ANTARCTICA
THE MOST LIFE-ENHANCING ADVENTURE THE PLANET OFFERS!

ABOARD THE WORLD’S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER | 2013-14
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.

As astonishing as the photos in National Geographic. And an exhilarating life adventure:

A Lindblad-National Geographic Antarctic Expedition

SPECIAL SEASONAL OFFER:
Free round-trip airfare Miami/Buenos Aires on select 2013 dates. See page 36 for details.
Dear Traveler,

Each year, when the Antarctic season begins, there is palpable excitement in our office because we know that the National Geographic Explorer is exploring the most remote place on Earth. And each day as they have for years, the expedition staff send us photos and video, keeping us abreast of their discoveries; discoveries that unequivocally show—no two expeditions are ever alike. (You too can follow current, or review previous, Daily Expedition Reports at www.expeditions.com/der.)

It wasn’t that long ago when the likes of Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton were here trying to unravel the continent’s many mysteries; a quest that still exists today. They taught us a lot through their expeditions. But, perhaps the greatest lesson is never, ever to take Antarctica for granted. Planning and leadership are key ingredients to a successful expedition and now we can add long-term experience to the equation as well.

Shackleton is my hero, because he and his crew had a magnificent adventure, and all came home.

Our job is to bring you in contact with Antarctica’s myriad wonders. To reveal the great penguin rookeries, to where mountains rise from the sea, and glaciers calve icebergs bigger than buildings. To guide you on treks across the sea ice, on Zodiac forays to “hang out” with the whales; and to free you to explore on your own with our specialized kayaks. And to enable you to do it all comfortably, and above all safely.

You will also see and learn about what goes on beneath the sea as our Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) explores and films as far down as 1,000 feet, where over the years we have actually discovered species unknown to science.

There’s a lot to explore in the pages that follow here. If you’re a photographer, either still or video, you can learn much with our National Geographic photographers, who accompany each voyage.

And then there’s South Georgia. The National Geographic Traveler quote (page 30) sums up the appeal perfectly. “If doctors told me I had only two weeks to live, I'd spend one week on South Georgia and the other week getting there.” Should you choose to go this season, you might return home a documentary filmmaker, thanks to the onboard workshop by National Geographic photographers and filmmakers Cotton Coulson and David Wright on the Nov. 7th expedition.

It’s been quite a journey, exploring Antarctica all these years since my father first brought visitors there in 1966. His love and respect for this great continent, and all it could offer you as a life experience, certainly runs through my blood and the blood of our captains, crew, and expedition staff.

Hopefully, you will join us. If you do, you will never be quite the same again.

Best regards,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

PS. Join us to explore the world in this very special year, the 125th Anniversary of National Geographic, and receive this limited edition commemorative book as our thank you.
“Why would anyone want to go there? Couldn’t you find someplace more hospitable to escape the English winter? A scientist would answer: for the field work. A painter would answer: for the inspiration. But there is another, less specialist reason, and a much more human one: mankind has scarcely touched this land. Yet those who did left behind an aura that no one can escape: something that can restore one’s pride in the human race. I believe that one day, a continent’s worth might be measured not just by mineral resources or strategic potential or population strength, but by its simple contribution to the spirit of man. Escape appeal, you could call it. In this field Antarctica’s got no equal. An area of inviolate wilderness twice the size of Europe, as big as the U.S. and Mexico together, it was once the brief footing for some of the most courageous men the world has ever known. But they, like us, were privileged visitors.”

—TEXT OF THE COMMENTARY BY KEITH SHACKLETON
FROM THE FILM “ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE,” DEPICTING AN EXPEDITION LED BY LARS-ERIC LINDBLAD ABOARD THE ORIGINAL LINDBLAD EXPLORER, CIRCA 1969
To view the archival late 60's film "Antarctic Adventure" please visit expeditions.com/timeless
GO SAFELY, ABOARD THE WORLD’S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

*National Geographic Explorer*, the flagship of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, is a purpose-built expedition ship, the best afloat, and the only newly converted ship whose design is informed by 45+ years of Lindblad’s polar expedition experience, and the collective 170 years of expedition experience the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic alliance represents.

In addition to being an ice-class polar expedition vessel, *National Geographic Explorer* is also a beautiful ship, built with careful attention to details and comfort. She accommodates 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins. As the embodiment of the partnership between Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic, she is the best-equipped expedition ship in the world, featuring exceptional accoutrements that make her an unparalleled base for exploration. And she enables the fullest expression of our signature style: an intimate, learning-oriented expedition environment.
Explorer is able to easily and safely penetrate the softer first-year sea ice in Antarctica—which translates to exclusive thrills. See page 11 for details.

VIEW A VIRTUAL TOUR OF NG EXPLORER AT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/ANTARCTICA
Left: After the bow, the second most vulnerable area in the ice is a ship’s stern. National Geographic Explorer’s large extension, built around the stern, extends well beyond the propellers and rudder, to keep ice at a safe distance. Ice keels and ice knives were installed around and aft of the propellers and rudders for further protection.

Above: Video chroniclers provide guests with a lasting digital record of their unique expedition.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER TECHNICAL SAFETY FEATURES

✓ An Ice 1A-Class Hull ensuring the ability to go further with the greatest safety in polar regions

✓ IAATO Emergency Response System Developed through IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) by Captain Leif Skog to ensure that all IAATO ships operating in the region keep in daily touch to form the initial response for any incident

✓ Ice Radar Hi-def visual data from the ship’s 3 cm wavelength radar to see safest routes

✓ Ice Searchlight A mast-mounted xenon light brightly reflects ice at night and in heavier seas to augment radar

✓ GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress & Safety System) A1, A2, A3 and A4 covering polar waters, plus an Iridium OpenPort Multimedia Device relying on 66 near polar-orbiting satellites provides continuous coverage in Antarctica without interruptions—for optimum connectivity

✓ Double Weather Forecasting We subscribe to both Bon Voyage and GRIBPLOT/WRI weather services

✓ Ship's officers Polar veterans, hand-picked and trained to act without hesitation in any severe conditions

✓ Forward-scanning Sonar scans several hundred feet ahead to spot uncharted obstacles and the safest way around them

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER’S TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

- Fully-stabilized with Rolls-Royce fin stabilizers
- A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet
- A Remote-controlled Crow’s Nest Camera with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin
- An Electronic Chart System that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
- A Chart Room with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
- Open Invitation to Visit the Bridge
- The Observation Lounge, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations
- 13 Zodiacs and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation
- 36 Double Kayaks that allow guests to kayak in pristine environments
- A Professional Video Chronicler to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase

WEATHER REPORT: Conditions in Antarctica from Nov.-Mar. are similar to a mild winter in the northeastern U.S. Temps are most often 25-35°F with periodic days in the 40s.
SEE THE ANTARCTICA YOU WOULD OTHERWISE MISS

Go with us to genuinely explore. *Explorer* carries an entire fleet of 36 two-person sea kayaks. Our innovative expedition team pioneered sea kayaking in polar waters, and they would settle for nothing less than getting a great number of guests out at once, without a wait time. So, they invented the perfect mobile platform. Sturdy enough to hold the kayak fleet and our launch team, who dispatch all kayaks in a very short time, our ingenious platform can be deployed within minutes of dropping anchor—to get you out exploring, not gazing wistfully from a window. The inflatable sea kayaks we use are virtually untippable, easy for novices as well as adept kayakers to use. And if you’ve never tried kayaking but would relish the opportunity, our expedition team is happy to provide instruction. From larking around in a pristine cove, to point-to-point kayak treks, our kayak fleet will give you the activity level and intimate, personal adventure you want.

*Below: Undersea specialist, David Cothran, ready to deploy our fleet of 36 two-person sea kayaks within minutes of dropping anchor.
Right: Guests enjoying an up-close encounter with a crabeater seal.*
Thanks to Explorer’s expert staff and tools, you can actively engage. Savor the thrill of crunching through the ice. Land on the 7th continent. Visit penguin rookeries for up-close encounters. Shoot with an onboard National Geographic photographer and enjoy the company of genuinely interesting people.
We offer exciting early season departures—November and December—because the Antarctic spring, with 18+ hours of daylight and pristine snow, offers such compelling thrills:

» Deck time is riveting as we watch the Captain maneuver through the leads, listening to the crunch as our ice-strengthened bow drives through the retreating sea ice.

» It’s in the early season when the Captain can adroitly “park” Explorer, allowing guests to disembark directly on the ice (photo, right).

» Spring is the best time to see raucous penguin courtship behavior—with pairs proceeding from courting to mating and building nests of small pebbles, with much comic pebble stealing among neighbors.

» And being among the first in the early season gives new meaning to the term “virgin snow;” the landscapes are utterly pristine and perfect for photos.

TO SEE EXPLORER NAVIGATE THE ICE, VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ANTARCTICA
EVEN EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC UNDERSEA

Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Sylvia Earle, Bob Ballard and other National Geographic explorers, National Geographic Explorer travels with undersea specialists who dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the Lounge, perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d’oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be pioneering. When Explorer is in Antarctica, for example, the footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.

Main image: National Geographic photographer Paul Nicklen interacts with a leopard seal in Antarctica. From top: Images shot by undersea specialist David Cothran over our past Antarctic season. Penguins shot by Kevin Schafer.
National Geographic Explorer is also equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet to capture vibrant footage for viewing in the lounge.
Another amazing part of adventuring in Antarctica is watching our expert officers on the bridge. Guests are welcome to drop in anytime to watch mastery at work. Photo left: Captain Oliver Kruess at the bridge.

GO WITH THE TOP TEAM FOR NAVIGATING POLAR WATERS

Over the 45+ years we've been exploring Antarctica our collective polar intelligence has grown exponentially. We now know Antarctica to a greater degree than any other company voyaging there. We systematically continue the surveying practices Sven Lindblad’s father, Lars-Eric, began in 1966. In recent years, we’ve continually recorded our tracks by satellite positioning and overlaid each position with the water depth measurements our crew has taken at that spot to create “safe tracks,” enabling us to return to exciting, off-the-beaten-path locations. And building on the paper surveys dating back to the original Lindblad Explorer, we have accumulated considerable data on safe anchorages. After so many consistent years of surveying and recording, our officers have more data at their fingertips on the bridge than many government hydrographic agencies.

Our Captains have spent decades in the ice. They have each navigated over 125 Antarctic expeditions, ensuring they have the crucial knowledge we demand. Their knowledge and confidence allows them to safely conduct our guests through the full range of polar weather and sea conditions. They are extraordinary mariners—and more. Our captains have a profound love for the polar geographies, and are as adept as our naturalists at spotting wildlife. They dedicate their skills to ensuring that spontaneity and memorable moments remain our expedition hallmarks.
“I was personally involved with the rebuilding of Explorer and know first-hand what extreme measures we took to make the ship strong. She is the most reinforced, safest ship I have ever worked on before—and I have complete confidence taking her deep into the polar ice.”

- CAPTAIN AND ICE MASTER LEIF SKOG,
  ON NG EXPLORER’S POLAR CREDENTIALS
TRAVEL WITH THE TOP FIELD TEAM

Over the 45+ years of our history, the quality of our veteran staff and their companionship is the reason the Lindblad name is known and respected for top-quality expeditions. And now that our expeditions travel with National Geographic photographers aboard, as well as a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, there is no better team anywhere. The staff composition ensures a diverse range of expertise—naturalists, ornithologists, marine biologists, polar historians and more. We invest significantly to keep a guest-to-staff ratio of 10:1. Guests are not herded around in large groups, but can gravitate naturally to the staff members they’re most interested in, ask questions, and pursue their own interests. Guests often comment on how our staff is personable and accessible. Their enthusiasm makes our Antarctica expeditions informative and fun.

*Long-time polar veterans expedition leader Bud Lehnhausen, ornithologist Ian Bullock, naturalist Karen Copeland, and naturalist/photographer Ralph Lee Hopkins.*

» FOR FULL STAFF BIOS GO TO: EXPEDITIONS.COM/ANTARCTICA
Unique in the world of travel, our Expedition Photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivaled photography opportunities—including a top National Geographic photographer aboard every Antarctic voyage. Photo enthusiasts, from beginner to semi-pro, can stand side-by-side with accomplished photographers and pick up tips in an extraordinary field environment. Their expertise will inspire you and help you improve your skills—so you can return home with great shots, or a complete photo record of your experience of a lifetime.

Joining us this season are National Geographic photographers Michael Melford, Jay Dickman, Carsten Peter, Kevin Schafer, Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson.

MEET THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ANTARCTICA
EXPLORE WITH GUEST SPEAKERS FROM OUR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

Flanking our expert field staff, the guest speakers from our Global Perspectives program add extra layers of interest, insight and a relevant global perspective to the expedition community. And not just at the podium. Each guest speaker has chosen to join us, specifically to go exploring along with our staff and guests. You’re sure to find, if you travel with us, how much you have in common with so many.

**PETER HILLARY.** Born into mountaineering royalty. He’s summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents, and established a new overland route to the South Pole.  
*Nov. 7 & 27, 2013*

**KATHY MORAN.** Former *National Geographic* senior editor for natural history and a 30-year veteran, editing more than 200 stories for the magazine. In the course of her 22 years as an illustrations editor, she has clicked past more than five million frames made by some of the best photographers in the world.  
*Dec. 7, 2013*

**JOHN EVANS.** A member of an historic 10-member expedition in 1966, sponsored in part by the National Geographic Society, that became the first to summit the highest point in Antarctica: Mount Vinson.  
*Dec. 17 & 27, 2013*

**GEOFFREY CHESBROUGH.** Rear Admiral Chesbrough U.S. Navy (Ret.) served as the oceanographer of the Navy.  
*Jan. 6 & 16, 2014*

**PAUL ARTHUR BERKMAN.** Oceanographer, explorer and polar scientist, Prof. Berkman is working on interdisciplinary connections between polar science, policy and information technology.  
*Jan. 26, 2014*

**EDWARD LARSON.** Pulitzer Prize-winning author. His latest book is *An Empire of Ice: Scott, Shackleton, and the Heroic Age of Antarctic Science.*  
*Feb. 5, 2014*

**ROBERT BINDSCHADLER.** A former Chief Scientist at NASA, he has led 16 Antarctic field expeditions to study dynamics of the West Antarctic ice sheet.  
*Feb. 15, 2014*

See how Global Perspectives guest speaker Don Walsh, oceanographer, honorary life member of The Explorers Club and 32-time Antarctic visitor, ranks his *Explorer* experience last season at EXPEDITIONS.COM/WALSH
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN EXCLUSIVE ON BOARD DOCUMENTARY FILM WORKSHOP

Award-winning National Geographic photographer and filmmaker Cotton Coulson and David Wright will offer a shipboard hands-on video workshop, Video the Adventure: Digital Storytelling, aboard the Nov. 7, 2013 departure on the Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands expedition.

This hands-on, in-depth workshop will help you develop the skills necessary to convey your adventure in moving terms, through the medium of digital storytelling. The filmmakers’ goal is to enable you to capture your expedition experience on video, learn to edit it, and ultimately, to create your own highly personal documentary to share with friends and family.

Book the Nov. 7, 2013 departure and your in-depth filmmaking experience will begin before you embark. You’ll receive access to a multi-video online series detailing what you can expect, and initiating the learning before you begin the onboard, hands-on instruction. An unprecedented professional filmmaking workshop—conducted in one of the most cinematic places on the planet. Don’t miss your chance to participate.

Talks and tips from the filmmakers—as well as the online video tutorials—are available to all guests. However, the in-depth, hands-on workshop is limited to 25 participants. Reservations are on a first-come, first-reserved basis and there will be a fee of $500 per person. To avoid disappointment, please be sure to sign up for the workshop when you make your booking.

Cotton Coulson (left) is a National Geographic photographer who also produces international HD video films for his media company. Filmmaker David Wright (above) won an Emmy for his National Geographic video Realm of the White Bear.
GO WITH THE GENUINE EXPLORERS FOR WHOM LINDBLAD COVE IS NAMED

Lars-Eric Lindblad, father of Sven Lindblad, pioneered “citizen” expeditions to Antarctica. In 1996, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names recognized Lindblad's contribution to Antarctica by officially designating a section of Charcot Bay as “Lindblad Cove.” Their letter stated that, “A noted conservationist, Mr. Lindblad operated the first cruise to Antarctica in 1966 and was a leader in the concept of expedition tourism as a means of environmental awareness.”

Today, *National Geographic Explorer* occasionally calls at Lindblad Cove. A toast is invariably made to the memory of Lars-Eric by the ship's staff, many of whom first traveled to Antarctica with him on board the *Lindblad Explorer*. 
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 left: 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.
Our founder, Sven Lindblad, spent his formative years in Africa, working as a guide with a high-end safari operator, and the words of his mentor have always stayed with him: “only a fool has to suffer in the bush.” That’s why our Hotel Manager and Head Chef are integral to every expedition—as important to the intricate calculus of happiness aboard ship as the expedition leader and the captain. Their ability to respond flexibly keeps our vital expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak. You can eagerly rush to the deck for a spontaneous dinner hour wildlife sighting, without worry that it’s wreaking havoc in the kitchen. Dinner will still be superb. Like the ship’s connectedness to the outdoors, each meal is a window of sorts, reflecting the local cuisine through fresh ingredients sourced locally from providers who act sustainably. Whether you’re hiking the tussock grasses in the Falklands to see nesting black-browed albatross, or photographing elephant seals on a beach in South Georgia, you’re building an appetite—for food, comfort and personal service—these team members are dedicated to satisfying.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER’S AMENITIES**

- **Dining Room** Contains banquettes and table configurations ranging from parties of 2 to up to 12
- **Bistro Bar** Smaller, more intimate; includes a piano, drinks and cappuccino bar
- **Accommodations** 81 outside cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies and 14 solo cabins with feather duvets, white terry robes, hair dryers
- **Global Gallery** High quality handicrafts from global artisans; sundries and gear
- **LEXspa** For relaxing massages and body treatments. Includes sauna, shower, towels and robes, a Wellness Specialist, two treatment rooms
- **Fitness Center** Equipped with free-weights, stretch bands, balance balls, treadmills, ellipticals and stationary bikes
- **Mud Room** With open lockers for convenient stowage of boots, parkas, hats, weather gear, etc
- **Library, Observation Lounge, Internet Cafe, Laundry, Full-time Doctor**

Above: Dining is an interesting and varied daily experience: completely casual with no assigned seating, and the opportunity to have a changing cast of dining companions, from fellow guests to expedition team members and special guests. The buffet-style breakfasts and lunches brim with healthy options from wholesome to indulgent. A kaleidoscopic array of baked-fresh-daily breads surprise and delight. And the strikingly plated dinner entrees dazzle daily. Opposite: Hotel Manager Henrik Ahlberg.
THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS

NG 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 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.

TO VIEW A VIDEO TOUR OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER, VISIT WWW.EXPLORATION.COM/ANTARCTICA
Top left: Upper Deck cabin with balcony. Bottom left and right: Suite bathroom and section of suite with balcony. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, all of Explorer’s generously proportioned cabins have rewarding views of the sea and the scenery.

At right: The library is a relaxing place to read or study a topic. The well-equipped fitness center offers a panoramic view instead of the usual gym TV screens, and the wellness spa is the perfect place to end an active day.

Above: A glimpse of the stunning photos by the leading undersea photographers of the world aboard Explorer—part of an exclusive National Geographic-curated Ocean exhibit, focused on illuminating ocean issues through photos, interactive displays and videos.
CONSIDERING ANTARCTICA?

There are 6 important questions to ask before you decide with whom to book your Antarctic adventure. This guide answers them all:

1. **What kind of ship is best?**
2. **What safety features are vital?**
3. **What is the travel operator’s experience?**
4. **How active will your Antarctic experience be?**
5. **What does the travel operator offer in terms of staff and onboard experts?**
6. **What is their environmental record & commitment to conservation?**

Antarctica is the wildest, most remote and least predictable geography on earth. However, because many cruise lines, sensing a business opportunity, have begun to offer voyages to Antarctica, many travelers may be lulled into a false sense that Antarctica is now somehow “tame.”

This guidebook was designed to give travelers information they can use to sort out the options. It will help you make the choice that will best ensure your safety and the quality of your experience.

**TO REQUEST A COMPLIMENTARY COPY, VISIT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/ANTARCTICA**

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN ONE CONVENIENT PLACE

Exploring Antarctica with us is unlike traveling with any other company—our ships are equipped with cool tools for exploring. Our staff is passionate, dedicated and interesting. And we offer undersea and photography opportunities you won’t find anywhere else. Log on to learn more about our unique expedition style. And get answers to questions like these:

- What’s unique about the Lindblad-National Geographic experience
- Why expedition style travel might be right for you
- How our heritage ensures your safety
- What our inclusive price actually includes

Plus, you’ll find:

- Expedition Staff You’ll travel in good company, learn why
- National Geographic Photographers Exclusively aboard our ship & at your service
- Photo Slideshows To inspire you to pack your camera and aim & create
- Videos Preview an expedition, hear people describing their experience, see the undersea & more
JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: $11,990 to $22,870 (See pages 34-35 for complete prices.)

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

Our unparalleled expedition team is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, undersea specialist, video chronicler and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders. Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

“Perhaps you can sail off the end of the earth and into another world. An altogether foreign dominion, where white spires of ice sail like silent ghost ships on a blue-black sea; where thousands of tuxedoed birds ride snow mountains; where the flukes of whales rise in fandance pageantry from beneath the sea.”


Gentoo penguins cluster on the vast Antarctic ice shelf.
DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina’s cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK
Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. Then embark the National Geographic Explorer and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE
While crossing the spectacular Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA
With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales perform off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing during the day. We anticipate making several Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You’ll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of those same penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our underwater specialist may present video from that day’s dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA
Enjoy the ship’s amenities as the Antarctic coast disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 AND 14: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ DiSEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.
Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (B,L)

ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATES: 2013 Nov. 27; Dec. 7, 17, 27; 2014 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5

SPECIAL OFFER
Book by Mar. 31, 2013 on select 2013 departures to receive free economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires/Miami. New bookings only, not combinable with other offers. See page 36 or call for full details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
Add five days post-voyage in Easter Island or four days post-voyage in Iguazú Falls. Visit our website, or see pages 32-33 for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS:
Travel with Sisse Brimberg & Cotton Coulson (Nov. 27 & Dec. 7, 2013); Carsten Peter (Dec. 17 & 27, 2013); or Kevin Schafer (Jan. 6 & 16, 2014).

Learn more at expeditions.com/photo

Kayakers paddle past a sweeping iceberg.
24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: $20,740 to $39,990 (See pages 34-35 for complete prices.)

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

Our experienced expedition leader and team of eight naturalists are your conduit to an extraordinary experience. And the National Geographic photographer and LEX/NG-certified photo instructor on board, ours exclusively, are key to capturing the incredible wildlife. Our video chronicler will record the entire voyage. The undersea specialist will reveal the deep, while our wellness specialist helps you feel the “tonic of wildness.” Count on the Global Perspectives guest speaker for relevant insights.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Glide in a Zodiac or a kayak past massive icebergs.
▶ Trace the story of Shackleton’s fateful expedition to South Georgia.
▶ Become immersed in a sea of black and white amid a 200,000-strong king penguin colony in South Georgia.
▶ Visit the outposts of Port Stanley in the Falklands and Port Lockroy in Antarctica.

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—Brent Houston, “Island of the Kings,” National Geographic Traveler, October 2009
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DAY 4: AT SEA
Settle in to shipboard life as we sail to the Falkland Islands. Keep a lookout for albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5 AND 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS
The Falklands boast the largest black-browed albatross colony in the world, king cormorants, nesting rockhopper penguins, and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic Victorian-style town of Port Stanley and visit the evocative Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

DAYS 7 AND 8: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 9-13: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND
This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and we’ll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. Hundreds of Antarctic fur seals are on hand as our Zodiacs make landfall. And at a vast penguin colony you’ll be surrounded by 200,000 king penguins! (B,L,D)

DAYS 14 AND 15: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 16-20: ANTARCTICA
With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We’ll sail through the incomparable Lemaire Channel and land on the “White Continent,” exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

DAYS 21 AND 22: AT SEA
On our final days at sea, enjoy one last chance to view the marine life of these southern waters. Toast our epic voyage at a festive farewell dinner. (B,L)

DAYS 23 AND 24: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DEISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.
Disembark in Ushuaia. After time to explore, fly to Buenos Aires by private charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (B, L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATES: 2013 Nov. 7; 2014 Feb. 15*
*This voyage travels in reverse.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
Add a four-day post-trip extension to Iguazú Falls or a five-day post-trip extension to Easter Island. Visit our web site or see pages 32-33.

SPECIAL OFFER
Book by Mar. 31, 2013 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires) on the Nov. 7, 2013 departure. See page 36, or call for full details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS:
Travel with Michael Melford, who has shot more than a dozen features for National Geographic magazine (Nov. 7, 2013) or Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer Jay Dickman (Feb. 15, 2014). Learn more at expeditions.com/photo

Use your smartphone to watch our South Georgia video.
OPTIONAL POST VOYAGE EXTENSION

IGUAZÚ FALLS

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2013 14 PRICES*: $2,490 per person double occupancy; $3,170 per person sole occupancy.

*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfares not included. Ask for details.
The Iguazú Falls extension can be taken after departures of “Antarctica,”
and “Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands.” Adds three nights to the voyage.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls is also twice as wide with 275
cascades spread in a horseshoe shape over nearly two miles of
the Iguazú River. Situated in Iguazú National Park in northeastern
Argentina, this nature sanctuary is a UNESCO World Heritage
Site, owing to its beautiful subtropical forest, with 450 species of
birds, including toucans and parrots, and butterflies, orchids and
endangered jaguars. The monumental Devil’s Throat is the culmination
of our experience as water thunders 350 feet down into a river
canyon—an incredible display of raw power.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Get thrilling views of the Falls by boat and above via catwalk.
▶ Guided by our naturalists, search for wildlife in Iguazú National Park.
▶ Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park.

DAY 1: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/
BUENOS AIRES

Disembark our ship in Ushuaia and proceed
to the airport for our flight to Buenos
Aires, where we transfer to the luxurious
Caesar Park Hotel. This seductive city set
along the Rio de La Plata is the gateway to
Argentina. Settle into your hotel located in
the fashionable Recoleta district with its
shops and galleries, and have dinner at your
leisure. (B)

DAY 2: IGUAZÚ FALLS-LOWER CIRCUIT

After our short flight from Buenos Aires
to Iguazú, we take a 15-minute bus ride
to Iguazú National Park, where we check
in to our rooms overlooking the Falls at
the Sheraton Hotel, the only hotel within
Iguazú National Park. Following lunch, we
have our first close-up views of the Falls. A
naturalist-led walk of the Lower Circuit offers
an intimate experience of the landscape.
We stroll the catwalk that leads to river
level, where we board small boats for a ride
over water rapids—a spectacular approach
offering panoramic views of the rushing
waters. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEVIL’S THROAT

Explore the National Park’s diverse environ-
ments with our local guides, who have a
special license to access restricted areas of
the park to spot toucans and parrots. Next,
visit the awe-inspiring Devil’s Throat (Garganta
del Diablo), where 14 cascades drop 350
feet with such force that there is always a
100-foot cloud of spray overhead. Watch for
the rainbow! Dinner this evening will be at a
typical restaurant in Puerto Iguazú. (B,D)

DAY 4: IGUAZÚ FALLS-UPPER CIRCUIT/
BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Join a morning walk to the Upper Circuit
of the Falls for our last view of the rushing
waters. Early this afternoon, fly back to
Buenos Aires and connect to an overnight
flight home. (B,L)
OPTIONAL POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

EASTER ISLAND

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2013/14 PRICES*: $2,990 per person double occupancy; $3,580 per person sole occupancy.

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

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

The Easter Island extension can be taken after select departures of “Antarctica,” and “Antarctica, South Geogia & Falklands.” Adds five days/four nights to the voyage.

Follow your expedition with a visit to one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island. Home to silent sentinels of a long-lost culture, this tiny island is located 2,300 miles west of Chile in the Pacific Ocean and almost 1,200 miles from its nearest island neighbor. Learn about the ancient Rapa Nui culture that grew up in isolation. Where did these people come from and why did they carve more than 600 giant moai or stone statues? Learn from key archaeologists Edmundo Edwards and Claudio Cristino who have worked on uncovering these great relics.

EXpedition highlights

▶ See the 100-ton stone statues & ceremonial site set on a volcanic crater.
▶ Visit the research center with archaeologist Edmundo Edwards.
▶ Share in Polynesian traditions at dinner at a private home.

Day 1: UShuaia/DisEmbarK/Santiago, chile (via buenos aires)

Today we disembark National Geographic Explorer in Ushuaia and fly to Santiago, where we check in to our hotel. (B,L)

Day 2: Santiago/easter island

Fly to Easter Island and begin your exploration. Check in to the fine Altiplánico Hotel, our base for the next three nights. (B,L,D)

Day 3-4: easter island

Visit the Tahai archaeological complex and museum to learn about the prehistory of the island, and the Rano Kau ceremonial site of Orongo, sited magnificently at the very edge of a volcanic crater. Explore Ahu Te Pito Kura, Punapau red stone quarry and Ahu Akivi, one of the latest constructions on the island, with seven moai 14 feet tall. See Rano Raraku, where most of the stone statues were carved. Visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest ceremonial altar in Polynesia. (B,L,D)

Day 5: easter island/santiago/u.s.

We have the morning to continue our explorations of Easter Island before our flight to Santiago, connecting to an overnight flight home. (B,L)
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

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

Shared accommodations: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

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

Note: Cabinets #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed.

Note: Includes one hotel night in Buenos Aires. Immigration fees are not included.

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

**CAPACITY:** 148 guests in 81 outside cabins. **REGISTRY:** Bahamas

**OVERALL LENGTH:** 367 feet

**PUBLIC AREAS:** bistro bar; restaurant; chart room; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for videos and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, observation lounge and internet café.

**OPEN BRIDGE:** Provides guests with an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** 13 Zodiac landing craft, 36 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote controlled camera, video microscope.

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

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, LE/NG-certified photo instructor and video chronicler. Laundry service available.

TO VIEW A VIRTUAL TOUR OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER, VISIT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/ANTARCTICA
BOOK TODAY FOR SPECIAL SAVINGS

FREE AIRFARE, SELECT DEPARTURES: Book by Mar. 31, 2013 for complimentary airfare on select 2013 departures: Journey to Antarctica (Nov. 27 & Dec. 7, 2013); Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands (Nov. 7, 2013). Airfare valued up to $1,400 based on economy group flights Miami/Buenos Aires/Miami, subject to availability and must be ticketed by Lindblad. In the case that Lindblad’s group flights are no longer available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue a credit certificate. Offer valid for new bookings only, not combinable with other offers, or pre- and post-extensions. Call for full details.

TRAVELING AS A GROUP: Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This saving is applicable on voyage fares only, and not on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

BRINGING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under 18.

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS: Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken aboard National Geographic Explorer. This saving is applicable on voyage fares only, and not valid on extensions or airfare.

COMBINING OFFERS: Certain offers may be combinable for up to two saving opportunities unless stated otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back to back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings!

Inclusive pricing
The worth of what we include, combined with the quality of our service, the excellence of our expedition staff and Global Perspectives guest speakers, adds up to considerable value. Especially when you consider the impact of add-on charges to the “savings” other companies offer. It’s why we maintain you could literally go on our voyages without a dollar in your wallet, and have a perfectly excellent adventure taking advantage of all we offer. The only things not included are those of a personal nature or that interest a limited number of people—such as alcohol, internet usage, tips to the crew, wellness treatments and other specialized arrangements.

ABOARD SHIP
✓ 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, with complimentary terry robes, towels
✓ Fitness center with towels, water
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

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

ACTIVITIES
✓ All excursions
✓ Zodiac explorations
✓ Kayaking
✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
✓ Expedition parka
Reservation Information

Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks (where available), tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires, Economy from $1,400; Business from $4,300. Charter Airfare: $790 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia.)

Note: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment per person at the time of reservation is: $1,000 (Antarctica); $1,800 (Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands). The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined in our brochures, as well as on our website. 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.

Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and so much more.

Final Payment: For expeditions of nine nights or more, final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment schedules may vary for Holiday departures and certain longer voyages, due to high demand for these voyages. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

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.

Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change. Under normal conditions, the total expedition cost is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the published price is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event we determine that current costs create an unsustainable financial model, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to pass on these costs to you, to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide a transparent accounting of the reason for such an increase in costs.
Selected Honors and Awards


» Cruise Critic Editor’s Pick Awards “Best for Adventure,” 2010

» “Best Adventure Cruise” by Forbes.com, 2009

» Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009


» Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008

» Tourism for Tomorrow “Global Tourism Business Award,” 2007

» Seafood Champion Award, 2007

» Condé Nast Traveler “Ecotourism Award,” 2002

» Go to www.expeditions.com/awards for an extended list.