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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,

2016 will be a special year for *National Geographic Explorer*, our company and, hopefully, you. We will celebrate our heritage, and some interesting twists on geography, including some new options for shorter, more succinct expedition experiences.

HERITAGE

In 1966 my father, Lars-Eric Lindblad, brought the first citizen-explorers to Antarctica. It's remarkable to think of the courage and vision that took, and how his pioneering exploits have guided us since. So there will be plenty of celebration all year around the **50th anniversary** of the birth of expedition travel.

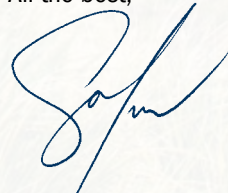
NEW GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

Iceland. Much of the world, myself included, has become increasingly fascinated with Iceland. It is a rugged land with a population, and a national character, that has been forged by the elements. Icelanders are extremely sophisticated while, at the same time, deeply rooted in tradition. In addition to our hallmark 9-night circumnavigation, we are adding two departures entitled *Iceland By Land & Sea: From Reykjavik To The Wild West*, but that I call — **succinct, condensed, concise – so close, so different.** It's a mere 5 nights for those who simply want a quick break. Did you know that flying to Iceland takes only 21 minutes longer than to Los Angeles from New York?

Patagonia. As explorers, we are focused on the remote, pristine regions of the world, places we call 'capitals of wildness.' And we have added Patagonia to our list. It's what I describe as Patagonia: your way—three distinct itineraries ranging from 11 to 20 days for a vitalizing dose of Patagonia's pure tonic of wildness.

And, of course, there are many more expeditions to choose from in Antarctica, the Arctic, Norway and the British Isles. So enjoy the possibilities featured here. And I hope you will join us this year.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

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50 YEARS: CELEBRATING THE LINDBLAD HERITAGE



In 1966 Lars-Eric Lindblad, a Swede who had emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1951 and subsequently became a citizen, chartered an Argentine naval vessel and took the first group of 'citizen explorers' to Antarctica, one of the world's most untamed places. Long recognized as the inventor of expedition travel and considered the father of eco-tourism, Lars-Eric Lindblad, the recipient of top travel

and exploration distinctions, has been widely recognized for his achievements and, our 2016-17 season marks the beginning of our celebration of the Lindblad legacy—the invention of expedition travel and 50 years of experience in orchestrating extraordinary opportunities for generations of curious, intelligent travelers. Celebrate with us and in addition to joining the ranks of the few thousands to see Antarctica with your own eyes, you'll return home with glorious photos, and your own limited edition, collectible 50th anniversary heritage parka.



The limited edition embroidered patch design above is based on the original sterling silver and enamel pin given to guests to celebrate Lars-Eric Lindblad's pioneering Antarctic voyage.



“If Lars-Eric Lindblad had lived in the year 1000, he probably would have set foot on the North American continent before Leif Erickson. Or turning eastward, he might have reached China before Marco Polo...To me the name Lindblad is synonymous with adventure. Ever since I met Lars-Eric...I was soon helping him to scout some of the wild places that few people had ever seen.”

—From the Introduction to Lars-Eric Lindblad’s autobiography, *Passage To Anywhere*, written by the legendary ornithologist, Roger Tory Peterson, 1983



THIS IS 21ST-CENTURY EXPLORATION AT ITS FINEST

It's not simply where *National Geographic Explorer* goes that makes traveling aboard her so deeply rewarding, it's *how* she voyages—amply illustrated on the following pages. Her season takes her on a long arc from the polar North to the South, and amazing places in between. But it's her expedition team's ability to dig deep into the fabric of the world to reveal its discoveries—from the most precious UNESCO World Heritage sites to the little-known gems—that matters. Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, no one is a sightseer; every individual is herself or himself an explorer, actively engaged in discovering the world for the very first time.

The state-of-the-art National Geographic Explorer's many outdoor spaces offer a front-row seat on wild scenery.



ACTIVELY ENGAGE WITH WILDNESS & WONDER



Zodiac landing at South Georgia amid king penguins.



AUTHENTICALLY CONNECT ON PERSONAL EXPLORATIONS

National Geographic Explorer is the only expedition ship designed and equipped by individuals with a collective 175 years of expedition experience. With a fleet of Zodiacs, the best landing craft in the industry, and untippable sea kayaks, *Explorer* fosters genuine up-close exploration, enabling you to have life-enhancing encounters with beauty, wildness, serenity and silence, in the planet's most pristine places.





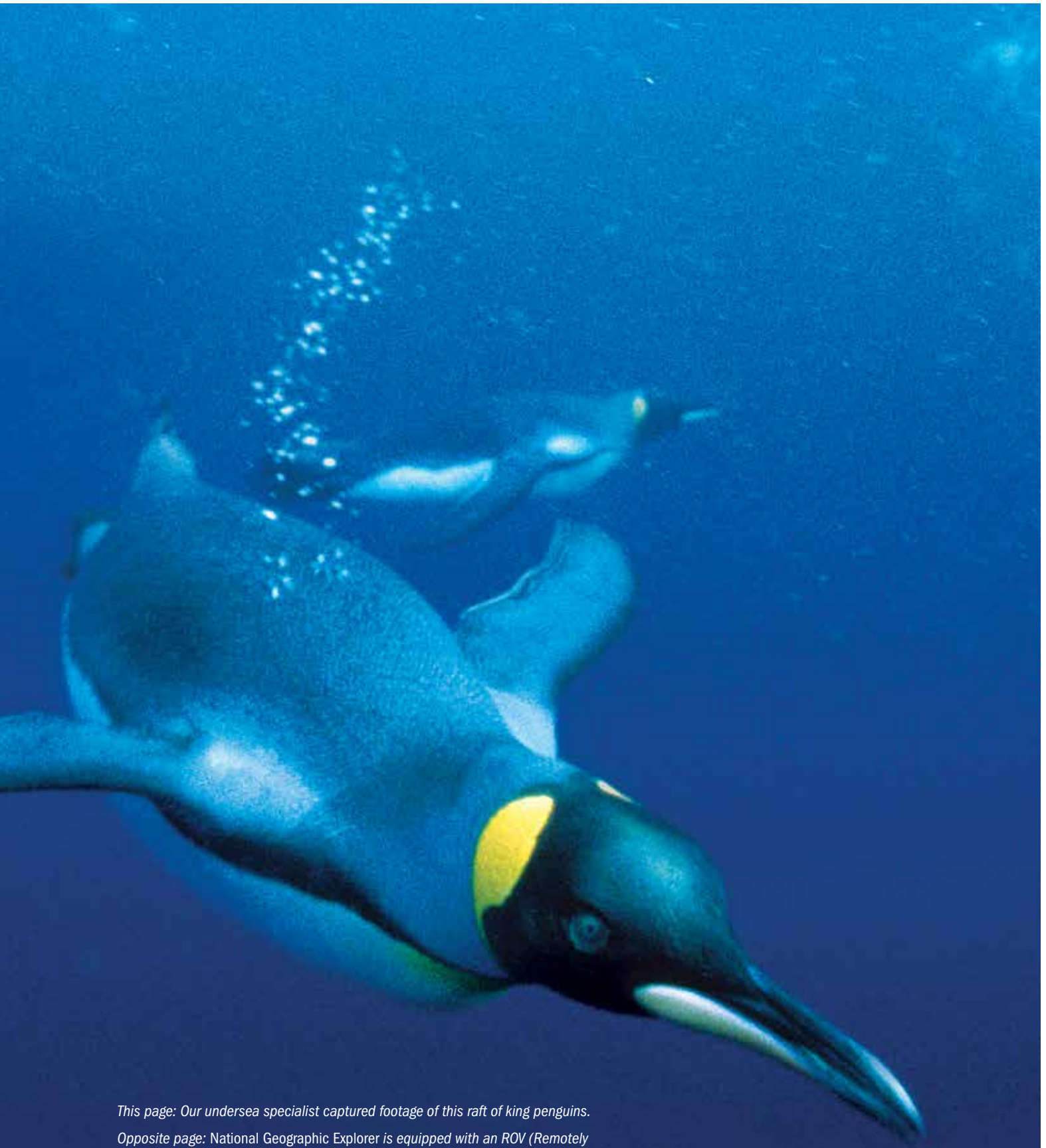
Clockwise from left: Guests experience an exhilarating Zodiac cruise into Fingal's Cave, Staffa Island, Scotland; our naturalists are at the ready for in-the-field observations and insights; from a tandem kayak, guests enjoy up-close encounters with Antarctic wildlife, such as the Weddell seal seen here; guest photographing and hiking along the Norwegian coast.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE OCEAN WHILE STAYING COMPLETELY DRY



National Geographic Explorer is uniquely equipped with an undersea specialist/diver, undersea video technology and an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths of up to 1,000 feet and providing our guests with an unparalleled opportunity to explore beneath the polar surface. *Explorer* provides an immersive 360° optic on even the most remote geographies—like the Arctic and Antarctica, where our undersea specialists have recorded species top

marine biologists have never seen before. In addition, both *Explorer's* decor and her inspirational aspect are enhanced by a permanent “Ocean” exhibit installed on board, featuring photo and video displays by top National Geographic photographers, and curated by experts from the National Geographic Ocean Initiative and Museum divisions—enabling you to experience the wonder, challenges and opportunities of a vibrant ocean while traveling to the inspiring places it connects.



This page: Our undersea specialist captured footage of this raft of king penguins.

Opposite page: National Geographic Explorer is equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet, providing footage to view in the dry warmth and comfort of the lounge.

BENEFIT FROM THE BEST EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM ON EARTH

Whether you think of yourself as a photographer or simply want to capture the moments at the heart of your expedition, you'll take your best photos ever aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. You'll have an onboard Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor at your side and at your service to help you better understand your camera and its settings, the basics of composition, and the wildlife you'll aim your camera at. And you'll be accompanied by a top National Geographic photographer to provide inspiration, tips and advice gleaned over the course of significant careers.

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A 'laptop gallery' during a share-and-learn session.

Photographers get their shots.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

National Geographic photographers aboard *Explorer* this season are: Jim Richardson, Tim Laman, Michael Melford, Jeff Mauritzen, Krista Rossow, Kip Evans, Jay Dickman, Rich Reid, Annie Griffiths, and Susan Seubert.

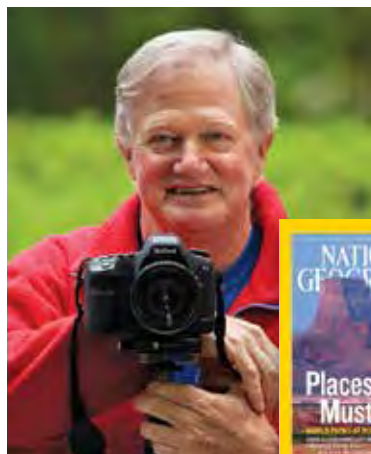
RICH REID

Award-winning photographer, filmmaker, and instructor Rich Reid has specialized in environmental and adventure photography for more than two decades. Recently, the North America Nature Photography Association presented Rich with a Fellows Award for his professional contribution to nature photography.



ANNIE GRIFFITHS

One of the first female photographers to work for National Geographic, Annie Griffiths has taken photographs in more than 100 countries. She has worked on dozens of magazine and book projects for the Society, including stories ranging from Iceland, Lawrence of Arabia, and Baja California, to New Zealand. Her newest book, *Simply Beautiful Photographs*, was published by National Geographic.



MICHAEL MELFORD

National Geographic photographer Michael Melford has produced more than a dozen feature stories for *National Geographic* magazine and more than 30 for *National Geographic Traveler*, including eight covers. On assignment for *National Geographic* for the past ten years, Michael has often used photography to bring attention to the planet's wonders and the need to preserve them. He shot the cover story "Places We Must Save," for the October 2006 issue of *National Geographic* magazine, as well as a cover story on threats to America's national parks.



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SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE BEST AND THE

Our expedition leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, are outstanding individuals, leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, marine biologists, geologists, glaciologists, historians, archaeologists and undersea specialists who return each year, like migratory species, to their respective geographies on *Explorer's* route. They help us pioneer new routes, like this season's Patagonia itineraries. Their commitment and passion will engage you, and their knowledge will illuminate the facets of all you'll see and do during your expedition.



Above: Representing the entire team (clockwise from top left): oceanographer Jim Kelley; marine specialist Stephanie Martin; naturalist/photographer Ralph Lee Hopkins; expedition leader Lucho Verdesoto; undersea specialist Alyssa Adler; naturalist/photographer Eric Guth; and veteran naturalist Tom Ritchie.

Right: Our expedition leader Lisa Kelley guides guests ashore via Zodiac in Nordfjord, Norway.



BRIGHTEST



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SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH RELEVANT EXPERTS FROM DIVERSE FIELDS

Our Global Perspectives guest speaker program pairs engaging and knowledgeable experts with fascinating geographies to enrich your experience, and add extra levels of perspective and insight to our expedition team's expertise. Join us aboard *National Geographic Explorer* this season to adventure with:

JAMES BALOG

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

✓ Antarctica, Jan. 26, 2017

GRO BRUNDTLAND

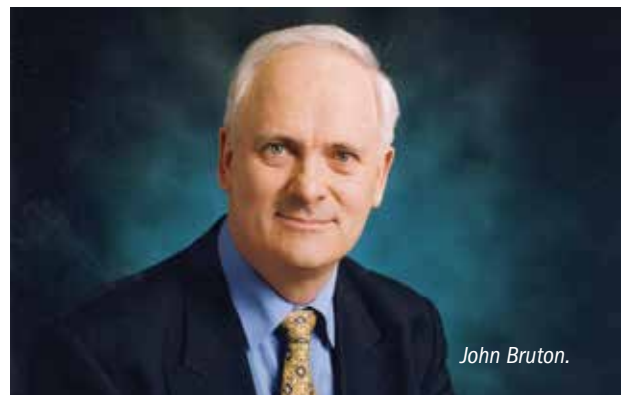
Former Prime Minister of Norway, now UN Special Envoy on Climate Change. Stateswoman, physician and international activist, for over four decades Dr. Brundtland has been dedicated to global interdependence, focusing on global environmental awareness.

✓ Land of the Ice Bears, Jun. 4, 2016

JOHN BRUTON

Former Prime Minister of Ireland and a former President in office of the European Council. He currently serves as the EU Ambassador to Washington and played a key role in the development of the Euro. He will be aboard through May 19.

✓ Exploring the British & Irish Isles, May 9, 2016



John Bruton.

ANDREW CLARKE

An ecologist with a lifelong interest in birds, Andrew Clarke has spent his working life in the polar regions, including geological fieldwork in Svalbard.

✓ Land of the Ice Bears, June 18, 2016

PETER HILLARY

Born into mountaineering royalty, the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, Peter was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition. He has summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents, and established a new overland route to the South Pole.

✓ Antarctica, Jan. 16, Feb. 5, Nov. 27 and Dec. 7, 2016

MIKE LIBECKI

A 2013 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, Mike has planned and succeeded on 60 expeditions and established multiple first ascents. His ten-day climb to Bertha's Tower in Antarctica's Queen Maud Land was featured on the National Geographic Live! Film series.

✓ Antarctica, Dec. 17 & 27, 2016



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James Balog.



Clockwise from left: Gro Brundtland; Andrew Clarke; Mike Libecky; Fen Montaigne.

ROBERT MACNEIL

Raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Robin, as he is known, is a Canadian American author, journalist and former television news anchor for The MacNeil/Lehrer Report.

- ✓ Canadian Maritimes, Sep. 8 & 15, 2016

ALASDAIR MCGREGOR

Writer and historian who wrote the definitive biography of the *Endurance* photographer/adventurer Frank Hurley: *A Photographer's Life*; and edited *Antarctica: That Sweep of Savage Splendor*.

- ✓ Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Nov. 7, 2015
- ✓ Antarctica, Nov. 27, 2015

FEN MONTAIGNE

The lead lecturer on a 22-lecture series on the polar regions for The Great Courses, entitled "National Geographic Polar Explorations," and made in collaboration with Lindblad Expeditions. His work has appeared in *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, and others.

- ✓ Land of the Ice Bears, Jun. 11, 2016

KEN TAYLOR

Professor and scientist leading the effort to recover and analyze the ice core to help predict future climate and sea level. He also leads projects related to water quality and development in the Western U.S. and rural Africa.

- ✓ Antarctica, Feb. 5, 2017
- ✓ Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 15, 2017

DON WALSH

Oceanographer, explorer and Honorary President of the Explorer's Club, Don was awarded National Geographic's prestigious Hubbard Medal. He has traveled to the deepest point of the ocean and has participated in dozens of polar expeditions.

- ✓ Circumnavigation of Iceland, Jul. 10 & 19, 2016

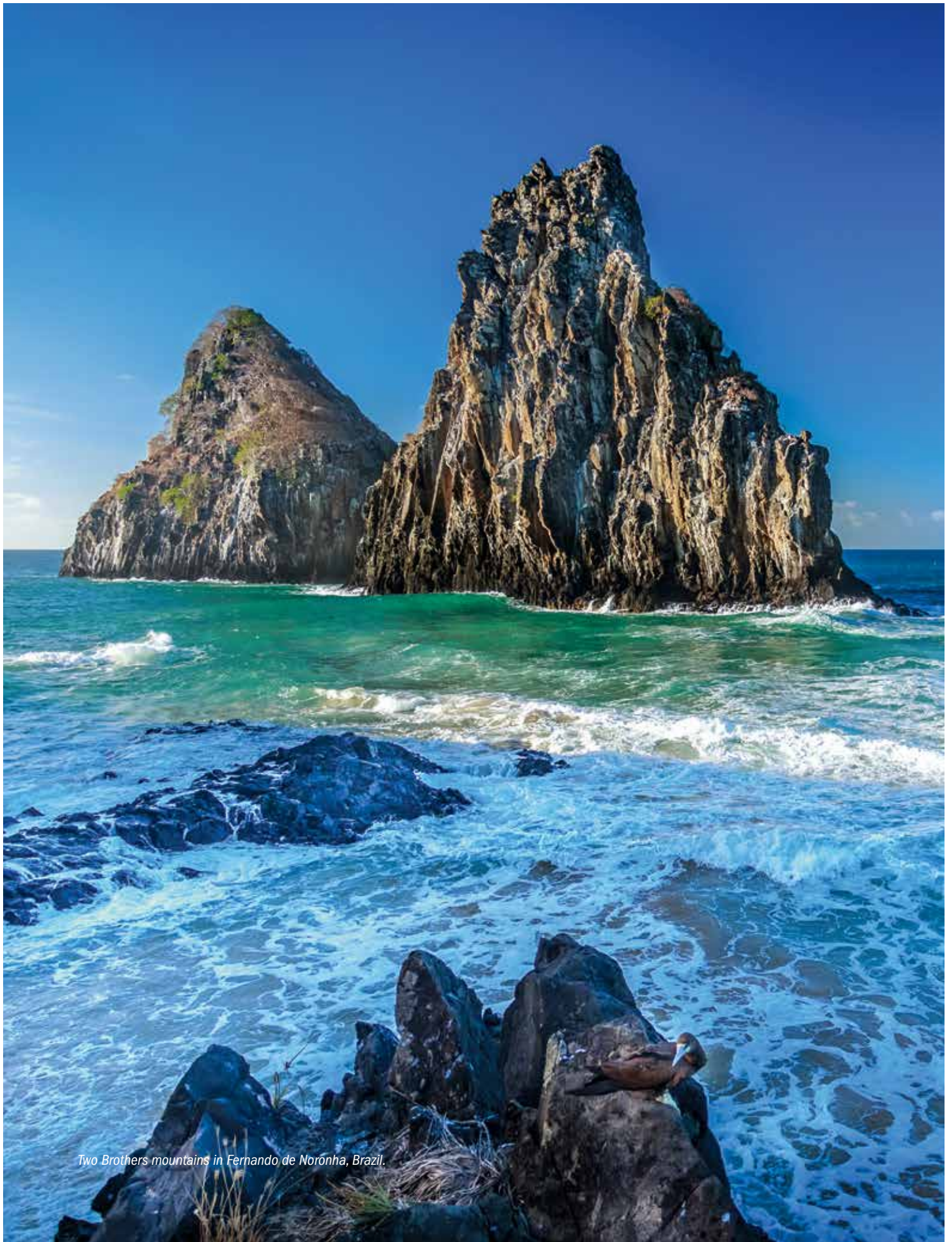
MICHAEL WYSESSION

A professor, author and leader in the areas of seismology and geophysical education. He participated in a lecture series on the polar regions for The Great Courses entitled "National Geographic Polar Explorations," covering all aspects of life in the Arctic and Antarctic.

- ✓ Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland, Jun. 25, 2016



Peter Hillary.



Two Brothers mountains in Fernando de Noronha, Brazil.

“It has to be remembered that until Amerigo Vespucci, there was no knowledge—nor even a suspicion or a hint—that the Atlantic was a separate sea. Culturally, this was an ocean that until the end of the fifteenth century was not known to exist. Then, and at a stroke with Vespucci’s voyage, the Atlantic Ocean was born; suddenly, it was there.”

—The Atlantic,* Simon Winchester

EPIC VOYAGE, EPIC TEE & GLORY

Who gets to do this anymore—embark a transatlantic voyage that will cover 8,000 nautical miles of the Atlantic, traversed as epically only by golden age explorers? This is the stuff of romance, and personal mythology. It is the rare individual, with the luxury of this kind of time and imagination that selects this expedition, gets to share the adventure with like-minded others, and sports a tee shirt only approximately 100 fellow explorers can ever own.

As for what awaits you out there on the Atlantic Ocean—the itinerary on the following pages explains much and hints at more—the continental points you’ll touch, the storied islands you’ll visit, the unprecedented moments you’ll experience. Our Expedition Specialists can answer any further questions you might have. And Simon Winchester’s *The Atlantic*, your thank you gift for joining this expedition, fleshes out the contours, as well. As *The New York Times* stated in its review: “The author rolls through the age of exploration with typical Winchesterian prose: history infused with lively and colorful anecdotes, a spirit of bonhomie and a bit of British cheek... He’s tough on Columbus, whom he portrays as a dim bulb for clinging to the belief that the Caribbean islands he kept bumping into were obscure pieces of Asia... It fell to the Florentine



This commemorative tee was created exclusively for this voyage, to mark the achievement of crossing an epic swath of ocean. Join this voyage, and wear it with pride.

navigator Amerigo Vespucci, who’d sailed along the coast of Brazil (Note: as will you in the beginning of this voyage) to announce that the land across the sea was, in fact, a totally new continent—which made the Atlantic its own ocean.”



**Book this voyage, and you’ll receive a copy of *The Atlantic* with our compliments—prior to departure so you’ll be entertained and illuminated before embarking.*

EPIC 108°: AN ATLANTIC ODYSSEY

29 DAYS/27 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$8,980 to \$15,990 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

This epic *National Geographic Explorer* journey sets out to cover nearly 8,000 nautical miles and reach three continental areas; it is a voyage rarely undertaken these days. Passing from the tip of Tierra del Fuego, up the coast of South America across to Cape Verde, and ending in the European Union, we will traverse over 108 degrees of latitude from 54.8° S at Ushuaia, Argentina to 53.5°N at Bremerhaven, Germany. Culturally, biologically, and oceanographically, we are in for some major diversity. With all the romance of an ocean crossing and the thrill of discovery—this expedition is one-of-a-kind.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Search for spinner dolphins, sharks, turtles and more at Fernando de Noronha, Brazil's marine UNESCO site.
- ▶ Enjoy carefully curated experiences in the cosmopolitan capitals of Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.
- ▶ Explore Fogo, the youngest and most continually active volcano of the Cape Verde Islands.
- ▶ Discover the lush laurel forests (a UNESCO World Heritage site) of Madeira and sample the wine for which the region is famous.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Golden lion tamarin at Poco das Antas Biological Reserve, Brazil.



MAR. 21 AND 22: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Settle into the excellent Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (May 22: L)

MAR. 23: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly by private charter to Ushuaia. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

MAR. 24-29: AT SEA – ALONG THE COASTS OF ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

Make the most of shipboard life: meet your expedition staff and fellow travelers; head up to the bridge to meet the Captain and his officers; and enjoy engaging presentations about Brazil. (B,L,D)

MAR. 30: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Today's options will be many: visit the golden lion tamarins at Poco das Antas Biological Reserve, create photo ops at the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, catch a cable car up Sugarloaf Mountain, or visit Rio's legendary beaches. This evening we venture to the world-famous Rio Scenarium for samba music and dancing. (B,L,D)

MAR. 31-APR. 3: AT SEA – CROSSING INTO THE TROPICS

Treat yourself—it's on us: Enjoy your choice of one of our rejuvenating wellness treatments—simply choose which aboard ship. (B,L,D)



Spinner dolphins, Fernando de Noronha.

APR. 4: EXPLORING FERNANDO DE NORONHA

Explore this pristine archipelago, where strict visitor limits and a ban on ship traffic have successfully preserved this UNESCO site.

Its rich waters are an important breeding ground for tuna, turtles, sharks and marine mammals—and the largest concentration of tropical seabirds in the western Atlantic. Opt to hike, swim and snorkel in the crystalline waters, or take a boat excursion to Dolphins Bay to marvel at its spinner dolphins. (B,L,D)

APR. 5-7: AT SEA – CROSSING THE EQUATOR

Our voyage from sub-Antarctic waters into the tropics and across the equator will provide great wildlife and marine life encounters. Cross the equator via kayak or Zodiac—with photos to prove you did it! (B,L,D)

APR. 8: FOGO: CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

Fogo is the youngest and most continually active volcano in the Cape Verde Islands. Take advantage of breathtaking photo ops to capture the juxtaposition of these gracious mountains and the jagged lava rocks and lunar-like landscape of the volcanic crater. (B,L,D)

APR. 9-11: AT SEA – CROSSING FROM THE TROPICS TO THE SUB-TROPICS

Enjoy staff lectures on everything from the Portuguese and Spanish navigators of the 15th-century Age of Discovery to talks from our photography team on how to organize and share your images. (B,L,D)

APR. 12: MADEIRA, PORTUGAL

Explore the exotic flora and glorious terraced gardens. Choose a walk through the Laurisilva Forest or a visit to the Madeira Whale Museum, and sample Madeira's famed seafood and wines. Perhaps you'll indulge in a ride down the steep streets of Monte in a traditional wicker-sided toboggan, or hike the windswept headlands at the eastern tip of the island. (B,L,D)

APR. 13-15: AT SEA – ALONG EUROPE'S COAST

Spend time on deck, soaking up the tonic of sea air, mild weather, and beautiful views, perhaps with a book and drink in hand (B,L,D)

APR. 16: DARTMOUTH, U.K.

Perched atop a steep hill above the River Dart, is the charming, seafaring town of Dartmouth. At Dartmouth Castle, we visit the guardrooms and winding passages. This afternoon you'll



have free time to meander Dartmouth's quaint shops, pubs and picturesque lanes. (B,L,D)

APR. 17: AT SEA – ALONG THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

Our final day at sea is time to reflect on all that we have seen and done on this sweeping voyage, and to celebrate at our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

APR. 18: BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY/ DISEMBARK/HAMBURG/U.S.

Disembark this morning in Bremerhaven and transfer to Hamburg for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

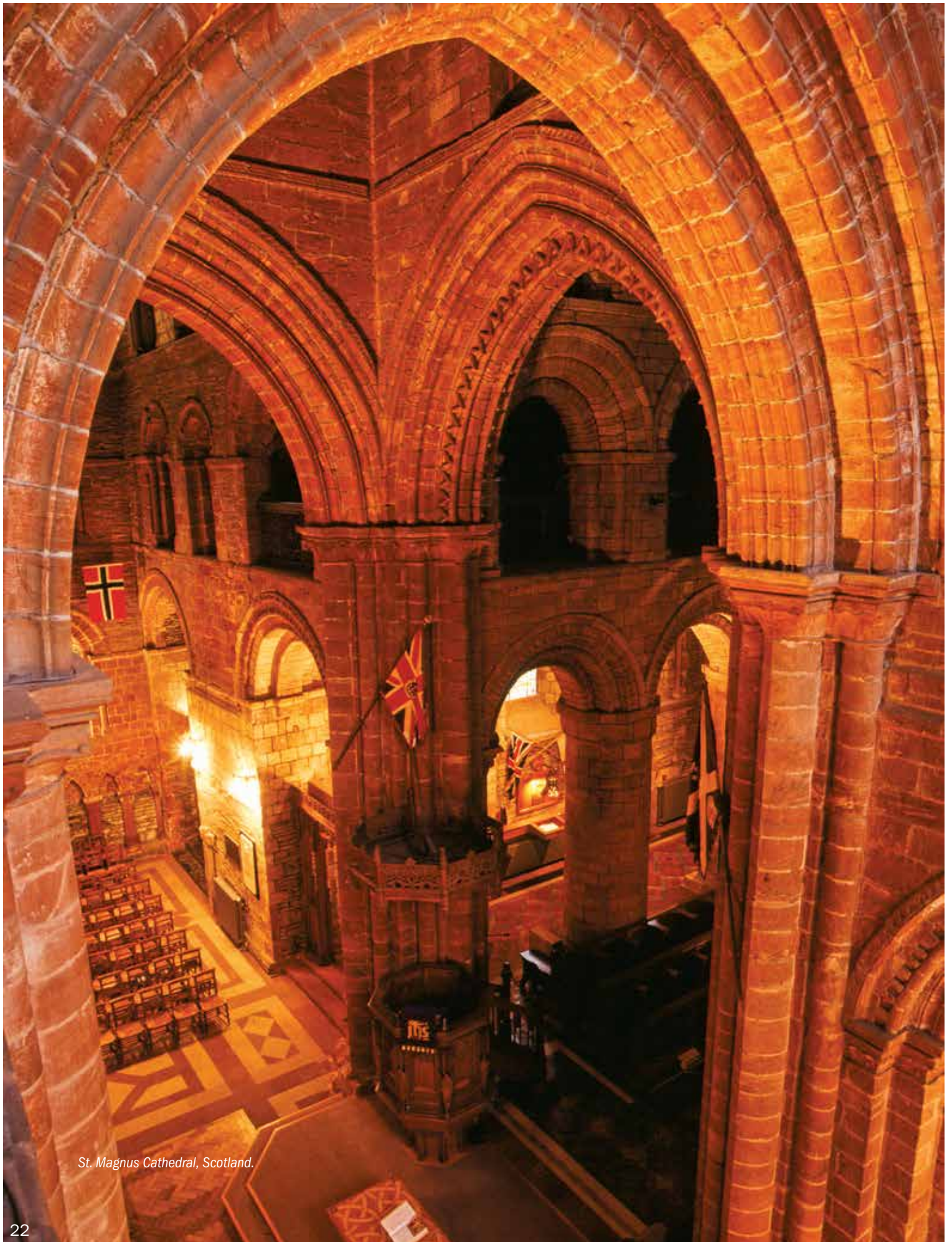
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Susan Seubert.



Botanical gardens in Madeira.



St. Magnus Cathedral, Scotland.

“The azure-green water surrounding the islands calls to mind the Caribbean, the lush landscaping echoes Hawaii, and the architecture reminds me of the Canadian Maritimes. But the Isles of Scilly are altogether idiosyncratic. A visit here is rejuvenating, a reminder of what really matters in life. Fresh, unpolluted air. Extraordinary views on long walks. Rare wildlife and plant sightings. Good conversation. Delicious food. If you’re like me, you won’t want to leave!”



Puffin.

—Annie Fitzsimmons, “Isles of Scilly: The Land that Time Forgot,” *Intelligent Travel*, April 2012

FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON A CLASSIC DESTINATION

Seasoned travelers can easily rattle off a list of what they think they know about Britain and Ireland. And although you are likely to have a friendly encounter in a quaint local pub, stand in reverent awe of a well-preserved castle or cathedral, and be delighted by the melodies and rhythms of traditional music, those well-documented pleasures are merely a prelude to the fresh and astounding discoveries afforded to guests lucky—and smart—enough to explore the coasts of England, Ireland and Scotland by sea aboard *National Geographic Explorer*.



Fingal's Cave, Staffa Island, Scotland.

Even after 5,000 years of continuous habitation, there is a visible pre-history on display in the Isles—from the Stone Age sites of Orkney, to an Iron Age broch on the uninhabited island of Mousa, to the ruins of a Bronze Age settlement in the Shetland Islands. St. Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage site occupied from the New Stone Age to 1930, stands as a monument to a vanished world of islanders who lived a hard life in isolation.

Further surprises abound. Few would expect subtropical gardens to flourish at this latitude, and yet they do, thanks to the warming effect of the Gulf Stream. A great basalt sea cave of astounding natural architectural precision, explored up close by Zodiac, may well inspire a new love of geology. Extraordinary wildlife will thrill visitors: shearwaters and sandpipers on the Isle of Scilly, puffins at Fair Isle, and endearing Shetland ponies on their namesake islands, to name but a few.

To truly appreciate the scope of this expedition, which will reveal the Isles as few, including its inhabitants, have ever seen them, it might be helpful to forget everything you know—and go.

EXPLORING THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES

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

PRICES FROM: \$13,640 to \$24,900 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Begin your journey along the historic Thames, passing 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.

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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

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

MAY 9 AND 10: U.S./LONDON, ENGLAND

Depart on an overnight flight to London. Embark our ship along the Thames River, seeing the iconic Tower Bridge. (May 10: D)

MAY 11: PORTSMOUTH

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

MAY 12: 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 13: 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 14: 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 15: CLIFFS OF MOHER & ARAN ISLANDS

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

MAY 16: 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 17: 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 18: 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 19: INVEREWE

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

MAY 20: ORKNEY ISLANDS

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

MAY 21: 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 22: 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 23: BERGEN, NORWAY/DISEMBARK/ U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2016 May 9

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day pre- or post-extension in [Wales](#). Visit our website or see page 71 for details.

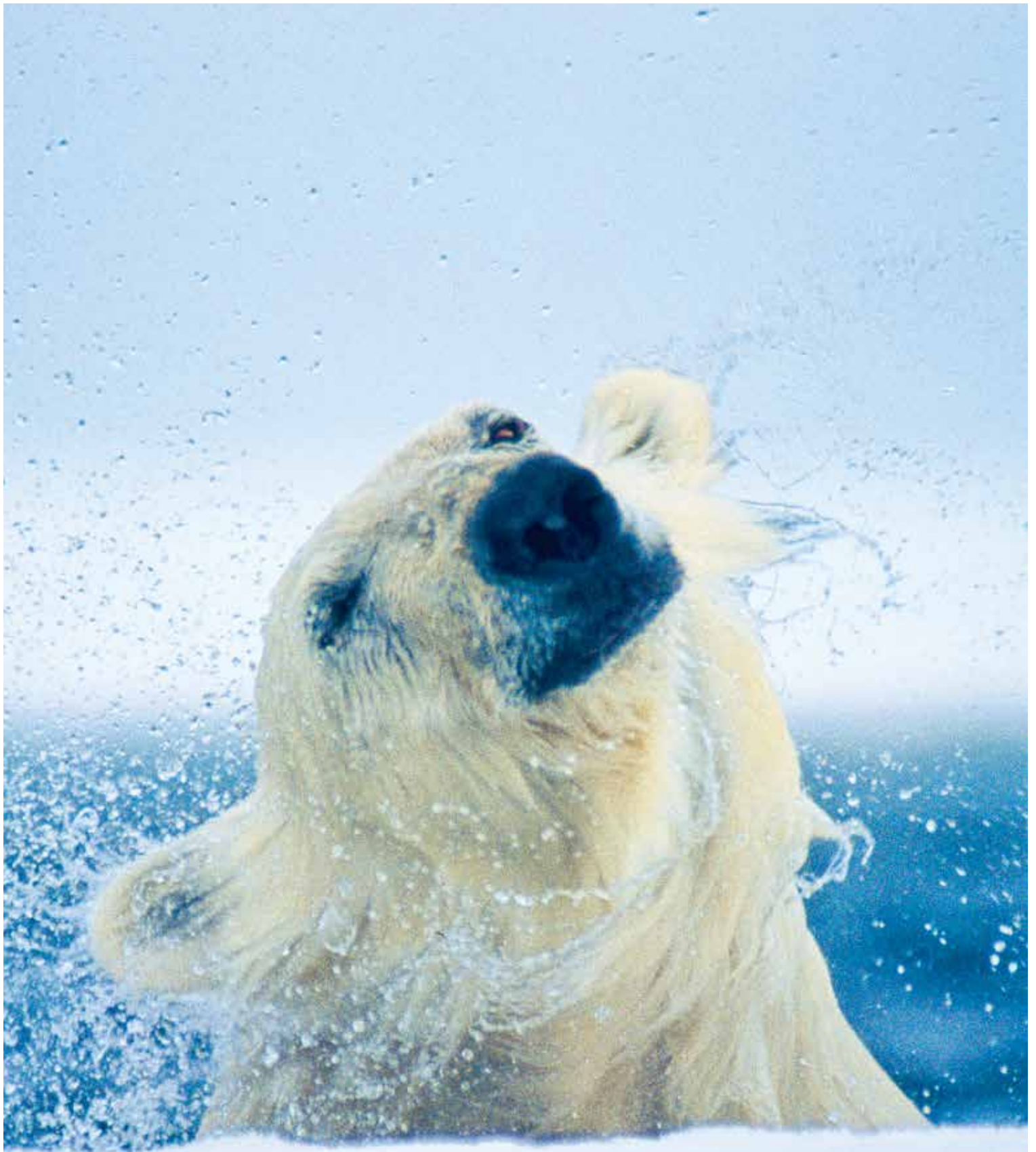
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**GUEST SPEAKER**

Former Primer Minister of Ireland, **John Bruton**, will join this departure.





A polar bear shakes water off its head as it breaks the surface.

“I looked up to see a light dusting of snow on a tombstone-gray sea cliff. Glassing the scene with my binoculars, I realized I wasn’t seeing snow at all. It was the blending of tens of thousands of kittiwakes nesting on cliff ledges, their white heads creating a pointillist effect from miles away.”

—Bruce Barcott, “Svalbard’s Ice Paradise,” *National Geographic* magazine, April 2009



POLAR BEARS: ENCOUNTERS ON ICE

The Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, with its deep fjords, snowy mountains and vast tidewater glaciers, is one of the best places on Earth to see polar bears—those wild, majestic and charismatic creatures whose expressive eyes, massive bodies and improbably graceful movements among ice sheets and floes have made them the unquestionable symbol of the Arctic. Spotting a polar bear in the wild, apart from being a life-list item for many, is a chance for guests of all ages to experience, on a visceral level, the magnitude and singularity of the Arctic.

To see frolicking polar bear cubs, or an adult stalking a seal or simply eyeing our ship with its trademark curiosity,



Walrus on ice floe.

makes an indelible impression, and provides an emotional context to the real fact that Arctic sea ice, the polar bear’s very lifeblood, is diminishing at an alarming rate.

Over our three decades of Arctic exploration, we have learned an enormous amount about where to best find polar bears (as well as walrus, seals, reindeer and arctic foxes). Our ace spotters know how to approach the animals for optimum sightings, while maintaining both their comfort and our guests’ safety.

Add Norway’s green fjord-carved coast to the ice of Svalbard for a perfect balance between the charmingly scenic and the spectacularly wild.

Eager to venture beyond Svalbard into Iceland and Greenland, as well? Prepare to see wildlife in all three quintessential Arctic locations, along with stunning geography and a dose of enduring Arctic culture. Hike, kayak and Zodiac cruise along Iceland’s dramatic west coast. And travel confidently along the ice shelf of Greenland’s epic east coast aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, the ultimate ice ship. We’ll follow in the wake of 10th-century Viking explorers, as we watch for creatures of the ice, including white-tailed eagles and some 60 species of birds.

All three itineraries provide unparalleled experiences of the authentic Arctic.

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

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$9,830 to \$18,160 (See pages 78-79 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 *National Geographic Explorer*, and experience nature in its purest form.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—polar bears—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 walruses, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

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

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



A mother polar bear with her two cubs.

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

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

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

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

DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

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

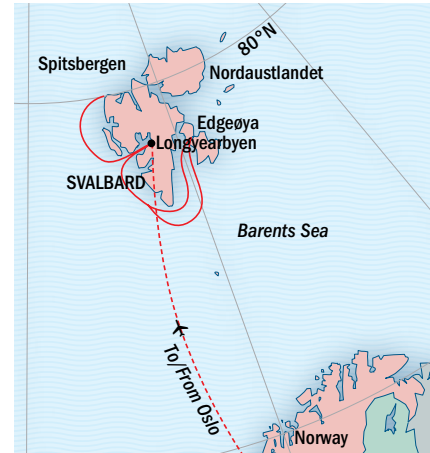
the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; and search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walruses, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen 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: 2016 Jun. 4, 11, 18

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to **Norway's Fjords**, or a four-day post-voyage extension to **Iceland**. See page 71, or visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with the former Prime Minister of Norway **Gro Brundtland** (right), Jun. 4, 2016; author **Fen Montaigne**, Jun. 11, 2016; or ecologist **Andrew Clarke** Jun. 18, 2016.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with award-winning nature photographer and filmmaker **Rich Reid**, Jun. 11 & 18, 2016. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo**



Guests observe walrus.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Arctic Svalbard** video.



Kayakers off Svalbard's pristine coast.

NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

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

PRICES FROM: \$15,930 TO \$29,140 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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. A Global Perspectives guest speaker also enhances your experience.

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National Geographic Explorer
in Trollfjord, Norway.

MAY 22 AND 23: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)/EMBARK

Fly overnight to the Hanseatic town of Bergen, the gateway to the fjordlands. Stroll Bryggens Wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage site, before embarkation. (May 23: L,D)

MAY 24: NORDFJORD

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



Photographing wildflowers.

MAY 25: SMØLA

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

MAY 26 AND 27: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

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

MAY 28: LOFOTEN ISLANDS

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

MAY 29: TYSFJORDEN

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

MAY 30: TROMSØ

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

MAY 31: BEAR ISLAND

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

JUN. 1-5: EXPLORING SVALBARD

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



Mother and cub.

JUN. 6: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

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

JUN. 7: OSLO/U.S. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 May 22

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). See page 71, or visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Share the experience with fascinating travel companions from the top tiers of exploration, journalism, science or world affairs on every departure.

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**

SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$14,510 to \$26,490 (See pages 78-79 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, one of the best places on the planet to observe majestic polar bears 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 ice floes, exploring via ship, Zodiac, and kayak.

A walrus flicks his huge tusks.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled expedition team is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice

in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, an undersea specialist, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

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



JUN. 25 AND 26: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSLO, NORWAY

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

JUN. 27: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

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

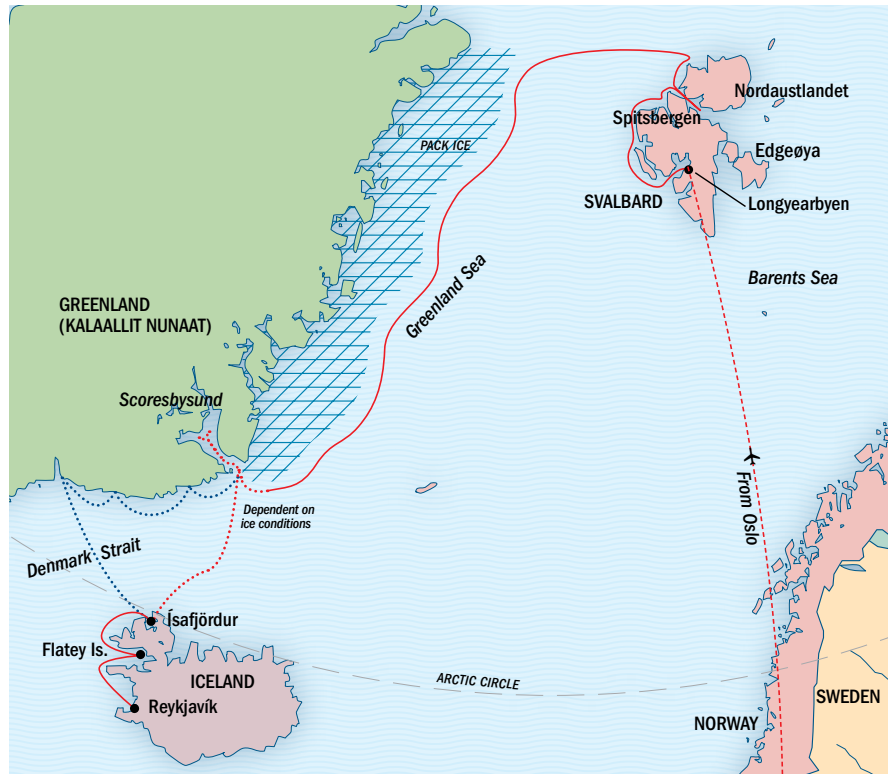
JUN. 28-JUL. 10: EXPLORING SVALBARD, GREENLAND & ICELAND

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 ice. The undersea specialist will deploy the ROV, bringing back imagery few, if any, have ever seen. And with unforgettable days in the ice, and two professional photographers on board, you'll get your best photos ever.



Polar bear.

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



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

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

JUL. 11: 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: 2016 Jun. 25

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2015** to receive complimentary charter airfare (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a five-day pre-voyage extension to the [Norwegian Fjords](#), a four-day post-voyage to [Iceland](#), or a one-day post-voyage extension to [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#). See page 71, or visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel on this departure with professor, author and leader in the areas of seismology and geophysical education **Michael Wyssession**.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with award-winning nature photographer and filmmaker **Rich Reid**. [Learn more at **expeditions.com/photo**](#)





Boiling mud pits at Mývatn.

“A final relic from the world’s last ice age, this North Atlantic island nation is a world of knife-cut valleys, gargantuan fjords, monumental cliffs, black-sand beaches, thundering waterfalls, and silent white glaciers. Recent volcanic eruptions remind us that Iceland is still a country in the making, with changed landscapes that even Icelanders continue to discover.”

—Andrew Evans, “Harmonic Convergence,” *National Geographic Traveler*, Nov./Dec. 2011



ICELAND, FROM EVERY ANGLE



Herring Ladies, Maritime Museum, Siglufjörður.

As curious, intelligent travelers, we all find geology inherently interesting, to a greater or lesser extent. But there’s one place on Earth where geology is so universally exciting, it’s downright sexy: Iceland.

Iceland is located on both the Iceland hotspot and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge—which means it is highly geologically active with many volcanoes—hundreds of them, in fact. You may recall the volcano Eyjafjallajökull, which famously erupted in 2010, disrupting global air travel for days, and serving as a reminder that geology is far more than fossils and ancient history.

Iceland’s geology in all its manifestations—immense glaciers, thundering waterfalls, soaring cliffs, geothermal springs, boiling mud pots, and rock and lava-scapes of unearthly beauty—is world-class. This season, we’re

offering two unique ways to experience Iceland: a longer itinerary which circumnavigates the island; and a shorter, land and sea itinerary. Both have sterling merits. The circumnavigation is a rare and fascinatingly holistic experience, encompassing all Iceland’s varied facets: the fantastic geology and stunning landscapes, the wildlife, the Icelandic people, their unique cultural heritage, and their intriguing national character. Our unique shorter land-sea itinerary allows us to spend two days in Reykjavík and its environs, including the Golden Circle for its geologic marvels; and three days aboard *National Geographic Explorer* discovering the wild west coast. Both provide opportunities to experience Iceland up-close and personally: walk, hike, kayak and meet locals.



Icelandic horses.

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$9,820 to \$19,350 (See pages 78-79 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

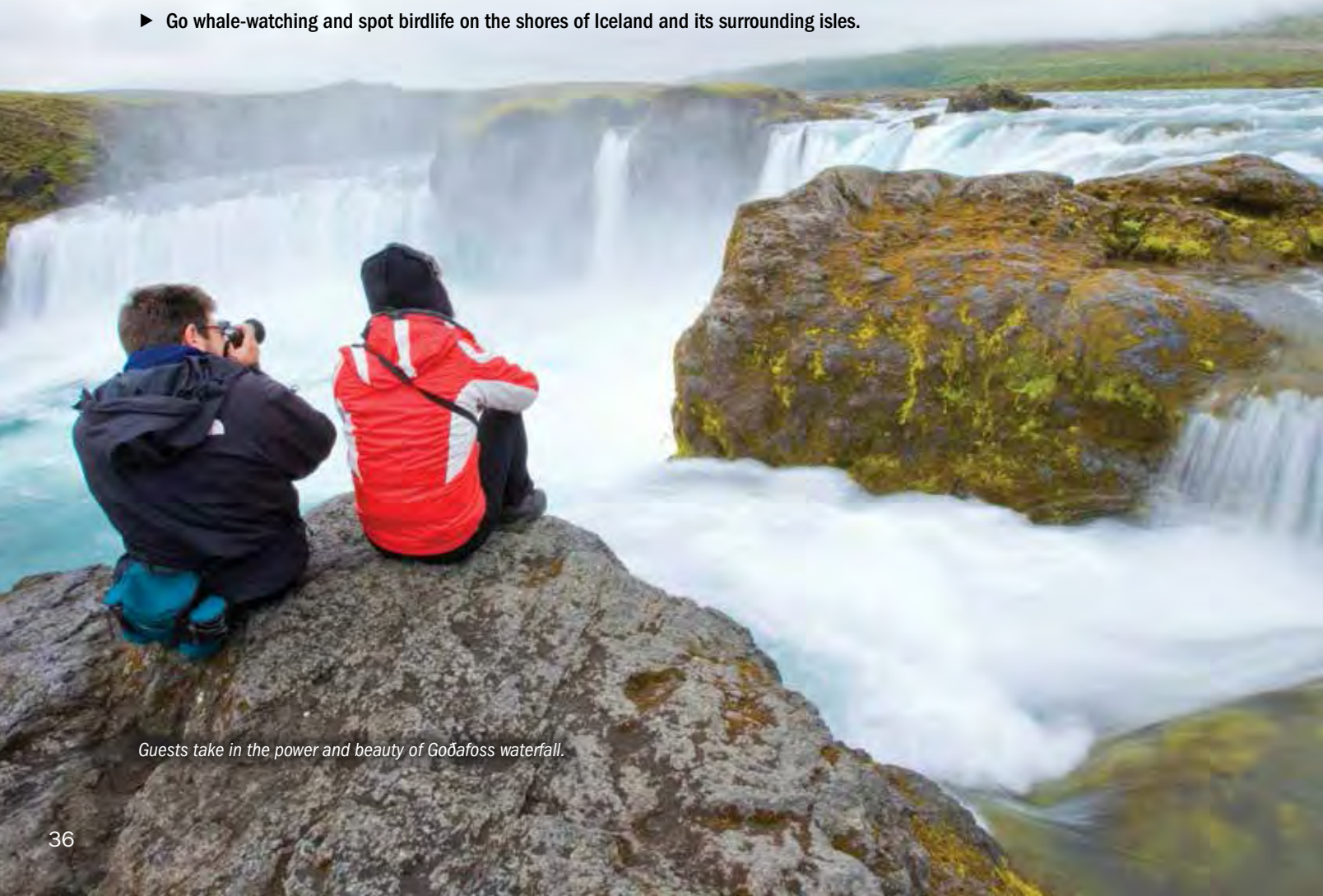
- ▶ Explore Europe's largest ice cap, and discover the lava-sculpted landscapes of the Westman Islands.
- ▶ See boiling mud pots and the thundering Goðafoss Waterfall.
- ▶ Go whale-watching and spot birdlife on the shores of Iceland and its surrounding isles.

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 Goðafoss 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. (B,L,D)

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 snowcapped 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: Goðafoss, 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)



Guests exploring Langanes Peninsula.

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

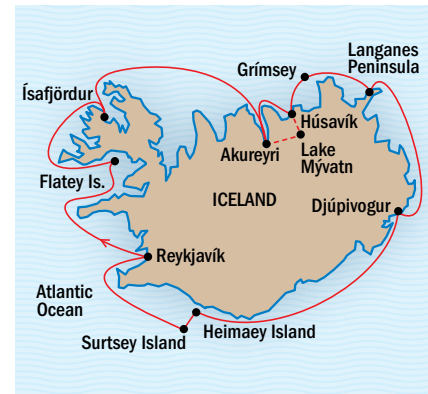
Dock in Djúpivogur to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. For a closer look at the ice cap, take a boat ride through Jökulsárlón, a lagoon strewn with spectacular icebergs sculpted into all shapes and sizes. (B,L,D)

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

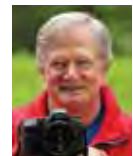
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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#). See page 71, or visit our website.

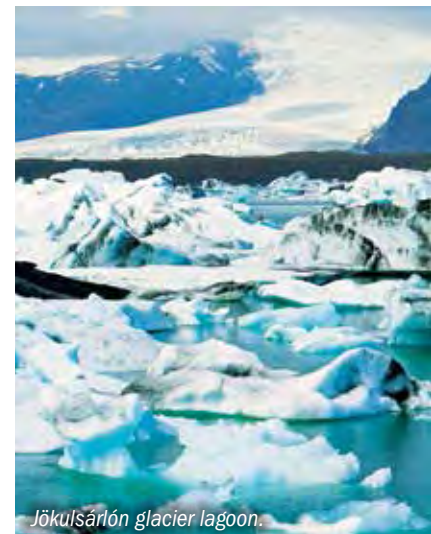
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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel on both departures with oceanographer, explorer and Honorary President of the Explorer's Club, **Don Walsh**.



Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon.

ICELAND BY LAND & SEA: FROM REYKJAVÍK TO THE WILD WEST

7 DAYS/5 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$4,990 to \$9,970 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

Explore with us in Iceland and enjoy a compact, uniquely immersive land and sea adventure full of insider access with the soul of a party. Actively explore Reykjavík and the Golden Circle for two days—and thrill to the natural beauty of the “land of fire and ice.” Then, go deep into the wild over three days aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, exploring the wild western coast. Enjoy stimulating conversation with some of the country’s most fascinating individuals, who’ll join us along the way. Savor an exclusive private dinner on Viðey Island prepared by one of Iceland’s top chefs. And discover Iceland’s top musicians through performances arranged by our ethnomusicologist.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Iceland’s geologic wonders: the spout of Geysir, Gullfoss Falls and Thingvellir National Park, Iceland’s first parliament.
- ▶ Get active: Hike, kayak, and Zodiac cruise the remote, spectacular natural reserve of Hornstrandir accessible only on foot or by boat.
- ▶ Savor an exclusive dinner on Viðey Island prepared by one of Iceland’s top chefs. And discover Iceland’s top musicians through performances arranged by our musicologist.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

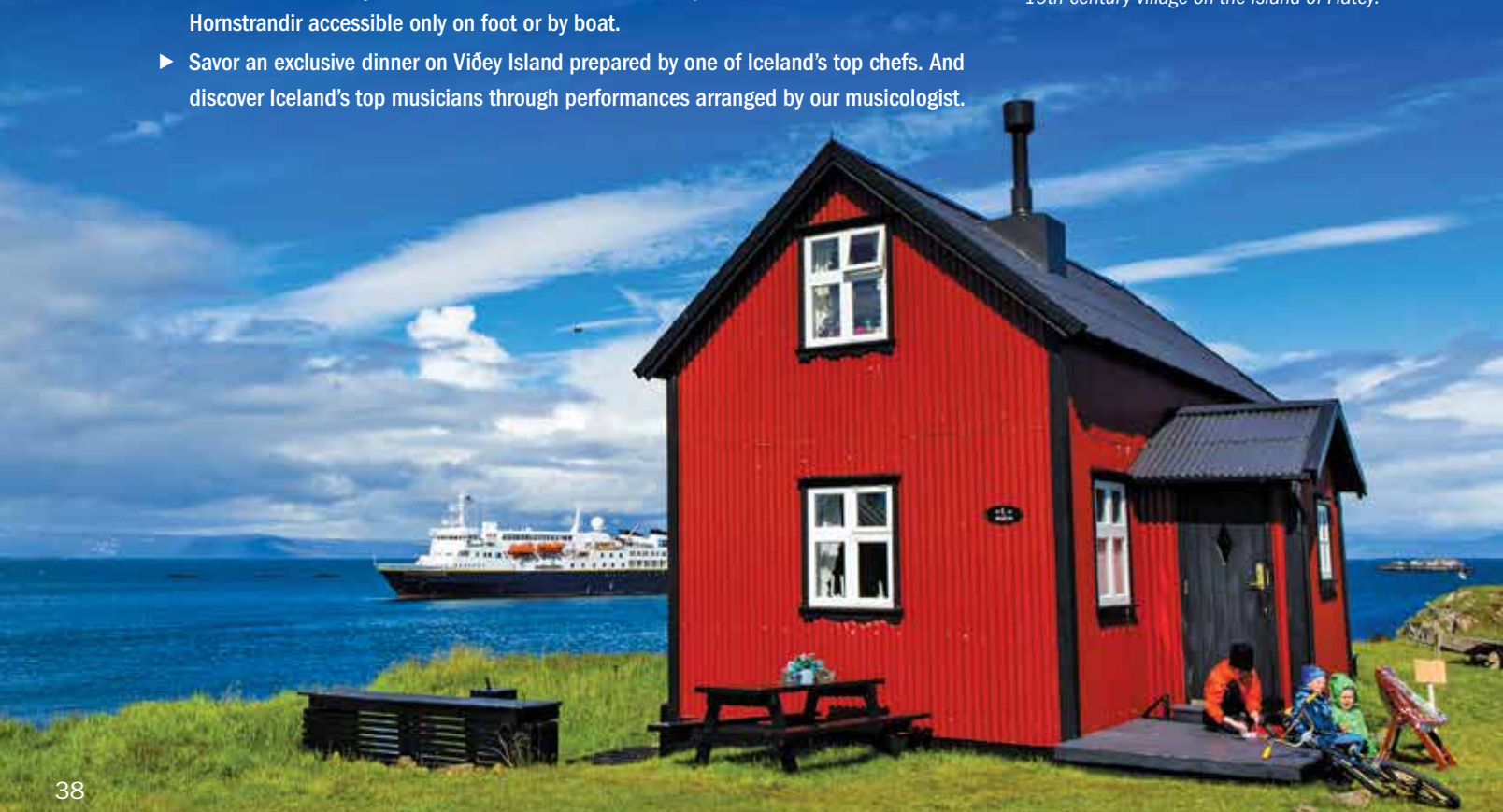


A circumnavigation is a rare and wonderful opportunity, in this case abetted by our veteran team: an expedition leader, 8 naturalists,

several with geology expertise, and an undersea specialist. To help you capture the experience: a National Geographic 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.

19th-century village on the island of Flatey.



DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Your overnight flight arrives early in Reykjavík. We are whisked away past colorful, Scandinavian-style buildings to hear about today's exciting options during breakfast. Note: for those who wish to go directly to our hotel, we can reserve your room for the previous night at additional charge.

Choose a scenic drive amid the volcanic landscapes and natural hot springs of the Reykjanes peninsula to the tiny fishing village of Grindavík. Or soak in the soothing geothermal waters of the iconic Blue Lagoon. After lunch, check into the Borg Hotel or the sister property, the Apotek Hotel. Tonight explore one of Reykjavík's fine restaurants on your own. (Day 2: B,L)

DAY 3: REYKJAVÍK & GOLDEN CIRCLE/ EMBARK SHIP

Encounter Iceland's nature in all its wildness amid the geological wonders of the Golden Circle. Feel the spray of thundering Gullfoss falls, wander the steaming landscape of Geysir and see its amazing spout. With our expert guides, visit the ancient, open-air parliament at Thingvellir National Park. Or choose a guided walk around Reykjavík, including the National Museum and the Museum of Whales.

In the late afternoon, embark *National Geographic Explorer* and settle in. Tonight, a special treat: ride a ferry to scenic Viðey



Puffins.

Island, where an exclusive dinner in a historic house awaits. One of Iceland's top chefs, Friðgeir Ingi Eiríksson, will cater our dinner and we will have a musical concert. This evening will be memorable! (B,L,D)

DAY 4: EXPLORING THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

National Geographic Explorer navigates Iceland's wild western frontier coastline, sailing beneath the immense Látrabjarg cliffs home to a huge population of razorbills. The cliffs were once famous for egg collecting; men were tied to ropes and lowered down onto the ledges like spiders. Stop at the charming island of Flatey for walks around the picture-postcard 19th-century village, and take a Zodiac cruise along the coast. (B,L,D)



Icelandic horses.

DAYS 5 AND 6: EXPLORING HORNSTRANDIR

Just south of the Arctic Circle, Hornstrandir—the spiky peninsula at the northern tip of the Westfjords—is Iceland's truest wilderness, an uninhabited nature reserve backed by the majestic Hornbjarg cliffs and only accessible on foot or by boat. You'll have a choice of activities each day, and the option to join the naturalist whose interests mirror yours. Hike with our botanist or birder through a wildflower-filled meadow, kayak quiet coves or hop aboard a Zodiac. Join a photo hike with our National Geographic photographer and soak up the legendary scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Reykjavík and take an early flight home, or continue exploring with us. Opt to visit the Saga Museum; wander among bubbling mud pools and hot springs; or stop at a farm to see and photograph Icelandic horses. Continue to lunch and transfer to the airport for an afternoon flight. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2016 Jul 27, 31

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

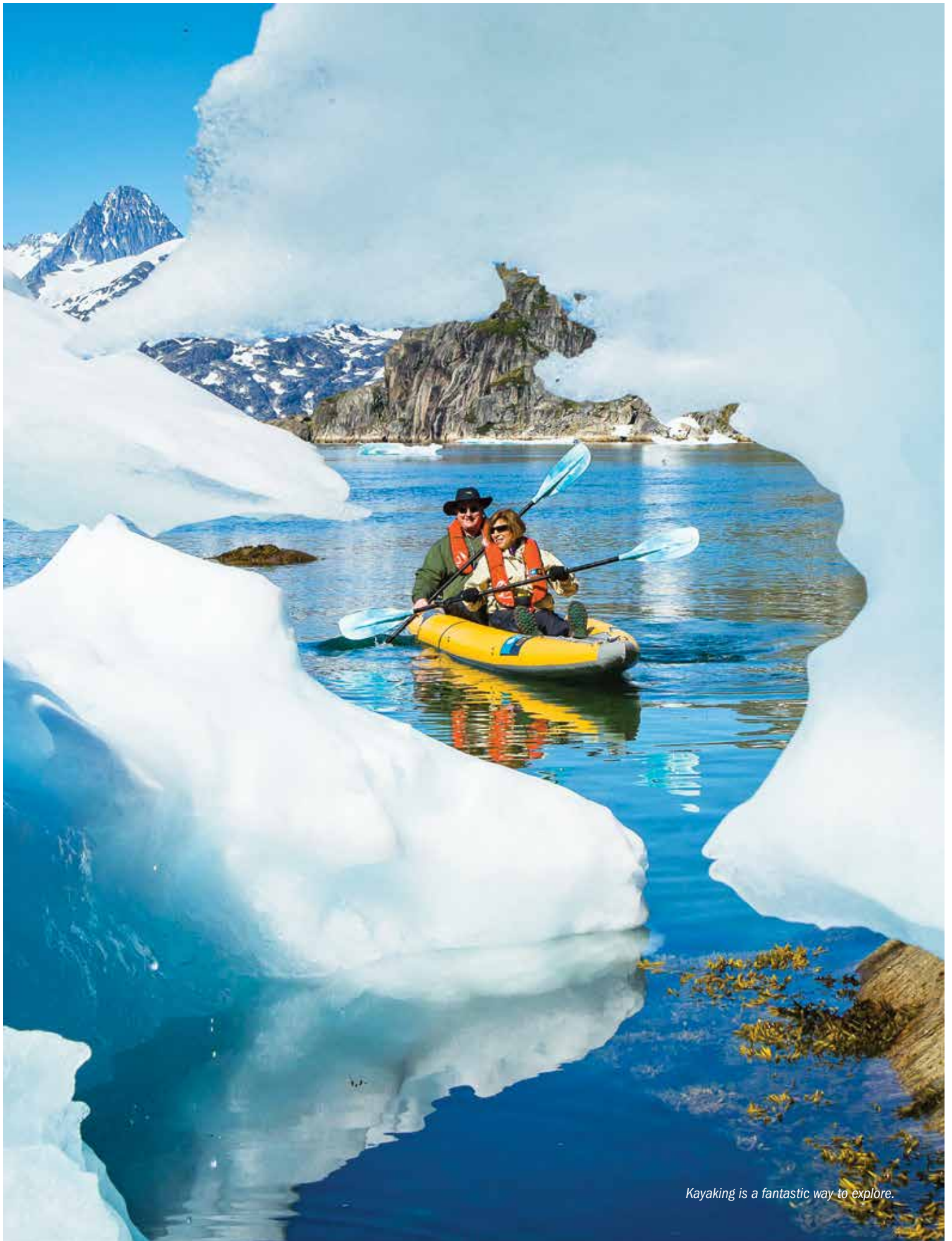
Extend your time with active options on a 1-day pre-voyage extension [Reykjavík Adventure](#). Go on a mountain biking adventure, horseback ride, even go heli-hiking. See our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer [Jay Dickman](#) has worked in photojournalism for more than 35 years, and his work is often seen in *National Geographic* magazine. He is aboard both departures.



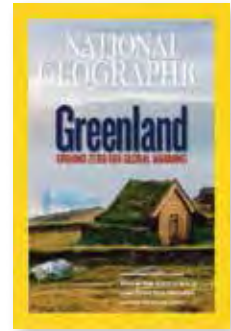
Reykjavík's iconic Blue Lagoon.



Kayaking is a fantastic way to explore.

“Some 4,000 Norse eventually settled in Greenland. The Vikings, notwithstanding their reputation for ferocity, were essentially farmers who did a bit of pillaging, plundering, and New World discovering on the side... Erik’s son Leif set out from a farm about 35 miles northeast of Qaqortoq and discovered North America sometime around 1000.”

—By Tim Folger, “Viking Weather,” *National Geographic* magazine, June 2010



MYSTERY YIELDS TO DISCOVERY IN GREENLAND

Into the mystic, we could say, given the allure Greenland has held for explorers, from Brendan the Navigator and Erik the Red, to Lars-Eric Lindblad and the guests and staff of *National Geographic Explorer* in our adventurous return to the region last season.



Photographing the Viking ruins at Hvalsey.

This season on our voyage into the region we’ll dilute, so to speak, your 80-proof experience of Greenland’s ice with a tincture of Icelandic wildness, as we head off from the civilized confines of Reykjavik, to explore the rugged landscapes of Iceland’s wild west. The immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point in Iceland and its equally immense colony of razorbills will herald our entry into wildness. And the trading post on Flatey Island will wake us to the centuries of human history, and the rich ancient traditions of the region before we cross the Denmark Strait.

In Greenland waters we’ll range from East Greenland’s epic ice sheet and jaw-dropping fjords, to the most famous sites on the Viking trail—a settlement made by one of Erik the Red’s cousins no less—along with other notable Norse sites. We’ll conclude our adventure amid the ice and its creatures—any number of whale species, and more—of Greenland’s west coast.



A friendly Greenlander.

ALONG THE VIKING TRAIL: FROM ICELAND TO GREENLAND

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

PRICES FROM: \$10,680 to \$19,750 (See pages 78-79 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 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.



First Christian church, Brattahild, Eriksfjord, Greenland.

AUG. 5 AND 6: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík. 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. (Aug. 6: L,D)

AUG. 7: THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

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

AUG. 8: CROSSING THE DENMARK STRAIT

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

AUG. 9: EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND

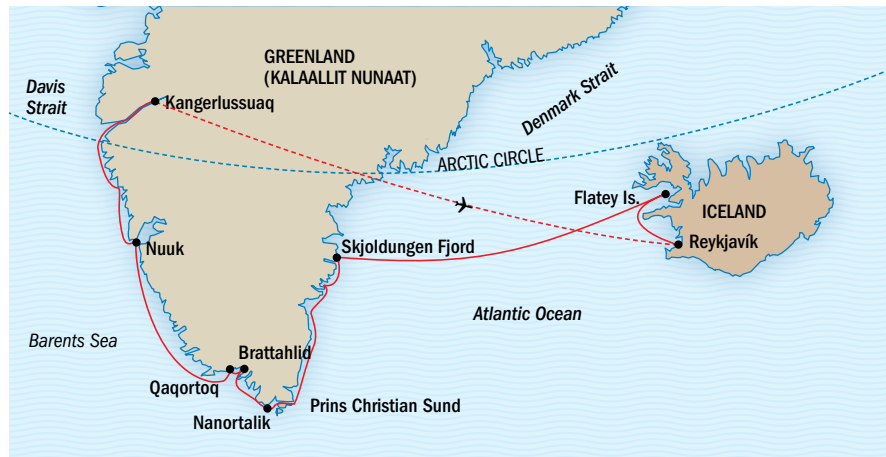
The Greenland Ice Sheet is the second largest ice body in the world, after the Antarctic ice sheet, roughly 80% of the surface of Greenland. The high arctic-like climate is dominated by ice floes. Among the options for exploration are landings at Skjoldungen fjord or Napasorsuaq fjord. We'll use our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

AUG. 10: 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)

AUG. 11: HVALSEY RUINS (QAQORTUKULOOQ) & 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)

AUG. 12: 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)

AUG. 13: 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 Uumannaq and the subject of a *National Geographic* cover story. (B,L,D)

AUG. 14: 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)

AUG. 15: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/ REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND.

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq. After a tour of the city, fly by charter to Reykjavík and check in to the Natura Hotel or the Hilton Nordica. (B,L,D)

AUG. 16: REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.

Have a guided tour of Reykjanes Peninsula. Transfer to Keflavík for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2016 Aug. 5

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2015** to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavík). Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a 3-day pre-voyage extension [Iceland's Wonders](#), or a 1-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#). See page 71, or visit our website.

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**

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Share the experience with fascinating travel companions from the top tiers of exploration, journalism, science or world affairs on every departure.





Guests coming ashore by Zodiac from National Geographic Explorer.

“A Greenland glacier named Jakobshavn Isbrae, which many believe spawned the iceberg that sank the Titanic, has hit record speeds in its race to the ocean. Some may be tempted to call it the king of the glacier world ...”

—Jane J. Lee, “Greenland Glacier,” *nationalgeographic.com*, Feb. 2014

INTO THE BEYOND: EPIC 80° N

Despite our ongoing efforts in research, boots-on-the-ground reconnaissance, and careful itinerary development and design, few of our expeditions can claim an origin story like this one.

It's best to hear it in Sven Lindblad's own words, quoted from a letter he wrote to a select number of past guests: *“The first chapter began on a glassy clear night when we were about 78° north latitude. I forfeited dinner to stand alone on the bow of National Geographic Explorer. We had just left Buchanan Bay on Ellesmere and straight ahead was the wild, rugged coastline of Greenland. At this geographic point the distance between Canadian Ellesmere and Greenland is only 25 nautical miles. It was one of those magical moments, which set off a plethora of thoughts. I then asked Captain Skog if we could continue north through the pack ice and a couple of hours later, surrounded by about a dozen narwhals, we reached 79° north latitude, just 660 nautical miles from the North Pole. I've had many a magical night in my life, but this was definitely in the top 10. It was on that night, August 26, 2014 that this expedition was born...”*

Join us and share the adventure as we sail from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland and head far north, exploring the wild lands of Baffin Island, Ellesmere Island and Greenland.

What our team promises those fortunate enough to join us is perhaps the most inspired modern expedition ever in the Arctic. Our itinerary architects, Captain Ray Jourdain, an ice pilot and one of the most experienced Canadian Arctic navigators, and Geoff Greene, a Canadian expedition leader extraordinaire, contributed their considerable expertise in planning sessions. As did Jennifer Kingsley, naturalist, author, adventurer and Lindblad field correspondent. And, of course, our expert Arctic expedition team will ensure your safety and a peerless quantity of wonder—so you can head to 80°N in complete confidence.



Search for the elusive narwhal.

EPIC 80°N: EXPLORING GREENLAND, BAFFIN & ELLESMERE ISLANDS

24 DAYS/22 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$25,190 TO \$47,960 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

Adventure and the unexpected star on this epic voyage to vast and wild shores. Our recent extraordinary experiences aboard *Explorer* at remote Ellesmere Island made us excited to return. We'll explore familiar and new parts of Baffin Island and Lancaster Sound, then make our way up the beautiful coast of Ellesmere Island, which reaches farther north than any other land, except for Greenland, and we allow time to go as far north as the ice allows. We then trace the rarely explored coast of northwest Greenland, going places we've never been—where tidewater glaciers of extreme beauty dominate.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience unbridled 21st-century exploration, as we venture deep into the far reaches of the ice to Zodiac cruise, kayak, and hike the tundra.
- ▶ Encounter hardy Inuit communities, and learn the legacy of the ancient Thule and Dorset at remote archaeological sites, some marvelously preserved.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, walruses, and perhaps elusive narwhals.

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.

A Zodiac ride amid the big ice of Philpots Island.

AUG. 13 AND 14: U.S./KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK

Overnight flight to Keflavík. Transfer to our hotel in Reykjavík. Take a guided overview of the old town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral. Or choose to explore the Blue Lagoon and soak in the geothermal waters. (Aug. 14: L,D)

AUG. 15: REYKJAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND

Fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

AUG. 16: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT/AT SEA

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

AUG. 17-19: BAFFIN ISLAND

Over these days we stretch our legs on hiking trails at Qikiqtarjuaq, our first stop on Baffin Island. Weather depending, stops may include Coronation Fiord where 5,000-foot cliffs soar near the Coronation Glacier; Niaqurnak Point, a former Inuit camp where walrus haul out; and Isabella Bay, a marine habitat ideal for bowhead whales. (B,L,D)

AUG. 20-22: THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

We search for ringed seals, arctic foxes, walrus, and polar bears, as well as beluga and bowhead whales. Perhaps even see the elusive narwhal, known for the long, spiraling tooth that projects up to ten feet from its upper jaw. Explore Milne Bay for possible narwhal sightings and Prince Regent Inlet for polar bears on ice. (B,L,D)

AUG. 23: DEVON ISLAND:

At the entrance to the Northwest Passage, we encounter Devon Island's Dundas Harbour, full of well-preserved Thule remains as well as the most recent artefacts of an RCMP station. At Philpots Island we hike the tundra and search for wildlife, and perhaps musk oxen. Stand on deck as we search for marine mammals often found in this area. (B,L,D)

AUG. 24 AND 25: ELLESMERE ISLAND

Head north up the beautiful and remote east coast of Ellesmere Island, where *Explorer* first ventured last season. Cruise along scenic Smith Bay bordered by steep mountains and tumbling glacial ice. Search for polar bears on the ice from the ship's deck and go ashore to hike or kayak in picturesque surroundings. Explore Skraeling Island, an important archaeological find that shows the Norse once traded with the native Inuit here at Ellesmere. Last season we also discovered unexpectedly the remains of a Thule encampment. (B,L,D)

AUG. 26 AND 27: FARTHER NORTH

Explore to 80°N and hopefully beyond, if the ice allows. Our experienced captain and expedition team as well as our technological resources chart where the ice is penetrable. Perhaps we'll scout a fine place for a 'polar plunge' into the icy waters! (B,L,D)

AUG. 28-31: NORTHWEST GREENLAND

The remote coast of Northwest Greenland is terra incognita with an interesting history of expeditions past: Peary, Hall and more. *Explorer* will be in true expedition mode as we search this vast uninhabited region for wildlife (no humans means no hunting, thus prolific wildlife.) We'll walk on land where humans have never set foot. Encounter glaciers, fjords, inlets and islands. Visit the small community of Etah to learn about the people of the Far North. (B,L,D)

SEP. 1: UUMMANNAQ

Today we are back in familiar waters, stopping at Uummannaq, where a collection of mummies dating back to 1475 was discovered in 1972 and featured on the cover of *National Geographic* magazine. (B,L,D)



Polar bear.



SEP. 2: ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay to explore the UNESCO site of Ilulissat Icefjord. Take an extraordinary cruise among towering icebergs and visit the archaeological Inuit fishing village of Sermermiut. (B,L,D)

SEP. 3: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Our final day in the scenic fjords north of Sondre Stromfjord offers Zodiac cruising, kayaking, or a hike across the tundra. (B,L,D)

SEP. 4: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, and after a tour of the city, fly by charter to Reykjavík for stunning views over the Greenland icecap. Check in to the Natura Hotel or the Hilton Nordica. (B,L,D)

SEP. 5: REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.

Have a guided tour of Reykjanes Peninsula. Transfer to Keflavík for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

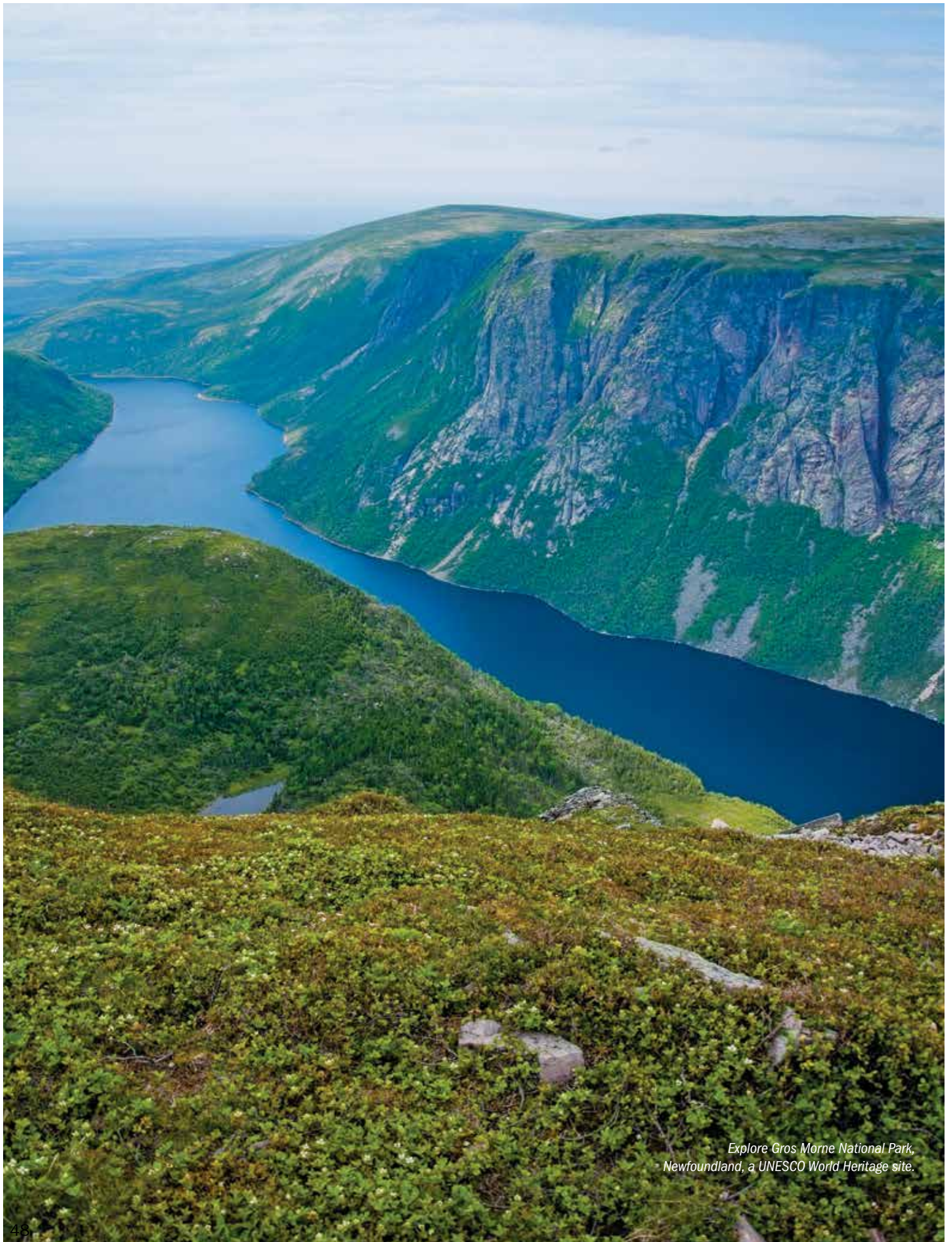
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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a 3-day post-voyage to [Iceland](#), or a one-day-post-voyage extension to [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#). Visit our website for details.

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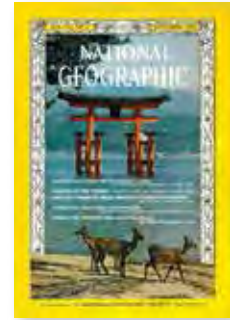
Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer [Jay Dickman](#) joins this departure. [Learn more at \[expeditions.com/photo\]\(http://expeditions.com/photo\)](#)



*Explore Gros Morne National Park,
Newfoundland, a UNESCO World Heritage site.*

“Beyond the masts of the fishing trawlers rose the Brittany-like port: boxy warehouses, shops of ship chandlers, and frame homes of fisherfolk climbing steeply up a hill and blurring away in fog. Early-morning sounds carried clearly: chatter of townsfolk hurrying to the bakery for hot bread, clink of wine bottles about to be filled with milk, beep of motor scooters, rasp of a carpenter’s saw, waves lapping in the inner harbor, La Barachois—and over all the distant groan of Galantry’s horn.”

—Melville Bell Grosvenor, “White Mist Cruises to Wreck-haunted St. Pierre and Miquelon,”
National Geographic magazine, September 1967



HOME TO CULTURES SINCE 1100 A.D.

As *National Geographic Explorer* navigates the rugged and beautiful Canadian Maritimes, history and geology will come alive among the wild landscapes and island outposts. We’ll explore the remains of an 11th-century Viking village, the first of its kind in North America. We’ll learn



Moose.

about the enduring Acadian culture on the Îles de la Madeleine. We’ll witness the breathtaking effects of plate tectonics amid the cliffs, fjords and sweeping alpine plateau of Gros Morne National Park. We’ll do it all, and much more, including a visit to the fascinating Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site.

Bell, inventor of the telephone, was a profoundly gifted problem-solver and deeply compassionate teacher. His pioneering work on the telephone grew out of his commitment to his hearing impaired students and wife, Mabel Gardiner Hubbard. He spent many years at the family’s home on Cape Breton Island conducting research and development on hydrofoil aircraft and other facets of aerospace engineering. Bell has an illustrious connection to the National Geographic Society. He succeeded his father-in-law, Gardner Greene Hubbard, founding

member and first president of the Society. And in 1889 hired Gilbert Hovey Grosvenor, married to his daughter Elsie May, as the first employee, subsequent Director of the Society, and Editor of the magazine until 1954. A Grosvenor then helmed the Society until Gilbert Grosvenor III, fifth President of the Society, retired in 2010.

To experience this exquisite part of the world by sea is both a right and a gift in itself; and to enjoy it aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*, with all that this specific geography represents to Society fans, is a deeper, richer experience indeed.



L’Anse-aux Meadows.

THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$7,930 to \$14,830 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

This expedition circumnavigates Newfoundland and visits the islands of Cape Breton, St.-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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Lobster fishing huts at sunset.



DAY 1: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, CANADA/EMBARK

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

DAY 2: ST.-PIERRE, FRANCE

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

DAY 3: 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 and enjoy an optional "white glove" tour of the Bell Museum and have the opportunity to hold historic artifacts. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE, QUEBEC

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

DAY 5: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 6: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

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

DAY 7: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

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

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

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



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 Sep. 8, 15

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Renowned television news anchor and journalist **Robert MacNeil** will join both departures.

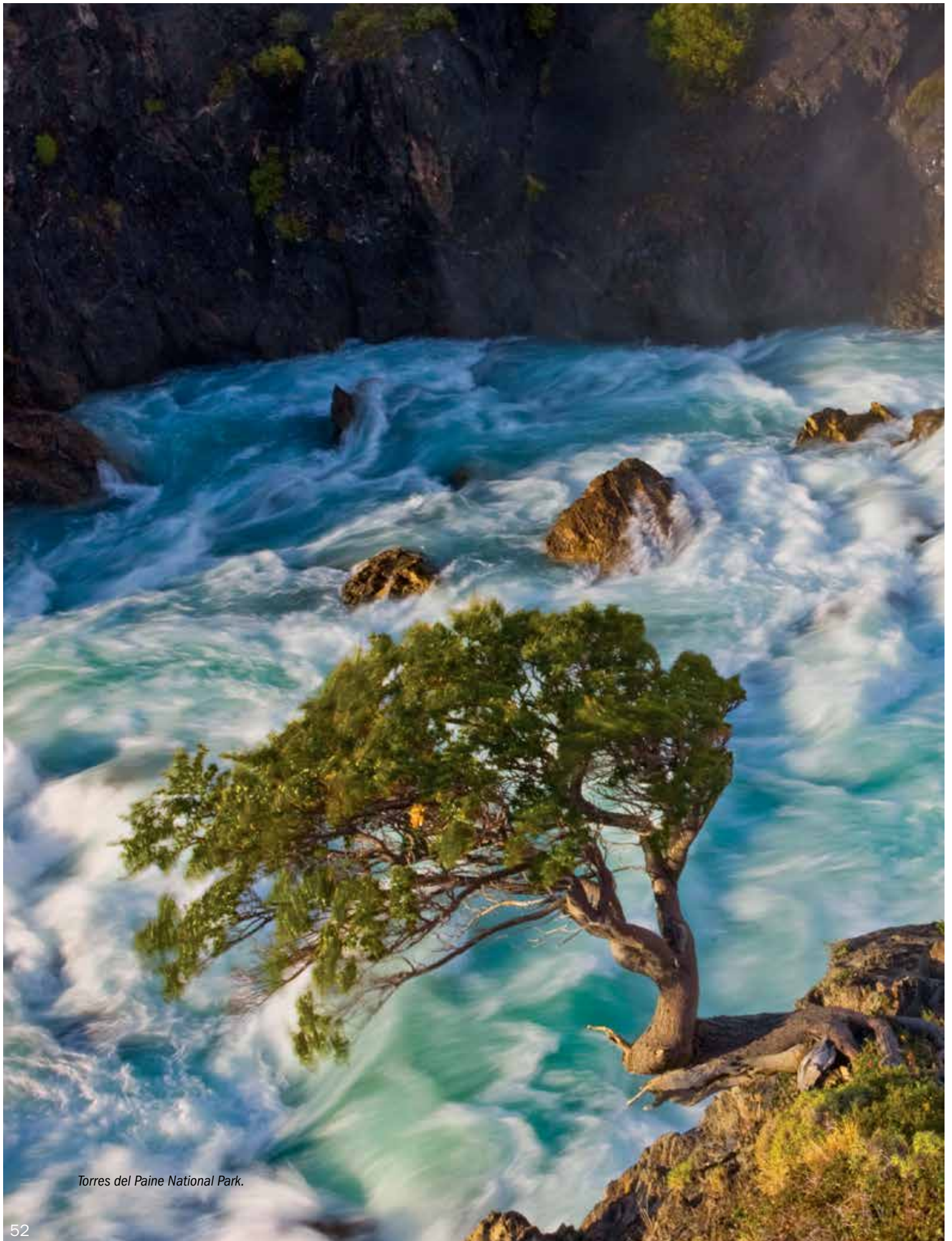


NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

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**



Red sandstone cliffs, Îles de la Madeleine.



Torres del Paine National Park.

“Patagonia is as I suspected but more so...Physically it is magnificent...In the east you suddenly confront the great wall of the cordillera with bright turquoise lakes (some are milky white and others pale jade green) with unbelievable colours to the rocks... Sometimes it seems that the Almighty has been playing at making Neapolitan ice cream. Imagine climbing (as I did) a cliff face 2000 feet high alternatively striped vanilla, strawberry and pistachio in bands of 100 feet or more.”

—Bruce Chatwin, *In Patagonia**

PLANTING OUR FLAG & YOURS IN PATAGONIA

Patagonia is for many, and certainly including the avid, intrepid *National Geographic Explorer* expedition team, a ‘must see’ destination. Remote and largely inaccessible, it’s the epitome of wildness. Because our Patagonia expeditions for the past several seasons have all been in the 20-day range, so that those with limited time couldn’t join, we are now offering a selection of three unique itineraries of different lengths. So if you are like Bruce Chatwin, author of the masterpiece *In Patagonia*, who famously claimed to the Irish designer and architect Eileen Grey upon seeing a large gouache map she’d painted of Patagonia, “That’s one of the

places I’ve always wanted to go,” then here’s good news. If you have the luxury of time, you can choose our longest (20-day) itinerary and explore nearly the entirety of Chilean Patagonia. Or opt for our 15-day adventure and discover this quintessential geography from Cape Horn to Torres del Paine. Our compact 11-day expedition hits the highlights, with a perfect sampling of peaks, glaciers and crystalline fjords. It’s “Patagonia: Your way.”

Enjoy the process of considering your options—our Expedition Specialists can answer your questions and help guide you. And to kindle your anticipation, you will receive Bruce Chatwin’s *In Patagonia* as our ‘thank you’ for booking with us.



Commerson's dolphin.



**Book one of our three Patagonia options and you will receive the world’s best pre-read—a copy of Bruce Chatwin’s *In Patagonia* with our compliments.*

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

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

PRICES FROM: \$18,990 to \$35,500 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

Venture deep into Chile's glorious fjords past incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers. From the "land of fire," Tierra del Fuego, to the jagged spires of Torres del Paine National Park, have a comprehensive Patagonia experience at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Plus enjoy the unprecedented opportunity to visit Argentina's Staten Island—*National Geographic Explorer* is one of the only ships ever permitted to visit this unique wild habitat since its recent designation by Argentina as a provincial reserve. And we also enjoy exclusive access to its rockhopper penguin rookeries.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

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A waddle of rockhopper penguins.



OCT. 8 AND 9: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE

Fly overnight to Santiago, and check in to the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The Andes form an inspiring backdrop to our guided overview. (Oct. 9: L)

OCT. 10: PUERTO MONTT/EMBARK

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

OCT. 11: CASTRO (CHILOÉ ISLAND)

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

OCT. 12: PUMALÍN NATIONAL PARK

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



A thrilling Zodiac ride.

OCT. 13-16: THE INLAND PASSAGE & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

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

OCT. 17: PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

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

OCT. 18-20: EXPLORING TIERRA DEL FUEGO/ KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

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

OCT. 21: THE CHILEAN FJORDS, BEAGLE CHANNEL & YENDEGAIA

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

OCT. 22: CAPE HORN

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

OCT. 23-25: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA

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

OCT. 26 AND 27: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/ BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight home. (Oct. 26: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2016 Oct. 8

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add three days post-voyage at [Iguazú Falls](#), or choose a post-voyage extension to [Easter Island](#). See page 70 or our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Mauritzen has photographed vivid landscapes and dramatic situations in nearly 50 countries.



Torres del Paine.

PATAGONIAN TREASURES: FROM TORRES DEL PAINE TO CAPE HORN

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$13,940 to \$21,710 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

Optimize your Chilean Patagonia experience with this unique land and sea expedition. Spend three days at the superb Tierra Patagonia Hotel to savor the grandeur of Torres del Paine's sunrises and sunsets, its iconic landscapes and profusion of wildlife. Then explore fjords, glaciers and panoramic vistas aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Venturing out on Zodiac forays, kayaking the pristine fjords, or hiking virgin trails, you'll breathe the rarified air of a near-mythic region. Enjoy exclusive access to the vast parklands of Yendegaia and Karukinka. And check viewing legendary Cape Horn on your life list, as well.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover over several days the wildlife-rich, iconic landscapes of Torres del Paine, Patagonia's jewel. Stay at the superb Tierra Patagonia Hotel.
- ▶ Explore Buenos Aires (on the Oct. 24 departure) or Santiago (on the Oct. 27 departure).
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and see storied Cape Horn.
- ▶ Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Yendegaia and Karukinka Natural Parks in Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ Zodiac cruise and kayak through the breathtaking Chilean fjords.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Torres del Paine National Park.



DAYS 1 AND 2: HOME/BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital. Check in to the excellent Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel before having a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

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

DAY 4: CAPE HORN

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

DAY 5: YENDEGAIA

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A guanaco and her baby.

DAYS 8 AND 9: EXPLORING THE INLAND PASSAGE & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

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Tierra Patagonia Hotel.

DAYS 10-12: DISEMBARK PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

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DAY 13: TORRES DEL PAINE/PUERTO NATALES

Drive to Puerto Natales, stopping at the renowned Milodón Cave, where remains of an extinct giant sloth were found, and spend the night at the Remota. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14 AND 15: PUNTA ARENAS/SANTIAGO/HOME

Drive to Punta Arenas. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home. (Day 14: B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2016 Oct. 24, Oct. 27*

*This departure travels in the opposite direction, starting with a night in Santiago, Chile, then exploring Torres del Paine, then sailing aboard National Geographic Explorer from Puerto Natales to Ushuaia. See website for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add three days pre- or post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls** (depending on direction) or choose a post-voyage extension to **Easter Island**. See page 70 or visit our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Melford is an expert in all aspects of digital photography with several *National Geographic* covers to his credit. Join him on both departures.



Pío XI Glacier.

EXPLORING CHILEAN PATAGONIA: PEAKS, GLACIERS, AND FJORDS

11 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$8,950 to \$16,720 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

In the compact timeframe of a week away from the office, you can experience the peerless fjords, glaciers and panoramic vistas that make Chilean Patagonia one of the most lauded nature destinations on Earth. Exposing you to the ‘best of’ highlights, like the stunning Beagle Channel, massive glaciers and more, this perfectly-paced expedition also brings you into the seldom-seen natural splendors of natural parks Yendegaia and Karukinka. Cap off your expedition with the sight of legendary Cape Horn for a hard-to-top-this photo op.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Buenos Aires (on the Oct. 24 departure) or Santiago (on the Oct. 31 departure).
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and take in the view of Cape Horn.
- ▶ Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Yendegaia and Karukinka Natural Parks in Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ Zodiac cruise and kayak through the breathtaking Chilean fjords.
- ▶ See massive glaciers, dramatic fjords, and soaring snow-covered peaks, and spot wildlife including condors and elephant seals.

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Bernal glacier.



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Tierra del Fuego

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DAYS 10 AND 11: DISEMBARK PUERTO NATALES/PUNTA ARENAS/SANTIAGO/HOME

Disembark the ship in Puerto Natales and drive to Punta Arenas. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home. (Day 10: B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2016 Oct. 24, Oct. 31*

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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

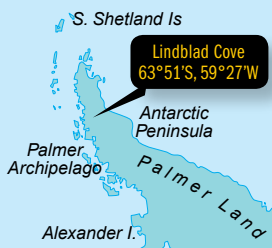
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We'll see massive southern elephant seals.



Kayaking in Patagonia.

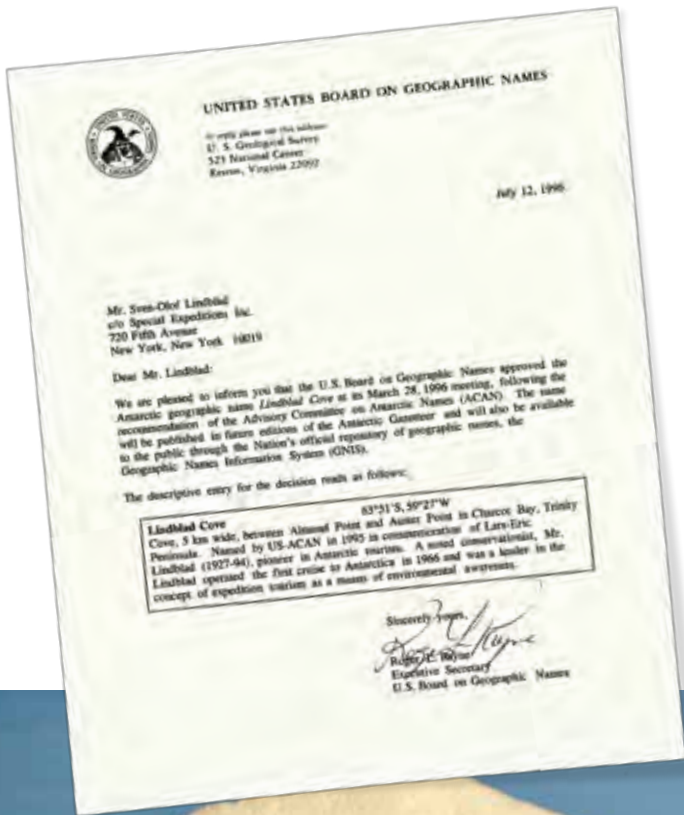


Lars-Eric Lindblad pioneered Antarctic tourism. In 1966 he launched the first laymen expedition to the continent, at a time when explorers and scientists were the only visitors. For his efforts, he received honors accorded a polar explorer.



At right: Sven Lindblad explores Lindblad Cove for the first time. Above: Lars-Eric Lindblad in 1973. Once common, dog teams were banned in the 1991 Environmental Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty. This page: Lindblad Cove.

GO WITH THE GENUINE EXPLORERS FOR WHOM LINDBLAD COVE IS NAMED



“Naturally, growing up I knew about my father’s achievements. That he had pioneered citizen expeditions to Antarctica and subsequently to Galápagos, and other of the planet’s most extraordinary places, as well. He received multiple awards throughout his career. And in 1996 the U.S. Board on Geographic Names recognized his contribution to Antarctica by officially designating a section of Charcot Bay as “Lindblad Cove.” In 2011 I returned to Antarctica aboard *National Geographic Explorer* for the first time in many years, and it happened that the ship visited Lindblad Cove. The ship’s staff invariably toasts my father’s memory when there, and I found the experience of seeing Lindblad Cove for the first time incredibly deep and moving. It’s remarkable to think of the courage and vision it took to bring the first laymen to this incredible continent.”



» SEE VIDEO OF SVEN'S LINDBLAD COVE VISIT AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/COVE

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,970 to \$27,520 (See pages 78-79 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see our website for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

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



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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



Diving Gentoo penguin.

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 Beau-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Ritz-Carlton Hotel 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 Zodiac 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 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: 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*): 2015 Nov. 27; Dec. 7, 17[†]; 2016 Feb. 5; Nov. 27; Dec. 7, 17[†], 27[†]; 2017 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5

DATES (*Orion*): 2015 Dec. 6; 2016 Dec. 16[†], 26[†]; 2017 Jan. 5, 15

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

[†]For holiday rates, see pages 78-79 (*Explorer*); and visit our website (*Orion*).

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book select departures by **Dec. 31, 2015** 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 80 or call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires (*Explorer*)** or one 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)**. See pages 70-71, visit our website or call for details.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

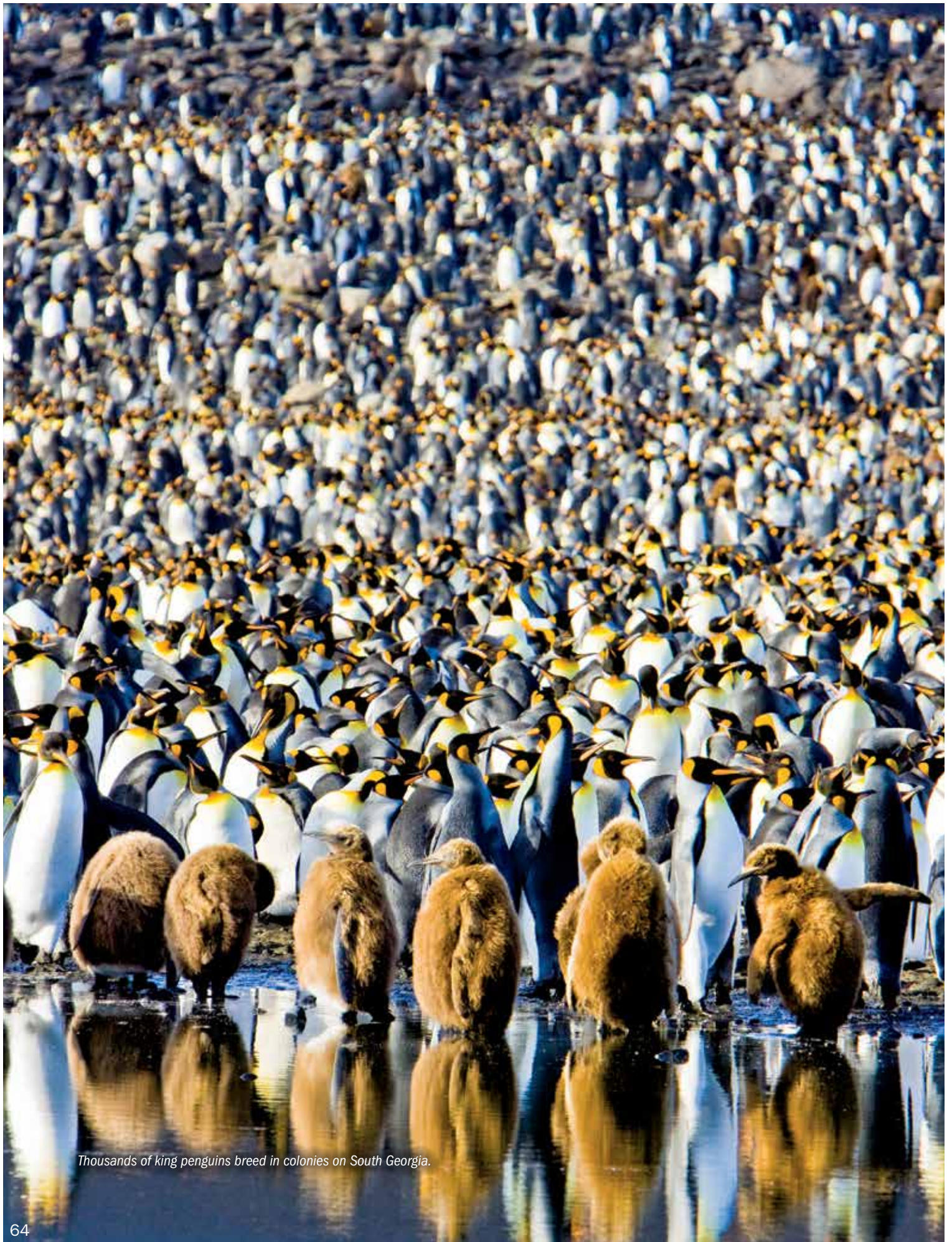
Author **Alasdair McGregor** Nov. 27, 2015; scientist **Andrew Clarke**, Dec. 7, 2015; adventurers **John Evans**, Dec. 17, 2015; **Peter Hillary**, Jan. 16, Feb. 5, Nov. 27 and Dec. 7, 2016; **Mike Libeck**, Dec. 17 & 27, 2016.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: **Susan Seubert** Nov. 27 & Dec. 7, 2015, **Kip Evans** Nov. 27 and Dec. 7, 2016 and **Krista Rossow** Jan. 6 & 16, 2017. *Orion*: **Jeff Mauritzen** Dec. 6, 2015, **Rich Reid** Jan. 5 & 15, 2017.



Kayakers amid gentoo penguins.



Thousands of king penguins breed in colonies on South Georgia.

“South Georgia is a virgin wilderness that lost its virginity yet is becoming virginal again... The island, epicenter of one of the worst marine mammal massacres in history, now teems with multitudes on the scale the planet knew before the invention of the spear, the bow, the gun.”



—Kenneth Brower, “Resurrection Island,” *National Geographic* magazine, December 2009

SOUTHERN OCEAN WILDLIFE SPECTACULAR

Once a killing ground used by whalers and fur sealers, South Georgia is now a sanctuary, an extravagant celebration of life and pristine wildness. And if the astonishing sight of thousands of king penguins in one rookery alone were all South Georgia offered; if at the end of our time



Stanley, Falklands.

among the kings—observing, listening, photographing, communing with them—someone said “Show’s over, folks” and we were all to troop home...based on our years of conducting expeditions, we suspect no one would complain. It’s an experience that is profound and rewarding.

There is much more however. South Georgia has wildlife in such profusion that it literally boggles the mind and sends your spirit soaring. Dense colonies of king penguins, fur seals, elephant seals, and macaroni penguins. And albatross, nearly a third of all birds belonging to the species grey-headed, black-browed and light-mantled sooty albatross nest on South Georgia and the Falklands, perhaps among the more surprisingly wonderful places, based on guests’ reactions, where we explore. Mist-shrouded and romantic, or ablaze with the sunlit yellows

and sage greens of the waving tussock grass, each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical grace. And in this privileged place, the albatross will reveal the beauty of their grandly mysterious lives. This quote from Carl Safina’s *Eye of the Albatross* captures the fascination of this creature that we will observe at close range: “An albatross is the grandest living flying machine on earth...bone, feathers, muscle and the wind...Wielding the longest wings in nature... albatrosses can glide hundreds of miles, crossing ocean basins... A 50-year old albatross has flown at least 3.7 million miles.”



Wandering albatrosses have the largest wing span of any bird—up to eleven and a half feet.

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$16,530 to \$31,920 (See pages 78-79 for complete prices.)

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



50
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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.

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.

King penguins returning from foraging at sea.



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital. Check into the excellent Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel before having a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (Mar. 7: L)

MAR. 8: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

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

MAR. 9: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

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



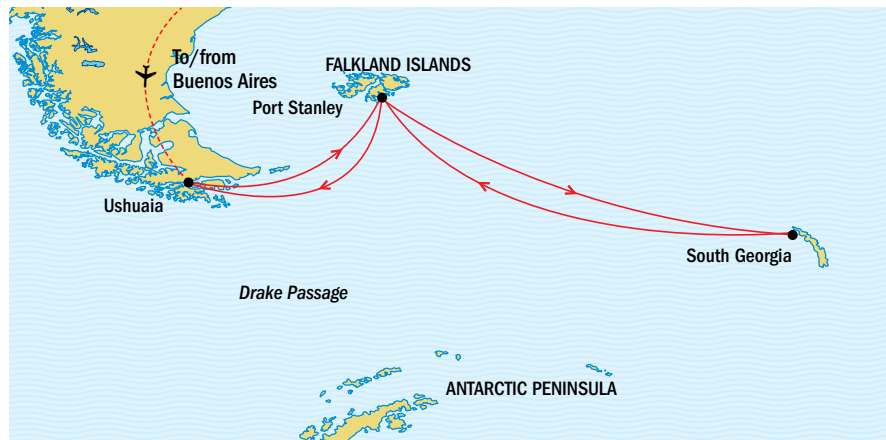
Elephant seal.

MAR. 10 AND 11: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as fur and elephant seals. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a few at a local pub, and stroll this remote Victorian town. (B,L,D)

MAR. 12 AND 13: AT SEA

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna and geology of South Georgia. A lookout is kept to identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 14-18: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

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

MAR. 19 AND 20: AT SEA

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

MAR. 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Take a last walk along the beautiful white-sand beaches, meander through tussock grass or sit atop a cliff and ponder the views. (B,L,D)

MAR. 22: AT SEA

One last chance to catch up on your reading in the library and send emails home saying "Don't want this to end." (B,L,D)

MAR. 23 AND 24: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires by private charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (Mar. 23: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 Mar. 6

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2015** to receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires). See page 80 or call for full details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension on **Easter Island**, or a two-day pre-voyage stay in **Buenos Aires**. Visit our website or see pages 70-71.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Explore with oceanographer **Don Walsh** and polar scientist **Robert Bindschadler**.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Susan Seubert. **Learn more at 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 28 men survived.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

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

PRICES FROM: \$22,430 to \$44,550 (See pages 78-79 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see our website 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.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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." There's a generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10. And a Global Perspectives guest speaker adds relevant insight.

South Georgia's spectacular landscape.



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 Ritz-Carlton Hotel 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 the Falkland Islands. 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. Hundreds of Antarctic fur seals are on hand as our Zodiacs make landfall. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

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

DAYS 20 AND 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Falklands boast the largest blackbrowed 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)

DAY 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: 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*): 2015 Nov. 7*; 2016 Nov. 7*; 2017 Feb. 15

DATES (*Orion*): 2016 Nov. 6*, 26*; 2017 Jan. 25; Feb. 14

*These voyages travel in reverse.

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

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book select departures by Dec. 31, 2015 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). Call for details. See page 80 or call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires** (*Explorer*) or one 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 pages 70-71.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with author **Alasdair McGregor** (right) Nov. 7, 2015, or scientist **Ken Taylor**, Feb. 15, 2017.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: **Tim Laman**, Nov. 7, 2016; *Orion*: **Annie Griffith**, Nov. 6, 2016, **Jeff Mauritzen** Nov. 26, 2016, **Susan Seubert** Feb. 14, 2017.

OPTIONAL EXPEDITION EXTENSIONS TO EXPLORE MORE



ADD EASTER ISLAND

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2015/16 PRICES*: FROM \$3,990 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

2016/17*: \$4,190 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; Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island**. Depending on departure date, a pre- or post-extension is available for the 11- and 15-day **Patagonia** voyages.



ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

PRE OR POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS

2015/16 PRICES*: FROM \$2,690 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

2016/17*: \$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. The extension can be taken after **Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island; Antarctica; Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands; South Georgia & the Falklands** or before **Epic 108°: An Atlantic Odyssey**. Depending on departure date, a pre- or post-extension is available for the 11- and 15-day **Patagonia** voyages.

ADD REYKJAVÍK'S GOLDEN CIRCLE

PRE OR POST-VOYAGE/ 1 DAY/ 1 NIGHT

2015 PRICES*: \$920 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

2016*: PLEASE INQUIRE FOR PRICING.

Extend your stay in Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Enjoy the surreal Blue Lagoon, and have a guided in-depth experience along the famed Golden Circle with its boiling pools, geysers and waterfalls. Add it before **Circumnavigating Iceland and Along the Viking Trail**, or after **Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland and Epic 80 °**.



ADD NORWAY'S FJORDS

PRE-VOYAGE/5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2016*: FROM \$4,390 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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



ADD ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2016*: \$3,760 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

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. Add it after departures of *Land of the Ice Bears*; *Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard*; and *Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast*.



ADD BUENOS AIRES

PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2015/16 PRICES*: FROM \$1,690 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

2016/17*: \$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 on *Epic 108°: An Atlantic Odyssey*; *Antarctica*; *Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands*; *South Georgia & the Falklands*.



ADD WALES

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE/6 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

2016/17*: PLEASE INQUIRE FOR PRICING.

Explore the distinct Welsh culture and a wealth of castles, gardens and abbeys, including Tintern Abbey, made famous by the poet Wordsworth, and see so much more. Add it before or after your expedition *Exploring the British & Irish Isles*.

**On all extensions airfare is not included.*

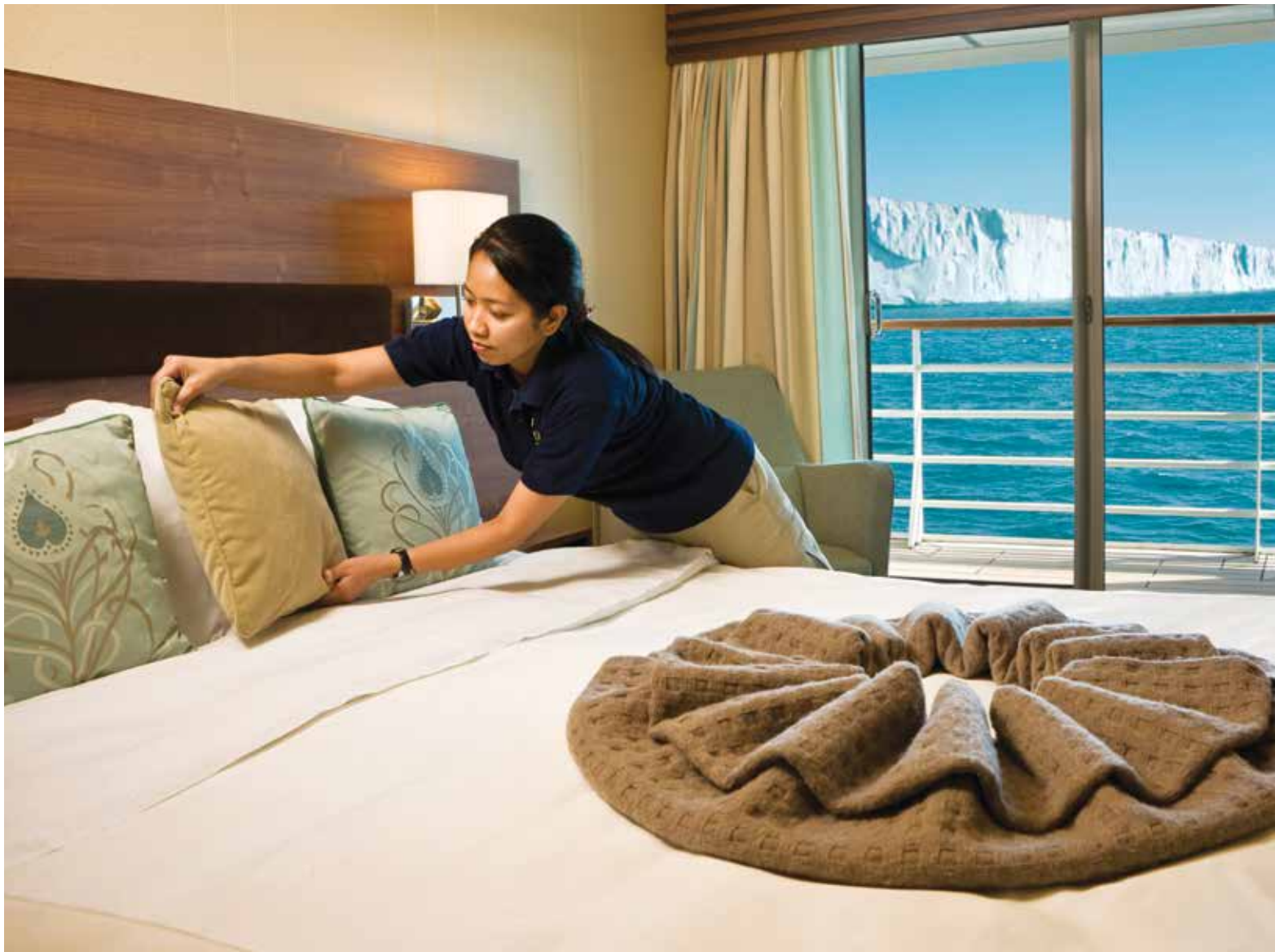
THE LUXURY OF COMFORT

In the early days of exploration, 'expedition' was often synonymous with mere sustenance, if not downright deprivation. Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, however, daily dining is a nourishing and satisfying experience, thanks to a hotel staff dedicated to your happiness, a creative chef inspired by the regions the ship explores, and a relaxing casual ambience to the dining scene. No assigned seating allows for easy mingling and a changing cast of dining companions—from fellow guests to expedition team members and special experts. Choose the snug confines of the Bistro Bar, hung with limited edition prints of Frank Hurley's *Endurance* expedition photos. Or the dining room with its expansive windows and surrounding views. Breakfast and lunch are kaleidoscopic and buffet-style. Dinner is served, invariably following cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and our signature evening 'Recap.'





Clockwise from upper right: The dining room arranged for easy mingling; enjoy a drink on our upper deck; count on our galley staff to keep your expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak, with local seasonal produce and regional flavors; Hotel Manager Henrik Ahlberg represents an entire hotel staff dedicated to your happiness.



THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS



Explorer's private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, her 81 cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins are inviting and rewarding—with deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets 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 connections, plugs for laptops and phone or camera chargers.

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Clockwise from left: Upper Deck cabin with balcony; section of a suite with balcony; spacious solo cabins are available on all decks; example of a Main Deck cabin with windows; suite bathroom (visit our website to see a standard bathroom).

Far left: Generously proportioned cabins all include Ethernet connections and plugs for laptops and chargers for phones and cameras.



THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



Use your smartphone to watch our **NG Explorer** video.

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 367 feet.

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; 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

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

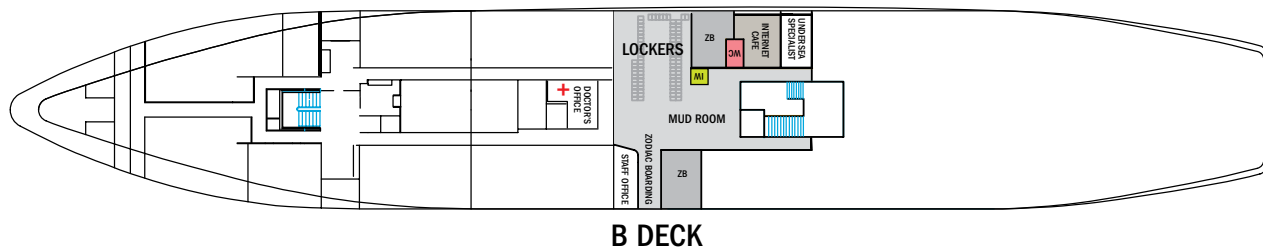
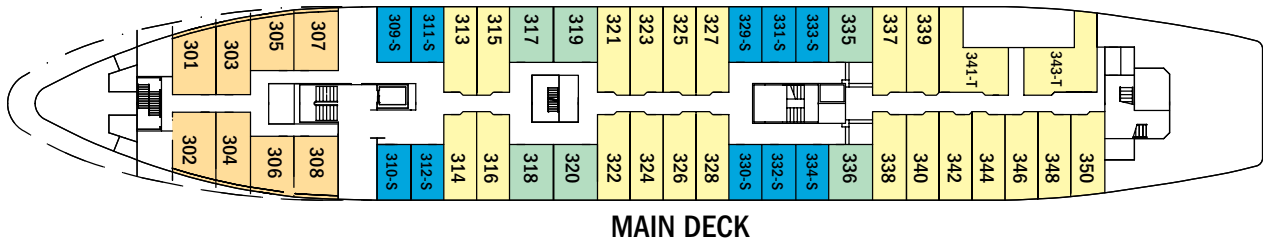
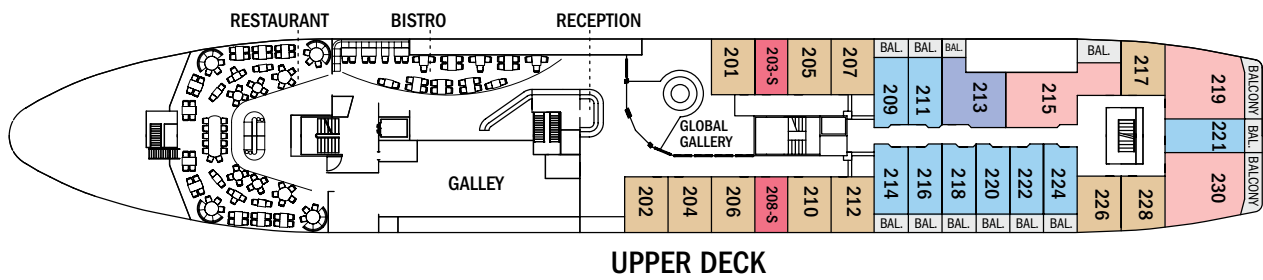
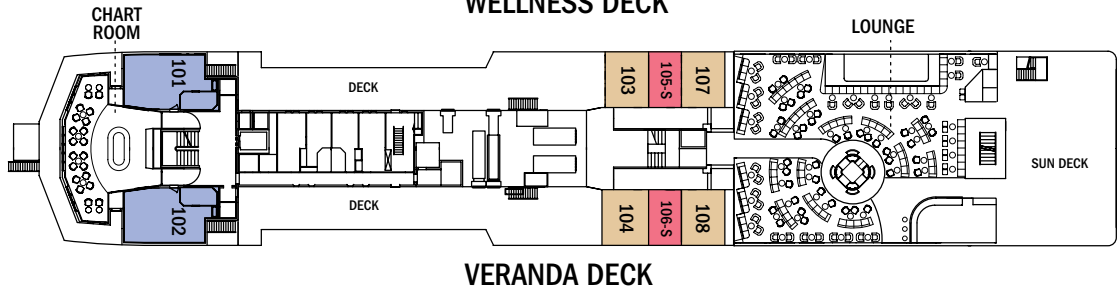
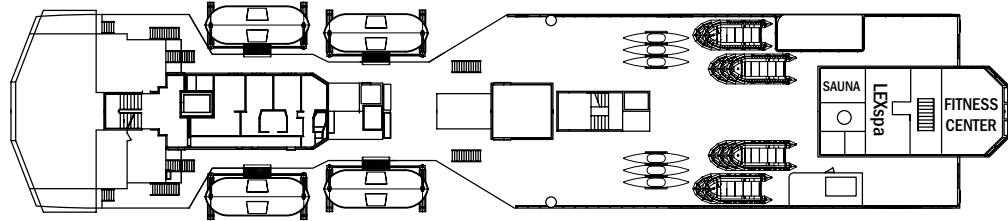
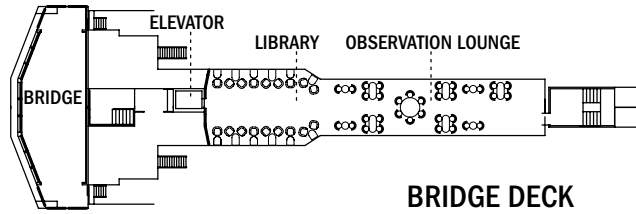
CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

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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Browsing the library.



Guests are welcome at the Bridge.



The Chart Room.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated otherwise.
CALL FOR RATES ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION IN THE ANTARCTIC.

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Epic 108°: An Atlantic Odyssey - Page 20	2016	\$8,980	\$9,490	\$9,980	\$10,440	\$12,100
Exploring the British and Irish Isles - Page 24	2016	\$13,640	\$14,320	\$14,960	\$15,590	\$18,610
Land of the Ice Bears - Page 28	2016	\$9,830	\$10,470	\$10,880	\$11,530	\$13,610
Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard - Page 30	2016	\$15,930	\$16,790	\$17,660	\$19,000	\$21,270
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast - Page 32	2016	\$14,510	\$15,320	\$16,050	\$17,290	\$19,760
A Circumnavigation of Iceland - Page 36	2016	\$9,820	\$10,680	\$10,990	\$11,990	\$14,230
Iceland by Land & Sea: From Reykjavík to the Wild West- Page 38	2016	\$4,990	\$5,430	\$5,620	\$6,100	\$7,220
Along the Viking Trail - Page 42	2016	\$10,680	\$11,390	\$11,870	\$12,570	\$14,820
Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin & Ellesmere Islands - Page 46	2016	\$25,190	\$26,990	\$27,990	\$29,990	\$36,200
The Canadian Maritimes - Page 50	2016	\$7,930	\$8,390	\$8,700	\$9,240	\$10,890
Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia and Argentina's Staten Island - Page 54	2016	\$18,990	\$20,420	\$21,250	\$22,520	\$26,630
Patagonian Treasures: From Torres del Paine to Cape Horn - Page 56	2016	\$13,940	\$14,600	\$14,980	\$15,610	\$17,540
Exploring Chilean Patagonia: Peaks, Glaciers, and Fjords - Page 58	2016	\$8,950	\$9,610	\$9,990	\$10,620	\$12,550
Journey to Antarctica - Page 62	2015/16	\$12,970	\$13,940	\$14,370	\$15,460	\$18,550
	2016/17	\$13,360	\$14,360	\$14,790	\$15,920	\$19,150
Journey to Antarctica - Holiday departures - Page 62 <i>Note: see website for 2015 holiday rates.</i>	2016/17	\$14,430	\$15,500	\$15,970	\$17,190	\$20,680
South Georgia and the Falklands - Page 66	2016	\$16,530	\$17,630	\$18,570	\$19,760	\$23,860
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands - Page 68 <i>Note: see website for 2015 rates.</i>	2016/17	\$23,100	\$24,750	\$25,910	\$27,130	\$33,290



Wellness spa with sauna.



The Fitness Center has panoramic views.

CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$14,420	\$15,990	\$11,860	\$12,480	\$1,000	Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Miami/Buenos Aires, Hamburg/New York: Economy from \$2,500; Business from \$5,800. Charter airfare from \$425 (Buenos Aires to Ushuaia).
\$21,670	\$24,900	\$17,890	\$18,690	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: New York/London and Bergen/New York: Economy \$1,070; Business \$4,390.
\$15,890	\$18,160	\$13,090	\$13,600	\$1,000	Includes two hotel nights. Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: \$1,180; Business from \$3,960. Charter Airfare: \$725 (roundtrip Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$25,360	\$29,140	\$20,990	\$22,080	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark: Economy from: \$1,180; Business from \$4,170. Charter airfare: \$360 Longyearbyen/Oslo).
\$23,060	\$26,490	\$19,150	\$20,060	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. \$1,280; Business from \$3,100; Charter Airfare: \$360 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$16,990	\$19,350	\$13,350	\$13,740	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip NY/Reykjavik/NY: Economy from \$750; Business from \$2,140.
\$8,650	\$9,970	\$6,790	\$7,030	\$750	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: round-trip NY/Reykjavik/NY: Economy from \$750; Business from \$2,140.
\$17,270	\$19,750	\$14,240	\$14,780	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night Reykjavik. Sample Airfares: Round trip New York/Keflavik: Economy from \$840; Business from \$2,060; Charter airfare: \$725 (Kangerlussuaq/Reykjavik).
\$41,270	\$47,960	\$33,740	\$34,990	\$3,000	Includes two hotel nights Reykjavik. Sample Airfares: Round trip Newark/Keflavik: Economy from \$840; Business airfare from \$2,060; Round trip charter airfare: \$1,450 (Reykjavik/Kangerlussuaq).
\$12,720	\$14,830	\$10,490	\$10,880	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/St. John's/Newark: Economy from \$480, Business from \$1,070.
\$30,990	\$35,500	\$25,520	\$26,560	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Miami/Santiago, Buenos Aires/Miami: Economy from \$1,390; Business from \$4,280. Charter airfare from \$665 (Santiago/Puerto Montt, Ushuaia/Buenos Aires).
\$19,640	\$21,710	\$17,690	\$18,190	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night in Buenos Aires (Oct. 24 departure) or Santiago (Oct. 27 departure), one hotel night in Puerto Natales, three hotel nights in Torres del Paine. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Miami/Buenos Aires, Santiago/Miami: Economy from \$1,390; Business from \$4,280. Charter airfare from \$805 (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia and Punta Arenas/Santiago, or vice versa).
\$14,650	\$16,720	\$11,990	\$12,490	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night in Buenos Aires (Oct. 24 departure) or Santiago (Oct. 31 departure). Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Miami/Buenos Aires, Santiago/Miami: Economy from \$1,390; Business from \$4,280. Charter airfare from \$805 (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia and Punta Arenas/Santiago, or vice versa).
\$21,250	\$24,740	\$17,430	\$17,970	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$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 \$1,280; Business from \$3,210. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$23,630	\$27,520	\$19,380	\$19,960	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,280; Business from \$3,210. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$27,520	\$31,920	\$22,040	\$23,210	1,800	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$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 \$1,280; Business from \$3,210. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).

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- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkeling, including wetsuits, masks, fins, snorkel where relevant
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

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Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined on page 79, as well as on our website. Holiday departure dates and certain longer voyages may carry additional advance deposit requirements due to high demand for these voyages. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention.

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Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, medical assistance, and damaged or lost baggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our website at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

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Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
180 or more days	\$750*
179-120 days	Advance payment cost
119-90 days	25% of trip cost
89-60 days	50% of trip cost
59-0 days	No refund

*\$750 will be rewarded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions as well as pre- or post- extensions.

The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees.

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our Group cancellation policies are listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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