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**MEET GLOBAL LUMINARIES ABOARD LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS'
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

**Travel With a *Who's Who* of Fascinating Travel Companions
From The Top Tiers of World Affairs, Journalism and Exploration**

NEW YORK, N.Y. August 2010 – Lindblad Expeditions has announced their Global Luminaries program for 2010/2011. Renowned for their staff's expertise in the regions they explore, Global Luminaries will add an extra layer of interest and insight to their expeditions with special guests drawn from the top tiers of world affairs, broadcast journalism, and exploration and research.

The Global Luminaries title refers to what these remarkable individuals contribute to the expedition community at large - a relevant global perspective. The unique program is available exclusively aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and affords guests the opportunity to travel and explore with world-class personalities, as fellow guests, in the intimate and conversational environment of an expedition - and not just in the context of a presentation or talk from the podium.

Some of the upcoming luminaries who will be traveling this season include (a complete list can be found at <http://www.expeditions.com/luminaries>):

WORLD AFFAIRS:

Gro Brundtland: Former Prime Minister of Norway. UN Special Envoy on Climate Change.

- The Baltics, August 28, 2011 & Antarctica, November 26, 2011

Mary Robinson: First woman President of Ireland. Formerly the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

- British & Irish Isles, May 16, 2011

Mikhail Gorbachev: Former President of the Soviet Union, Nobel Peace Laureate, Cold War reformer and 20th-century visionary. President Gorbachev will meet with Lindblad guests in St. Petersburg.

- The Baltics – Aug. 28 & Sept. 5, 2011

Lech Walesa: From electrician to Labor Leader to Nobel Prize winner to the elected President of Poland, he is fascinating and will visit with us in Gdarisk.

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JOURNALISM:

Elizabeth Kolbert: Journalist, Staff Writer for *The New Yorker* and Author of *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change*.

- Ice Bears – June 23, 2011

Robert Siegel: Senior host of NPR's award-winning *All Things Considered* he has reported from all over Western and Eastern Europe.

- European Odyssey, Sept. 19, 2011

EXPLORATION:

John Evans: Member of an historic 10-member expedition in 1966, sponsored in part by the National Geographic Society, which became the first to summit the highest point in Antarctica.

- Antarctica – Nov. 27, 2010

Peter Hillary: Born into mountaineering royalty. Summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents, and established a new overland route to the South Pole.

- Antarctica, Dec. 7, 17 & 27, 2010

Tim Severin: Explorer, Historian, Author and Filmmaker; has literally travelled the legendary routes of myth and established maritime and exploration historic facts.

- Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands, Feb. 15, 2011

For reservations contact your travel agent or for additional information on Lindblad Expeditions' voyages to some of the most beautiful and fascinating places on earth visit www.expeditions.com or call 1-800-EXPEDITION.

About Lindblad Expeditions

Lindblad Expeditions is an expedition travel company that offers voyages in the Galápagos, Antarctica, Baja California, Alaska, Costa Rica, Panama, Egypt, the Arctic and beyond. The company works in alliance with the National Geographic Society to inspire travelers to explore and care about the planet. As pioneers of global exploration, the organizations work in tandem to produce innovative marine expedition programs and to promote conservation and sustainable tourism around the world. Lindblad Expeditions has been named “#1 Small Ship for Families” and one of the best Small-Ship Cruise Lines (Travel + Leisure's World's Best Value Awards 2009); “The Best Ships in the World” and “The Best Itineraries” (Condé Nast Traveler: Truth in Travel Awards 2008 and 2006), and Conde Nast Traveler 2009 Gold List for Cruise Lines.

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