extraordinary marine life, you’ll see tropical nature at its most exuberant in these lush locales. The wildlife, plants, landscapes, and people different from any others on Earth—a rare opportunity to explore idyllic regions and encounter unique natural and cultural histories. See itinerary on page 94.

## **INDIAN OCEAN ODYSSEY: SEYCHELLES, MALDIVES, AND SRI LANKA**

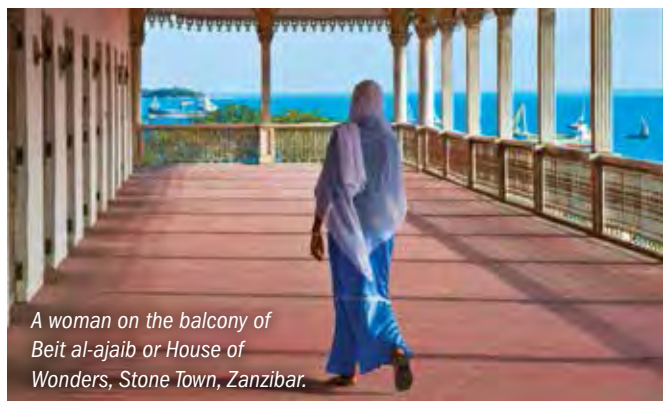
Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka—the names conjure idyllic island fantasies. The truth is, these Indian Ocean isles are rich in endemic plant and birdlife, and surrounded by warm, clear seas teeming with vibrant life, including blue whales, year-round. With the surprise of colorful towns and intriguing histories, even an ancient seaport and 400-year-old fort in Galle, Sri Lanka. See itinerary on page 96.

## **WILD ISLANDS OF SRI LANKA, BORNEO, AND THE ANDAMAN SEA**

A sweeping expedition, rare opportunities. Search for leopards or elephants on game drives. Snorkel or dive some of the planet’s most vibrant coral reefs. And meet welcoming people of long-isolated cultures preserving ancestral traditions. Enjoy a two-day visit to an orangutan rescue center run by National Geographic grantee and Louis Leakey protégée, Dr. Biruté Galdikas, since 1971, and meet her charges, including baby orangutans. See itinerary on page 98.



*Young woman carrying basket against a backdrop of baobab trees, Madagascar.*



*A woman on the balcony of Beit al-ajab or House of Wonders, Stone Town, Zanzibar.*



*Diver observes anemonefish off the Maldives in the Indian Ocean.*



# KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION: AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST

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

PRICES FROM: \$8,210 to \$18,910 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

From awe-inspiring waterfalls and gorges to ancient cultures and 40,000-year-old rock art, the best way to access northwestern Australia's Kimberley region is from the sea. And while on shore, a veteran expedition team will guide you through soaring red cliffs, cooling freshwater swimming pools, isolated islands, secluded beaches and river inlets—waters famous for an abundance of wildlife. King George Falls is flowing forcefully in May and June, while humpback whales begin to arrive in June, and are most abundant in August. *National Geographic Orion* makes the perfect base from which to see the best of the vibrant Kimberley wilderness.

## 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 exploring Wandjina Aboriginal rock art in an outdoor gallery in the Kimberley.

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

Depart for Darwin, crossing the international date line, embark *National Geographic Orion*. (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 historical 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**

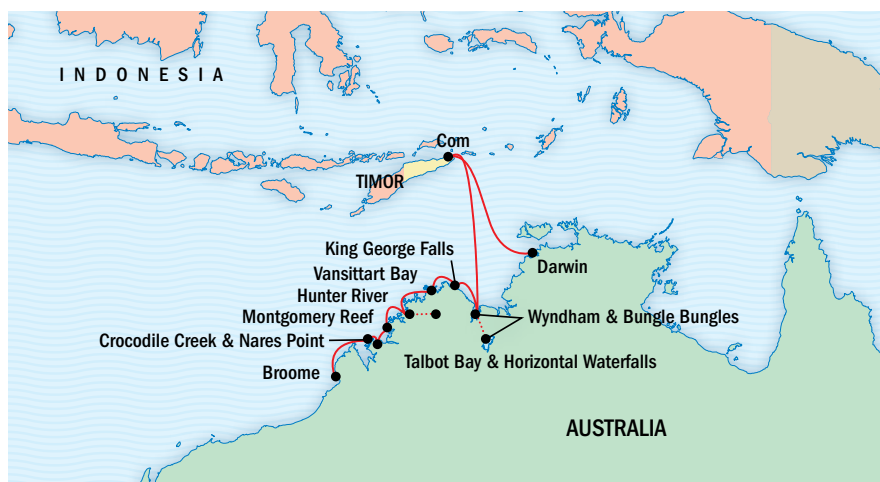
See 40,000-year-old Gwion Gwion Aboriginal rock paintings. Visit the wreck of a DC-3, a WWII remnant. (B,L,D)

**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



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



*Crocodile.*

**DAY 11: TALBOT BAY/HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS**

The Horizontal Waterfalls in the Buccaneer Archipelago are created by the rapid tidal fall between ocean side cliffs. When 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 in Broome for your flight home. (B)



*Guests see humpback whales in July and August.*

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2014 May 10, 20\*, 30; Jun. 9\*, 19, 29\*; Jul. 9, 19\*, 29 2015 Jun. 15\*, 25; Jul. 5\*, 15, 25\*; Aug. 4

*\*These departures travel from Broome to Darwin.*

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

In 2014, join **Jeff Mauritzen** on the May 10 or 20 departures, **David Wright** and **Ralph Lee Hopkins** on May 30 or Jun. 9, **Michael Melford** on Jun. 19 or 29, **Ira Block** on Jul. 9 or 19, or **Sisse Brimberg & Cotton Coulson** on Jul. 29. In 2015, learn from **Ira Block** on Jun. 15 or 25, **Susan Seubert** on Jul. 5 or 15, or **Massimo Bassano** on Jul. 25 or 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: \$11,490 to \$26,390 (See pages 110-111 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, rare birds of paradise and more. 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

- ▶ Explore the rugged landscapes of northwestern Australia and the traditional cultures of the Spice Islands with an expert expedition team.
- ▶ Zodiac up the King George River to explore it 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 to go in search of the legendary Komodo dragons.

## 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, 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.*





### DAYS 1-3: 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. (D)

### DAY 4: 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)

### DAYS 5 AND 6: AT SEA/FRESHWATER COVE

A day at sea is an opportunity to relax, chat with newfound friends, read or attend a lecture, or take advantage of a massage, a sauna, or the fitness center. At Freshwater Cove, see Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art in ancient caves with local guides. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: CAMDEN HARBOUR & SHEEP ISLAND

Home to a settlement of Victorian sheep farmers in 1864, this area is rarely visited from the sea. Explore the ghostly ruins that nature has gradually reclaimed. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: BIGGE ISLAND

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

### DAY 9: 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)

### DAYS 10 AND 11: WYNDHAM/AT SEA

These are relaxed days onboard, cruising east as we clear customs in Australia before proceeding north to East Timor. Listen to informal talks preparing us for the exciting days ahead. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 12 AND 13: JACO ISLAND & DILI, EAST TIMOR

Receive a traditional welcome, see endemic bird species, and swim and snorkel amidst



white-sand beaches and 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 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)

### DAY 14: 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. Swim and snorkel off white-sand beaches. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: 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 or kayak at Pink Beach, named for the red coral fragments that color the sand. (B,L,D)

### DAY 16: BADAS, SUMBAWA

Experience the strong culture of the Pamulung villagers with an elaborate cultural display of a traditional mock wedding ceremony, and a local boxing match. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 17 AND 18: BALI, INDONESIA/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive in Bali and transfer to the airport for your flight home on Day 17, then arrive the next day. (Day 17: B)



Badas, Pamulung Village, Indonesia.

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATE:** 2014 Aug. 8 2015 Aug. 14

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

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

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

In 2014, travel with photographers **Cotton Coulson** and **Sisse Brimberg** who have shot more than 60 stories for National Geographic publications. In 2015, join award-winning photographer **Bob Krist**.



### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

**Peter Hillary** is the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, the first mountaineer to summit Mount Everest along with Tenzing Norgay. Peter has traveled all over Australia: climbed and skied the Snowy Mountains; filmed shark frenzies on the Great Barrier Reef; motorbiked the continent's perimeter; and sailed from Port Wyndham into the Cambridge Gulf on an old pearl lugger. In Indonesia, he has climbed Oceania's highest mountain, the Carstenz Pyramid. Peter will join the Aug. 8, 2014 departure.



# WILD ENCOUNTERS FROM BORNEO TO BALI

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

PRICES FROM: \$9,550 to \$19,990 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Sail from Singapore to enchanting Borneo 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—who will join us in Borneo. End the voyage in beautiful Bali.

## 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 rehabilitation centers.
- ▶ 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.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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*Orangutan at Camp Leakey.*

**DAYS 1-3: U.S./SINGAPORE/EMBARK**

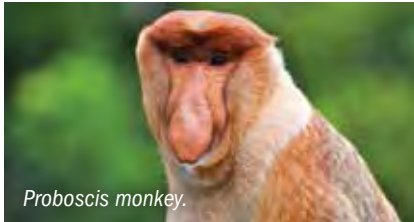
Depart for Singapore, crossing the international date line. Explore Singapore's diverse neighborhoods, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. Hear naturalist talks as we sail the South China Sea. (D)

**DAY 4: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO**

Snorkel the pristine reefs around Pulau Bawah or 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. (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 or Jun. 2. Ralph is an inspiring teacher whose work is published by National Geographic.

Learn from

**Jeff Mauritzen**, right, on the Aug. 28 or Sep. 7 departures. Jeff has shot in nearly 50 countries around the world.



*Guests en route to Camp Leakey.*

# INDONESIAN ODYSSEY: BALI TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

20 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*  
PRICES FROM: \$16,620 to \$33,990 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Set sail from Bali aboard *National Geographic Orion*, and discover Indonesia's rich tapestry of cultures and lush tropical islands. Experience the thrill of spotting rare Komodo dragons in the wild, snorkel and dive at pristine coral reefs from the Moluccas to West Papua, and take part in exuberant welcome ceremonies at the secluded villages we'll explore along the way. Explore the fascinating riverine world of the Asmat region, and cap off your journey amid the underwater splendors of the Great Barrier Reef.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Encounter Indonesia's vibrant cultures during traditional welcome ceremonies and visits to remote island villages and markets.
- ▶ Explore Komodo National Park, home of the Komodo dragon, and learn about the conservation of these remarkable creatures.
- ▶ Discover the timeless traditions and exquisite art of the Asmat region while exploring its stilt villages by Zodiac.
- ▶ Swim, snorkel, and dive at spectacular reefs, isolated atolls, and ivory beaches from eastern Indonesia to the Great Barrier Reef.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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*A diver explores one of the many coral reefs in West Papua, Indonesia.*

### OCT. 18-20: U.S./DENPASAR, BALI, INDONESIA

Depart for Bali, crossing the international date line, and embark *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

### OCT. 21: SUMBAWA, LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS

Sumbawa villagers welcome us with a lively display. See a mock traditional wedding ceremony and a local boxing match. (B,L,D)

### OCT. 22: KOMODO

Explore Komodo National Park, and see the world's largest living lizard—the Komodo dragon—in their natural habitat. Then enjoy an afternoon at “Pink Beach,” its coloration derived from coral fragments. (B,L,D)

### OCT. 23 AND 24: FLORES/ALOR

Visit the town of Larantuka on Flores, once a refuge for Dutch East India Company deserters. Explore the biodiverse reefs of Alor and venture to the rugged interior to learn the traditions of its people. Visit a market selling intricate ikat textiles, and see ancient bronze moko drums at a museum. Conditions permitting, enjoy an afternoon of snorkeling and diving. (B,L,D)

### OCT. 25 AND 26: AT SEA/BANDA ISLANDS, MOLUCCAS

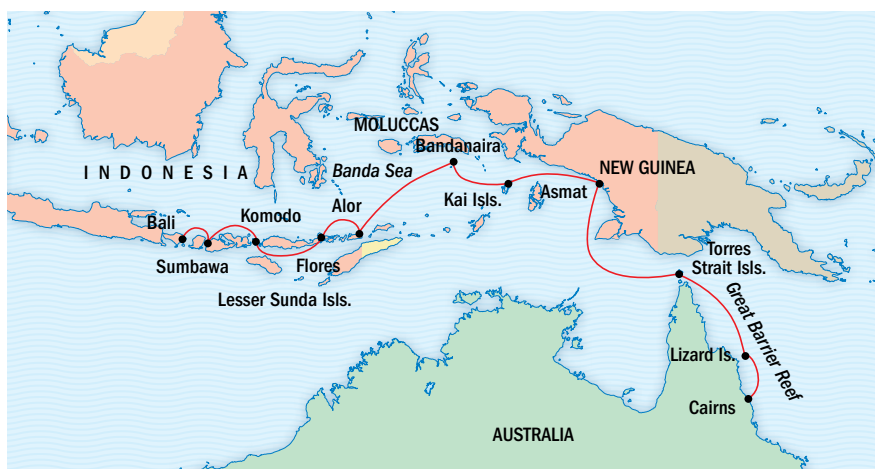
Amid the glittering Banda Sea lie isolated coral reefs and atolls. Explore these tropical gems, then sail into the Moluccas archipelago. Visit Run, which played a pivotal role in the 17th century spice wars and was traded by the British for the Dutch island of New Amsterdam—later renamed New York. (B,L,D)

### OCT. 27: KAI ISLANDS

During a traditional welcome ceremony sample local dishes and learn about the islands' ancient cultural links to Balinese royalty. Later, we'll anchor at a nearby palm-fringed beach. (B,L,D)

### OCT. 28: TRITON BAY, WEST PAPUA

Among the region's most spectacular spots, Triton Bay is dotted with dozens of mushroom-shaped limestone islets. The karst cliffs and jungle-clad mountains are home to diverse birdlife, including



sulphur-crested cockatoos and rainbow lorikeets. Explore by Zodiac, go birding, plus snorkel and dive. (B,L,D)

### OCT. 29 AND 31: AT SEA/THE ASMAT

The Asmat region stretches across mud flats and mangrove forests, with raised wooden boardwalks linking villages. Elaborately painted “warriors” escort us to a stilt village for a fascinating ceremony. Our subsequent exploration will be dictated by the tides, as we venture to neighboring villages and encounter the ancient culture of the Asmat people. (B,L,D)

### NOV. 1 AND 2: AT SEA/TORRES STRAIT AND THURSDAY ISLAND, AUSTRALIA

Sail the Torres Strait and stop at Thursday Island to learn about the hair-raising stories of the pearl trade that once thrived here. Explore Cape York. (B,L,D)

### NOV. 3 AND 4: THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND LIZARD ISLAND

Spend two days exploring the world's largest reef system. Snorkel or dive amid a profusion of marine life, from starfish and sea anemones to reef sharks and turtles. Cruise south along the Queensland coast to Lizard Island National Park, a secluded group of islands considered sacred by the indigenous Dingaal people. Trace the steps of famed explorer Captain James Cook to the island's peak, “Cook's Look.” (B,L,D)

### NOV. 5 AND 6: CAIRNS/U.S.

Disembark in Cairns and spend the night before transferring to your flight home. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATE:** 2014 Oct. 18

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

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### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Mark Thiessen** has been a photographer with the National Geographic Society for 20+ years.



### 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 co-producer of the internationally acclaimed series *Ring Of Fire*, which won two Emmy awards in 1988.



*Alor Island dancers.*

# EXPLORING THE CORAL SEA: PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO FIJI

16 DAYS/13 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*  
PRICES FROM: \$12,940 to \$27,080 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Along the edges of the Coral Sea lie idyllic islands lush with jungle and edged with white-sand beaches that saw some of the fiercest battles of the Pacific Theater during World War II. Next to vibrant reefs, shipwrecks and discarded armaments now bristle with coral, making for exhilarating discoveries under the sea. As *National Geographic Orion* makes her way from Papua New Guinea to the Solomons, Vanuatu, and Fiji, we'll snorkel and dive pristine reefs and famous wrecks, trace the history of the Battle of the Coral Sea and the legends of the ancient Melanesians, and get to know the exuberant cultures and friendly peoples that make their home here.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Snorkel or dive the spectacular lagoons of Papua New Guinea's Louisiade Archipelago, and meet the islands' potters, traditional boat builders, and other craftspeople.
- ▶ Go birding on Kennedy Island, where young John F. Kennedy swam when his PT-109 was sunk during WWII, and dive the incredible wreck of the S.S. *President Coolidge*.
- ▶ See ancient cave art in Vanuatu, and learn about local legends on a visit to the burial site of Chief Roi Mata, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ▶ Enjoy traditional dances and ceremonies as we visit island villages, and watch the famous firewalkers of Fiji make their way across white-hot stones.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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



**NOV. 3-5: U.S./CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA**

Depart for Australia, crossing the international date line, and embark *National Geographic Orion* upon arrival. (D)

**NOV. 6: AT SEA**

Spend a day crossing the Coral Sea, with reefs and islands rich in birds and aquatic life. Join our naturalists on deck with your binoculars, attend talks by our expedition team, and settle into life on board. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 7-9: PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

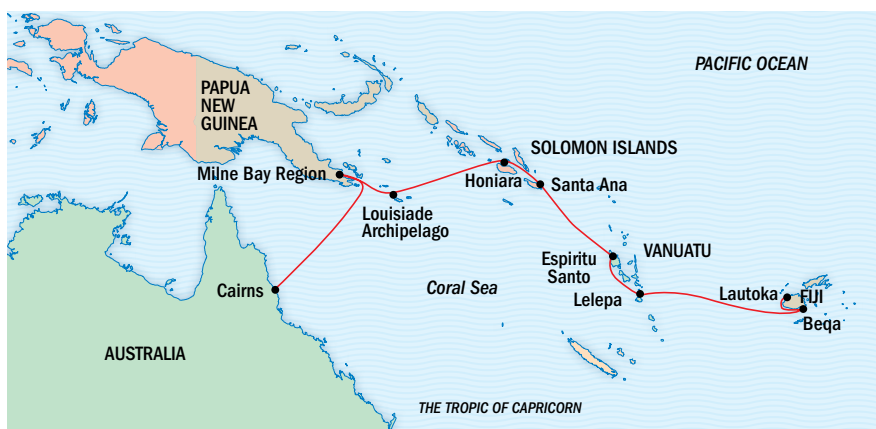
Discover the sights of Milne Bay Province, from the colorful markets of the mainland to the reef-fringed volcanic isles scattered off the coast. Visit islands like Kwato and Samarai, and explore a turbulent history of colonialists, missionaries, headhunters, and world wars. Examine World War II artifacts on land and underwater, and snorkel, dive and kayak the reefs and lagoons of the idyllic Louisiade Archipelago, where the residents of each island are skilled in different crafts, including pottery and building traditional sailing canoes. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 10-12: AT SEA/SOLOMON ISLANDS**

A day at sea brings us to the jungle-clad peaks and vibrant reefs of the Solomon Islands—an unlikely backdrop for the fierce battles that took place here during World War II. Today the islands are some of the least visited, most dive-worthy islands in the South Pacific. Explore the haunting war relics at a U.S. supply depot on Guadalcanal Island, and discover the bird life of Kennedy Island, named after John F. Kennedy, who swam ashore here after his PT-109 boat was sunk during the war. Then, 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)

**NOV. 13: AT SEA (B,L,D)****NOV. 14 AND 15: 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, snorkel,



swim, and kayak in Paradise Lagoon and then set out for the Blue Hole Grotto, a jewel-blue freshwater source surrounded by jungle. Ride Zodiacs to Lelepa to explore Fels Cave, whose walls are decorated with ancient petroglyphs, and visit Vanuatu's first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site, the final residence and burial site of 17th-century Chief Roi Mata. Snorkel Million Dollar Point, where many tons of military equipment were dumped after the war, or 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. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 16: AT SEA (B,L,D)****NOV. 17: BEQA, FIJI**

In 1789, Captain William Bligh and 18 loyal crew members sailed past the islands of Fiji following the infamous mutiny aboard the H.M.S. *Bounty*. Numbering more than 300, the islands are known for their pristine coral reefs and sun-drenched villages steeped in a tranquil tropical atmosphere. Our first stop is the island of Beqa (pronounced Mbengga), located just off the southern coast of Viti Levu. Dive or snorkel the surrounding coral reefs, go on walks in the jungle, and paddle sea kayaks along mangrove-lined channels. The island is also the home of the Sawau people, known for their tradition of firewalking. Witness this incredible feat first hand, and learn about the everyday life of the islanders. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 18: LAUTOKA, FIJI/U.S.**

Disembark in Lautoka, and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2014 Nov. 3

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **July 31, 2014** and receive a \$1,000 air credit. Valid on new bookings only. Not combinable with other offers. Call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Considered one of the leading documentary photographers working today, Chris Rainier's life mission is to document the disappearing cultures and tribes remaining on the planet.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

**Dame Carol Kidu** is a former teacher and Shadow Minister, Minister for Community Development, and Leader of the Opposition in Papua New Guinea's National Parliament.

A renowned human rights advocate, she has lived for over 40 years with her extended family of Pari Village of the Motu tribe.



A guest explores a WWII wreck in the Solomon Islands.

# REEFS, LAGOONS AND VOLCANIC ISLES: FIJI TO TAHITI

20 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*  
PRICES FROM: \$18,990 to \$39,240 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

The archipelagos of the South Pacific have defined our notion of “island paradise” since Robert Louis Stevenson told his tales and Paul Gauguin captured Polynesia in paint. As we sail from the sparkling white shores of Fiji to Tahiti’s lush volcanic crags, discover a fascinating geology and a stunning wealth of bird species and marine life. Dive or snorkel among underwater canyons and tunnels formed from lava, meet island communities, and explore the far-flung reefs of Kiribati, chosen as part of National Geographic’s Pristine Seas project.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Snorkel or dive amid the corals of the Southern Line Islands, designated one of most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.
- ▶ Spot rare and colorful birds and flowers on Fiji’s spectacular “Garden Island,” Taveuni, and in the rain forests of Samoa.
- ▶ Experience the rich harmony of traditional Tongan singing, and visit remote island villages from Fiji to the Cook Islands.
- ▶ Sail into the massive lagoon at Rangiroa, French Polynesia, and explore the area’s rich marine world.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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*Chrinoid and a soft coral tree decorate the edge of a coral reef.*





**NOV. 16-18: U.S./NADI, FIJI/LAUTOKA**

Depart the U.S., cross the international date line, and arrive in Nadi, Fiji. Transfer to Lautoka and board *National Geographic Orion*. More than 300 islands make up the remote, volcanic archipelago of Fiji. Sail turquoise seas past idyllic white-sand beaches edged with jungle. (D)

**NOV. 19-21: FIJI/AT SEA**

Our first stop is Taveuni, known as "The Garden Island," rich with plant species found nowhere else. Discover the waterfalls of Bouma National Heritage Park and a panoramic view from 3,920-foot Des Voeux Peak. Dive or snorkel Waitabu Marine Park, or search for birds such as orange fruit doves, endemic silktails, fantails, and parrots. Experience local culture in remote villages. Then during our day at sea, watch for marine life from the deck, study our route on the navigational charts, and attend talks by our experts. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 22 AND 23: TONGA**

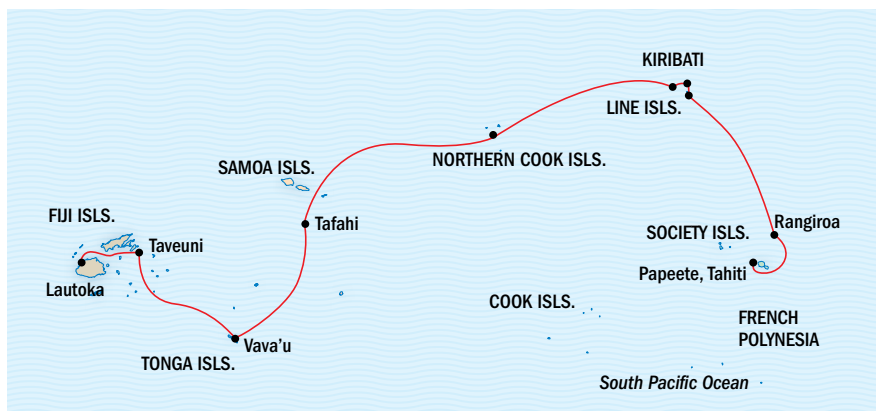
In Neiafu, the capital of the Vava'u island group, venture into verdant hills to visit a vanilla plantation and browse the markets at the wharf. Kayak, snorkel, dive, or Zodiac into coastal limestone caves. The next day, witness daily life on Tonga's most remote islands. Enjoy an introduction to Tongan music and dance, and attend a kava ceremony. On Tafahi, a volcanic cone rising out of the sea, snorkel and dive among volcanic rocks and submerged canyons and tunnels. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 24-26: SAMOA/AT SEA**

Enjoy spectacular beaches and lagoons, hidden waterfalls and lava-sculpted landscapes. Hike through rain forests, explore a swimming hole, snorkel or dive on the reef, and soak up the languid rhythms that drew Robert Louis Stevenson to these shores. Then enjoy life aboard *Orion* as we sail east. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 27 AND 28: NORTHERN COOK ISLANDS**

The 15 Cook Islands are scattered across some 750,000 square miles; visit the most remote of these, in the far north of the archipelago. These are low coral atolls with turquoise lagoons where black pearls



are farmed. Visit island communities and discover vibrant marine life. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 29-DEC. 2: AT SEA/SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS, KIRIBATI**

A day at sea brings us to the Southern Line Islands, where you'll snorkel or dive some of the most remote and pristine atolls on Earth. Uninhabited and rarely visited, they remain largely untouched by humans. Explore deeper via our ROV. Visit Caroline Island, renamed Millennium Atoll after becoming one of the first places to see the sun of the new millennium rise. Navigate the intricate channels of its lagoon by Zodiac or kayak, see nesting boobies and tropicbirds, and swim above fields of giant clams. (B,L,D)

**DEC. 2: GAIN A DAY CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE****DEC. 2 AND 3: RANGIROA, FRENCH POLYNESIA**

The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands, "motu", with a turquoise lagoon at its center known for some of the best diving and snorkeling in French Polynesia. Our ship anchors near the village of Tiputa, where local musicians greet us. Visit the village, and kayak, snorkel, and dive in waters home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, sea turtles, and hammerheads. (B,L,D)

**DEC. 4 AND 5: PAPEETE, TAHITI/U.S.**

Approach the emerald crags of Tahiti's volcanic peak and disembark in French Polynesia's capital city, Papeete. Check into day rooms and explore the city or relax on a local beach. Transfer to the airport for your flight home arriving the following day. (Dec. 4: B, L)



*Black pearls.*

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Photographer and marine biologist Flip Nicklin is regarded as one of the world's leading photographers of marine mammals. His majestic photos and amazing audio recordings have been featured in numerous *National Geographic* publications and shows.



*A snorkeler follows an anemonefish.*

# LEGENDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC: TAHITI TO EASTER ISLAND

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PRICES FROM: \$17,930 to \$36,990 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Laced with wispy islands and coral atolls, the tropical seas that stretch from French Polynesia to Easter Island have seen missionaries and mutineers, intrepid explorers and enigmatic cultures pass their way. Traveling aboard *National Geographic Orion*, encounter spectacular volcanic landscapes in Bora Bora and the uplifted atoll of Henderson Island. Snorkel and dive some of the most remote and pristine reef systems in the world. Hear the tales of the mutiny of the *Bounty* and the *Kon-Tiki*, and experience the lively culture of the islands. End the voyage among the evocative moai of Easter Island.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of Fakarava, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the Pitcairn Islands, one of National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala's Pristine Seas preservation areas.
- ▶ 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 some of its endemic bird species.
- ▶ Delve into the intriguing lost culture of Easter Island, and examine ancient burial sites and towering moai with an archaeologist.

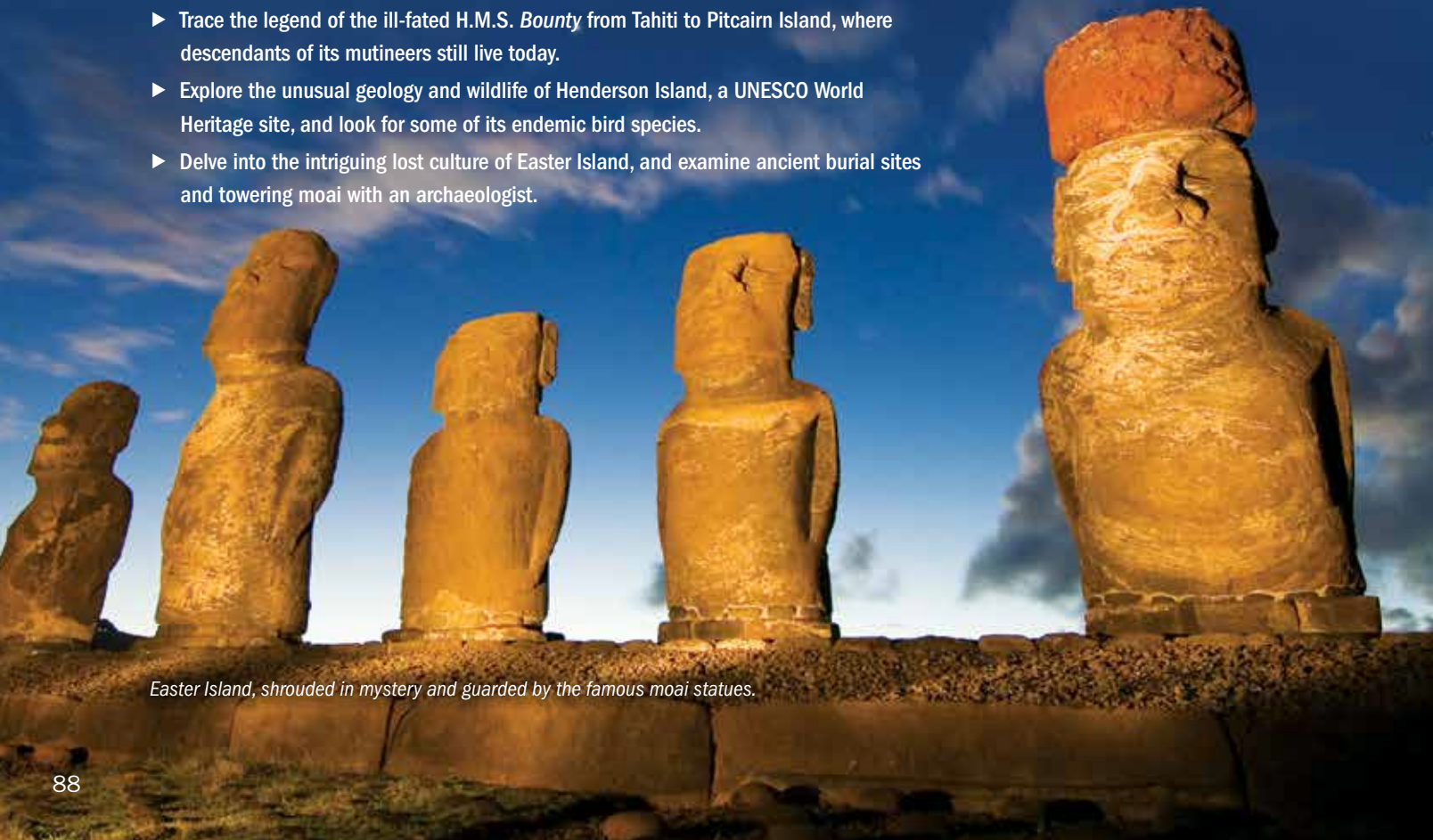
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*Easter Island, shrouded in mystery and guarded by the famous moai statues.*

### DEC. 3 AND 4: U.S./PAPEETE, TAHITI, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Depart for Papeete, arriving in the early morning, and transfer to our hotel. The next day, take a guided tour of French Polynesia's capital city, including the Musée de Tahiti et des Îles and the Paul Gauguin Museum. Stroll the waterfront before boarding the *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

### DEC. 5: BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Jutting out from an aquamarine lagoon ringed with tiny islets, Bora Bora's angular volcanic crags are a spectacular sight. Explore the island's slopes and shores with the Expedition Team, or venture out to dive the island's fringing reef. If you're feeling energetic, you may choose to hike to the summit of Mt. Pahia, for unparalleled views. (B,L,D)

### DEC. 6 AND 7: MO'OREA/AT SEA

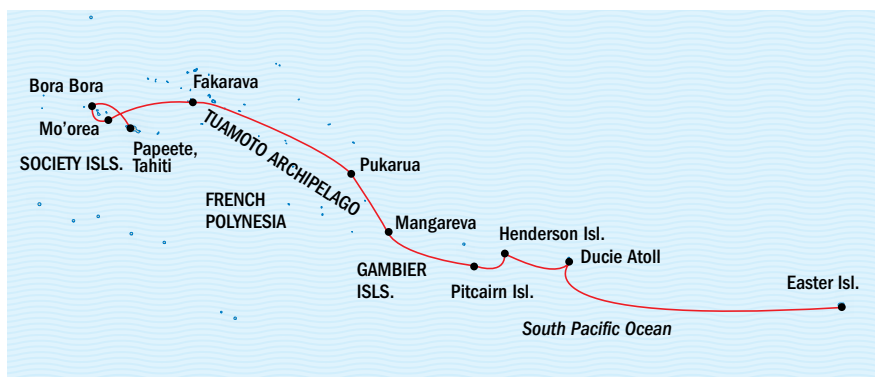
Join us on deck this morning, as we return to the Îles du Vent, and approach verdant Mo'orea. Playful dolphins and humpback whales can be seen, so bring binoculars. Sail into Cook's Bay, arguably one of the most beautiful bays on Earth. Spend the morning touring the island, with a stop at the famous "Belvedere" for a stunning view of Mt. Rotui and Cook's and Opunohu Bays. Then we'll snorkel and swim, perhaps even with the resident Tahitian stingrays and blacktip reef sharks! (B,L,D)

### DEC. 8-11: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO/AT SEA

Explore 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 see historic sites, including a 19th-century church built out of coral. Snorkel among protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a drift-dive. Navigate jewel-like reefs and islets during a day at sea on our way to Pukarua, where we'll be greeted by traditional dances and learn about the local people. (B,L,D)

### DEC. 12 AND 13: MANGAREVA, GAMBIER ISLANDS/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 missionary past. The next day is at sea. (B,L,D)

### DEC. 14-18: PITCAIRN ISLANDS/AT SEA

Many of the mutineers of the legendary H.M.S. *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Visit this last remnant of the British Empire. Meet the locals 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, salvaged in 1957. Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. Discover the island's four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology. 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, as we sail for two days toward Easter Island. (B,L,D)

### DEC. 19-22: 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 and transfer to the airport for flights home. (Dec. 19-20: B,L,D; Dec. 21: B)

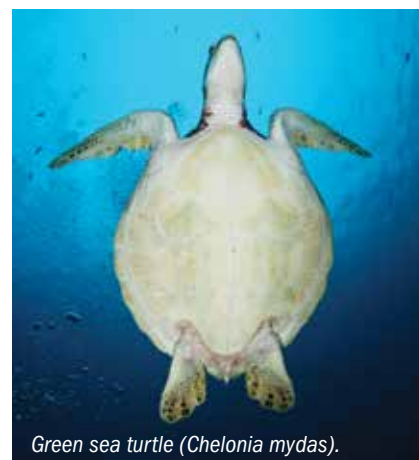


## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATE:** 2014 Dec. 3

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Considered one of the leading documentary photographers working today, Chris Rainier's life mission is to document the disappearing cultures and tribes remaining on the planet. His photographs have appeared in *Life*, *Time*, *National Geographic* publications, *Smithsonian*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, the publications of the United Nations, the International Red Cross, and Amnesty International, among others.



Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*).

NEW

# VOYAGE TO WEST AFRICA: THE GOLD COAST TO MOROCCO

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

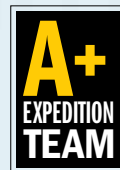
PRICES FROM: \$19,150 to \$34,970 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

Aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*, encounter West Africa's great sweep of geography and a richness of culture on an epic voyage exploring nine countries. You'll have a dazzling array of sights and experiences. Explore several national parks and wildlife centers. Take local boats on Lake Nokoué to the charming stilt village of Ganvié. Meet with a chief in his native village. Visit Gorée Island, a World Heritage site that was a hub for the slave trade. Meet inspiring Africans working to develop their countries. And enjoy the region's vibrant music—a splendid window into these fascinating cultures.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Boat across Benin's Lake Nokoué to explore a remarkable village built on stilts.
- ▶ Trace the history of the transatlantic slave trade at Ghana's Cape Coast Castle and Senegal's Gorée Island, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- ▶ See some of West Africa's flora and fauna, from the rain forests of Ghana to a chimpanzee rehabilitation center in Sierra Leone.
- ▶ Our onboard ethnomusicologist introduces us to the region's lively music, with private performances by some of Africa's most renowned musicians.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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, video chronicler and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.



Dugout canoe on Lake Nokoué, Benin.

**MAR. 23 AND 24: U.S./ACCRA, GHANA**

Depart on an overnight flight to Accra, Ghana's capital. Check into our fine hotel on the coast, the Labadi Beach Hotel, and relax. (D)

**MAR. 25: ACCRA/EMBARK**

In bustling Accra we visit the fine National Museum and an exceptional art gallery. Some Ghanaians choose to be buried in colorful caskets that reflect their occupations or passions, and we visit a workshop where brightly painted caskets may include giant fish, beer bottles, cars and more. Drive to Tema and embark our ship. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 26: COTONOU, BENIN**

Explore Ouidah, a center for the animist "voodoo" religion, visiting the tranquil Sacred Forest with statues representing the deities. Later, take motorized *pirogues* across Lake Nokoué to the village of Ganvié, built on stilts in the middle of the lake. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 27: LOMÉ, TOGO**

Encounter the fascinating Ewe people, whose traditions include a profound veneration for their ancestors and also weaving the renowned kente cloth. Visit an Ewe village, meeting the chief and local residents. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 28: ACCRA, GHANA**

Visit the Shai Hills Reserve in search of baboons, kob and birdlife, and the Aburi Hills Botanic Garden. Or stroll the old part of Accra; see the mausoleum of Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's first president, and attend a dance and drumming demonstration. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 29 AND 30: CAPE COAST, GHANA/ AT SEA**

Explore Cape Coast Castle, a World Heritage site, from where thousands of slaves were dispatched through the haunting "Door of No Return." If you wish, also go to Kakum National Park, with its canopy walkway suspended high over the rain forest. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 31: MONROVIA, LIBERIA**

Through meetings with local officials and communities, learn about the remarkable strides that Liberia has made since its civil war ended in 2003. Explore the National

Museum; a school; Liberia's oldest church; and the great views from the top of Ducor Hill. (B,L,D)

**APR. 1 AND 2: AT SEA/FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE**

After a relaxing day at sea, arrive in Freetown. See the market and the massive cotton tree that is Freetown's symbol. Visit the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, or swim and snorkel along the picture-postcard beaches. (B,L,D)

**APR. 3 AND 4: AT SEA/BANJUL, THE GAMBIA**

A day at sea brings us to the country of Gambia. Explore the Abuko Nature Center, known for its birdlife and monkeys; take a boat ride in the Tanbi Wetlands to look for water birds; and see a lively market, where batik and tie-dyed clothing is made. (B,L,D)

**APR. 5-7: DAKAR, SENEGAL/AT SEA**

Discover the history of the Atlantic slave trade at Gorée Island, a World Heritage site. Gorée's notorious "House of Slaves" offers a glimpse of the conditions that slaves lived in. Explore Dakar's art at the Theodore Monod (IFAN) Museum, stroll Dakar's markets, renowned for their masks and fabrics. Or visit a birdwatching wetland "hotspot." Hear great Senegalese music at a local club. (B,L,D)

**APR. 8: DAKHLA, WESTERN SAHARA**

At tranquil Dakhla, the Sahara meets the sea. Venture into the desert in four-wheel-drive vehicles through beautiful deserts to the White Dune. Swim in the lagoon, look for flamingos, and enjoy a gala lunch in tents set up specially for the occasion. (B,L,D)

**APR. 9 AND 10: TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS/AT SEA**

The beautiful, mountainous island of Tenerife is part of Spain. Explore the mountains of Anaga and the Mercedes Forest, or opt to walk through the colonial town, seeing its historic sites. Alternatively, you can visit one of the island's well-known beaches. (B,L,D)

**APR. 11: CASABLANCA, MOROCCO/ DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Transfer to the airport, or begin our Morocco extension. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2015 Mar. 23

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Extend your stay in **Morocco** for our optional extension to its imperial cities. Visit our website or call for details.



Fes, Morocco.

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Vervet monkeys.

NEW

# WILDLIFE AND CULTURES OF SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND MADAGASCAR

22 DAYS/20 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*  
PRICES FROM: \$25,940 to \$49,480 (See pages 110-111 for complete prices.)

Our voyage is extraordinary in its diversity and scope, visiting five countries and a remarkable number of habitats. Beginning in Cape Town, South Africa, and ending in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, you'll see Cape Town; 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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*A ring-tailed lemur in Madagascar.*

**MAR. 20 AND 21: U.S./CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

Arrive and transfer to the Table Bay Hotel. (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 (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**

From the Dlinza Forest Nature Reserve's aerial boardwalk see blue duikers, chameleons, and bushbuck. Visit a Zulu community and the Zululand Historical Museum (Fort Nongqayi). Or tour Durban's Golden Mile, harbor, city hall, and an Indian spice market. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 28: RICHARDS BAY/HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI NATIONAL PARK/ST. LUCIA**

Search for the "big five" (rhinoceros, elephant, lion, leopard, and buffalo), plus giraffe, antelopes, cheetah, and outstanding birdlife. Stay at a local lodge. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 29: ST. LUCIA/ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK**

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. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 30: MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE**

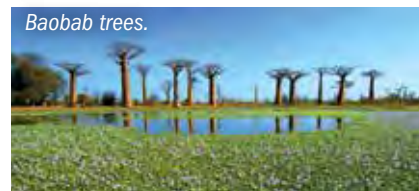
Visit the fortress of Nossa Senhora da Conceição, the colorful Central Market, the Museum of Natural History, and more. (B,L,D)

**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, then 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. Walk the "Canyon des Makis," and search for lemurs, birdlife, and other fauna. (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)

**APR. 6: AT SEA (B,L,D)****APR. 7: ANJAJAVY**

Visit the Anjajavy private reserve to see Coquerel's sifakas, brown lemurs, fish eagles, ibises, and flocks of lovebirds. We may also kayak at a nearby river. (B,L,D)

**APR. 8: MAYOTTE, FRENCH COMOROS**

See Mayotte's colonial architecture, colorful cultures, and the fragrant ylang-ylang tree. Search for lemurs, and snorkel M'Bouzi Island. (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**

**DATE:** 2015 Mar. 20

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a two-day pre-extension to [South Africa's Cape Town](#) and [the Cape Region](#), and/or a five-day post-voyage extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). Visit our website or call for details.

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*A young male lion stalking his prey.*

NEW

# TREASURES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: ZANZIBAR TO THE SEYCHELLES

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*  
PRICES FROM: \$13,290 to \$27,420 (See pages 110-111 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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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

*Giant squirrelfish are among the myriad species we'll see at Aldabra in the 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**

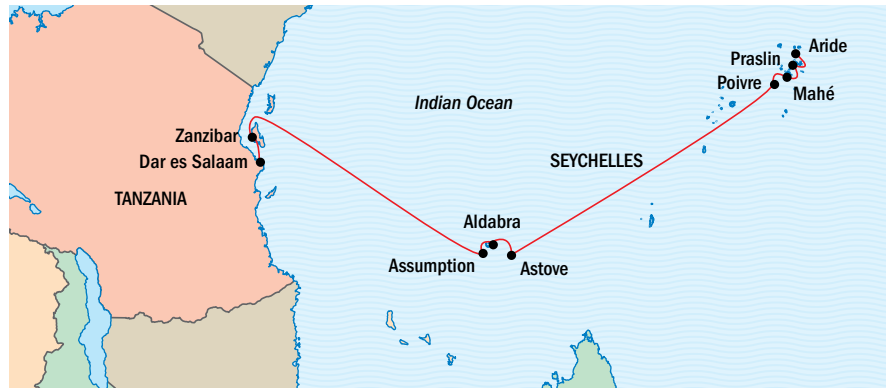
Stroll coconut groves to the remnants of a guano mining operation. Snorkel or dive among over 100 species of fish including black lionfish, blue-ribbon eels, black-streak surgeonfish, and Indian Ocean steephead parrotfish. (B,L,D)

**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: MAHÉ/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in Victoria. Transfer to the airport and arrive home the next day, or stay on in the Seychelles if you wish. (APR. 21: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2015 Apr. 8

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). 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.



*Giant tortoise, Seychelles.*

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 110-111 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.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Anse Source d'Argent, Seychelles.

**APR. 18 AND 19: U.S./FLY TO MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES****APR. 20: MAHÉ**

Arrive in Mahé, and check into our hotel. 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**

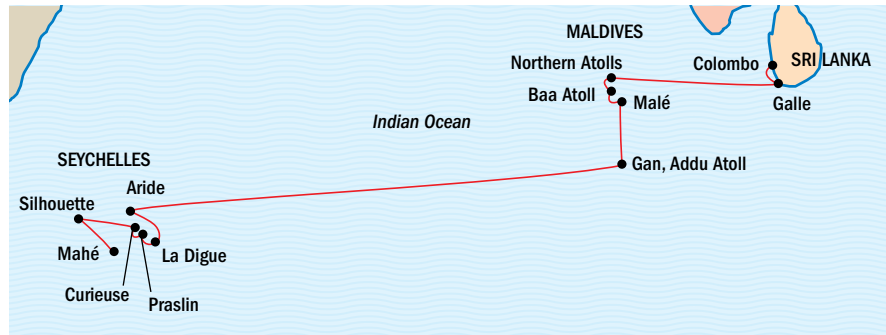
Aride has important seabird breeding grounds, with large populations of shearwaters, lesser noddies, white (or "fairy") terns, roseate terns, sooty terns, tropicbirds, and more, including the endangered Seychelles magpie-robin. Zodiac to the beach and hike a trail with great views. Then sail to the Maldives. (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: AT SEA** (B,L,D)**APR. 30: MALÉ ATOLL, MALDIVES**

This island nation has a long, fascinating human history. Today, it is best known for clear



turquoise waters and abundant marine life.

Visit the bustling capital of Malé, and explore the undersea at a nearby island. (B,L,D)

**MAY 1-3: NORTHERN ATOLLS, MALDIVES**

Explore remote islands, including the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll. More than 1,000 fish species, including manta rays and whale sharks, will delight snorkelers and scuba divers. Birdwatchers will find tropicbirds and frigatebirds. At sea, search for dolphins and possibly blue whales. (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 five-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, including *National Geographic* magazine, *National Geographic Adventure*, and *National Geographic Traveler*. Thiessen was also profiled for an episode of the National Geographic Channel's *Out There* series.



*Oriental butterflyfish in the corals at Baa Atoll Maldives.*



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 110-111 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 by National Geographic grantee and Louis Leakey protégée Dr. Biruté Galdikas since 1971. 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.

## 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, undersea specialist, divemasters, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

*Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.*

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 Geothermal-Volcanic Valley, 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 Bukit Lawang 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.*

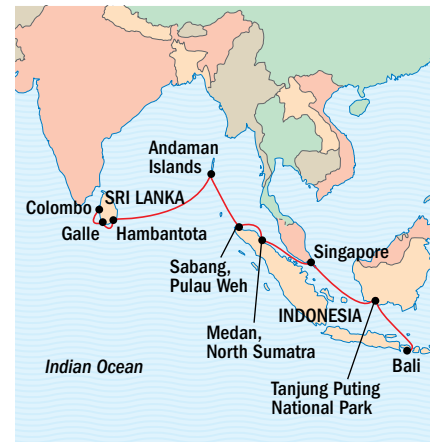
**MAY 22 AND 23: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN**

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**

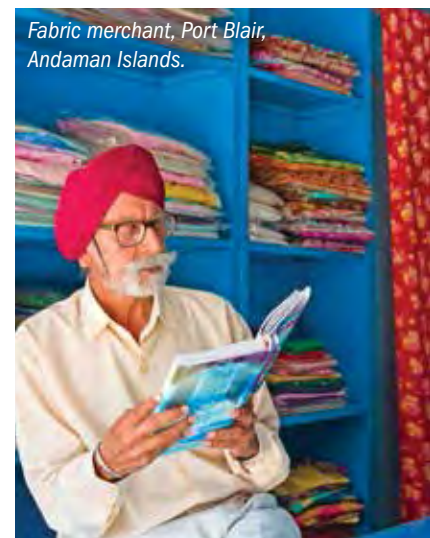
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**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension in [Sri Lanka](#). 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. 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 sunk on a boat on the Amazon.



*Fabric merchant, Port Blair, Andaman Islands.*

# 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 121 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 new 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.*

*A Vietnamese woman transporting produce to market along the Mekong River Delta.*



**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. Cruise through the narrow Tan Chau Canal that connects the lower and upper Mekong River branches. (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. (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 the next day. (B)



*Banteay Srei temple abounds with fine carvings.*

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2015 Jan. 6, 14\*, 20, 28\*; Feb. 3, 25\*, Mar. 3

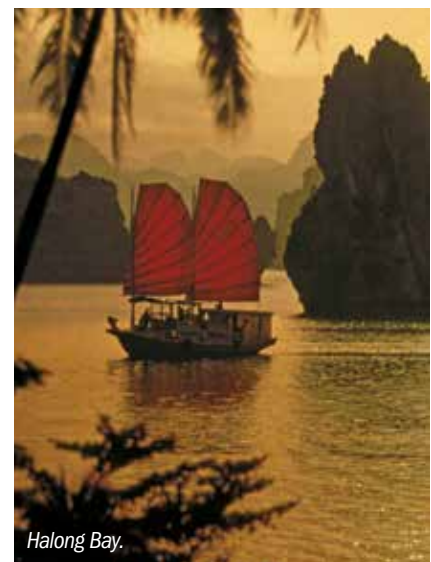
\*These departures travel from Saigon to Siem Reap.

**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. See pg. 2 for details.

# INTRIGUING WATERWAYS

## NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

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

DATE: 2015 May 19 PRICES FROM: \$15,170 to \$27,750 (See pages 106-107 for complete prices.)

Follow Norway's fjord-carved coast past the North Cape to the icy isles of Svalbard aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. From the town of Bergen, enter the fjordlands, kayaking narrow inlets that slice between towering peaks, visiting fishing villages, and hiking wildflower-strewn islands. Explore Tromsø and Bear Island on the way to Svalbard, where polar bears prowl and walrus haul out on ice floes and rocky shores. Learn more at [www.expeditions.com/northcape](http://www.expeditions.com/northcape).



Lofoten Islands. Norway.



## 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

To lock in 2014 prices for 2015 departures, book by July 31, 2014.

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](http://www.expeditions.com/scotland) to learn more.



## WHALES & WILDNESS: SPRING IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

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

DATE: 2015 Apr. 11th. One date only! PRICES FROM: \$5,690 to \$9,810

(See page 117 for complete prices.)

Watch whales and dolphins from the deck of one of our intimate, 62-guest expedition ships and at water level from nimble expedition landing craft. Spring in the Sea of Cortez is the best time to see large pods of dolphins and various species of whales—blue, sperm, pilot, fin and Brydes—all in the same week. Hike uninhabited beaches and desert landscapes. Observe a myriad of seabirds. Kayak in pristine waters, snorkel among reef fish and enjoy the serenity of a sunset beach barbecue under a starry sky. This unique journey is designed with a flexible itinerary, with our staff choosing sites based on conditions and to maximize wildlife sightings, adding a stimulating sense of adventure to each day. Go to [expeditions.com/springwhales](http://expeditions.com/springwhales) to learn more.





## THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



Use your smartphone to watch our **NG Explorer** video. See pg. 2 for details.

**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

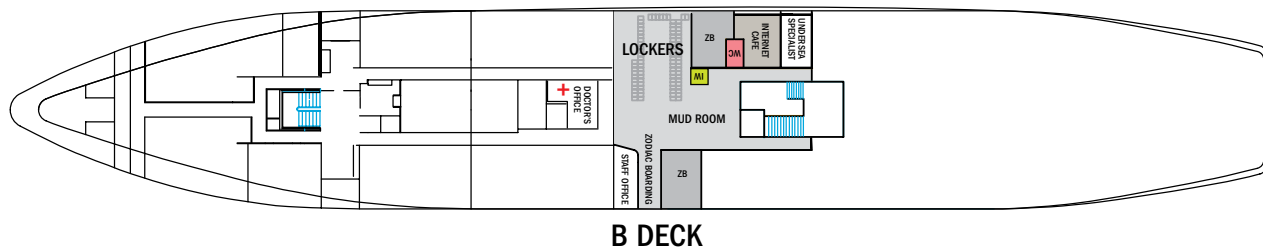
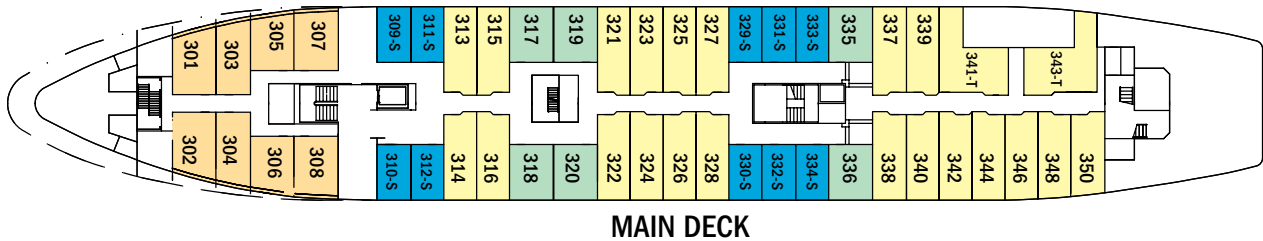
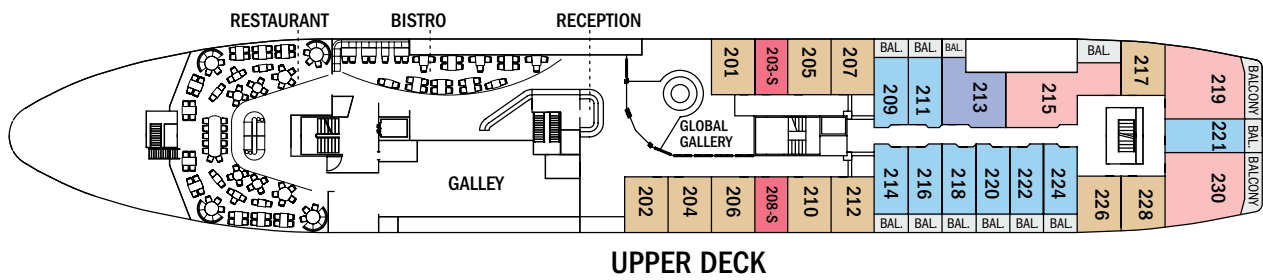
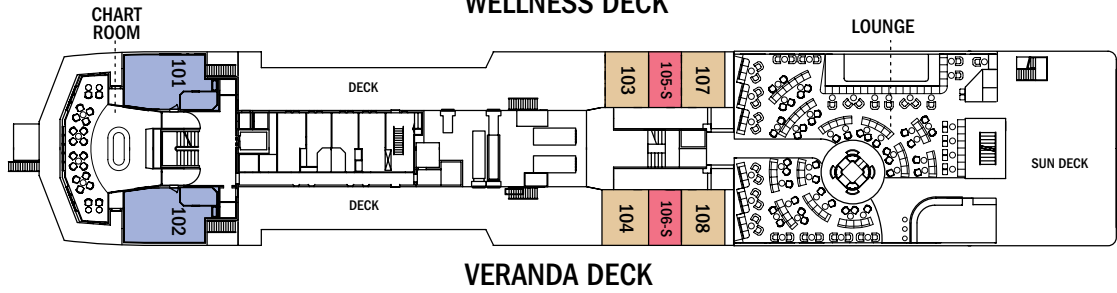
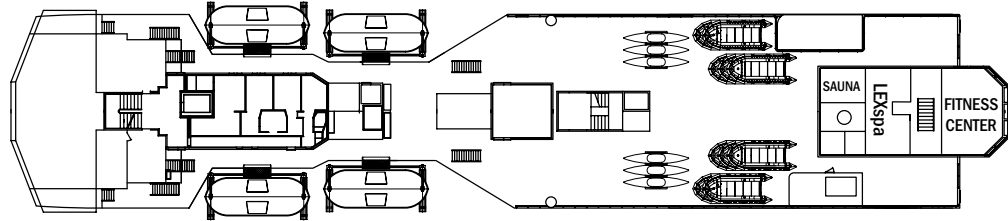
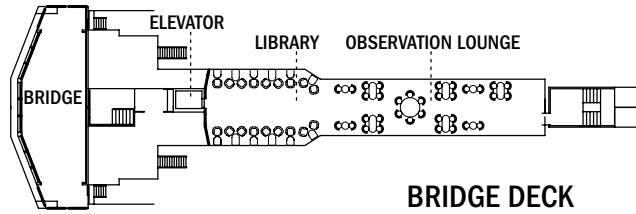
**CATEGORY B SOLO:** Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**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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Main deck cabin with window.



Upper deck cabin with balcony.

**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 10	2014/15	\$12,350	\$13,280	\$13,690	\$14,720	\$17,670
	2015/16	\$12,970	\$13,940	\$14,370	\$15,460	\$18,550
Journey to Antarctica - Holiday departures - Page 10	2015/16	\$13,990	\$15,050	\$15,520	\$16,700	\$20,030
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands - Page 12	2014/15	\$21,360	\$22,890	\$23,960	\$25,090	\$30,780
	2015/16	\$22,430	\$24,030	\$25,160	\$26,350	\$32,320
South Georgia and the Falklands - Page 14	2016	\$16,530	\$17,630	\$18,570	\$19,760	\$23,860
Land of the Ice Bears - Page 16	2014	\$8,990	\$9,590	\$9,960	\$10,560	\$12,470
	2015	\$9,440	\$10,070	\$10,460	\$11,090	\$13,090
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast - Page 18	2014	\$13,820	\$14,590	\$15,290	\$16,470	\$18,820
	2015	\$13,820	\$14,590	\$15,290	\$16,470	\$18,820
A Circumnavigation of Iceland - Page 20	2014	\$7,990	\$8,690	\$8,990	\$9,790	\$11,580
	2015	\$9,440	\$10,290	\$10,620	\$11,560	\$13,680
Along the Viking Trail - Page 22	2015	\$10,580	\$11,290	\$11,700	\$12,410	\$14,670
Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic - Page 24	2015	\$12,990	\$13,990	\$14,430	\$15,550	\$18,680
Buenos Aires, Rio & Brazil's Wild Coast - Page 40	2014	\$15,740	\$16,860	\$17,670	\$18,790	\$21,650
Patagonia: Argentina and the Chilean Fjords - Page 42	2014	\$15,950	\$16,990	\$17,990	\$18,850	\$22,860
	2015	\$16,750	\$17,840	\$18,890	\$19,790	\$24,000
The Canadian Maritimes - Page 44	2014	\$7,320	\$7,760	\$8,050	\$8,540	\$10,070
	2015	\$7,690	\$8,150	\$8,450	\$8,970	\$10,570
Exploring the Low Countries: Holland and Belgium - Page 64	2015	\$7,690	\$8,150	\$8,450	\$8,970	\$10,570
Exploring the British and Irish Isles - Page - Page 66	2015	\$12,990	\$13,640	\$14,250	\$14,850	\$17,730
An Island Odyssey: Azores, Madeira, Canaries & Cape Verde - Page 68	2014	\$13,820	\$14,590	\$15,290	\$16,470	\$18,820
Voyage to West Africa: The Gold Coast to Morocco - Page 90	2015	\$19,150	\$20,220	\$21,190	\$22,820	\$25,990
Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard - Page 102	2015	\$15,170	\$15,990	\$16,820	\$18,120	\$20,690



Standard bathroom.



Spacious solo cabin.



Section of suite with balcony.

All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, with deluxe bedding, all cabins feature flat screen TVs with movie programming, as well as Ethernet connections and plugs for laptops or camera chargers.

CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$20,240	\$23,560	\$16,600	\$17,110	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,600. Charter airfare from \$790 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$21,250	\$24,740	\$17,430	\$17,970	\$1,000	
\$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 \$2,600. Charter airfare from \$790 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$35,520	\$41,190	\$28,620	\$29,950	\$1,800	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,600. Charter airfare from \$790 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$37,300	\$43,250	\$30,050	\$31,450	\$1,800	
\$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 \$2,600. Charter airfare from \$790 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$14,550	\$16,630	\$11,990	\$12,460	\$1,000	Includes two hotel nights. Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: \$1,100; Business from \$3,900. Charter Airfare: \$725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$15,280	\$17,460	\$12,590	\$13,080	\$1,000	
\$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).
\$21,960	\$25,230	\$18,240	\$19,110	\$1,000	
\$13,860	\$15,980	\$10,860	\$11,240	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip NY/Reykjavik/NY: Economy from \$700; Business from \$2,200.
\$16,370	\$18,880	\$12,830	\$13,280	\$1,000	
\$17,100	\$19,550	\$14,110	\$14,630	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night Ottawa. Sample Airfares: JFK/Reykjavik, Ottawa/JFK: Economy from \$600; Business from \$1,000; Charter airfare: \$1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).
\$21,290	\$24,790	\$17,490	\$18,040	\$1,000	Includes two hotel nights Ottawa. Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Ottawa: Economy from \$500; please call for Business airfares; Charter airfare: \$1,750 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Iqaluit/Ottawa, or vice versa).
\$25,270	\$28,880	\$21,080	\$22,080	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night in Salvador and one hotel night in Buenos Aires. Immigration/visa fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Miami/Salvador and Buenos Aires/Miami: Economy \$1,200; Business \$2,300.
\$25,990	\$29,990	\$21,240	\$22,480	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration/visa fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy \$1,200; Business \$2,600. Charter airfare from \$395 (one-way Ushuaia/Buenos Aires, or vice versa).
\$27,290	\$31,490	\$22,300	\$23,600	\$1,000	
\$11,750	\$13,450	\$9,690	\$10,070	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/St. John's/Newark: Economy from \$900, Business from \$1,800.
\$12,340	\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	
\$12,340	\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Newark/Hamburg, London/Newark: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$3,700.
\$20,460	\$23,720	\$17,050	\$17,810	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: New York/London and Bergen/New York: Economy \$900; Business \$3,700.
\$21,960	\$25,230	\$18,240	\$19,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Boston/Azores, Cape Verde/Miami: Economy from \$1,600; Business from \$4,400.
\$30,440	\$34,970	\$25,280	\$26,490	\$2,000	Includes one hotel night in Accra. Sample Airfares: JFK/Accra, Casablanca/JFK: Economy from: \$1,200; Business from: \$5,300.
\$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).



# 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.

**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.

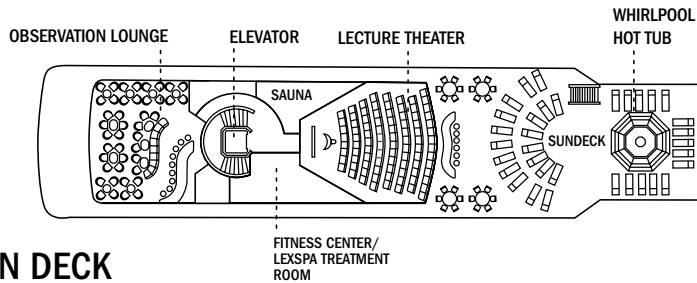
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists, divemasters, and Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages.

**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.

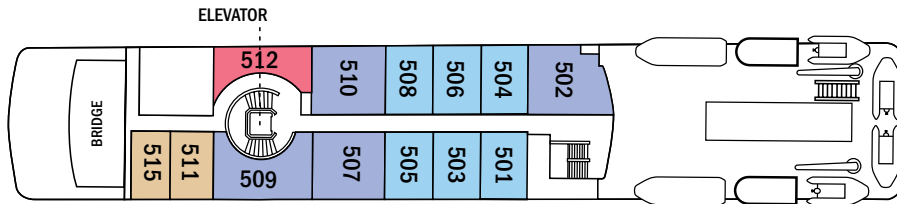
*Note: Scuba divers must be certified by an internationally recognized dive association prior to the voyage, and certification cards and logbooks must be shown on board. Divers must have logged 25 dives in total and made a dive within the 12 months preceding the voyage.*



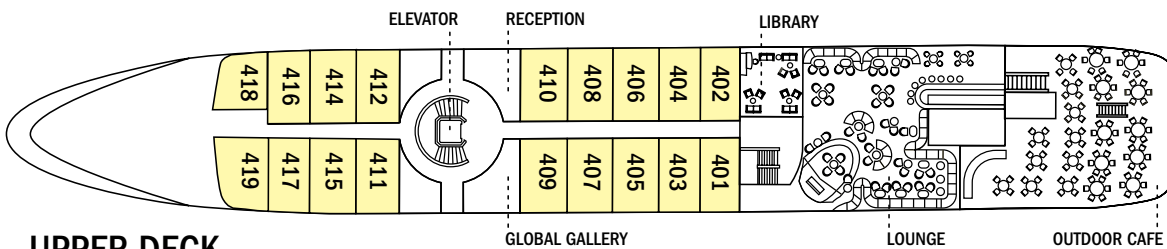
Above: National Geographic Orion’s comfortable Upper Deck lounge; award-winning Sydney chef Serge Dansereau creates menus that reflect the region’s flavors.



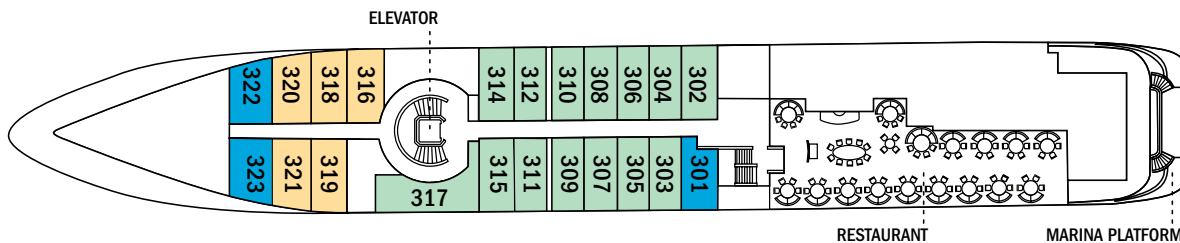
## OBSERVATION DECK



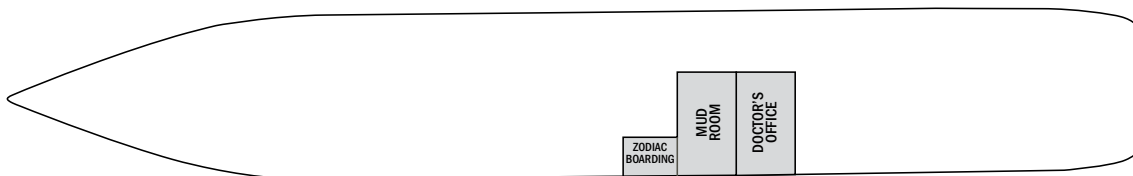
## BRIDGE DECK



## 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.



Above, left to right: Observation Deck; Library; whirlpool hot tub on the Sundeck.

**National Geographic Orion** Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated otherwise.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4
Journey to Antarctica - Page 10	2015/16	\$12,970	\$13,940	\$15,460	\$18,550
Journey to Antarctica Holiday - Page 10	2015/16	\$13,990	\$15,050	\$16,700	\$20,030
Antarctica, South Georgia & The Falklands - Page 12	2014/15	\$21,360	\$22,890	\$25,090	\$30,780
	2015/16	\$22,430	\$24,030	\$26,340	\$32,320
Kimberley Expedition: Australia's Wild Northwest - Page 76	2014	\$8,210	\$9,530	\$11,320	\$12,390
	2015	\$8,990	\$10,380	\$12,450	\$13,630
Kimberley Expedition with the Spice Islands - Page 78	2014	\$11,490	\$13,340	\$15,850	\$17,350
	2015	\$12,640	\$14,670	\$17,430	\$19,080
Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali - Page 80	2015	\$9,550	\$11,090	\$13,170	\$14,420
Indonesian Odyssey: Bali to the Great Barrier Reef - Page 82	2014	\$16,620	\$19,180	\$22,650	\$24,730
Exploring the Coral Sea: Papua New Guinea to Fiji - Page 84	2014	\$12,940	\$14,990	\$17,840	\$19,530
Reefs, Lagoons and Volcanic Isles: Fiji to Tahiti - Page 86	2014	\$18,990	\$21,990	\$25,990	\$28,460
Legends of the South Pacific: Tahiti to Easter Island - Page 88	2014	\$17,930	\$20,770	\$24,550	\$26,870
Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar - Page 92	2015	\$25,940	\$27,880	\$30,920	\$37,100
Treasures of the Indian Ocean: Zanzibar to the Seychelles - Page 94	2015	\$13,290	\$15,390	\$18,200	\$19,920
Indian Ocean Odyssey: Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka - Page 96	2015	\$19,930	\$23,090	\$27,290	\$29,870
Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea - Page 98	2015	\$21,040	\$24,370	\$28,810	\$31,530





Above, left to right: On board fitness center; the comfortable, elegant dining room; outstanding cuisine, accented with a local flair.

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. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$2,900. Charter Airfare from \$790 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
\$22,950	\$26,720	\$21,010	\$25,030	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$2,900. Charter Airfare from \$790 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
\$35,520	\$41,190	\$31,990	\$37,630	\$1,800	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,600. Charter Airfare: \$790 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$37,300	\$43,250	\$33,590	\$39,510	\$1,800	
\$14,790	\$17,190	\$12,320	\$16,980	\$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.
\$16,270	\$18,910	\$13,550	\$18,680	\$1,000	
\$20,710	\$23,990	\$17,230	\$23,770	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Broome, Bali/Los Angeles: Economy from \$2,300; Business from \$9,000.
\$22,780	\$26,390	\$18,950	\$26,150	\$1,000	
\$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.
\$29,390	\$33,990	\$24,930	\$33,980	\$1,800	Includes one night accommodation at a hotel in Cairns. Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Bali, Cairns/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,500; Business from \$7,900.
\$23,310	\$27,080	\$19,410	\$26,760	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Cairns, Nadi, Fiji/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,900; Business from \$7,150.
\$33,870	\$39,240	\$28,490	\$38,980	\$1,800	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Nadi, Fiji, Papeete, Tahiti/Los Angeles: Economy from \$2,600; Business from \$5,480.
\$31,990	\$36,990	\$26,890	\$36,830	\$1,800	Includes three nights hotel accommodations: one night in Papeete, Tahiti and two nights on Easter Island. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Papeete, Tahiti; Easter Island/Santiago, Chile; Santiago, Chile/Los Angeles: Economy from \$2,900; Business from \$6,700.
\$42,500	\$49,480	\$38,900	\$46,360	\$2,000	Includes one night hotel accommodations 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	Includes one night hotel accommodations in Dar es Salaam. 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	Includes two nights hotel accommodations: 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.
\$37,540	\$43,410	\$31,560	\$43,210	\$1,800	Includes one night hotel accommodations in Colombo. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Colombo, Bali/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,430; Business from \$6,850.



## 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, the library, swimming pool.*

**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

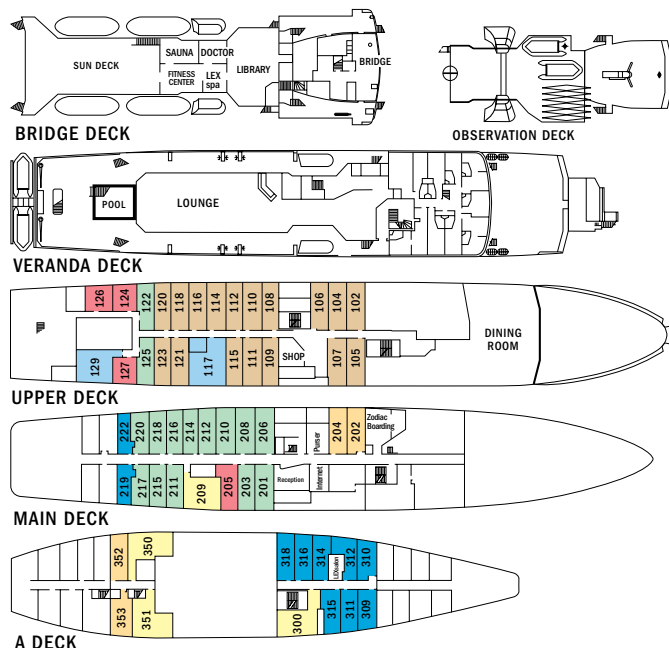
**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** Upper Deck #124, 126, 127; Main Deck #205

**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.



Left to right: Category 5 cabin, Category 3 cabin.



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

2014 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	
Prime: Apr 25, May 30, Sep 5-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.
Peak: Apr 18, Jun 6-Aug 29	\$5,990	\$6,890	\$7,450	\$7,990	\$9,920	\$7,490	\$8,610	\$500	
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: Apr 25, May 30, 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.
Peak: Apr 18, Jun 6-Aug 29	\$10,880	\$11,780	\$12,340	\$12,880	\$14,810	\$13,580	\$14,700	\$800	
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: Meals are informal for easy mingling; enjoy opportunities to relax in Islander's lounge; the cuisine on board is fresh with a regional flair.*

**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.

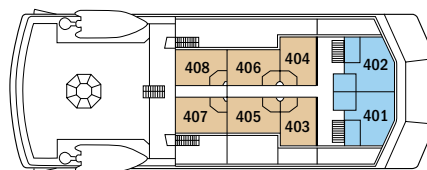
**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck #401 and 402—These are the largest cabins on board. They feature wrap around windows and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Both have a desk, chairs, and table. They also feature outside glassed in terraces with seating.

**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.

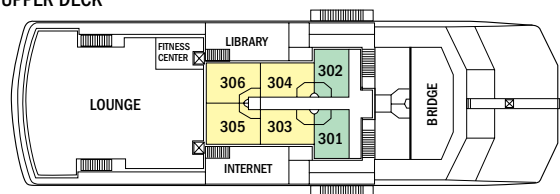
**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



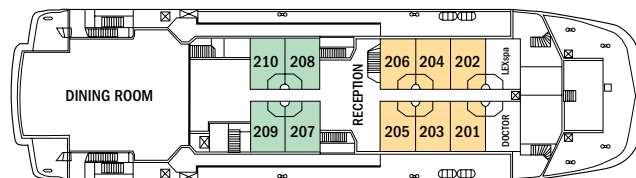
Left to right: Category 2 cabin, Category 5 cabin.



UPPER DECK



BRIDGE DECK



MAIN DECK

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

2014 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	
Prime: Jan 4–Feb 8, Feb 22, Apr 26–May 31, Aug 30–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.
Peak: Mar 1–Apr 19, Jun 7–Aug 23	\$6,560	\$7,390	\$7,940	\$8,490	\$10,410	\$9,840	\$10,990	\$500	
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: Apr 26–May 31, Aug 30–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.
Peak: Mar–Apr 19, Jun 7–Aug 23	\$11,450	\$12,280	\$12,830	\$13,380	\$15,300	\$15,930	\$17,080	\$800	
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.

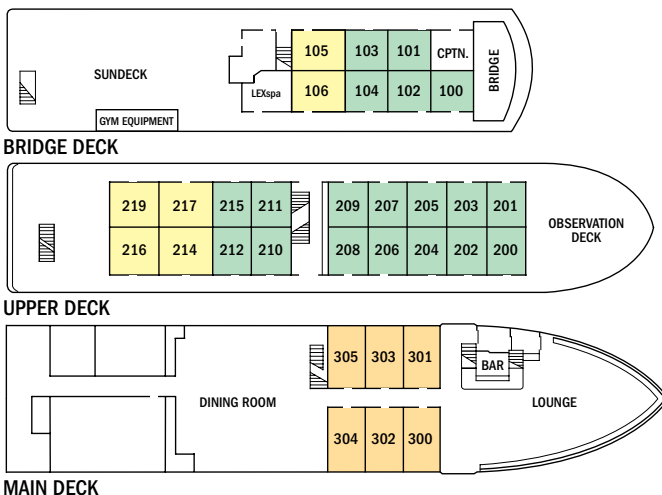
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest Internet access.

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 46	2014	\$6,290	\$7,340	\$8,390	\$9,440	\$11,010	\$650	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$530; Business Class from \$1,180.
	2015	\$6,290	\$7,340	\$8,390	\$9,440	\$11,010	\$750	
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii – Page 48	2014	\$9,990	\$11,290	\$12,650	\$14,990	\$16,940	\$900	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$280; Business Class from \$600.
	2015	\$10,390	\$11,860	\$13,830	\$15,590	\$17,790	\$1000	
Columbia and Snake Rivers Journey: Harvests, History & Landscapes – Page 52	2014	\$4,490	\$5,270	\$6,130	\$6,740	\$7,900	\$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 103	2015	\$5,690	\$6,540	\$7,490	\$8,540	\$9,810	\$750	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.
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.

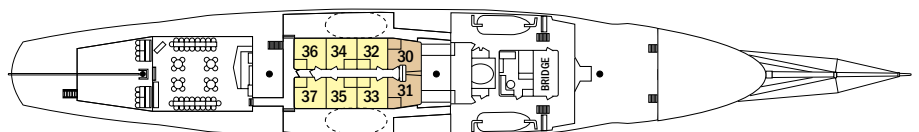
**ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY B:** Original and deluxe cabins, #5, 6, 9, 10: Located on the Main Deck, these large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with bathtubs. All have portholes.

**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.

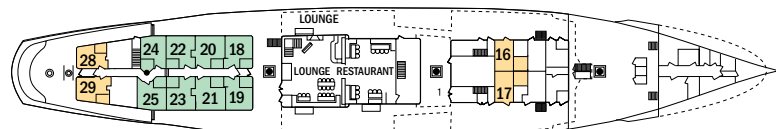
**OWNER'S SUITES:** Original owner's suites #1-2: These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms with bathtubs.



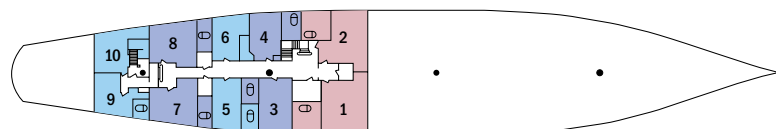
Insets clockwise from top: *Sea Cloud* under full sail; staircase to the Captain's and Lido deck; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's Suite which is one of the original cabins; crew climbs aloft to unfurl the sails.



**CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK**

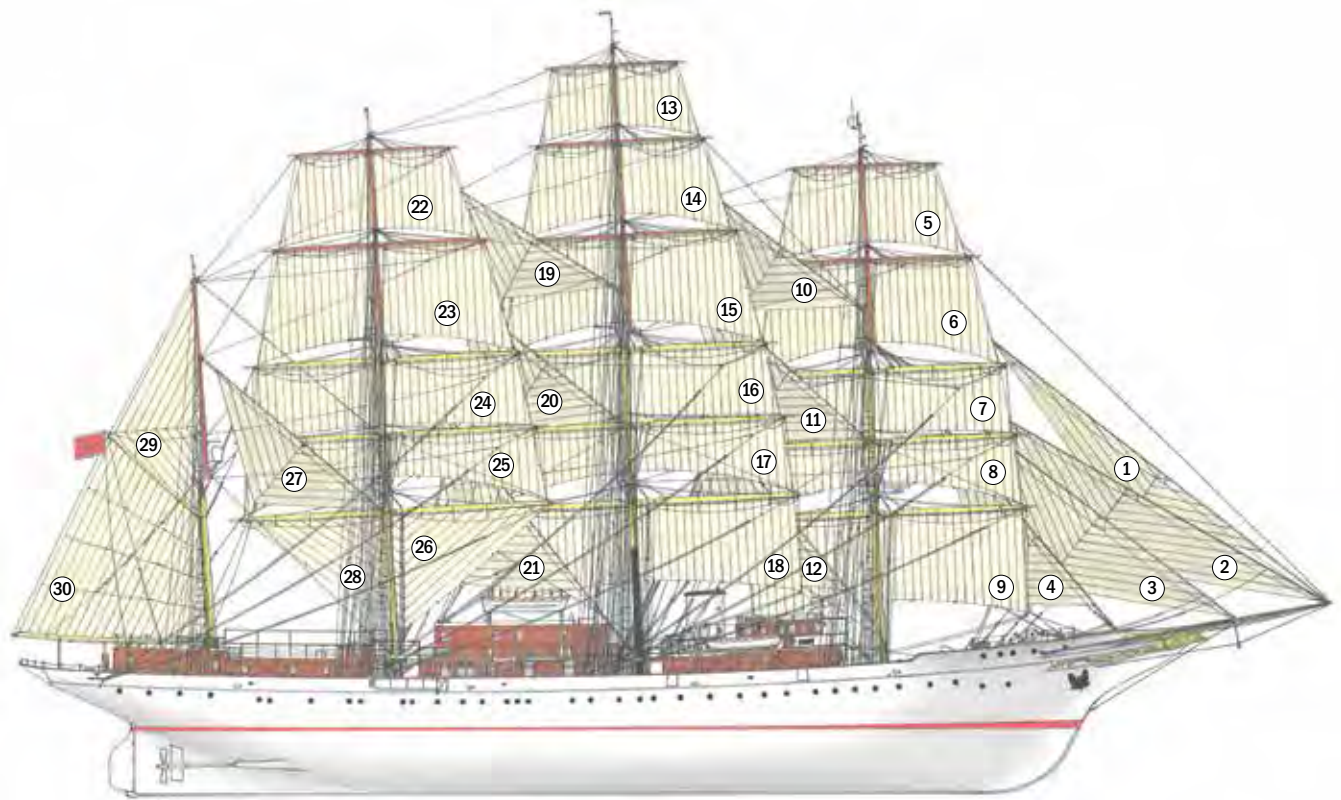


**PROMENADE DECK**



**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
<b>Sailing the Caribbean - Page 62</b>	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 \$550. Please call for sample Business fare.
<b>Sailing the Greek Isles - Page 70</b>	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 \$900. Please call for sample Business fare.
<b>Under Sail from Greece to the Dalmatian Coast - Page 72</b>	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 \$1,200. 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.

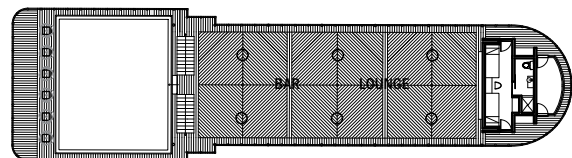
**SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 – Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.

**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.

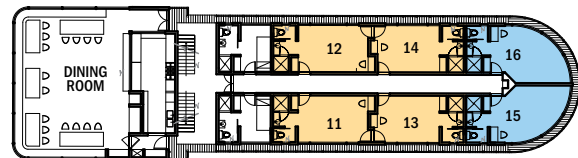
**SOLE OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Due to the limited number of cabins available, sole occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.



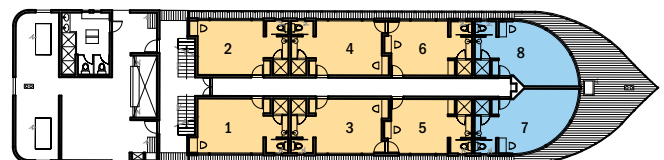
*Insets clockwise from top left: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious master suites offer comfort and panoramic views.*



**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	2014	\$5,990	\$6,990	\$500	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 \$2,000. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos/Lima: From \$395.
	2015	\$6,390	\$7,460	\$500	
Exploring Galápagos + The Upper Amazon – Page 38	2014/15	Back-to-back expeditions combining Galápagos + Upper Amazon are available on a number of 2014 and 2015 dates. Please call for specific dates & rates.			
Exploring Machu Picchu & The Upper Amazon - Page 39	2014	\$10,980	\$11,980	\$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 \$395.
	2015	\$11,380	\$12,450	\$1,000	

# 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, music entertainment system, and a mini bar. A choice of pillows is provided on request.

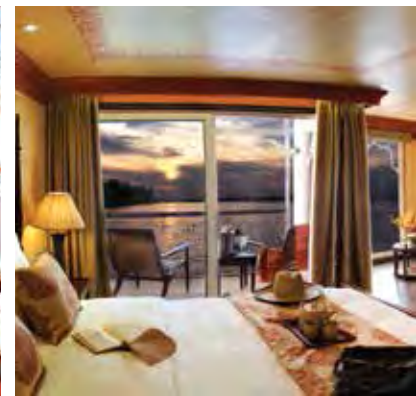
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** There is a spa, offering a choice of massage treatments, and fitness room with steam bath and treadmill, stationary bicycle, and elliptical trainer. The boutique has a fine selection of local artwork and textiles. Morning Tai Chi classes are offered on the Terrace Deck. DVD and 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.

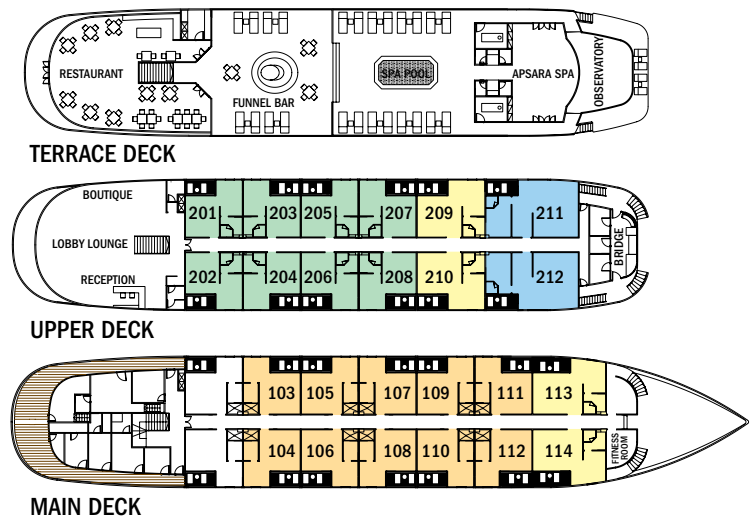
**CATEGORY 2:** Upper Deck #201-208. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 201-202 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #203-208 have queen-size beds.

**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 1 cabin.*



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ITINERARY	YEAR	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	SUITES	CATEGORY 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Vietnam and Cambodia: Along the Mekong River - Page 100	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: \$5,100

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89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
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119-90 days	25% of total fare
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59-45 days	50% of total fare
44-0 days	No refund
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179-120 days	Advance payment cost
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