THE ARCTIC

Explore the Arctic with us this year for a front row seat on history. In April 2015, the U.S.A. assumes the Arctic Council Chairmanship and has plans to achieve real progress for the Arctic’s future. Join us aboard National Geographic Explorer to experience this remarkable geography, its stunning wild beauty, and its potential as a laboratory for evolved policy and cooperation. Share the adventure with our expert expedition team and return a more knowledgeable citizen of the planet.
ARCTIC COUNCIL | BACKGROUND

On September 20, 1989, at the behest of the government of Finland, officials from the eight Arctic countries gathered to discuss potential cooperative actions for the Arctic.

The Arctic Council was an outgrowth. A high-level, active, inter-governmental forum that addresses common issues and concerns faced by Arctic governments and indigenous peoples, the Arctic Council is primarily concerned with four areas of interest: Environment and Climate, Biodiversity, Oceans, and Arctic Peoples.

The Arctic Council Chairmanship rotates every two years. In 2015, Canada concludes its second tenure, and the U.S. assumes the Council Chairmanship for the first time since 2000.

The ideal time to visit the Arctic is now, during the American tenure. Join us, and our 40+ years of Arctic experience, knowledge and authentic expedition style will ensure you the most in-depth and immersive experience possible.
Cover photo: Polar bear on the pack ice of Baffin Island.
This spread: Polar bear (Ursus maritimus).
Dear Traveler,

The Arctic ice, both sea ice and glacial ice, is diminishing at an alarming rate. This is a fact. As a consequence, the whole region is changing in myriad ways and changing fast. This, too, is a fact.

An overwhelming number of global citizens believe, without doubt, that the planet is warming. However, the cause and what to do about it is still heavily debated.

Climate change, for inexplicable and tragic reasons, has also become partisan. Science is not red or blue; it is fact-based and belongs to us all.

We must find ways to reasonably, rationally, and respectfully debate strategies to both mitigate accelerated warming and adapt to what is and will continue to be significant change. And we should be mindful of new opportunities that accompany change.

In April 2015 the United States will take over the Chairmanship of the Arctic Council (www.arctic-council.org). It is an opportunity for significant leadership not only pertaining to the Arctic itself but globally. The Arctic is not responsible for our global challenges as it relates to our changing climate; however, it is a region that is powerfully affected. Whatever changes we see in the latitudes we live in are simply magnified in a land where ice has such a prominent role.

I am, and many of my colleagues are, cautiously optimistic about the possibilities of this two-year U.S. Arctic Council leadership position. And we are particularly inspired by the idea of sharing with you the opportunity to explore and understand this most special part of our world.

You are receiving this invitation to explore the Arctic in part because we believe you are interested in two things simultaneously—exposure to beautiful, dramatic, wild places, and the opportunity to converse about them and phenomena that are so intensely relevant now.
To be clear, we are not suggesting you come to the Arctic in order for us to advocate and proselytize for a particular belief. That would be inappropriate.

What we are committed to is showing and immersing you into what is so magical about this vast wilderness, to introduce you to some of the people who make this their home, and to create possibilities for you to take the most remarkable photographs you could imagine.

And, indeed, provide the opportunity to discuss—even to debate—the issues of our time which the Arctic so beautifully illustrates.

On behalf of our expedition team, I hope you will join us in the Arctic this summer.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

My friend, Dr. Enric Sala, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and head of National Geographic’s Pristine Seas team, conducts expeditions to perform the first comprehensive scientific surveys to obtain a “pristine” baseline. Enric and his team were key in inspiring the creation of large marine protected areas such as the Pacific Remote Atolls National Monument, U.S.A.; the Motu Motiro Hiva Marine Park, Chile; and the Seamounts Marine Managed Area, Costa Rica. Enric will now lead two Arctic expeditions: the first to Qaanaaq in Greenland and the other to Lancaster Sound near Baffin Island. Working closely with the Inuit to record their stories and traditions, the Pristine Seas team will investigate how their culture intertwines with Arctic wildlife, and how the disappearing ice will impact these populations and relationships. The team will travel by dogsled, helicopter and small plane to reach remote locations, to produce a documentary film that will illuminate the Arctic for the global community. Part of his team will also join the National Geographic Explorer this summer to gather material for the film.

National Geographic Explorer framed by a huge iceberg arch, Greenland. To see how National Geographic photographer Ralph Lee Hopkins got the shot, go to: expeditions.com/iceberg. Ship’s registry: Bahamas
ARCTIC COUNCIL | MEMBERS

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The eight Arctic states: Canada, Denmark including Greenland and the Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, and the United States.

PERMANENT PARTICIPANTS
- Aleut International Association (AIA)
- Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC)
- Gwich’in Council International (GCI)
- Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)
- Saami Council
- Russian Arctic Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)

OBSERVERS
France, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, People’s Republic of China, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Republic of Singapore, Republic of India; plus select NGOs, regional inter-governmental and inter-parliamentary organizations.

Having pioneered expedition travel in Antarctica and the Galápagos in the late ‘60s, Lars-Eric Lindblad began exploring the Arctic in the ‘70s, bringing the first ‘citizen explorers’ into a geography that has compelled post-Inuit and Viking explorers since the 1500s. We have been exploring the vast Arctic, including Arctic Svalbard, Greenland, and the Canadian High Arctic, for more than forty years. We know this High North region well, from its polar bears and other creatures, to its human inhabitants and the changing nature of its ice.

Join us and you will voyage with the most experienced ice team in travel for exhilarating encounters—with Arctic wildlife, landscapes, icescapes, and indigenous people.

FIND ARCTIC ITINERARIES AHEAD, OR VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ARCTIC TO PREVIEW THE EXPERIENCE, WATCH OUR VIDEO AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ARCTIC_VIDEO
Zodiacs are launched from National Geographic Explorer in the Canadian Arctic.
In October 2014 at the Arctic Council meeting in Yellowknife, Canada, the U.S. State Department announced their intentions for the U.S. Chairmanship:

- Addressing the impacts of climate change in the Arctic
- Stewardship of the Arctic Ocean
- Improving economic and living conditions in the Arctic

Further signaling the U.S. commitment to using the two-year Chair of the Arctic Council to achieve real progress was the announcement that Secretary of State John Kerry will act as the Chair.

The proposed initiatives were well received by the eight Arctic nations, Permanent Participants, and key environmental organizations.

In July 2008, we hosted an expedition aboard our polar ship of the time, *National Geographic Endeavour*, together with National Geographic and the Aspen Institute. We took over 100 leaders from science, business, policy, religion, labor and the environment to focus on climate issues facing the Arctic and the world. Now, given the U.S. Chairmanship, we are encouraged to believe that our nation is ready to lead and create possibilities. And again, our ship is an active, adventurous gateway to understanding.

*Join us this season to see the Arctic with your own eyes, and to learn what our experienced expedition teams have been seeing over their multiple seasons in the ice.*

» TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2008 ARCTIC SUMMIT WE HOSTED, WATCH THE VIDEO AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/SUMMIT
Guests will have the opportunity to explore independently via our sturdy, virtually untippable kayaks.
The Arctic Council is concerned with BIODIVERSITY.

“The animals in the Arctic...come north in staggering numbers, travel hundreds even thousands of miles to be here during those few weeks when life swirls in the water and on the tundra and in the balmy air...you can feel the land filling up, feel something physical rising in it under the influence of the light, an embrace or exaltation.”

—BARRY LOPEZ, ARCTIC DREAMS

AUTHOR BARRY LOPEZ WILL ACCOMPANY THE JUNE 8 EXPEDITION. SEE PAGES 14-15. FIND HIS BIO ON EXPEDITIONS.COM/LOPEZ
Kitiwakes whirl above the Monaco Glacier, Svalbard, Norway.
Clockwise from top: In addition to majestic polar bears, we will search for iconic arctic wildlife: arctic fox, orca whales and other whale species, walruses, caribou on the tundra; in the Canadian Arctic we also search for musk ox and perhaps even the elusive narwhal.
“Most people interested in exploring the Arctic want to see polar bears. And the ace spotters on our expedition team oblige, reliably delivering up-close bear observations, season after season. However, what invariably surprises and delights all the guests is discovering the other denizens of the Arctic: the walrus communities, the musk oxen of Greenland, the shy, graceful Arctic foxes, and the species of whales that thrive in these plankton-rich waters.”

—Lisa Kelley, Expedition Leader
The Arctic Council is concerned with ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE.

This lone male polar bear was spotted on the pack ice in the Canadian Arctic and was later seen stalking and chasing a bearded seal.
“One of the ironic results of less sea ice is that polar bears are more concentrated and easier to find. We have seen much surprising behavior—mothers with cubs hunting closer than ever to adult males—and a record number of sightings in the last two years. An analogy might be when water holes dry up in the African savannah, the animals congregate wherever water still remains.”

—LEIF SKOG, CAPTAIN AND ICE MASTER
Land of the Ice Bears: An In-Depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

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. (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

Under the midnight sun, near Europe’s northernmost point, lies the Svalbard archipelago, a hauntingly beautiful wilderness known only to the adventurous few. Here you will have the opportunity to observe polar bears in the spectacular wild landscape of the pack ice. With no “cue the bears” signal to ensure they arrive, our team’s ace spotters train their ice-adapted eyes on the horizon. And with many years of experience, their track record for finding bears is excellent. Then, the thrill of the “hunt” turns into the breath-held wonder of a 6,000-ton ship waiting as a curious polar bear effortlessly leaps the floes to approach—putting you as close to an apex predator as you’ll ever want to get. Symbol of the Arctic, the polar bear is now the iconic representative of what we stand to lose: wonder, majesty, life.

Largely unpeopled, Arctic Svalbard is the expedition to choose for pristine Arctic nature.

A mother polar bear with her two cubs.
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 in bloom; 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. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO
Disembark in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, one of the northernmost human settlements on Earth. Enjoy time to explore before flying back to Oslo and overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 11: OSLO/FLY TO U.S. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATES: 2015 Jun. 1, 8, 15

EXPEDITION COST:
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as Solo.

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Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from $1,100; Business from $3,700. Charter Airfare: $725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to Norway’s Fjords, or a four-day post-voyage extension to Iceland. Visit our website for details.

SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH OUR RENOWNED EXPEDITION STAFF AND THESE ENGAGING EXPERTS:
Barry Lopez has been described as “the nation’s premier nature writer;” he is author of the best-seller Arctic Dreams (June 8). Oceanographer Don Walsh, Honorary President of The Explorers Club, traveled to the deepest point of the ocean (June 1). Polar adventurer Eric Larsen recently completed a successful journey to the Geographic North Pole (June 15).

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
Travel with Rich Reid, award-winning nature photographer and filmmaker (June 8 & 15).

LEARN MORE AT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/BEAR

Kayakers off Svalbard’s pristine coast.
Mid the drama of fjords, crystalline sounds, and a splendor of ice, we’ll look for polar bears and the other beautiful creatures of the Arctic—arctic foxes, 60 species of birds, various whale species, walrus and ringed seals, perhaps even the elusive narwhal. And, we’ll have the singular opportunity to meet the people who thrive in extreme Arctic conditions, and see more deeply into their culture and history, as we visit Inuit villages sustained by fishing and cultural traditions.

Roald Amundsen, legendary Heroic Age explorer and first to reach the South Pole (1911) and the North Pole (1926), prepared himself for his feats by studying the ‘technology’ of the Inuit. Choose this expedition to learn about the deep connection of the Inuit people to these lands—and witness the relentless calving of Greenland’s ‘big ice,’ so central to today’s climate discussion.

"I had never been to Greenland before and was stunned by the beauty and charm of its coastline. In Ilulissat, the Jakobshavn glacier flows at a rate of 100 plus feet a day, resulting in about 20 billion tons of icebergs flowing out of the fjord each year. This picture I took is one of them. They are remarkably majestic. The berg that took down the Titanic came from this glacier."

— Sven

Arctic Quest 2013, Ilulissat, Greenland
At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT**
Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among towering icebergs. Explore the archaeological site at Sermermiut, and view the Jakobshavn Icefjord and its immense, calving glacier. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY** (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6-8: EXPLORING THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC**
Carved by Ice Age glaciers, Lancaster Sound is the eastern gateway to the Arctic archipelago. European explorers like William Baffin first ventured here in the 15th century to search for the Northwest Passage. The sound has been a favorite Inuit hunting and fishing location for hundreds of years. Our days here will be spent searching for ringed seals, arctic foxes, walruses, and polar bears, as well as beluga and bowhead whales. We may even see the elusive narwhal, an arctic whale known for the long, spiraling tooth that projects up to ten feet from its upper jaw. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9-11: EASTERN BAFFIN ISLAND**
Using our years of experience in judging ice conditions, we make the most of the eastern Baffin shores. Hike the tundra in search of caribou and arctic foxes, or follow our botanist to learn more about the hardy arctic plants. We’ll cruise the coastline in search of walrus and other icons of the Canadian North. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 12 AND 13: DISEMBARK IQALUIT, NUNAVUT/FLY TO OTTAWA, CANADA/U.S.**
Disembark in Iqaluit and fly to Ottawa, Canada by chartered aircraft. Overnight in Ottawa at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, or similar. Fly home. (Day 12: B,L; Day 13: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2015 Jul. 28; Aug. 7*

*This voyage travels from Iqaluit to Kangerlussuaq.

**EXPEDITION COST:**
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Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Ottawa. Economy from $600; Charter airfare: $1,750 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Iqaluit/Ottawa, or vice versa).

**SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH OUR RENOWNED EXPEDITION STAFF AND THESE ENGAGING EXPERTS:**

- Dr. Joe MacInnis (at right) is the first person to explore the ocean beneath the North Pole (July 28). Born into mountaineering royalty, Peter Hillary was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition (Aug. 7).

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**
Ralph Lee Hopkins’ arctic wildlife images have appeared in National Geographic books and magazines (July 28 & Aug. 7).

**LEARN MORE AT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/HIGHARCTIC**
The Arctic Council is concerned with ARCTIC PEOPLES.

“Amundsen’s famous conquest of the South Pole in 1911 might not have been possible without his Northwest Passage expedition, during which he learned from the Inuit how to build windproof ice shelters and master sled dogs...”

—NOVA, ARCTIC PASSAGE, PBS.ORG/WGBH/NOVA/ARCTIC
A representation of life in the North, clockwise from top left: Inuit throat singers in traditional dress, Baffin Island; two Inuit hunters in traditional sealskins pose for our onboard National Geographic photographer; Greenlanders in traditional costume; building an igloo, Baffin Island; seal hunting, Baffin Island.
Blending an in-depth experience of Greenland’s ice with a measure of Icelandic wildness, we’ll explore the rugged landscapes of Iceland’s wild west. Then, we’ll range from East Greenland’s epic ice and jaw-dropping fjords, to the most famous site on the Viking trail—a sylvan settlement made by Erik the Red’s people. We’ll conclude our adventure amid the ice and creatures of Greenland’s southwestern coast, a rare opportunity to see the green in Greenland.

Choose this expedition for its scenic drama and diversity, and for ancient human history in the Arctic.
JUL. 25: HVALSEY RUINS (QAQORTUKULOQ) & QAQORTOOQ
Today we'll explore a remarkable site on the Viking Trail. Qaqortukuloq was settled by one of Erik the Red's cousins in 986 A.D. A UNESCO site, it is the most extensive Norse site in Greenland. Continue to Qaqortoq. Inhabited since Norse times, the Scandinavian influence is apparent in the colorful wooden buildings and town museum, displaying Greenlandic kayaks, hunting equipment, art, and crafts. (B,L,D)

JUL. 26: BRATTAHLID/ERIKSFJORD
Eriksfjord is the area that Erik the Red chose for his farm when he settled here in 982 A.D. You'll explore Brattahlid, site of the first Christian church in the western hemisphere, built by Erik’s wife, Thjodhild. This region is also the starting point of the first voyages to North America by his son, Leif Eriksson, 500 years before Columbus. (B,L,D)

JUL. 27: NUUK
Nuuk is the world’s smallest capital city with 15,000 inhabitants. Visit the National Museum with its famous 15th-century Qilakitsoq mummies, found near Uummannaq and the subject of a National Geographic cover story. (B,L,D)

JUL. 28: GREENLAND’S WEST COAST
Today is for exploration. Take a Zodiac cruise, kayak, or hike across the tundra. Our undersea specialist may launch the ROV to see the marine life inhabiting the fjord floor. (B,L,D)

JUL. 29 AND 30: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/FLY TO OTTAWA/U.S.
Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, and have the rare chance to walk to the edge of the Greenland ice cap before flying to Ottawa via chartered aircraft. Overnight at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, or similar, and fly home. (Jul. 29: B,L; Jul. 30: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATES: 2015 Jul. 19
EXPEDITION COST:
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as Solo.

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Category 2 $11,290
Category 3 $11,700
Category 4 $12,410
Category 5 $14,670
Category 6 $17,100
Category 7 $19,550
Solo A $14,110
Solo B $14,630

SPECIAL OFFER:
Book by June 30, 2015 to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa)—a $1,225 value. Call for details.

Sample Airfares: New York/Reykjavik, Ottawa/New York. Economy from $670; Business from $1,500; Charter airfare: $1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
Add a 3-day pre-voyage extension Iceland’s Wonders, or a 1-day pre-voyage extension to see Reykjavik’s Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon. See our website or call for details.

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Dennis Dimick serves as executive environment editor at National Geographic magazine. He originated a three-story project called “Global Warning: Bulletins from a Warmer World,” and he co-organized the Aspen Environment Forum from 2008-2012.

Dan Westergren is responsible for the magazine’s photographic vision.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/VIKINGTRAIL
“During the summer of 2008, as I completed an assignment for National Geographic about Svalbard, Norway, I was invited to join a week-long expedition on Sven-Olof Lindblad’s ship National Geographic Endeavour. The passengers included noted scientists, politicians, and actors, among others, who were gathered...to identify ways of getting more people to care about the disintegrating polar regions...a number of scientists provided unquestionable evidence that the polar regions are warming, several times faster than the rest of the planet...that the Arctic would be devoid of ice within the
next 7 to 20 years. As a scientist told me, ‘If we lose ice, we stand to lose an entire ecosystem.’

How could melting ice wipe out an ecosystem? Sea ice forms the very foundation of the food chain on which all polar species depend. It is very much like soil in a garden...It all starts when the sun returns to the Arctic in the spring, when tiny phytoplankton start to grow on the underside of the ice....Without sea ice, polar bears (the top of the food chain) lose the platform from which they hunt for food, and they are then confined to land, a foodless prison.”

—PAUL NICKLEN, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER, POLAR OBSESSION
National Geographic Explorer is the only expedition ship voyaging the polar ocean that enables guests to explore beneath its surface. 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, Explorer provides an exclusive 360º optic on the Arctic Ocean. Explorer is also the only ship on the seas with a permanent “Ocean” exhibit on board, featuring photo and video displays by top National Geographic photographers, curated and installed by experts from the National Geographic Ocean Initiative and Museum divisions.

Experience the wonder, challenges and opportunities of a vibrant Arctic ocean while traveling to the inspiring places it connects.

» TO SEE ARCTIC UNDERSEA FOOTAGE, VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ARCTIC_UNDERSEA
Its image mirrored in icy water, a polar bear swims submerged, Svalbard. Inset at left: 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.
THE PERFECT PLATFORM

With a range of cool tools for exploring, including a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks to get you out on up-close, personal adventures, *National Geographic Explorer* is the perfect mobile platform for discovering all the facets of the Arctic. A range of daily options lets you actively explore Arctic icescapes and landscapes, in the company of renowned expedition staff and guest speakers. And *Explorer’s* modernist interior design, with expansive windows everywhere, plus inviting decks, keeps you connected to the Arctic’s stunning vistas even when we’re underway.
Clockwise from upper left: On deck in the beautiful arctic light; Zodiac cruising and kayaking are fantastic ways to explore the Arctic ice; a polar bear explores close to the ship; guests explore by Zodiac and don’t have to worry about “wet landings” with our custom-crafted exclusive floating bridge apparatus.
THE LUXURY OF COMFORT

The excitement of authentic Arctic exploration plus inviting public spaces, convivial dining rooms, excellent food and cossetting private quarters—National Geographic Explorer’s warm, hospitable interiors run counterpoint to the surrounding ice vistas. Watch polar bears from the deck, and then duck inside the nearby chart room for a hot chocolate. Or stay connected to outdoors in the warmth of the glass-lined observation lounge. Find sedentary pleasures in the library. Or get in a workout in the fitness center, with its ‘million-dollar’ views.

TO VIEW A VIDEO TOUR OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER, VISIT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/NGEXPLORER
Above: Dining is an interesting and varied experience: completely casual with no assigned seating for easy mingling. Choose the windowed dining room or the more intimate bistro bar (shown). Above: The strikingly plated dishes dazzle daily, with healthy options from wholesome to indulgent. Left: Our chefs serve fresh and delicious cuisine, sourced wherever possible from sustainable providers who share our values.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
THE WORLD’S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an Ice-1A Class rating on the forward hull, enabling it to navigate remote polar passages while providing exceptional comfort.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck with one or two Portholes #301-308

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck with Window #317-320, 335-336

**CATEGORY 3:** Main Deck with Window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**CATEGORY 4:** Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**CATEGORY 6:** Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #213

**CATEGORY 7:** Upper Deck–Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230

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

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

**SOLE OCCUPANCY:**
Cabins available in Categories A and B.

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:**
Available in Categories 1 and 2.

**THIRD PERSON RATES:** Available in designated triple occupancy cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 at one-half the double occupancy rate. **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.
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 LEXspa treatment rooms and a sauna.

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

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Take advantage of our special offers

BOOK BY JUNE 30, 2015 to take advantage of special offers that appear on select expeditions in this catalog. On voyages with complimentary air offers, airfare is based on economy group flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that Lindblad’s flights are no longer available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue a credit certificate. All offers are valid for new bookings only, and subject to availability at the time of booking. Call for details.

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

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 savings is applicable to voyage fares only, and is not valid 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 for each child under the age of 18.

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

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Inclusive Pricing

We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as part of your expedition aboard ship and ashore. The only things not included are those of a personal nature—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
✔ 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
✔ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

**RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**Costs Include:** All accommodations aboard ship 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, 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.

**Airfare:** 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 is required at the time of reservation. The per person advance payment is as follows: “Land of the Ice Bears”: $1,000; “Along the Viking Trail”: $1,500; and “Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic”: $1,500. 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, etc.

**Final Payment:** Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment schedules may vary for 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.

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**CANCELLATION POLICY**

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$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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