THE ARCTIC
FROM ICE BEARS TO ICELAND

PLUS
A VISIT TO GREENLAND’S WILD COAST

AND
THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

WITH
THE SHARPEST-EYED EXPEDITION TEAM IN THE WHOLE WILD ARCTIC

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

A Lindblad-National Geographic Arctic expedition or Icelandic circumnavigation.

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,

Starting May 19 in Bergen, Norway the National Geographic Explorer will sail north to explore the Arctic on eleven different voyages over three months. Most of the time, she will be north of the Arctic Circle with near-constant daylight.

The Arctic is generating massive interest these days. Scientists are flocking to the Arctic; oil, gas, and mineral interests have boomed; and new sea routes are now realistic because the climate is changing dramatically.

Last fall, the President of Iceland convened a gathering called the “Arctic Circle” conference in Reykjavík to discuss governance, economic activities, and indigenous and environmental concerns. I spoke about tourism and the need to secure the future of nature and culture from both a practical and a moral perspective. He expected 400 people to attend—nearly 1,000 did.

The discoveries are astounding. Just last year a vast canyon twice the length of the Grand Canyon was discovered, buried by as much as two miles of ice in Greenland. A new plant species was discovered in Svalbard—the first in 40 years.

These discoveries, the changes, the future, the history—these are all subjects we’ll explore together with our expedition staff throughout these voyages.

But the reality is that while all this attention and activity is taking place, the Arctic is still largely a big, wild and empty space. Empty of humans, that is.

It is an area alive with wonder—polar bears, whales, countless seabirds, dramatic icebergs, and interesting human communities that, despite the winter harshness, call the Arctic home.

So I encourage you to pick an adventure this summer and head north. You can go in as little as eleven days in Svalbard, Iceland, or the Canadian High Arctic, or several weeks exploring two or more of these iconic regions.

A final note: these expeditions are filling earlier and earlier each year, so I would encourage you to act fast if you wish to join us.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad
The Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, with its deep fjords, snowy mountains and vast tidewater glaciers, has been, for our 30+ years of Arctic exploration, the best place to see polar bears, or *isbjorn*, the ice bear, the unquestionable symbol of the Arctic. We time our arrival for when the pack ice is ideal for polar bears to hunt—and for us to observe. This past season in Svalbard, although shorter than ever given our desire to follow the seasonal ice, we had 61 phenomenal bear encounters, featuring senior males, juveniles, mothers and cubs—many observed up close, with respect for their comfort, and wonder at their magnificence.

A richly faceted destination, the islands of the archipelago are profuse with other wildlife too—seals, walruses, whales and numerous bird species in the ice, plus caribou and arctic fox amid the spring wildflower profusion of the tundra. Focusing on this lapidary geography amply rewards your interest. Add Norway’s green fjord-carved coast to the ice of Svalbard for a perfect balance between the charmingly scenic and the spectacularly wild. Or you can choose to range even more widely: our *Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland’s East Coast* expedition begins as the ice retreats. We venture along the coast of Greenland’s ever-changing ice-sheet to take advantage of the best wildlife opportunities. Then, we sail to mercurial Iceland to explore its fire and ice at the height of summer.
ICELAND INSPIRATION

Ancient and modern. Geologically young and culturally old. An essentially urban society with deep connections to its rugged, rural landscapes. Iceland embraces dichotomies with the same character it showed the world in the wake of the fiscal crisis that activated its resourcefulness and ability to course-correct. It’s the same character that marks it physically as one of the most stunning and marvelous island geographies on Earth. And the same character that keeps The Icelandic Sagas as compelling a read as any contemporary best-seller. In fact, many of the gorgeous spots—fjords, mountains—we visit are accurately described and recognizable in sagas written 1,000 years ago.

Travel on our Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland itinerary and you’ll experience Iceland’s wild western coast in the context of its geologically older Arctic neighbors. Travel aboard our Circumnavigation of Iceland and you’ll explore the entire coastline, a satisfying whole. Iceland, located on both the Iceland hotspot and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, is highly geologically active, with hundreds of volcanoes. Iceland’s geology in all its manifestations—immense glaciers, thundering waterfalls, soaring cliffs, geothermal springs, boiling mud pots, and rock and lava-scopes of unearthly beauty—is world-class, and in itself makes a compelling case for our expedition. But when you add in Iceland’s people, their unique cultural heritage, and their successful embrace of sustainability as a goal for their future, the prospect of actively exploring and seeing it all in a 360° view is irresistible.

» DISCOVER ICELAND’S INSPIRING BEAUTY AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/SEE_ICELAND
Main image: The Godafoss waterfall is one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland. Insets: Black headed gulls; Icelandic horses; Herring ladies, Maritime Museum, Siglufjörður.
National Geographic Explorer amid the ice of Greenland.
“Ice is part of the biology of every creature that lives in this frozen vastness.”


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.

This season we’ll offer two variations on the theme of Greenland. Choose to dilute your 80-proof experience of Greenland’s ice with a tincture of Icelandic wildness as we head off from the civilized confines of Reykjavík, to explore the rugged landscapes of Iceland’s wild west and its rich and ancient traditions before crossing 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, and conclude our adventure amid the ice and its creatures—any number of whale species, and more—of Greenland’s west coast.

Or choose to voyage through Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, where we’ll experience unbridled exploration as we venture deep into the far reaches of the ice. Tracing the rugged fjords, spotting polar bears and other wildlife amid the icescapes, and marveling at hardy communities that dot Greenland’s shores, we’ll navigate to the mouth of Canada’s legendary Northwest Passage. What does the Northwest Passage opening mean to us as contemporary explorers? The same challenge that defeated the hopes of history, or a door swinging on to ice-free passage in the era of global-warming and ice melt? The discussions aboard are certain to be interesting.
THE PERFECT PLATFORM

With a range of cool tools for exploring, including a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks to get you out there on up-close, personal adventures, National Geographic Explorer is the perfect mobile platform for discovering all the facets of the fascinating Arctic. A range of daily activity options let you actively explore Arctic icescapes and landscapes, in the company of various interesting naturalists 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 under-way, off to new points on our adventurous itinerary.
Clockwise from top: Guests explore by Zodiac and don’t have to worry about getting wet with this floating bridge. Kayaking is a fantastic way to explore the Arctic ice; A polar bear explores close to the ship. Left: National Geographic Explorer in Ilulissat.
TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

Our dynamic expedition team includes scientists, naturalists and a veteran expedition leader with many years of experience exploring the polar regions. With so many experts aboard, you’ll benefit from a vast collection of specialized knowledge—including marine biology, zoology, botany, geology, climate change and more. In addition, our captain and his officers, integral members of the expedition team, welcome you on the Bridge to observe the fascinating business of ship navigating.

Here is a partial list of staff during our Arctic season: clockwise from top left: expedition leader Lisa Kelley; Arctic Greenland specialist Henning Thing; expedition leader Jen Martin; Icelandic naturalist Ragnar Hauksson; veteran polar naturalist Tom Ritchie.

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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE OCEAN WHILE STAYING COMPLETELY DRY

National Geographic Explorer is the only expedition ship voyaging the 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 immersive 360° optic on even the most remote geographies, where our undersea specialists have recorded species top marine biologists have never seen before.

National Geographic Explorer's ROV is pressure rated to 1,000 feet below the surface of the sea and it is deployed and operated from a Zodiac. Our undersea specialists also dive with video cameras, and show us images of the deep's denizens for playback in the lounge.
ENGAGING EXPERTS FROM DIVERSE FIELDS

The Guest Speakers in our Global Perspectives Program add relevant insight and personal experience to the expedition community. Each individual has chosen to join us, specifically to go exploring along with our staff and guests. Whether it’s on walks, over cocktails or during dinner, you’re sure to find mutual ground for interesting conversations. And enjoy, over the course of the voyage, the pleasure of discovering how much you have in common with so many.

ERIC LARSEN
Polar adventurer Eric Larsen explored the North & South Poles and the summit of Everest all in one year. He’s recently completed a successful journey to the Geographic North Pole.

CAPT. ALFRED S. MCLAREN
A retired Navy submariner and recipient of The Explorers Club’s highest honor, The Explorers Club Medal, Captain McLaren “has probably spent more time than anyone else beneath the Earth’s northern ice” according to The New York Times.

FEN MONTAIGNE
Journalist and author of Fraser’s Penguins: A Journey to the Future in Antarctica, Fen Montaigne has long studied the impact of rapid warming. His work has appeared in National Geographic, The New Yorker, and others.

BARRY LOPEZ
Barry Lopez is best known as the author of “Arctic Dreams,” for which he received the National Book Award. Among his other nonfiction books are “About This Life” and “Of Wolves and Men,” which was a National Book Award finalist.

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There is no clearer symbol of the everlasting connection between expedition and photography than the presence of a National Geographic Photographer aboard every National Geographic Explorer voyage. Travel with these top pros and you’ll pick up tips and advice in incredible field conditions. You’ll share every photo op, and you might just land some cover-worthy shots yourself.

Joining us this season are National Geographic photographers Rich Reid, Annie Griffiths, Ralph Lee Hopkins, Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson.

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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 from suppliers who share our values of sustainable use whenever possible.
LAND OF THE ICE BEARS: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: $9,440 to $17,460 (See page 30 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 the National Geographic Explorer, and experience nature in its purest form.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—the polar bear—and observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the 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 huge 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.

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)

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)
17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: $15,170 to $27,750 (See page 30 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, the polar bear capital of the planet, and watch for walruses, 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
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Late evening view of a fishing village in the Lofoten Islands.
ARCTIC EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 May 19

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
Add a four-day post-voyage extension to Iceland’s Natural Wonders. Visit our website or see page 29.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER
Captain Alfred S. McLaren “has probably spent more time than anyone else beneath the earth’s northern ice, measuring its thickness, investigating its life and mapping the plains, craigs and fissure of its seabed,” reads The New York Times.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS
Travel with Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson, who have collectively photographed more than 60 stories for National Geographic and Traveler.

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Explore Arctic Svalbard, the polar bear capital of the planet, to observe these majestic creatures 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 soaring ice floes, exploring via ship, Zodiac, and kayak.

EXPEDITION TEAM

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.

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A walrus flicks his huge tusks.
JUN. 22 AND 23: 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. 24: 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. 25-JUL. 7: 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-strength-enhanced hull and forward-searching sonar, plus agile Zodiaks and kayaks, allowing us to make forays among the icebergs. 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.

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, as well as 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. 8: 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)

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.

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATE: 2015 Jun. 22

SPECIAL OFFER:
Book by Dec. 31, 2014 to receive complimentary charter airfare (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). See page 32 or 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. Visit our website or see pages 28-29.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
GUEST SPEAKER
Travel on Jun. 22, 2015 with journalist and author Fen Montaigne, whose work has appeared in National Geographic.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS
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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 Godafoss 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.
JUL. 7 AND 8: 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)

JUL. 9: 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)

JUL. 10: ÍSAFJÖRDUR
Located in the Western Fjords, Ísafjördur 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)

JUL. 11: 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)

JUL. 12: 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 snow-capped mountains, or visit the botanical garden. (B,L,D)

JUL. 13: 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: Godafoss, 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)

JUL. 14: 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)

JUL. 15: DJÚPÍVOGUR
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)

JUL. 16: WESTMAN ISLANDS
The Westman Islands were formed by undersea 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)

JUL. 17: 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
DATE: 2015 Jul. 7
OPTIONAL EXTENSION
Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see Reykjavik’s Golden Circle. Visit our website.
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER
Every departure travels with a Global Perspectives guest speaker to add relevant insight and help inspire you.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
Annie Griffiths has taken photographs in more than 100 countries during her illustrious career. She has worked on dozens of magazine and book projects for the Society, and teaches photography workshops regularly. Learn more at expeditions.com/photo

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ALONG THE VIKING TRAIL: FROM ICELAND TO GREENLAND

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: $10,580 to $19,550  (See page 30 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; kayak among the magnificent icebergs of East Greenland; and hike amid charming Scandinavian hamlets. Immerse yourself in Nordic history on visits with our experts to fascinating Viking sites and settlements.

EXPERIMENT 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

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A puffin on the clifftops.
JUL. 19 AND 20: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK
Fly overnight to Reykjavík, located just south of the Arctic Circle. 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. (Jul. 20: L,D)

JUL. 21: THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND
National Geographic Explorer navigates Iceland’s wild western frontier, sailing past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the western-most 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 explorations of the coast by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

JUL. 22: CROSSING THE DENMARK STRAIT
Crossing to Greenland, National Geographic Explorer follows in the wake of Eric the Red and Brendan the Navigator. Watch for whales as we cross. (B,L,D)

JUL. 23: 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)

JUL. 24: 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)

JUL. 25: HVALSEY RUINS (QAQORTUQLUQ) & QAQORTOQ
Today you’ll explore a remarkable site on the Viking Trail. Qaqortukuluq 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)

JUL. 26: 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)

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 fly 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
DATE: 2015 Jul. 19

SPECIAL OFFER:
Book by Dec. 31, 2014 to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa)—a $1,200 value. See page 32 or call for details.

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. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
Every departure travels with a National Geographic photographer to give advice, inspire guests and help them get their best shots ever.

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EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: $12,990 to $24,790 (See page 30 for complete prices.)

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Arctic, a land where polar bears roam, walruses loll, and hardy Inuit communities maintain their traditional way of life. Aboard National Geographic Explorer, trace the rugged fjords of Greenland and navigate the mouth of Canada’s legendary Northwest Passage. Spot polar bears on the pack ice, watch for a wide variety of whales—from minke and bowhead whales to the rare narwhal. Get up close to massive glaciers, and hike the wild islands that dot Canada’s northern shores.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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.

National Geographic Explorer passing a magnificent iceberg in Greenland’s Ilulissat Icefjord.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- Discover the incredible wildlife and landscapes of the Canadian High Arctic.
- Observe polar bears, walruses, ringed seals and, with luck, narwhals in their natural habitat.
DAY 1: U.S./OTTAWA, CANADA
Arrive in Ottawa and check into the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. (D)

DAY 2: OTTAWA/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK
Fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark National Geographic Explorer at the head of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, a picturesque waterway that stretches 100 miles. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GREENLAND’S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT
Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland’s west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. Trace this ragged coastline, and search for humpback and minke whales. 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 historic Inuit fishing village of 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)

DAY 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. (Day 12: B,L; Day 13: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATES: 2015 Jul. 28; Aug. 7*, 17, 27*
*These voyages travel from Iqaluit to Kangerlussuaq.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:

LEARN MORE AT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/HIGHARCTIC
DAY 1: U.S./FLY TO BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)

DAY 2: BERGEN
Arrive in the lovely Hansa city of Bergen, gateway to the Norwegian fjords. The powerful Hanseatic League once ruled the seas of Northern Europe. Check in to the Radisson Blu Royal, or similar. (D)

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Visit the historic Bryggen Wharf and the Hanseatic Museum. Venture into St. Mary's Church and the rebuilt Fantoft Stave Church, as well as composer Edvard Grieg's home. Ride the funicular for an extraordinary view. (B,L)

DAY 4: FLÅM RAILWAY/SOGNEFJORD/ULLENSvang
A must-do on any exploration of the fjordlands, a thrilling ride on the Flåm Railway connects the mountain plateau of Myrdal down 2,838 feet to the town of Flåm. See some of Norway’s wildest and most magnificent scenery: rivers that cut through deep ravines, tiny hamlets and impressive waterfalls. Next we take a spectacular fjord cruise across the dramatic fjords of Nærøy and both arms of the Sognefjord. Back on land, we motor through the Naeroydal Valley via Stalheim Canyon with breathtaking views. Check into the Hotel Ullensvang for two nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ULLENSvang
Set on the shores of Sørfjord, our hotel offers a day of relaxing activities. Kayak or canoe in the fjord, hike the trails, visit the Hardanger Folk museum, or simply enjoy the fjord views. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ULLENSvang/OSLO
Today’s opening act is the Tvindefoss and Voeringsfossen waterfalls and Lake Oppheim. Continue our scenic drive to Oslo, stopping en route for a visit to a well-preserved Norwegian wooden stave church, built over 800 years ago. Arrive in Oslo and check into the Thon Hotel Bristol, or similar. (B,L)

DAY 7: OSLO
This morning is at leisure before meeting the main group. (B)

OPTIONAL PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION
THE HEART OF NORWAY’S FJORDS

5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS
2015 PRICES*: Double occupancy: $4,290; Sole occupancy: $4,860
*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfare not included. Ask for details.

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.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS
▶ Hike, kayak and canoe along the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway.
▶ Explore Bergen, seeing the historic Bryggen Wharf area, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
▶ Take a thrilling ride on the Flåm Railway through Norway’s magnificent scenery.

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OPTIONAL POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION
ICELAND’S NATURAL WONDERS

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2015 PRICES*: Double occupancy: $3,760; Sole occupancy: $4,150

*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfares not included. Ask for details.

Adds 4 days/4 nights to the voyage.

The “Iceland’s Natural Wonders” extension can be taken after “Land of the Ice Bears,” “Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland’s East Coast,” and “Norway’s Fjords and Arctic Svalbard” departures.

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.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

► Explore Iceland’s glaciers, waterfalls, hot springs and boiling mud pools.
► Stroll the old town of Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital.
► See nature and history converge at Thingvellir National Park.

DAY 1: OSLO, NORWAY/KEFLAVIK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK/AKUREYRI
Fly to Keflavik. Drive to Reykjavík Airport for our flight to Akureyri. Check in to the Kea Hotel (or similar). (B,D)

DAY 2: AKUREYRI/LAKE MÝVATN/AKUREYRI
The geothermal waters at Lake Mývatn are a sanctuary for bird life. The lava field is dotted with natural sculptures. Return to Akureyri. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AKUREYRI/REYKJAVÍK
Fly to Reykjavík, capital of Iceland, and transfer to the Centrum Hotel. This afternoon, we explore the city: Alþingi Parliament House, Government House (a former prison, which was built in the 18th century), and the impressive Hallgrímskirkja Church with its 240-foot-high tower are among our stops. (B,L)

DAY 4: GOLDEN CIRCLE: GULLFOSS AND GEYSIR/REYKJAVÍK
See Iceland’s wild side: glacial waterfalls, rivers and hot springs. Gullfoss Falls thunders. Geysir Hot Springs steam. And at Thingvellir National Park we see nature and history converge: it’s the open-air site of the ancient Parliament. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVIK/U.S.
Morning is at leisure. Opt to spend your time at the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths. All guests transfer to the Blue Lagoon for lunch, continuing to Keflavik Airport for flights home. (B,L)
**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.

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**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.

**SAMPLE AIRFARES:**

**ICE BEARS:** round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: $1,100; Bs. from $3,700. Charter Airfare: $725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).

**NORWAY’S FJORDS & ARCTIC SVALBARD:** New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark: Economy from: $1,000; Bs. from $3,900. Charter Airfare: $360 (Longyearbyen/Oslo).

**SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND’S EAST COAST:** Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. $1,100; Bs. from $2,700. Charter Airfare: $360 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).

**A CIRCumnavigation of ICELAND:** round-trip NY/Reykjavik/NY: Economy from $700; Bs. from $2,200.

**ALONG THE VIKING TRAIL:** New York/Reykjavik, Ottawa/New York: Economy from $600; Bs. from $1,500. Charter Airfare: $1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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, entrance 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 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, tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician on most voyages, 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 of $1,000 is required at the time of reservation. 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 more.

Final Payment: Final payment is due 120 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.

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