THE ARCTIC
FROM NORTH TO FURTHER NORTH

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AN AMBITIOUS
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EXPERIENCE
POLAR BEAR
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THRIVING
ARCTIC WILDLIFE

WILD ICE

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THE STATE OF AWE

It happens when people encounter a vast and unexpected stimulus, something that makes them to feel small and forces them to revise their mental models of what’s possible in the world. In its wake, people act more generously and ethically, think more critically... and feel a deeper connection to others and the world in general. Awe prompts people to redirect concerns away from the self and toward everything else. And about three-quarters of the time, it’s elicited by nature.

—JAKE ABRAHAMSON, THE SCIENCE OF AWE, SIERRA, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

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
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.
Ellesmere Island is a legendary place for me. Being there—the stunning vistas down to tiny flakes of stone—makes me see the whole world differently. When National Geographic Explorer rounds a new corner, vast mountains and glaciers are revealed, and time slows down among so much ice. The ship navigates the large-scale drama of the landscape, and then we go ashore to experience it with all of our senses.

—JENNIFER KINGSLEY, NATURALIST, RADIO PRODUCER, AUTHOR OF PADDLENORTH: ADVENTURE, RESILIENCE AND RENEWAL IN THE ARCTIC WILD

READ JENNIFER’S ACCOUNT OF HER ELLESMERE EXPERIENCE AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/KINGSLEY

We have been exploring the Arctic for 35 years, and are familiar in varying degrees with large tracts of it. Northwestern Greenland however, is virtually ‘terra incognita.’ As the former Prime Minister of Greenland told me, (see page 11): “Nobody goes there.” Which is why our brand-new epic voyage provides an unprecedented opportunity. We’re setting our hopes on achieving 80°N and the rarely-explored Ellesmere Island, which reaches farther north than any other land on Earth except Greenland. And even further north if the ice gods allow.

—TREY BYUS, LINDBLAD CHIEF EXPEDITION OFFICER

For almost five decades, I have traveled all over Greenland by foot, ski, snowmobile, dogsled, boat, ATV, helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft—but nothing beats traveling in Greenland aboard NG Explorer. It’s the optimal way to travel if you want to visit uninhabited, and otherwise inaccessible places, and have hands-on and feet-on adventures in the most pristine and breathtaking landscapes.

—HENNING THING, NATURALIST AND GREENLAND SPECIALIST

Southern Greenland is peppered with archaeological remains, indelible imprints of human presence here since the late 10th century. Norse seafarers under the leadership of Eric the Red were the first Europeans to establish trading settlements here in the 980s. Brattahlid and Hvalsey, UNESCO World Heritage sites, are among the best preserved Norse ruins in Greenland, at the westernmost edge of the known Viking world. The Norse tenaciously lived, farmed and explored here for half a millennium.

—VINNIE BUTLER, ARCHAEOLOGIST/HISTORIAN

SEE REACTIONS TO LANDING ON ELLESMERE LAST SEASON AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/FIRSTLOOK
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*Our route in the Arctic is flexible and completely ice & weather dependent.*
With the assistance of ice charts and our experienced captains and ice navigator, we push the ship into the sea ice around Svalbard, and there we find bears—fat and happy. But we have also found that the amount of ice is diminishing, leaving less habitat for the bears. Where we find patches of residual habitat we’re finding more males than females, but we’ve also found females with cubs. Some would have you believe that our success in finding bears negates the concern over the future of polar bears, but I disagree. What it shows is that where there is ice, there are bears. We seek out the ice, and there we find the bears.

—STEVE MACLEAN, NATURALIST, SVALBARD SPECIALIST

Our voyage to the west coast of Iceland takes us to several quite spectacular sites. The sheer Látrabjarg cliffs display several hundred meters of the 14-million-year-old basalt, some of the oldest rocks on the relatively young island of Iceland, which provide perfect nesting ledges for thousands of seabirds. Of course, sailing down the great fjords of the west coast provides spectacular scenery created by the very young volcanic rocks which are still erupting in the center of the country. Iceland is an extremely dynamic place geologically and we can see geological processes in action all over the island.

—JIM KELLEY, GEOLOGIST AND OCEANOGRAPHER

Iceland’s Flatey (literally, Flat Island) is a dream place in every Icelander’s mind. It is almost like stepping 100 years back in history when you walk into the tiny village with brightly painted, beautiful maintained houses. And at a hilltop church you see the murals, unique in Iceland. Why does such a small church have such beautiful paintings? You will find out when you go there.

—RAGNAR HAUKNSSON, ICELANDIC NATURALIST

Norway is perhaps the one country in the world most associated with fjords; in fact, the word fjord is the internationally recognized word for a glacially carved U-shaped valley. Norway’s coastline contains so many fjords, that if you were to follow the edge where the sea meets the land you would have traveled the equivalent distance of halfway around the world.

—C.T. TICKNOR, CERTIFIED LEX-NG PHOTO INSTRUCTOR
As astonishing as the photos in National Geographic.
And an exhilarating life adventure:

A Lindblad-National Geographic expedition in the multi-faceted Arctic.
Dear Traveler,

From the end of May through the first week of September, the National Geographic Explorer will be in the Arctic—much of the time in the high Arctic. This is not a place where the faint-hearted live; it’s extremely harsh for most of the year, and bursting with light and life for the brief summer months. In the territories of Svalbard, Greenland and Canada, fewer than 5,000 people reside above 70° north latitude, and above 80° north there is no permanent human population at all.

If the tonic of wildness is something your soul needs, the only place on earth that rivals this place is the bottom of the Earth—Antarctica.

With the right team, the right ship and the right attitude, you can have an adventure and an experience beyond your wildest imaginings. When your child or your grandchild utters these familiar words—“Please tell me a story”—you will have more than you could possibly tell.

Tales of polar bears leaping from ice floe to ice floe in search of seals; muskox grazing on a tundra ledge; and walrus grunting and snorting, while looking you in the eye with rapt curiosity. Glaciers calving icebergs the size of apartment buildings, becoming massive floating sculptures, showing every possible shade of blue.

And there’s the light—always there, always changing, always illuminating the ice or a mountain range.

On a purely personal note, I am one of those people who require the tonic of wildness to provide a certain balance in life. The Arctic is wild, stunningly beautiful and very big. There are always surprises, no day is ever the same. Every time I’ve ventured north, I’ve seen, learned and felt new things. I’ve been rejuvenated and inspired, and my children have indeed gone quietly to sleep many a night with Papa’s vivid tales of the north.

I hope you take this opportunity to join us.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad
WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY “ARCTIC”? 

Which Arctic calls to you? The stunning, minimalist landscapes of the Svalbard archipelago? The lyrical beauty of Norway’s ingeniously sculpted fjords? The mammoth ice of Greenland? The human communities thriving amid the harshness? Or the siren song of the Canadian Arctic which has long lured explorers ever higher ‘north’? Lindblad naturalist Karen Copeland provides an overview of the distinctions.

“...The Arctic Circle could well define the Arctic as a region, but it’s more complex than that. Most scientists would agree that the 10-degree Celsius isotherm (meaning the region where the average summer temperatures are 10 degrees Celsius/about 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower), determining the tree line and the plants and animals that might live there, is the delineator. This isotherm is not a straight latitudinal line but wavers, as the map on the left shows, from the far northern reaches of Scandinavia and Russia, to dip well into the Bering Sea and Northern Canada, including Greenland in its entirety. Given the stresses of the Arctic environment, nature and human history differ in these diverse regions. Many of the species, however, are circumpolar in their distribution.

THE DIVERSITY OF ARCTIC ICE

Our voyage season in the Arctic is timed to the rhythm of the ice. In Svalbard there’s sea ice until late June or early July, when we conclude our explorations there, and voyage further into the ice regions. Big icebergs are a rarity, their source primarily the ice cap of Nordaustlandet.

In Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, however, big ice is the norm. The iceberg that sank the Titanic launched in Greenland and traveled south through “iceberg alley.” Several huge “ice islands” are currently moving south from far northern Greenland, while Jakobsbreen, outside of Ilulissat, is spawning gigantic bergs that we have the opportunity to explore intimately aboard National Geographic Explorer. Within Lancaster Sound and the other channels in the Canadian Archipelago, the ice changes yearly. Lancaster Sound is generally open by late July, but the other passages hold surprises from year to year.
HUMAN HISTORY IN THE ARCTIC

Migrations of people flowed from both east and west over the millennia, but, it was only very recently in human history that man appeared in Svalbard. Nowadays, Svalbard's main community is the former coal-mining town of Longyearbyen, the gateway to the archipelago. The Canadian Arctic and Greenland have been home to waves of peoples for many thousands of years, some of whom disappeared and others became the Thule, the direct ancestors of today's Inuit. Archaeological sites abound in the areas we visit, some unexcavated but marvelously preserved by the snow and freezing temperatures of the far north. The Vikings may have seen Svalbard as described in the sagas, and they most certainly settled Greenland. More and more evidence is amassing that they also had long-term trading relations with the native peoples of Ellesmere and Baffin islands, as well as Newfoundland and Labrador. It was the whalers, however, in recent times that flocked to all areas of the Arctic, relentlessly pursuing marine mammals.

Greenland is dotted with small, colorful communities based on fishing, government and traditional Inuit settlements. Canada's numerous northern communities have similar origins, from the far northern settlement of Grise Fjord on Ellesmere Island to Iqaluit, the capital of Nunavut.

The great “Arctic Sea” has occupied minds for generations, inspiring successive waves of explorers to seek fame and fortune battling the elements of the north, both in Svalbard and in Canada. The recent discovery by Parks Canada of Franklin's own ship, HMS Erebus from the Franklin expedition, has re-ignited exploration excitement, and quite possibly, a 175-year-old mystery will finally be solved.

ARCTIC WILDLIFE

Wildlife is similar on both itineraries. In Svalbard and the Canadian Arctic, we find polar bears, and are unlikely to find them in southern Greenland. We may see Arctic foxes and killer whales on our Arctic itineraries, while caribou are more common in Svalbard, and muskox in Greenland and Canada, although nature provides no guarantees. Seal species are similar throughout the region, with ringed, bearded and harp seals relatively common, and walrus present, as well. Svalbard's whales include blue, fin, humpback, beluga, and killer whales, while in Canada and Greenland, bowheads and narwhal are also possible.

ARCTIC BIRD LIFE

The avian population is also similar throughout the Arctic with the Alcidae family dominating. East and west can’t quite come to agreement as to the names of the species in this family: they are known as murrres or guillemots (two species), razorbills and dovekies or little aukcs. Puffins are rare but possible in several areas of the Arctic. The target birds in icy Arctic locations are the ivory gull and Sabine’s gull, as well as the gyrfalcon and snowy owl. The first two are possible in both Svalbard and the Canadian Arctic while the latter is more common in Canada.”

—Karen Copeland, Lindblad Expeditions Naturalist
Big ice in Ilulissat icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
FIVE VARIATIONS ON THE ARCTIC THEME

The Arctic regions featured on the following five itineraries are, to our expedition team, the ‘known world.’ We’ve been exploring them for nearly 40 years, patiently accumulating ice knowledge, ensuring our ability to hone in on and reliably reveal the region’s many wonders. Each itinerary offers the promise of Arctic wildlife, riveting ice in myriad forms from ‘bits’ to ‘big,’ plus dramatic elements of human history. Deciding is just a matter of your schedule, and the magnetic pull of ‘your’ Arctic.

On Land Of The Ice Bears: An In-Depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard we navigate familiar waters, our ace spotters’ eyes trained on the horizon for the telltale spot of ivory on white that says ‘polar bear ahead.’ Our ice captains’ and naturalists’ knowledge and skills consistently deliver the thrill of polar bear encounters for you—from young curious males drawn right up to our patiently-idling ship’s flank, to mothers calmly resting on floes in full view of us while their cubs tumble and roll.

Norway’s Fjords and Arctic Svalbard adds Norway’s slender, high-walled, utterly beautiful fjords and charming coastal villages to the pulse-quickening wildness of Svalbard’s scenery and wildlife—a perfect combination of regional assets, expertly blended.

Choose Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland’s East Coast and, armed with experience, expertise and the latest in satellite imagery, we’ll follow the ice leads to exciting discoveries in three iconic Arctic regions. Count on wildlife; haunting, virtually animate icebergs and glaciers; intriguing native villages; and a soak in Reykjavík’s Blue Lagoon as a finale.

Riveted by the History Channel’s Vikings series, the sagas, or the annals of exploration? Then Along The Viking Trail: From Iceland To Greenland is your expedition, as we follow in the wake of Erik The Red. Visit fascinating Viking sites and settlements, and explore the immense Látrabjarg cliffs on Iceland’s wild western coast and eastern Greenland’s ice-thronged fjords—lands settled by Vikings, in many ways Viking still.

What yearning draws explorers inexorably toward the Northwest Passage? Discover for yourself on Exploring Greenland and The Canadian High Arctic as we venture deep into the regions where the ice gods rule, tracing the rugged fjords of Greenland to navigate the mouth of the Northwest Passage and speculate. Because there is pack ice here, there will be bears; perhaps minke and bowhead whales; hardy Inuit communities to marvel at; and even the prospect of elusive narwhals.

From top: 21st-century reproduction of Thjodhild’s church at the original site at Eriksfjord; a friendly Greenlander at Nuuk.
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 search for muskox and perhaps even the elusive narwhal.
UNIQUE ARCTIC WILDLIFE

Most people interested in exploring the Arctic want to see polar bears. And our ace spotters oblige, with the dedicated peering into the far distance that reliably delivers record-shattering, up-close bear observations, season after season. However, what invariably surprises and delights all aboard is discovering the ‘other’ denizens of the Arctic: the walrus communities, the musk oxen of Greenland, the shy graceful Arctic foxes, the whales thriving in these plankton rich waters, and the ‘miracle’ sighting, when it occurs, of the elusive narwhals that make the high Arctic their only home.
Twilight glow illuminates a sculpted iceberg in the narrow Nares Strait, bounded by the east coast of Ellesmere Island and the western coast of Greenland.
HEADING INTO PARTS UNKNOWN

“Northwestern Greenland is a magical place. Pastel light you can only get in the High Arctic. An ocean of sea ice, majestic icebergs, glaciers, elusive narwhals, and Arctic seabirds. Home to remote communities like Qaanaaq and Siorapaluk. A place where traditions are alive, with hunters still hand-harpooning out of skin boats. It’s a wonderful place to experience, a homeland, a great wilderness, a frontline of climate change, and a frontier that is one of the least visited places on Earth.”

—GEOFF GREEN, FOUNDER, STUDENTS ON ICE

As renowned travel writer Paul Theroux sagely states, “The fact that few people go there is one of the most persuasive reasons for traveling to a place.” Our ambitious and adventurous Epic 80°N itinerary, has us heading into terra incognita: 80°N, and even further N, if conditions allow.

Geoff Greene, the High Arctic expert quoted above, played an integral role in designing this itinerary. He detailed what we’ll discover and helped our expedition team create the route to “it”— the Arctic wildlife, Inuit communities, heart-stopping ice and stunning landscapes he is among the few to know well. And then there are the wish-list destinations we’ll encounter on our route—near mythic places like Lancaster Sound, home to a flotilla of drifting bergs, and Ellesmere Island, which we were fortunate enough to visit last season when Sven Lindblad was aboard National Geographic Explorer.

The route to and through the peak experience of northwestern Greenland is anything but “cruise” territory. It calls to explorers, and we’re heeding the call with ardent hearts, expecting to be joined by a cohort of curious, adventurous travelers, avid for untrammeled wildness, and life experiences without precedent. Will you be among them?
Wonder how our team designs our expedition itineraries? Here’s a behind-the-scenes look at the development of our new Epic 80ºN expedition, provided by the ultimate insider, our Chief Expedition Officer, Trey Byus.

“This fall, I was in Iceland scouting new opportunities and was fortunate to have lunch with the President of Iceland, Ólafur Grímsson. And he invited his dear friend Kuupik Kleist, former Prime Minister of Greenland. Our lunch was filled with talk about all of the great things we could do in Iceland and Greenland. Over coffee in the library my National Geographic Society colleague presented President Grímsson with one of the very first volumes of the 10th edition National Geographic Atlas of the World, freshly embossed with his name. (Just 16 hours off press, flown overnight by an Icelandair pilot from D.C., and hand-delivered that morning.) President Grímsson and Prime Minister Kleist began to pore over the Arctic pages.

When I mentioned that we were putting together an extraordinary 20-night expedition to explore the High Canadian Arctic, Ellesmere Island and Greenland’s rarely-explored NW coast, Kleist’s eyes lit up. He described exciting things way up at 80ºN (600 miles from the North Pole), but pointed to a section of the coast a little further south, between about 73º–77ºN. Even on a flat atlas page, you could see it was a dramatic, ragged, jagged coastline, dripping with glaciers and dotted with islands. He said that was the place—“nobody goes there” because of its isolation.

Flash forward: two weeks later, armed with lots of new information we met in our New York office. Sven and I decided we wanted the Canadian perspective. So, we invited our good friend and Canadian Ice Pilot, Captain Ray Jourdain, probably the most experienced navigator in the entire Canadian Arctic; Geoff Green, a Canadian Expedition Leader extraordinaire who now devotes his life to taking students on Arctic expeditions; and, lastly, naturalist, author and Canadian adventurer, Jenny Kingsley.

We spent an entire day, and by the end of it, we had the map at left. Through much deliberation, we crafted what we believe to be the most diverse, inspiring and extraordinary itinerary one can put together in this region. If you are able to join us, we know you’ll feel the same.”

—Trey Byus

Top: All the pins on the map represent places of high interest in the areas of wildlife, scenery, archaeology and Inuit culture. Bottom from left: Captain Skog at the navigation bridge with an officer, binoculars in hand to spot wildlife; guests stand on the bow, photographing the scenery and scanning the ice for wildlife; an exhilarating Zodiac cruise amid huge sculpted bergs.
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 underway, off to new points on our adventurous itinerary.
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 this exclusive floating bridge apparatus.
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE OCEAN WHILE STAYING COMPLETELY DRY

National Geographic Explorer is the only expedition ship voyaging the ocean and polar regions 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—like the Arctic and Antarctica, where our undersea specialists have recorded species top marine biologists have never seen before. She is also the only ship on the seas with a permanent “Ocean” exhibit installed on board, featuring photo and video displays by top National Geographic photographers, and curated by experts from the National Geographic Ocean Initiative and Museum divisions—enabling you to experience the wonder, challenges and opportunities of a vibrant ocean while traveling to the inspiring places it connects.
This page: Its image mirrored in icy water, a polar bear swims submerged, Svalbard.

Opposite page: National Geographic Explorer is equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet, providing footage to view in the dry warmth and comfort of the lounge.
Our expedition leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, are outstanding individuals, leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, marine biologists, geologists, glaciologists, historians, archaeologists and undersea specialists who return each year, like migratory species, to their respective geographies on Explorer’s route. They help us pioneer new routes, like this season’s Canadian High Arctic and Epic Greenland itineraries. Their commitment and passion will engage you, and their knowledge will illuminate the facets of all you’ll see and do during your expedition.

Here is a partial list of staff during our Arctic season: clockwise from top left: Arctic specialist Carl Erik Kilander; expedition leader Stephanie Martin; expedition leader Lisa Kelley guides guests ashore via Zodiac in Nordfjord, Norway; Icelandic naturalist Ragnar Hauksson; naturalist Karen Copeland; at left, veteran polar naturalist Tom Ritchie.
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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Our Global Perspectives Program pairs engaging and knowledgeable experts with fascinating geographies to enrich your experience, and add extra levels of perspective and insight to our expedition team’s expertise. Join us aboard National Geographic Explorer this season to adventure with:

BARRY LOPEZ
An elected Fellow of The Explorers Club, Barry Lopez is best known as the author of Arctic Dreams, which received the National Book Award. He has authored 14 books of fiction and nonfiction, including About this Life and Of Wolves and Men, which was a National Book Award finalist, and he writes regularly for such magazines as National Geographic and Harper’s. Barry has visited nearly eighty countries and traveled repeatedly in remote areas with field scientists and traditional hunters, exploring such places as the interior of Antarctica, the Chilean canals, and the Northern Territory in Australia.
✓ Ice Bears, Jun. 8, 2015

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.
✓ Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard, May 19, 2015

DON WALSH
Oceanographer and Honorary President of The Explorers Club and awarded National Geographic’s prestigious Hubbard Medal, Don traveled to the deepest point of the ocean.
✓ Land of the Ice Bears, Jun. 1, 2015

DENNIS DIMICK
Executive Editor of National Geographic magazine, Dennis oversees the publication’s reporting of the effects of climate change, its many contributing factors, and scientists’ projections of potential future trends. Working side by side with senior writers, photographers, scientists, and researchers as they gather and analyze data, Dennis has a unique gift for distilling and sharing this vast information.
✓ Along the Viking Trail: From Iceland to Greenland, Jul. 19, 2015
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.
✓ Ice Bears, Jun. 15, 2015

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.

PETER HILLARY
Born into mountaineering royalty, Peter was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition. He has summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents and established a new overland route to the South Pole.
✓ Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, Aug. 7, 2015

DR. JOE MACINNIS
Dr. Joe MacInnis is the first person to explore the ocean beneath the North Pole. His teams built the first undersea polar station and discovered the world’s northernmost known shipwreck.
✓ Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, Jul. 28, 2015

TIM SEVERIN
One of the last traditional-style explorers, Tim has literally traveled the routes of myth. Among his many adventures, Tim sailed a leather boat across the Atlantic in the wake of St. Brendan, pursued the great white whale of Melville’s famous novel, and more. Tim has recorded his journeys in award-winning films and books.
✓ A Circumnavigation of Iceland, Jul. 7, 2015
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 36 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 sea ice.
► Take naturalist-led walks, and cruise among beautiful icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.
► Experience the legendary midnight sun: the ethereal light of the northern summer, when the sun never sets.
► Watch for walruses, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE
Ace spotters, our veteran expedition leader and 8 naturalists are your best assurance of seeing polar bears in their native habitat, on the ice. Our undersea specialist will reveal the deep, and the National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard will see to it that you get your shots, while the video chronicler creates a lasting record of your voyage.

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)
NORWAY’S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: $15,170 TO $27,750 (See page 36 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Follow the bucket-list-worthy fjord-carved coast and see its small islets and island communities.
▶ Explore the High Arctic of Svalbard, and watch for majestic polar bears, 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

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.

National Geographic Explorer in Trollfjord, Norway.
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 33.

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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MAY 19 AND 20: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)/EMBARK
Fly overnight to the Hanseatic town of Bergen, the gateway to the fjordlands. Stroll Bryggen’s wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage site, before embarkation. (May 20: L,D)

MAY 21: NORDFJORD
Today we enter lovely and little-touristed Nordfjord where we are transported via coach along Loen Valley’s jagged mountains and turquoise-colored lake. Hike flat trails to Brikshal Glacier. (B,L,D)

MAY 22: SMØLA
After over 30 years of exploring this extraordinary coastline, we still find new and exciting places to visit. Explore the scenic little island of Smøla, where we have been specially invited by the locals. (B,L,D)

MAY 23 AND 24: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY
Amid the rugged, mountainous islands and steep-walled fjords we explore a variety of landings: Zodiac along vertical rock faces, paddle a kayak in a deep fjord surrounded by cascading waterfalls, or hike with our naturalists. Over the years, we’ve discovered special places, including Mefjord, a narrow channel surrounded by high granite cliffs. (B,L,D)

MAY 25: LOFOTEN ISLANDS
The Lofoten Archipelago is an enchanting area of picturesque villages by the sea backed with jagged peaks. By Zodiac, view Atlantic puffins, razorbills and guillemots. Go ashore at the island of Værøy, and be on deck as we cruise into dramatic Trollfjord, one of Norway’s most famous fjords. (B,L,D)

MAY 26: TYSFJORDEN
Enter the long Tysfjorden, where only a few small villages cling to rocky shores. Explore unspoiled Hellemobotn by Zodiac, kayak or on foot. (B,L,D)

MAY 27: TROMSØ
Tromsø is known as the “gateway to the Arctic” because so many Arctic expeditions originated here. Visit the Polar Museum and the Arctic Cathedral, where the unique architecture evokes icebergs. (B,L,D)

MAY 28: BEAR ISLAND
Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kitiwakes, guillemots and gulls. (B,L,D)

MAY 29-JUN. 2: EXPLORING SVALBARD
Arctic Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, and massive ice sheets. Our focus is the search for walruses, seals, reindeer, arctic foxes and polar bears. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. With our stabilized, ice-class ship, a flexible itinerary, and years of experience here, we are able to venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, hike the tundra, and explore fjords that split the coastline. (B,L,D)

JUN. 3: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO
Disembark in Longyearbyen and visit the Svalbard Art Gallery and Museum before boarding our charter flight to Oslo. Check in to the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, and have the evening free in Oslo. (B,L)

JUN. 4: OSLO/U.S. (B)
SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND’S EAST COAST

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: $13,820 to $25,230 (See page 36 for complete prices.)

Explore three iconic and stunningly beautiful Arctic regions: the Svalbard Archipelago of Norway, and the countries of Iceland and Greenland. Go aboard the world’s ultimate expedition ship, and rely on the planet’s best ice team as you probe the ice edge to search for wildlife, including polar bears, walrus, reindeer, and arctic foxes. This is an authentic expedition aboard National Geographic Explorer, a ship perfectly suited to the ever-changing ice. Like the brave sailors of the golden age of exploration who set out with no set itinerary—seeking adventure, knowledge, and the unknown—we are completely dependent on ice, wildlife, and weather conditions, allowing nature to guide us to her wonderful surprises.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Explore Arctic Svalbard, one of the best places on the planet to observe majestic polar bears in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
▶ Navigate the arctic wilderness of the Greenland Sea to Iceland’s wild western coast, with expert naturalists and a fully equipped expedition ship—making multiple stops en route completely dependent on ice, wildlife, and weather conditions.
▶ Watch for walruses, whales, and reindeer, and spot rich birdlife.
▶ Glide between soaring ice floes, exploring via ship, Zodiac, and kayak.

A walrus flips his huge tusks.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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

Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.
JUN. 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-strengthened 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, Reykjavik 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 Mar. 31, 2015 to receive complimentary charter airfare (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). Call for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**
Take a five-day pre-voyage extension to the Norwegian Fjords, a four-day post-voyage to Iceland, or a one-day post-voyage extension to Reykjavík’s Golden Circle. Visit our website, or see pages 32-33.

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

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**Polar bear.**

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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 36 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.

**EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

▶ Venture to two remarkable sites on the Viking Trail, settled by Erik the Red 500 years before Columbus.
▶ Glide between soaring ice floes in East Greenland, exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot.
▶ Hike and Zodiac Iceland’s wild Westfjord region and explore Reykjavik, the world’s northernmost capital city.
▶ Meet the friendly Greenlanders who maintain their traditional lifestyle.

**EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**

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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

*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 & NANTORLÍK**

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 (QAQORTUKOLOOQ) & QAQORTOQ**

Today you’ll explore a remarkable site on the Viking Trail. Qaqortukoloq 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/ERIKSFJORD**

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, 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 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)

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**EXpedition Details**

**DATE: 2015 Jul. 19**

**SPECIAL OFFer:**

Book by Mar. 31, 2015 to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa)—a $1,200 value. 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. See our website or call for details.

**CIRCumnavigating ICEland**

Our 11-day voyage “A Circumnavigation of Iceland” explores an enchanting land of geological extremes. There are still cabins on the July 7, 2015 departure. For itinerary details, visit expeditions.com/Iceland.

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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 36 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.

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.

An inquisitive polar bear.

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.
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 archaeological Inuit fishing village of Sermersuit, 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. (Day 12: B,L; Day 13: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATES: 2015 Jul. 28; Aug. 7*
*This voyage travels from Iqaluit to Kangerlussuaq.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:
Explore with Ralph Lee Hopkins, whose Arctic wildlife images have appeared in National Geographic books and magazines, Jul. 28 & Aug. 7, 2015.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.EXPLORATIONS.COM/HIGHARCTIC
EPIC 80ºN: EXPLORING GREENLAND, BAFFIN & ELLESMERE ISLANDS

23 DAYS/22 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: $23,990 TO $45,680 (See page 36 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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A Zodiac ride amid the big ice of Philpots Island.
AUG. 17: U.S./OTTAWA, CANADA
Arrive in Ottawa and check into the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. (D)

AUG. 18: OTTAWA/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND
Fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark National Geographic Explorer. (B,L,D)

AUG. 19: GREENLAND’S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT/AT SEA
Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland’s west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers much of the country. We search for humpback and minke whales, and at Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. (B,L,D)

AUG. 20-22: BAFFIN ISLAND
Over these days we stretch our legs on hiking trails at Qikiqtarjuaq, home to our Inuit guide Stevie “Kisa” Audlaqiaq, who proudly shows us his village. Weather depending, stops may include Coronation Fiord where 5,000-foot cliffs soar near the Coronation Glacier; Niaqunak Point, a former Inuit camp where walruses haul out; and Isabella Bay, a marine habitat ideal for bowhead whales. (B,L,D)

AUG. 23-25: THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC
We search for ringed seals, arctic foxes, walruses, and polar bears, as well as beluga and bowhead whales. Perhaps even see the elusive narwhal, known for the long, spiraling tooth that projects up to ten feet from its upper jaw. Explore Milne Bay for possible narwhal sightings and Prince Regent Inlet for polar bears on ice. (B,L,D)

AUG. 26: DEVON ISLAND:
At the entrance to the Northwest Passage, we encounter Devon Island’s Croker Bay, where last year we discovered well-preserved ruins from the Thule culture. At Philpots Island we hike the tundra and search for wildlife, and perhaps musk oxen. Stand on deck as we head out amid towering icebergs. (B,L,D)

AUG 27 AND 28: ELLESMERE ISLAND
Head north up the beautiful and remote east coast of Ellesmere Island, where Explorer first ventured last season. Cruise along scenic Smith Bay bordered by steep mountains and tumbling glacial ice. Search for polar bears on the ice from the ship’s deck and go ashore to hike or kayak in picturesque surroundings. Explore Skraeling Island, an important archaeological find that shows the Norse once traded with the native Inuit here at Ellesmere. Last season we also discovered unexpectedly the remains of a Thule encampment. (B,L,D)

AUG. 29 AND 30: FARTHER NORTH
Explore to 80°N and hopefully beyond, if the ice allows. Our experienced captain and expedition team as well as our technological resources chart where the ice is penetrable. Our northernmost landing might be a fine place for a ‘polar plunge’ into the icy waters! (B,L,D)

AUG. 31-SEP. 3: NORTHWEST GREENLAND
The remote coast of Northwest Greenland is terra incognita with an interesting history of expeditions past: Peary, Hall and more. Explorer will be in true expedition mode as we search this vast uninhabited region for wildlife (no humans means no hunting, thus prolific wildlife.) We’ll walk on land where humans have never set foot. Encounter glaciers, fjords, inlets and islands. Visit the small community of Etah to learn about the people of the Far North. (B,L,D)

SEP. 4: UUMMANNAQ
Today we are back in familiar waters, stopping at Uummannaq, where a collection of mummies dating back to 1475 was discovered in 1972 and featured on the cover of National Geographic magazine. (B,L,D)

SEP. 5: ILULISSAT
Sail into Disko Bay to explore the UNESCO site of Ilulissat Icefjord. Take an extraordinary cruise among towering icebergs and visit the archaeological Inuit fishing village of Sermermuit. (B,L,D)

SEP. 6: GREENLAND’S WEST COAST
Our final day in the scenic fjords north of Sondre Stromfjord offers Zodiac cruising, kayaking, or a hike across the tundra. (B,L,D)

SEP. 7: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND
Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, and fly by charter to Reykjavík for stunning views over the Greenland icecap. Check in to the Natura Hotel or the Hilton Nordica. (B,L,D)

SEP. 8: REYKJAVÍK/U.S.
Have a guided view of Iceland’s lively capital city, Reykjavík. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon’s thermal baths prior to flights home. (B,L)
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.

Adds 5 days/5 nights to the voyage.
The “Norwegian Fjords” extension can be taken before “Land of the Ice Bears” and “Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland’s East Coast.”

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.

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)

DAY 3: BERGEN
Visit the historic Bryggen Wharf and the Hanseatic Museum. Venture into St. Mary’s Church and the rebuilt Fantof 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 Folkmuseum, or simply enjoy the fjord views. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ULLENSvang/OSLO
Today’s opening act is the Tvindefoss and Vøringsfossen 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 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.
*Note: This voyage begins the extension in Reykjavik.

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 Reykjavik, the world’s northernmost capital.
▶ See nature and history converge at Thingvellir National Park.

DAY 1: OSLO, NORWAY/KEFLAVIK, ICELAND/REYKJAVIK/AKUREYRI
Fly to Keflavik. Drive to Reykjavik 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/REYKJAVIK
Fly to Reykjavik, 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/REYKJAVIK
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: REYKJAVIK/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)
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.

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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.

Top left: Explorer's glass-enclosed observation lounge and library have exceptional views, and a quiet place to steep yourself in the panoramic vistas or a bounty of books. Bottom left: the fitness center with panoramic views and a classic Swedish sauna make the wellness spa at the top of the ship a perfect place to end an active day.

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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.

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

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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; Business from $3,700. Charter Airfare: $725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).

**Norway’s Fjords & Arctic Svalbard:** New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark. Economy from $1,000; Business from $3,900. Charter airfare: $360 (Longyearbyen/Oslo).

**Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland’s East Coast:** Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. Economy from $1,100; Business from $2,700; Charter Airfare: $360 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).

**Along the Viking Trail:** New York/Reykjavik, Ottawa/New York. Economy from $600; Business from $1,500; Charter airfare: $1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).

**Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic:** Round-trip Newark/Ottawa. Economy from $670; call for Business airfares; Charter airfare: $1,750 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Iqaluit/Ottawa, or vice versa).

**Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin & Ellesmere Islands:** Newark/Ottawa, Keflavik/Newark. Economy from $610; Charter airfare: $1,950 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Kangerlussuaq/Keflavik).
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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BOOK BY MAR. 31, 2015 to take advantage of special offers that appear on select expeditions in this catalog. On voyages with complimentary charter air offers, airfare is based on economy group flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that Lindblad’s charter 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.

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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 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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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
✓ Snorkeling, including wetsuits, masks, fins, snorkel where relevant
✓ 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 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. Gratuties 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 $1,000 EXCEPT for “Along the Viking Trail” and “Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic: ($1,500), and also “Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin & Ellesmere Islands” ($3,000). 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.

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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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* $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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- Condé Nast Traveler World Savers “Doing it All” Award, 2013
- Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Award-Top 25 Cruise Lines, 2013
- Virtuoso “Sustainable Tourism Leadership-Supplier” Award, 2013

- Cruise Critic Editor’s Pick Awards “Best for Adventure,” 2010-2013
- Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009
- Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008
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