

# THE LANTERN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD ANTARCTICA

*Seen from space,  
astronauts tell us, the  
most distinctive feature of  
our planet is the Antarctic ice sheet,  
which 'radiates light like a great white  
lantern across the bottom of the world.'*



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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.

Cover: *From Antarctica: The Last Continent* by Ian Cameron

DEAR TRAVELER,

A theme I've stressed in previous letters is the ongoing wildness of Antarctica. Despite ever-increasing awareness and interest, it remains epically untamed. It's vast, wild and gorgeous, with dynamic conditions of wind, wave, weather and, of course, ice—all of which makes the explorer in us want to go there. And also makes with whom you choose to go a very significant decision.

We literally have more experience than any other travel company operating in polar waters—50 years to be exact. My father, Lars-Eric Lindblad, led the first citizen explorer expedition to Antarctica in 1966. When I say we know it well, I mean: every member of our expedition team has been thoroughly vetted for polar travel by many seasons in the ice. And our captains, vitally important members of our expedition team, have each conducted more than 100 Antarctic voyages. These are people who can legitimately accept responsibility for the safety of others.

But there's another important aspect to their experience that should matter to you, too: their passion—to share Antarctica's wonders with you on active explorations, and to make every day of your expedition meaningful and memorable.

Our ships, equipped with the proper tools for exploration, figure greatly in this. Both are purpose-built expedition ships, designed to swiftly deploy Zodiacs to get you out there to explore the ice, encounter its creatures and make landfall on beaches with active penguin colonies. We have a fleet of kayaks, too, which thanks to the ingenuity of our engineers, we can deploy from anywhere—even the middle of a cove ringed by icebergs for amazing personal explorations.

The contrasts between the starkness of Antarctica wildness and the warmth, sociability and amenities aboard ship are immensely gratifying. And you have much to look forward to when you return from each day's adventures—including outstanding food and wine. The menus on both ships are designed by renowned chef, Serge Dansereau, owner of Sydney's iconic The Bather's Pavilion; and are ably implemented by the Executive Chefs aboard.

For those so inclined, I can't think of a more valuable way to spend one's time and curiosity than to explore Antarctica. Unless, of course you include going on to South Georgia and the Falklands, to see the full wildlife spectacle the Southern Ocean offers.

On behalf of our expedition teams, we look forward to sharing Antarctica with you.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

P.S. If you, like me, feel you deserve a reward for enduring this election season—we have a limited number of cabins available on January, February and March 2017 departures. Sometimes spontaneity really is the best idea.

*This page: Sunset, Lemaire Channel ©Ralph Lee Hopkins.*

*Ships' registry: Bahamas*



# 50 YEARS OF EXPEDITION HERITAGE

Lars-Eric Lindblad led the first citizen explorer expedition to Antarctica in 1966, and to Galápagos in 1967, and Lindblad Expeditions has been bringing intelligent, curious and adventurous travelers into the world ever since. In 2004 Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic joined forces to bring individuals to the planet's most interesting places—and positively impact them through grants made by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Joint Fund. *National Geographic Explorer*, completely renovated and inaugurated in 2008, is the embodiment of this partnership, and the product of our respective heritages—built to provide our guests with opportunities no other ship can offer. In 2014 we welcomed *National Geographic Orion*, built in 2004, into the fleet as a sister ship to *Explorer*. She was equipped with the complete set of expedition tools, and public space enhancements that distinguish Lindblad Expeditions. Two different personalities, same ultimate Antarctic experience.



## OUR HALLMARKS

### AUTHENTIC EXPEDITIONS.

It's a phenomenon: As soon as speed is measured in knots, life slows to just the right pace for looking around, seeing more and experiencing more. That's what an expedition is all about: subjecting yourself to the alchemy of wind, wave, motion, the momentum of discovery—and the company of people who can help you see, understand and feel the bloom of satisfaction fresh knowledge always brings.



**SMART FUN** is our expedition gestalt—engaging, knowledgeable, amiable, inclusive and thrilled to be there. Our staff create a climate, enhanced by shared adventures, that kindles sociability and feeds the desire to observe and learn. The people drawn to the National Geographic Society and our style of travel have a built-in like-mindedness that's an excellent basis for camaraderie and lasting friendships.

**COLLECTIVE, BUT INDIVIDUAL.** Our immersive expeditions are not merely about where you go, but the process of getting there. And once arrived, your sense of place will be enriched by our knowledgeable expedition teams who help you see with an insider's eye.

**EXPERT ITINERARIES.** It is a privilege to visit Antarctica, and our expedition teams' subtle, able logistics ensure not only your safety, but also the luxury of exploring the Peninsula's coves and bays in a two-person kayak, or by Zodiac with a naturalist and fellow guests. You'll have the opportunity to savor the slow, nearly reverent passage through the Lemaire Channel. And to steep yourself in the almost unimaginable wonder of Antarctica's vastness and silence—out there actively exploring, from the ships' expansive decks, or the Observation Lounge.



*Our signature Antarctica parka is a functional blend of vintage expedition style and modern high-tech fabrication. Collectible and covetable, this season's parka comes with our 50th Anniversary commemorative patch. Find other additional collectible patches featuring Antarctic wildlife in the Global Gallery, and turn yours into a lasting keepsake.*



# PERFECT PLATFORMS FOR EXPLORATION

*National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* are genuine expedition ships, not cruise ships masquerading as one. Therefore, they are uniquely equipped to facilitate our brand of keen seeing and experiencing—with state-of-the-art tools for exploration. Unparalleled bases for discovery, they each enable the fullest expression of our expedition style: an intimate, authentic, learning-oriented environment. As you see here, both ships have virtually identical features and abilities, and provide equal safety features and an equally excellent Antarctic experience. Which ship to choose depends on the polar itinerary and departure you favor—find our three itineraries on pages 28-37.



*Conditions permitting, our ice masters may “park” our ships in the early season ice (Nov./Dec.) for exhilarating disembarkations on the ice.*



## TOOLS, TECHNOLOGY & EXPEDITION BENEFITS ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION



**DNV ICE-1A Class rating** on the hull of each ship, enabling us to navigate the ice safely

**A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet

**A Remote-controlled Crow's Nest Camera** with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin

An **Electronic Chart System** that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins

A **Chart Room** with nautical maps & a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station (*NG Explorer*); Chart cabinetry in section of Observation lounge (*NG Orion*) with 24-hr coffee, tea, cocoa station



Open Invitation to **Visit the Bridge**

**An Observation Lounge**, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations, supply of binoculars

**Large fleet of Zodiacs** and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation of all guests

**Large fleet of Double Kayaks** that allow personal exploring in pristine Antarctic environments

**Daily choice of activities** with same time allotted for each on both ships; no waiting, no missing out on opportunities

**Generous 1:1.5 staff-to-guest ratio** on each ship

**A Professional Video Chronicler** to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase.



# ACTIVELY EXPLORE EVERY DAY, IN MANY WAYS

*National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* Antarctic itineraries are crafted by explorers, and every itinerary point features opportunities to head out and discover, in one dynamic way or another. You can begin each day with a morning stretch class, or a pre-breakfast coffee at the 24/7 coffee/tea stations on each ship. And you can look forward to brisk walks or strolls, Zodiac tours or landings and opportunities to kayak, depending on the location and conditions. Our fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, plus our teams' swiftness in deploying, ensures that you will spend no time wistfully awaiting a turn—the entire expedition community can be accommodated. And if we're at sea, or for those whose fitness requirements exceed daily expedition exertions, the Fitness Centers are open at any time of day or night, particularly useful in Antarctica, where the midnight sun blurs distinction!







*Opposite: A fleet of stable and virtually untippable kayaks allow for personal exploration. Clockwise from top: An exuberant guest takes the polar plunge challenge; hikers head up for spectacular views of the polar wilderness; exploring amid the bergs via Zodiac with narration by a naturalist.*

A close-up photograph of a leopard seal's face peering through a circular opening in a thick layer of white ice. The seal's eyes are dark and focused, and its skin is a mottled blue-grey color. The background is a soft-focus view of the ice and snow above.

# EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC UNDERSEA

Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Sylvia Earle, Enric Sala and other National Geographic explorers, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* are the only expedition ships that travel with Undersea Specialists who dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the ships' Lounges—perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d'oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be pioneering. In Antarctica, the footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.

▶ SEE AN AMAZING UP-CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A LEOPARD SEAL AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/SEAL](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions/seal)

*A leopard seal with its distinctive grimace peeks from beneath the ice.*



*Both National Geographic Explorer and Orion are also equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet, well beyond the limits of our human divers.*



*Before Leif Skog, Lindblad Vice President of Marine Operations, became a captain in 1984, he worked as an officer on a variety of vessels including general cargo ships, LPG-gas tankers, a multi-purposed helium deep-diving support vessel and passenger ships carrying from 800 to 1,200 passengers. He has navigated over 250 polar expeditions, including over 125 Antarctic expeditions. As Chairman of the IAATO Marine Committee (International Assn. of Antarctic Tour Operators), he was a primary architect of the IAATO Emergency Contingency Plan for all vessels operating in Antarctica.*

# A+ EXPEDITION TEAMS

Our Expedition Leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike are outstanding leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, biologists, marine biologists, zoologists and undersea specialists who return each year, like migratory creatures, to the Southern Ocean aboard *Explorer* and *Orion*—to share the Antarctic ice with you and your fellow guests. Collectively, these specialists have hundreds of years of experience guiding travelers to the most interesting places in the world.

The captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet have spent decades in the ice. They have each navigated over 100 Antarctic expeditions, ensuring that they have the crucial knowledge we demand—ice master status. An ice master is not only familiar with the unique wind, weather and current dynamics in polar waters, he or she is also intimately familiar with all the forms of ice and the unique challenges each form presents. Their seasoned ships' officers are also polar veterans, handpicked and well-trained to act without hesitation in any severe condition.



*Here is a partial list of staff during our Antarctic season: clockwise from left: polar naturalist Carl Erik Kilander, Lindblad-National Geographic-certified photo instructor Michael Nolan, naturalist and birder Brent Stephenson, veteran polar naturalist Tom Ritchie, marine biologist Andy Szabo, undersea specialist Alyssa Adler.*



▶ PLEASE VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXPERTBIOS](https://www.lindblad.com/expeditions.com/expertbios) AND SELECT YOUR ITINERARY TO LEARN WHICH STAFF IS TRAVELING ON YOUR DEPARTURE

# SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH ENGAGING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Our Global Perspectives guest speaker program aboard *National Geographic Explorer* pairs engaging and knowledgeable experts with our expedition team's expertise to enrich your experience, and add extra levels of relevant insight. Join us aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, and you'll share adventures, drinks, dinner, and deck time with these intriguing individuals.

**LEE BERGER:** A world-renowned paleoanthropologist, physical anthropologist, and archaeologist, TIME magazine called Lee Berger one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2016. He has received the National Geographic Society's Prize for Research and Exploration.

**Antarctica, Jan. 25, 2018**



## **JAMES BALOG**

Author of *Extreme Ice* and contributing editor to *National Geographic Adventure*, James photographed the June 2007 *National Geographic* cover story on melting glaciers.

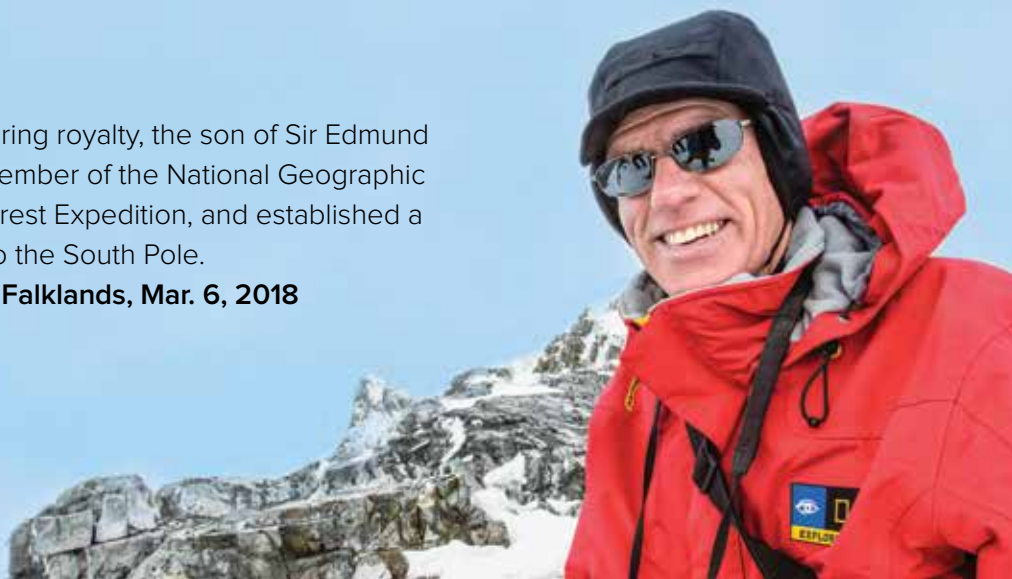
**Antarctica, Jan. 26, 2017**

# TIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

## PETER HILLARY

Born into mountaineering royalty, the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, Peter was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition, and established a new overland route to the South Pole.

**South Georgia & the Falklands, Mar. 6, 2018**



## KEN TAYLOR

Ken is a professor and scientist leading the effort to recover and analyze the ice core to help predict future climate and sea levels.

**Antarctica, Feb. 5, 2017**

**Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 15, 2017**



## FRANCES ULMER

Frances is the Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission appointed by President Obama in 2011. In 2014, Secretary Kerry asked her to serve as a Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy.

**Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Nov. 6, 2017**



## DR. JOE MCCONNELL

An environmental and climate researcher, Joe is Director of the Ultra-Trace Ice Core Chemistry Lab at Nevada's Desert Research Institute. He studies ancient air trapped in ice to map human climate impact.

**Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 14, 2018**



## DR. JOE MACINNIS

Oceanographer Joe MacInnis is the first person to explore the ocean beneath the North Pole. His teams built the world's first undersea polar station.

**Antarctica, Jan. 5, 2018**



▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKERS AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/POLAR\\_SPEAKERS](https://www.expeditions.com/polar_speakers)

# CAPTURE THE ADVENTURE—

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

*National Geographic Explorer* and *Orion* are the only expedition ships exploring Antarctica with National Geographic photographers aboard every departure. These photographers, many with significant careers to their credit, have inspired countless professional and amateur photographers, and accompany our ships to inspire and assist you. And, they are flanked by Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors, naturalists trained by National Geographic photographers, to assist you with your camera settings, the basics of composition, observation, and more to equip you with skills.

Now, every guest—from iPhone camera users to semi-pro shooters—can stand side-by-side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and take great photos. And you'll want to—Antarctica provides a photo op a minute and a once-in-a-lifetime experience to capture. So no worries, you don't have to consider yourself a photographer to participate in the fun and rewards of "aim & create." You'll return home with your best photos ever, and a lifelong skill.



*National Geographic photographers traveling with us in 2017: Clockwise: Keith Ladzinski, Krista Rossow, Dan Westergren, Michael Melford, Rich Reid, Susan Seubert, and Jim Richardson.*

▶ LEARN MORE AT [WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PHOTO](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PHOTO) AND FIND INTERESTING BIOS FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS AT [WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGPS](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGPS)



# TAKE GREAT PHOTOS



Smart gear recommendations. Stellar shipping and customer service. The latest in gear to try out on location. These and more reasons are why Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has teamed up with renowned retailer B&H Photo Video for our Expedition Photography program. Check out teaching videos from our 4-day photography event with B&H at [www.optic2016.com](http://www.optic2016.com). As a guest, be sure to access special gear recommendations and packages. Call an expedition specialist for more details.





*Hotel Manager Patrik Svärmyr welcomes you aboard NG Explorer.*

## EXCEPTIONAL HOTEL STAFF



*Stocking for our Antarctic voyages is a joy for our wine steward, since we provision the ships in Argentina and Chile, producers of world-class wines. Prepare to taste the best of the southern hemisphere.*

*National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion, sister flagships of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet share matching appetites for adventure, and dining excellence. Serge Dansereau, the head chef and owner of the iconic Bathers' Pavilion Café in Sydney, Australia, is a multi-award winning chef, renowned internationally, and considered 'the father of the fresh food movement.' He designs the menus and trains the staff aboard both ships. His menu concepts are brought to life daily by each ship's Executive Chef. Count on them to keep your expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak, and for daily diversity and regional flavors.*

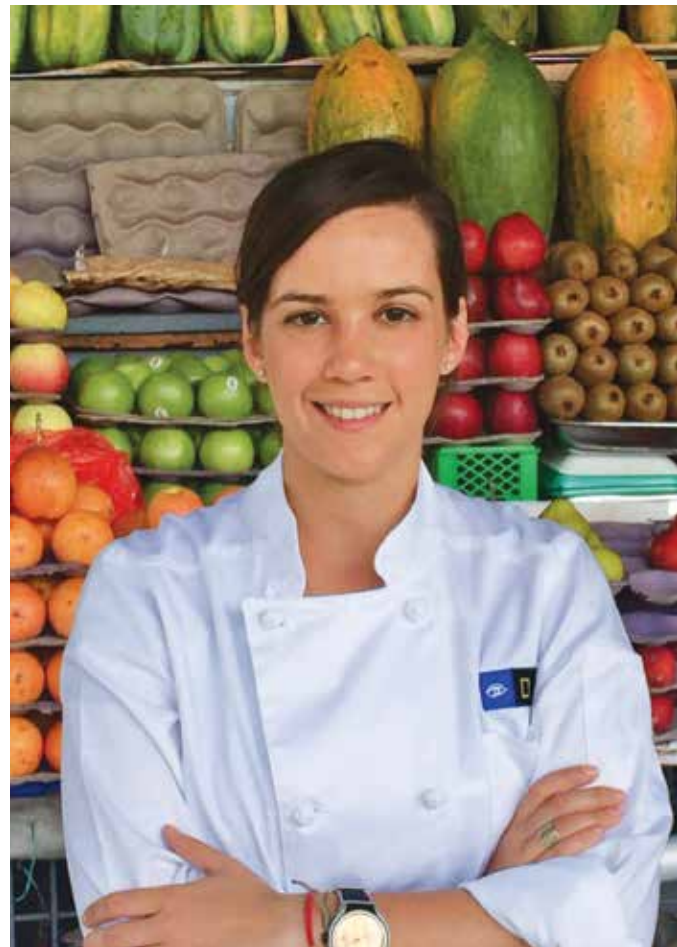




*Dining rooms on both ships, like Orion's shown here, are inviting and informal. No assigned seating makes for easy mingling with congenial fellow guests, expedition staffers, and special guests. Breakfast and lunches are often buffet-style; dinners are artfully plated and served. Save room for dessert—extraordinary daily!*

*“Discovering sustainable local growers and fisheries on our itineraries to ensure that our guests “taste” the regions they’re exploring is rewarding work. We provision for Antarctica in Argentina with fresh produce and sustainably produced meat and poultry. Unlike cruise companies which mandate a food program across the fleet, our chefs have the freedom to execute Serge’s smartly conceived dishes while taking advantage of what’s at hand. When a local fishing boat hails our ship with line-caught fish, for example, the chef can say yes! And when our ship is in the Falklands, we can obtain fresh vegetables from a hydroponic grower we know, and fresh lamb from an island rancher we’ve known for years. Our goal is for our guests to experience the geography through the food served aboard wherever possible. And to always dine extraordinarily well.”*

—Ana Esteves, Manager Hotel Operations, Lindblad Expeditions



# AN AUTHENTIC EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE STARTS HERE



Every individual who joins our expeditions is there for his or her own reasons: to learn about the region, to see how others live, to have personal encounters and experiences, and to see and observe wildlife. But what proves most satisfying ultimately is the *esprit du corps* of our expedition community. It's a deeply rewarding

phenomenon. And our sister ships, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* enhance this experience-sharing. Our ships' lounges feature 'the circle of truth,' where talks, presentations, and the daily ritual of Recap, a hallmark of our expeditions, take place. In addition, both ships offer fully-stocked libraries, genial spaces where guests can look up any topic or creature that interests them, or just hole up with a good book. Observation lounges on both ships are lavishly windowed, for a constant connection to the world outside. And on both ships, guests have an open invitation to visit the Bridge—to watch the captain and his officers navigate, and to hang out with the naturalists endlessly on alert for marine animal and bird sightings while we're underway. Every inch of each ship presents a fresh vantage point for observation, for capturing an image, or for a quiet talk with a new-found friend. You will remember the satisfactions of life aboard long after you leave.



Far left: Explorer's Observation Lounge is flooded with light and non-stop views; the Library (left) is stocked with all manner of reference, geography-relevant and other books, plus cards, games, and an ever-ready stock of binoculars.



*Clockwise from top: Sven Lindblad conducts a presentation from the 'circle of truth,' a hallmark of our expeditions and the design of our ships' lounges; expansive decks invite you outdoors to relax, read and observe the vistas; Captain Kreuss, a guest and the Expedition Leader review nautical charts on the Bridge, open to all during the voyage; Explorer's Bistro Bar is a lively alternative to the main dining room for meals and socializing.*





*Orion's observation lounge and library provide a welcome to readers, card players, and sailors who love to review the nautical charts on display. At right, Orion's main lounge is the center of shared life aboard; expansive windows invite in scenic views, and the reflective ceiling mirrors the ocean in a sublimely relaxing way.*





*From left: Explorer's fitness center offers a panoramic view instead of the usual gym TV screens. A classic Swedish sauna makes the Wellness Spa at the top of the ship a perfect place to end an active day. Massages and body treatments are the ideal counterpoint to walking, hiking, kayaking or a good workout—and a perfect way to take advantage of transit time at sea.*







# PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS

*National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* offer private spaces as inviting as their public ones. *Explorer's* 81 outside cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins, are decorated in a contemporary palette of relaxing earth tones. *Orion's* 53 outside cabins, including 9 suites with balconies, and 4 solo cabins, are traditional in style with rich jewel-toned fabrics and furniture. Both ships provide deluxe bedding—our signature feather duvet—and thick terry robes. All cabins feature flat screen TVs with news and movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from our remote-controlled crow's nest camera, and our electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with ethernet and wifi connections, and USB ports for mobile devices.



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or [EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGORION](https://www.expeditions.com/ngorion)



*Clockwise from top left: A Category 6 balcony suite aboard Orion. Every cabin has a National Geographic atlas. Category 2 cabin aboard Orion. Explorer bathroom; Explorer upper deck cabin with balcony.*

# INCLUSIVE PRICING MEANS



*Santiago cafe.*



*Buenos Aires.*

Travel to the Antarctic region is a major decision, and, rightfully the focus of all your thoughts and planning until the moment you embark ship. However, our expeditions offer the travel equivalent of an *amuse bouche* to anticipate and savor. If you're aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, you'll spend time before embarkation in Buenos Aires, a warm, cosmopolitan counterbalance to the icy beauty of Antarctica. From the elegant interior of your hotel, the Sofitel Buenos Aires, and its strollable environs, to the tawdry glamour of tango in La Boca, and the fascinating Recoleta necropolis, the time you spend here will be highly gratifying, filled with discoveries. (The urbane flower shop across the street from the hotel? It's a speakeasy. Walk in and see how cool it is behind the walk-in cooler's door..) And if aboard *National Geographic Orion*, Santiago will welcome you to the south with sun-splashed ochre walls, waving palms and breathtaking mountains ringing the city. Enjoy the highly walkable city, on your own or on the informative tour we provide, head out into the surrounding countryside, or opt to savor the warmth poolside in the elegant garden of your graciously-appointed hotel, Santiago's Grand Hyatt.



*King penguins.*

# VALUE PLUS EXPERIENCES

## FREE ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE ON SELECT DEPARTURES

See page 44 or call for details.

## FREE BAR TAB AND CREW GRATUITIES

Starting April 2017, your bar tab and gratuities for the crew are complimentary on all departures of *Explorer* and *Orion*. Call for details.

## COMPLIMENTARY LIMITED EDITION 50TH ANNIVERSARY ANTARCTICA PARKA

## NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ACTIVITIES—EVER

All the daily activities—from city explorations at the beginning and end of the expedition, to Zodiac, kayaking, or hiking explorations—are included in the price.

## INCLUDED ON ALL OFFSHORE EXCURSIONS:

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ One night hotel accommodation at the excellent Sofitel Buenos Aires (or similar) or Grand Hyatt Santiago (or similar) & city overview
- ✓ Guided overview in Ushuaia and hotel VIP lounge pre-airport with refreshments

## NO CHARGE FOR EXPERTISE

The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff, plus all lectures and presentations, and our fully stocked onboard library, are open to all and included in the price.

## AND FREELY ENJOY THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room
- ✓ All non-alcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, latte, coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages, April 2017 onwards
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Tea time with pastries; all-day fruit, cookies
- ✓ Fitness Center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
- ✓ Traditional Swedish Sauna
- ✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card & Internet access
- ✓ Access to the B+H Photo locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- ✓ Access to the ship's Bridge for optimal observation and to watch navigation
- ✓ Crew gratuities, April 2017 onwards



“COME FOR THE PENGUINS,



*Chinstrap penguin.*

# COME BACK FOR THE ICE™

This phrase has talismanic powers for Antarctic travelers. Talk to anyone who has experienced the White Continent, and you'll hear it immediately. And for anyone who has yet to visit Antarctica, it has the solemn power of a prophesy.

Choose to visit during the Antarctic spring of November and December, and you'll see the penguins you've come for starting to nest, beginning the intriguing courtship rituals that will keep them together and allow them to raise a healthy chick. And you'll experience *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion's* unique capabilities in the early ice—as our captains guide them through floes, looking for wildlife, and if nature allows, driving into the fast ice to allow us to disembark for a walk on a frozen sea. And throughout the season, the legendary ice—the ice you'll come back for, larger than



you ever dreamed possible, bergs of impossible beauty, each with its own shape and color—studs the passages, bays, and inlets we'll explore in wonder. Our expedition team will take advantage of the 20 hours of austral daylight to show you every facet of Antarctica, in every way possible: by Zodiac, kayak, or on hikes to ridges for views of towering mountains and cascading glaciers.

Antarctica will touch the deepest part of your soul. The things you'll see there will tattoo themselves on your heart. And if you get engaged in “aim & create” with the photographers aboard—you'll capture and keep it.

# JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

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

PRICES FROM: \$13,360 to \$28,340 (See page 41 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see page 43 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

Traveling aboard the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Explorer* or *National Geographic Orion*, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous icebergs by Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak amid abundant marine life.



## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists during Lindblad's 50th anniversary year in Antarctica.
- ▶ View magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and huge glaciers that make up the dramatic Antarctic landscape.
- ▶ Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of wildlife.
- ▶ Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.
- ▶ On shore observe thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**50  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE**

With a total staff-to-guest ratio of 1:1.5, these dedicated individuals are key to your experience. Among them, our knowledgeable expedition team represents diverse expertise, allowing for more activities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 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. And a Global Perspectives guest speaker adds relevant insight (*Explorer* only).

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

*A Zodiac foray amid the ice.*

**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (EXPLORER) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Grand Hyatt Hotel (or similar) before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK**

Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (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 at play off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on

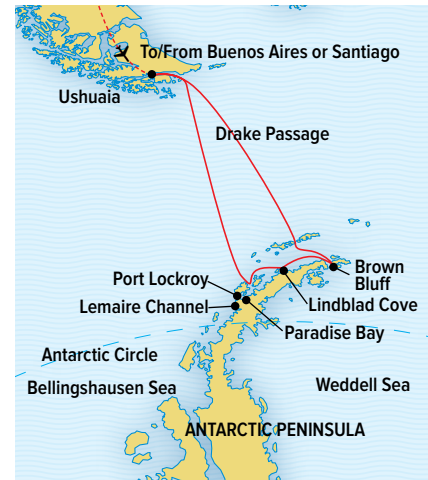
an extra landing. We anticipate making landings each day to hike, kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to thousands of Adélie and chinstrap penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of 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, see and experience more. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA**

Enjoy the ship's amenities as the Antarctica 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: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (EXPLORER) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)/U.S.**

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES (*Explorer*):** 2017 Jan. 26; Feb. 5; Nov. 26; Dec. 6, 16\*, 26\*

**2018** Jan. 5, 15, 25; Feb. 4

**DATES (*Orion*):** 2017 Dec. 17\*, 27\*

**2018** Jan. 6, 16

*Orion* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.

\*For holiday rates, see page 41 (*Explorer*); and page 43 (*Orion*).

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE THIS SEASON – JAN/FEB. 2017

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by Jan. 31, 2017 on select dates for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires or Santiago; ask about other U.S. gateways. Upgrade to business class for \$2,400 on select dates (space available). See page 44 or call for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires** (*Explorer*) or two days in **Santiago** (*Orion*). Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** (both ships), or three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls** (*Explorer* only). Call for details, or see page 38.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS**

Author **James Balog**, Jan. 26, 2017; scientist **Ken Taylor**, Feb. 5, 2017; oceanographer **Dr. Joe MacInnis**, Jan. 5, 2018; **Lee Berger**, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, Jan. 25, 2018;

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

*Explorer*: **Dan Westergren**, Jan. 26 & Feb. 5, 2017; **Erika Larsen**, Jan. 15 & 25, 2018.

*Orion*: **Massimo Bassano**, Dec. 17 & 27, 2017.



Photo ops of a lifetime!

# BEYOND ANTARCTICA: THE SOUTHERN OC



Anglican Cathedral,  
Stanley, Falklands.

South Georgia, called the Serengeti of the Southern Ocean by wildlife cognoscenti and travelers savvy enough to know to explore there, and the utterly surprising Falkland Islands are two of the planet's most rewarding discoveries. The wildlife spectacle is staggering—from hundreds of albatross nesting on the windward cliffs of the Falkland isles, to South Georgia's king penguin colonies with six-digit populations and a stunning backdrop of mountains, mostly unclimbed, and glaciers. And over it lies the shimmering mantle of history; it's where the stirring drama of the Shackleton expedition aboard the *Endurance* indelibly enacted itself.

At many of our landings on South Georgia, we discover a dizzying number of different creatures manifesting all sorts of fascinating behavior. We'll observe teeming masses of king, gentoo and macaroni penguins,





# EAN TRIFECTA

elephant seals, fur seals, wandering albatross, skuas, and perhaps the tiny, yet mighty, South Georgia pipit, the only songbird below the polar front. On the Falkland Islands, we are treated to rare beauty and opportunity: to see rockhopper penguin colonies and albatross, to revel in landscapes of surpassing wildness and beauty, and to meet locals—the hardy lot that inhabits the wind-racked Southern Ocean, thrive there, and extend us a welcome that dates back to Lars-Eric Lindblad’s era when he put these pristine places on the eco-map. We have the luxury of time on this expedition—generous, slowed down, richly rewarding—to fully absorb the wonder of it. South Georgia and the Falklands, different but enchanting, grant us a vision of the primeval world—in which animals have dominion and live their lives in full.



*Gray-headed albatross.*



*King penguins greet Explorer at South Georgia.*

# ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

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

PRICES FROM: \$23,100 to \$45,880 (See page 41 for complete  
*National Geographic Explorer* prices; see page 43 for  
*National Geographic Orion* prices.)

This voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland's amazing bird colonies. Traveling aboard one of 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.



## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**50  
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.” And a Global Perspectives guest speaker adds relevant insight (*Explorer* only).

*South Georgia is home to some of the largest king penguin colonies in the world—tens of thousands on a single beach.*

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Trace the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fateful journey aboard *Endurance*, and toast at his gravesite in South Georgia.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 50 years of experience here.
- ▶ Glide in a kayak or explore in a Zodiac past massive icebergs.
- ▶ Observe tens of thousands of king penguins on a single beach.



**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS**

**AIRES, ARGENTINA (EXPLORER) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Grand Hyatt Hotel (or similar) before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: FLY TO 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)

**DAY 4: AT SEA**

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

**DAYS 5-10: 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 11 AND 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)**

**DAYS 13-17: 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. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

**DAYS 18 AND 19: AT SEA (B,L,D)**

**DAYS 20 AND 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

The Falklands boast albatross, 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)



**DAY 22: AT SEA**

On our final day 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: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (EXPLORER) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)/U.S.**

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 23: B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES (*Explorer*):** 2017 Feb. 15; Nov. 6\* 2018 Feb. 14

**DATES (*Orion*):** 2017 Feb. 14; Nov. 7\*, 27\* 2018 Jan. 26; Feb. 15

\*These voyages travel in reverse.

Note: *Orion* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.



**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book select departures by **Jan. 31, 2017** for free round-trip economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires (or Santiago); ask about other U.S. gateways. Upgrade to business class for \$2,400 on select dates (space available). See page 44 or call for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires (*Explorer*)** or two days in **Santiago (*Orion*)**. Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** (both ships), or three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls (*Explorer* only)**. Visit our website or see page 38.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

Travel with scientist **Ken Taylor**, Feb. 15, 2017; Chair of the USARC, **Fran Ulmer**, Nov. 6, 2017; or **Joe McConnell**, Feb. 14, 2018.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

*Explorer*: **Tyrone Turner**, Nov. 6, 2017. *Orion*: **Dan Westergren**, Nov. 7, 2017; **Macduff Everton**, Feb. 15, 2018.

GO FURTHER, TO SOUTH GE



*King penguins, South Georgia.*

# ORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

Recently a group of adventurous travelers chartered *National Geographic Orion* for an Antarctica expedition, and they sent back this report. Among



*Stanley, Falkland Islands.*

the guests was a teenager, who was found in the ship's lounge on the return voyage, dejected, with his head in his hands. When asked what the matter was, he replied "How can I go on? I'm only 16 years old and the best thing in my life has already happened. What else can I look forward to?" We see his point. But we would answer: Cheer up, young man: South Georgia and the Falklands!

While no member of our expedition team will tell you that South Georgia, or the Falklands, exceeds Antarctica in compelling wonder, many of them will tell you that it is, hands down, their favorite place on Earth. Everyone on our large, extended and itinerant staff leaps at the prospect of being assigned to South Georgia. And this focused expedition is the perfect way to experience these islands—full-on immersion in two little-known but stunning geographies, with the most massive array of charismatic wildlife on earth. Imagine the Serengeti, but happening mere feet from you.

If you have been to Antarctica, you're all set; this is the perfect next chapter in your travel life story. If you haven't been to Antarctica, can't spare the time for our expedition encompassing all three, and must decide: we sympathize; it's a torturous 'either or.' We suggest calling an Expedition Specialist for answers to your questions, or a coin toss.



*Wandering albatross spreads its wings.*

# SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

## 19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$15,930 to \$32,880 (See page 41 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices.)

Steeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: gentoo and macaroni penguins, enormous elephant seals and a thriving fur seal population. Here on South Georgia you can observe one of the world's great wildlife spectacles: literally tens of thousands stately king penguins on a single beach. See the human face of the region in the Falklands, reminiscent of Great Britain, with grazing sheep, tea and crumpets. And in this privileged place, the albatross reveal the beauty of their mysterious lives.



## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**50**  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

With a total staff-to-guest ratio of 1:1.5, these dedicated individuals are key to your experience. Among them, our knowledgeable expedition team represents diverse expertise, allowing for more activities 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.

*King penguins as far as the eye can see, South Georgia.*

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fated Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition aboard *Endurance*.
- ▶ See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- ▶ Observe magnificent albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- ▶ Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and explore the isolated bays by Zodiac.
- ▶ Compare camera settings side-by-side with a National Geographic photographer.

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

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK**

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC**

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



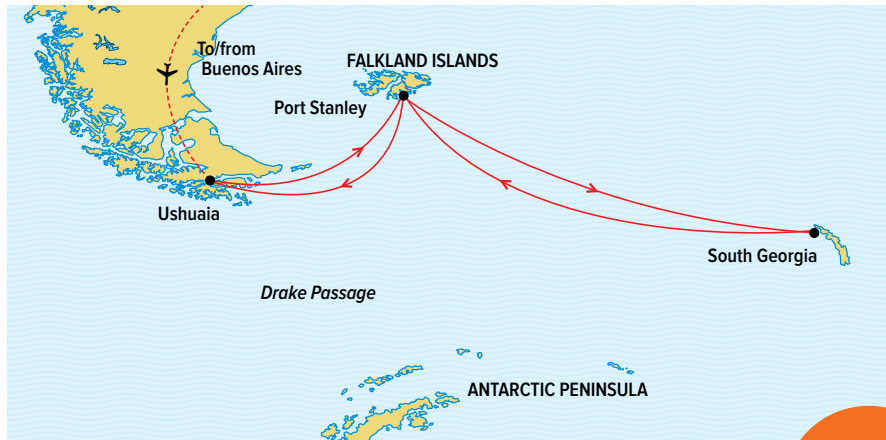
*Blue-eyed shags, Falkland Islands.*

**DAYS 5 AND 6: 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 fur and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 7 AND 8: 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)



**DAYS 9-13: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

Explore the spectacular coastline of South Georgia Island. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking and Zodiac excursions. Sailing along the coast, we plan to make stops every day including Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Bay, where Shackleton, Tom Crean and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. And, on a single beach, you will see thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

**DAYS 14 AND 15: AT SEA**

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the bridge. Or spend the day enjoying the ship's spa, fitness center, library, and observation deck. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a few at a local pub, and stroll this remote Victorian town. (B,L,D)

**DAY 17: 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)

**DAYS 18 AND 19: DISEMBARK**

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/FLY TO BUENOS AIRES  
Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by private charter to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 18: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** (*Explorer*) 2017 Mar. 7, Oct. 23\* 2018 Mar. 6

\*This departure is 18 days and priced accordingly. Visit our website.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE THIS SEASON - MARCH 2017

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **Jan. 31, 2017** to receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia). Call for details.



*Easter Island.*

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires**. Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island**, or three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls**. Visit our website or see page 38.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS**

Flanking our expert staff are guest speakers whose unique backgrounds and relevant insights add layers of interest. **Learn more at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts)**

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Travel with **Michael Melford**, Mar. 7, 2017; **Keith Ladzinski**, Oct. 23, 2017.

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

# EXTEND YOUR EXPEDITION



## ADD BUENOS AIRES

### PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2016/17\*: \$1,890 per person, double occupancy.  
2017/18\*: \$1,890 per person, double occupancy.

Explore vibrant Buenos Aires on a curated two-day extension that showcases the beguiling personality of one of the world's greatest cities. Add it before *Explorer* voyages only of **Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands; South Georgia & the Falklands.**



## ADD SANTIAGO CITY, WINE & CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

### PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2016/17\*: \$1,890 per person, double occupancy.  
2017/18\*: \$1,990 per person, double occupancy.

Get a taste for Santiago's world famous cuisine at premier restaurants and venture into wine country for private tours and tastings at Chile's top wineries. Available for *Orion* voyages only on **Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands.**



## ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

### POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2016/17\*: \$2,790 per person, double occupancy.  
2017/18\*: \$2,790 per person, double occupancy.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon—an incredible display of raw power. Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park. Available for *National Geographic Explorer* voyages only on **Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands; South Georgia & the Falklands.**

*Note: On all extensions airfare is not included; additional cost applies*



## ADD EASTER ISLAND

### POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2016/17\*: \$4,190 per person, double occupancy.  
2017/18\*: \$4,390 per person, double occupancy.

Visit one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island, home to more than 600 giant *moai* or stone statues carved by the ancient Rapa Nui. Add it after select departures of **Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands; South Georgia & the Falklands.**

*\*Note: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Buenos Aires (Explorer) or Santiago (Orion); additional cost applies.*



# EXPEDITIONS BY PRIVATE CHARTER

In the last several years the 148-guest *National Geographic Explorer* has served as the platform for a major climate awareness summit in the Arctic; and the 102-guest *National Geographic Orion* has hosted a TED conference in the South Pacific. Both ships are available for charters to Antarctica in season, from a corporate incentive or meeting, to a special event with friends and family, and provide you with unparalleled possibilities for a transformative experience.

We offer the full array of features and benefits that characterize our expeditions, plus an Exclusive Charter Coordinator to assist with all pre-voyage and shipboard arrangements for personalized service. To discuss your potential needs or interests, contact **Karen Kuttner Dimitry, Vice President of Affinity & Charter Sales**, at [KarenK@Expeditions.com](mailto:KarenK@Expeditions.com)





## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

**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-1A Super on the forward 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; mudroom 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

**CATEGORY A SOLO:** Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**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. Equipped with ethernet and wifi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 36 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote controlled camera and video microscope.

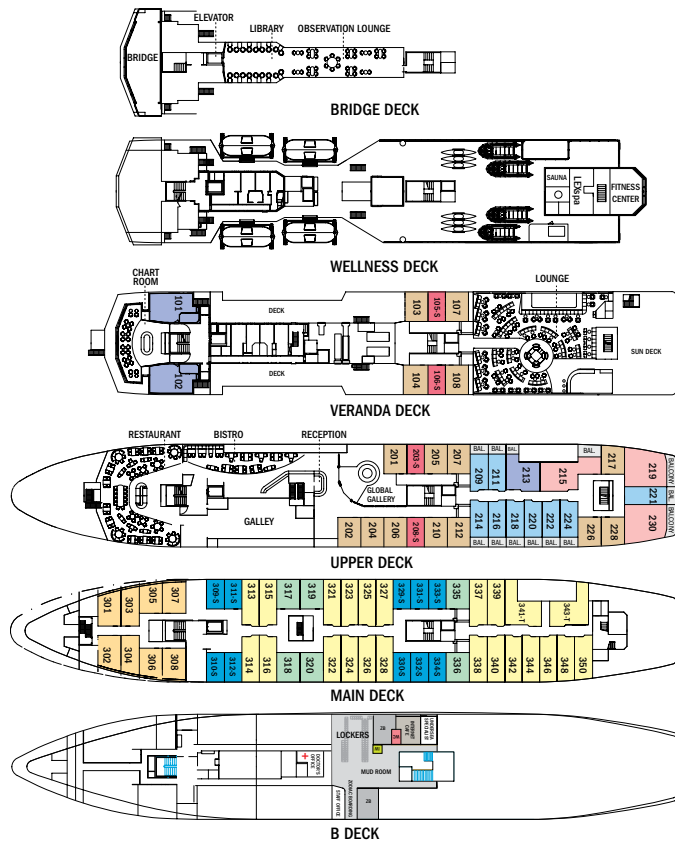
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Global Perspectives guest speaker, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, LEXspa treatment room and sauna.

**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. **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. Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. 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.



From top: Category 3 cabin; a standard bathroom; example of a spacious solo cabin with window.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Journey to Antarctica – Page 28	2016/2017	\$13,360	\$14,360	\$14,790	\$15,920	\$19,150	\$21,880	\$25,480	\$17,950	\$18,490	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
	2017/2018	\$13,760	\$14,790	\$15,230	\$16,390	\$19,720	\$22,540	\$26,240	\$18,490	\$19,040		
Journey to Antarctica – Holiday departures – Page 28	2017/2018	\$14,860	\$15,970	\$16,450	\$17,690	\$21,290	\$24,340	\$28,340	\$19,960	\$20,560	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands – Page 32	2016/2017	\$23,100	\$24,750	\$25,910	\$27,130	\$33,290	\$38,420	\$44,550	\$30,930	\$32,390	\$3,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
	2017/2018	\$23,790	\$25,490	\$26,690	\$27,940	\$34,290	\$39,570	\$45,880	\$31,860	\$33,360		
South Georgia and the Falklands – Page 36	Oct. 2017	\$15,930	\$16,990	\$17,930	\$18,990	\$22,990	\$26,580	\$30,830	\$21,240	\$22,410	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
	Mar. 2017/2018	\$16,990	\$18,130	\$19,130	\$20,350	\$24,580	\$28,350	\$32,880	\$22,660	\$23,910		



# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

**CAPACITY:** 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 feet.

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* (built in 2004) joined the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet in 2014. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with a steel reinforced forward hull, it enables us to navigate polar passages in exceptional comfort.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, marina platform, and mudroom. 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.

**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 French balcony  
#501, 503-506, 508

**CABINS:** All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV with DVD/CD player. Equipped with ethernet and wifi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French 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 fleet of 24 double kayaks, crew’s nest camera, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus an undersea specialist.

**WELLNESS:** A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.

**CATEGORY 6:** Bridge Deck—Owner’s suite with French balcony  
#502, 507, 509\*, 510

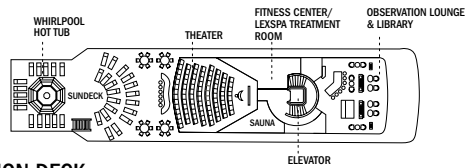
\*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

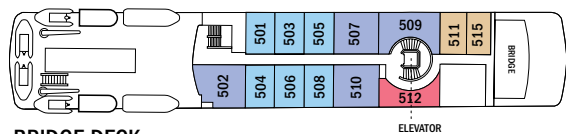
**CATEGORY 3 SOLO:** Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

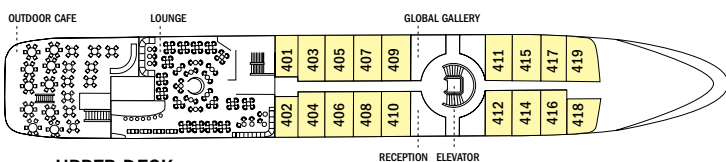
NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.



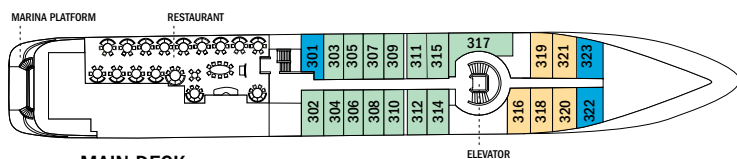
OBSERVATION DECK



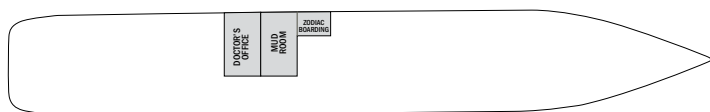
BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



EXPEDITION DECK



Nautical chart table in the observation lounge and library; main lounge and bar; Category 3 suite.

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ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Journey to Antarctica – Page 28	2017/2018	\$13,760	\$14,790	\$16,390	\$19,720	\$22,540	\$26,240	\$20,640	\$24,590	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$900; Business from \$4,100. Charter Airfare from \$990 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
Journey to Antarctica – Holiday departures – Page 28	2017/2018	\$14,860	\$15,970	\$17,690	\$21,290	\$24,340	\$28,340	\$22,290	\$26,530	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$900; Business from \$4,100. Charter Airfare from \$990 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands – Page 32	2016/2017	\$23,100	\$24,750	\$27,130	\$33,290	\$38,420	\$44,550	\$34,650	\$40,690	\$3,000	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$900; Business from \$4,100. Charter Airfare from \$990 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
	2017/2018	\$23,790	\$25,490	\$27,940	\$34,290	\$39,570	\$45,880	\$35,690	\$41,910		

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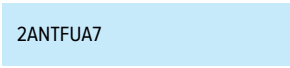
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