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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.

Dear Traveler,

2015 will mark the seventh year of exploration for *National Geographic Explorer*. By the end of this year, she will have made 171 voyages and carried over 22,000 people, a fraction of what a big cruise ship carries in a year. She will have landed those guests in some of the remotest places on Earth with no infrastructure at all. Only occasionally does she dock at a pier, and then usually only to embark or disembark guests.

The *National Geographic Explorer* is just that—an explorer, as are her guests, her staff and her crew.

Most of the 22,000 guests I referred to have been aboard multiple times, some as many as ten or more times. And I have come to realize why: it's geography meeting chemistry.

The geography, if you look at the following pages, is pretty clear. It's diverse, ranging from the iconic to the little known. It's mostly wild, although there is human history and culture woven in as well. From below the Antarctic Circle to well above the Arctic Circle, the *National Geographic Explorer* will migrate about the same distance as the arctic tern, the greatest migrator of any living species.

As to the chemistry—I think you know why that matters a great deal. Whether it's a family, a business, or any other enterprise, if goals are aligned and purpose is clear, the result is most often success.

Explorer brings all on board—guests, crew, staff—together in a special way, to discover, learn and to build experience and stories that will, without question, last you a lifetime. And that is, by our definition, what 21st-century exploration is all about.

On behalf of the entire staff and crew of *National Geographic Explorer*, we look forward to sharing an adventure or two with you this year.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

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THIS IS 21ST-CENTURY EXPLORATION AT ITS FINEST

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

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



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ACTIVELY ENGAGE WITH WILDNESS & WONDER

Experience moments in the wild like this one, which occurred on a 2013 Arctic expedition. A young bear, as motivated by curiosity as any human explorer, and with the singular confidence of an apex predator, checked out the ship under the enthralled gaze of the on-deck expedition community standing breathlessly, and safely, above.



AUTHENTICALLY CONNECT ON PERSONAL EXPLORATIONS

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





Clockwise from left: Guests experience an exhilarating Zodiac cruise amid the berg fields of Antarctica; our naturalists are at the ready for in-the-field observations and insights; kayaking amid otherworldly ice; guest photographing and hiking along the Norwegian coast.

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: A curious adult leopard seal, near the Antarctic Peninsula.

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.

STEEP YOURSELF IN THE JOY OF MAKING & SHARING IMAGES

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

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

Photographers get their shots.



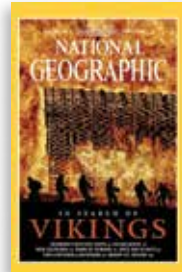


NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

National Geographic photographers aboard *Explorer* this season are: Jim Richardson, Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson, Ralph Lee Hopkins, Rich Reid, Annie Griffiths, Kike Calvo and Susan Seubert.

SISSE BRIMBERG AND COTTON COULSON

National Geographic photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson have collectively photographed more than 60 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines. They have spent most of their careers working in Europe, shooting stories from the Arctic and Scandinavia to Italy, France and the Baltics, including the May 2000 *National Geographic* cover story "In Search of Vikings."



ANNIE GRIFFITHS

One of the first female photographers to work for National Geographic, Annie Griffiths has taken photographs in more than 100 countries. She has worked on dozens of magazine and book projects for the Society, including stories ranging from Iceland, Lawrence of Arabia, and Baja California, to New Zealand. Her newest book, *Simply Beautiful Photographs*, was published by National Geographic in 2010.



JIM RICHARDSON

National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson is proud of his roots. A veteran of more than 40 articles for *National Geographic* and *Traveler* magazines, Jim spent two years photographing the Celtic realm for the March 2006 *National Geographic* article "Celt Appeal." His article "My Scottish Obsession" appeared in the August/September 2012 issue of *National Geographic Traveler*.

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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 South America itineraries. Their commitment and passion will engage you, and their knowledge will illuminate the facets of all you'll see and do during your expedition.



Above: Representing the entire team (clockwise from top left): oceanographer Jim Kelley; marine specialist Stephanie Martin; naturalist/photographer Ralph Lee Hopkins; avid birder Richard White; polar naturalist Karen Copeland; and veteran naturalist Tom Ritchie.

Right: Our expedition staff guides guests ashore via Zodiac in Nordfjord, Norway.



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SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH RELEVANT EXPERTS FROM DIVERSE FIELDS

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:

CÉSAR GAVIRIA

Former President of Colombia César Gaviria is known as an advocate of democracy and defender of human rights. An engaging and insightful speaker, President Gaviria will welcome you to his country and introduce guests to the economic and political climate of Latin America. He will be aboard through Oct. 4.

✓ Coastal Treasures from the Panama Canal to Peru, Sep. 27, 2015

DAVID DOUBILET

Acclaimed underwater photographer David Doubilet has produced more than 70 stories for *National Geographic* magazine. In 2010 he was part of the Elysium Project, a team of explorers who followed in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton, from the Weddell Sea to South Georgia, documenting the current state of this last pristine wilderness.

✓ Antarctica, S.Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 15, 2016



César Gaviria.

JOHN EVANS

John Evans was chief scientist on an historic expedition, sponsored in part by National Geographic, which became the first to summit the highest point in Antarctica, documented in the June 1967 issue of the magazine.

✓ Antarctica, Dec. 17, 2015

GIL GROSVENOR

Gil Grosvenor is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors of National Geographic. He is the fifth generation to serve as the Society's President. Gil was awarded the presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004.

✓ Canadian Maritimes, Sep. 11, 2015

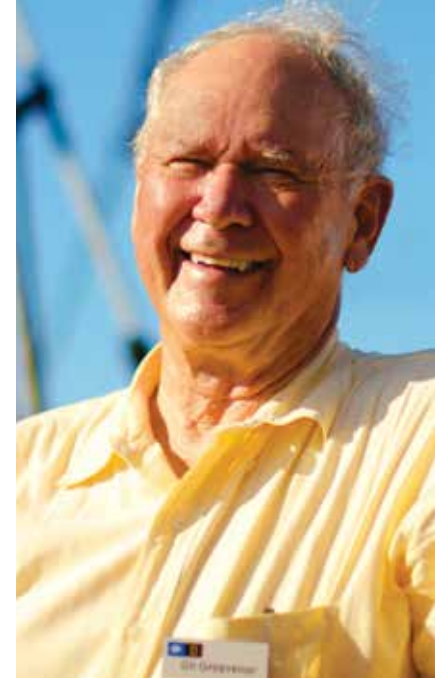
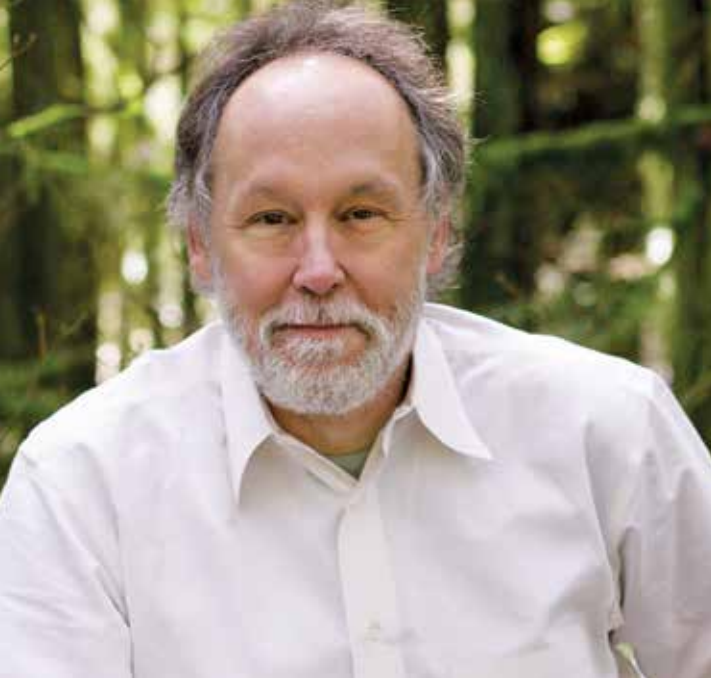
ERIC LARSEN

Polar adventurer Eric Larsen explored the North and 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



David Doubilet.



Clockwise from left: Barry Lopez; Dr. Joe MacInnis; Gil Grosvenor; Captain Alfred S. McLaren.

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.

✓ Ice Bears, Jun. 8, 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.

✓ Antarctica, Jan. 6, 2016

ALASDAIR MCGREGOR

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

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

✓ Antarctica, Nov. 27, 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

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.

✓ Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland, Jun. 22, 2015

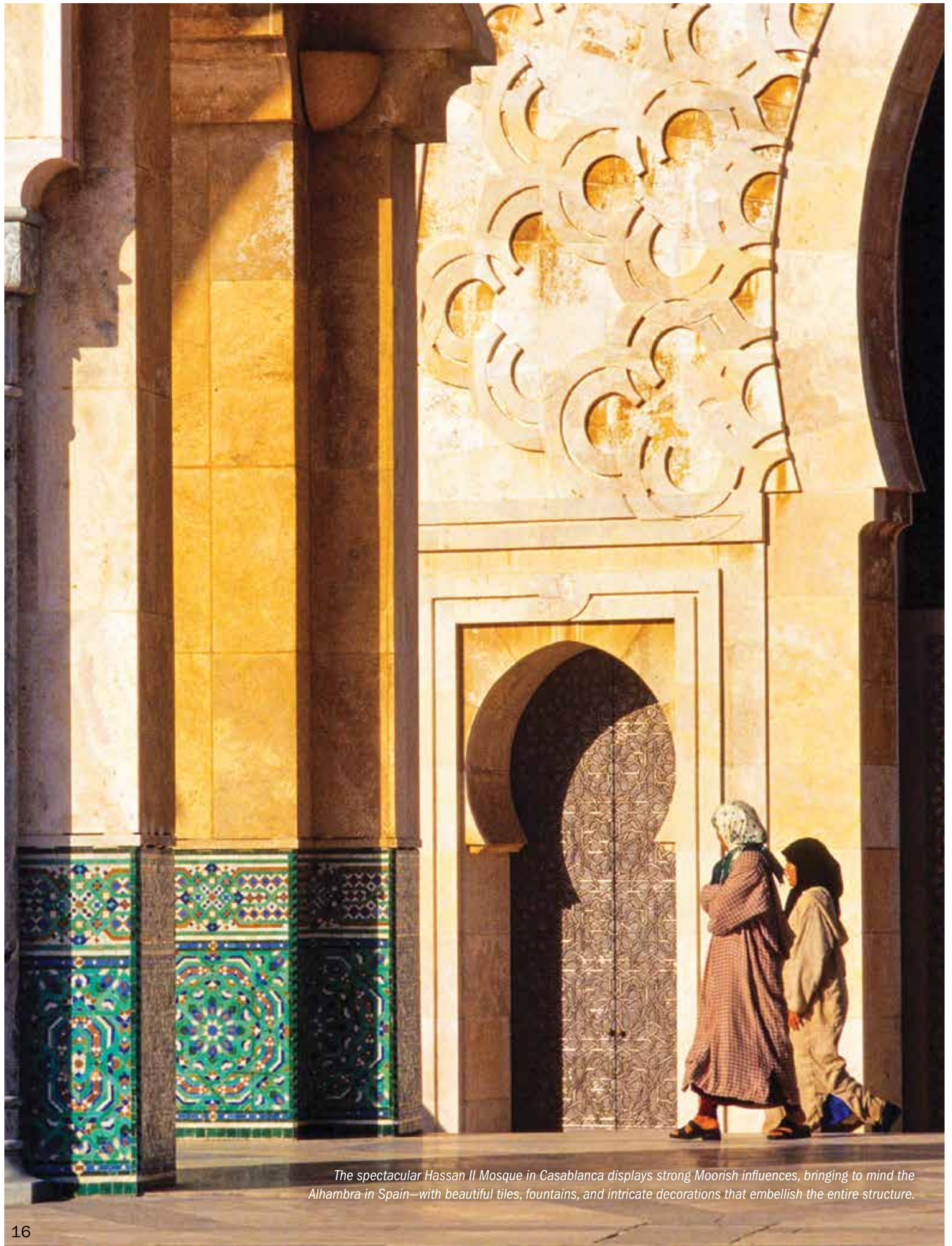
RUSSELL SHORTO

An American author and journalist, best known for his book on the Dutch origins of New York City, Russell Shorto's newest book is *Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City*. He will be aboard through May 3.

✓ Holland and Belgium, Apr. 29, 2015



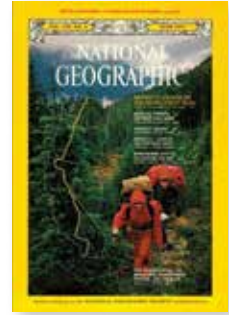
Eric Larsen.



The spectacular Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca displays strong Moorish influences, bringing to mind the Alhambra in Spain—with beautiful tiles, fountains, and intricate decorations that embellish the entire structure.

“Embroidered caftans splashed by shafts of sunlight, bolts of brilliant silk, spangled saddles, and fine carpets dazzle the eye. Racks of blue pottery, silver jewelry, and bright-colored slippers overflow into the streets. The aromas of saffron and sandalwood mingle with earthier smells of potter’s clay.”

—Thomas J. Abercrombie, “Morocco: Land of the Farthest West,” *National Geographic*, June 1971



TRAVELING THROUGH TIME FROM THE AZORES TO ROMANTIC MOROCCO

National Geographic Traveler considers it one of the top unspoiled nature destinations in the world, ranking the Azores among the 50 top European ‘trips of a lifetime’ destinations in 2012. The islands are a marvel: full of dazzling green in the midst of azure seas. A kind of rural tourism at its finest, where life has continued with an unbroken continuity since the Golden Age, when Portuguese explorers set off from its ports to discover the world. And, while life in the Azores is verdant, diversely



An aerial view of the remote Azores islands.

satisfying in natural beauty and human culture, the seas around them teem with life. The Azores also rank among the top worldwide destinations for whale watching, and our ace spotters will train their scopes and skills on finding giant sperm whales, fin whales, and other species.

Madeira, known as the “Garden of the Atlantic,” is home to over 1,100 plant species, 113 of them endemic, all of them alluring. And Madeira wine, the delicious

amber liquid that is a product of the seafaring culture of the region, also figures prominently in American history—the

Founding Fathers toasted the signing of the Declaration of Independence with it. From literal blue waters and verdant islands to the cool blues and greens of the Moorish tiles that define the visual landscapes of Morocco’s timeless Casablanca and the far lesser known and rewardingly discoverable, Essaouira, we’ll voyage back in time, parting veils of history to reveal the romance of a bygone era of travel.

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AZORES TO MOROCCO: ISLAND WONDERS AND FABLED SHORES

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PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,150 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

In the heart of the Atlantic Ocean are lush, mountainous archipelagos that combine the breathtaking landscapes of Hawaii with the charm and culture of old-world Europe. There is plenty to lure us. The Portuguese archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira were starting points for the bold explorers heading west to the New World. You'll drink in the islands' seafaring ways, view the natural wonders and spectacular geology of these volcanic isles. And while the islands are the expedition's focus, the surrounding seas often yield exhilarating whale sightings. Then voyage to the coast of Morocco, where orange groves, waving palms and fragrant *tajines* underscore the vitality and flavor of this melting pot of Berbers, Arabs, Spaniards, Portuguese, and French.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience a rare visit to remote islands with a deep-seated history, seafaring traditions, and ancestral cultures of food, wine and music.
- ▶ Walk in Madeira's lush laurel forests (a UNESCO site) and explore the Azores' spectacular geology: an active volcano and hot springs.
- ▶ Search for whales in the waters around the Azores, with the possibility of sperm, fin and other whales.
- ▶ Venture to two extraordinary Moroccan towns: Casablanca and Essaouira (a UNESCO site) to explore the *medina* and indulge your senses in the *souk*.

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, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Scenic coastal views in Madeira, Portugal.



MAR. 27 AND 28: U.S./SÃO MIGUEL, AZORES, PORTUGAL/EMBARK

Fly overnight to Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel. After time to relax a bit, we explore the Furnas Valley and its famed hot springs, hiking the trails, or perhaps visiting the lovely garden of Terra Nostra. And we savor a traditional Azorean *cozido* lunch, naturally cooked from the volcanic activity—underground! (Mar. 28: L,D)

MAR. 29: HORTA, FAIAL, AZORES

The Azores are a whale-watching mecca and we go in search of these gentle giants. On the island of Faial, see how dramatically the landscape changed when its volcano erupted in 1957. Stroll along the marina, visit the excellent scrimshaw museum, and raise a glass at legendary Peter's Café Sport, where sea adventurers historically dropped off their mail. For those interested, we can arrange for scuba diving. (B,L,D)

MAR. 30: SANTA MARIA, AZORES

Santa Maria is historically significant as the first landfall of Christopher Columbus on his return from the Americas. With our naturalists, we hike the trails to experience the scenery and atmosphere of the island. Later, local whale experts guide us on our whale-watching, much like the Maasai trackers of East Africa who have centuries of ties to their surroundings and an instinct for scouting its wild inhabitants. (B,L,D)

MAR. 31: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 1: MADEIRA**

Madeira has beautiful scenery, with a delicious climate. Walk in the endemic *laurisilva* (laurel forest), a UNESCO site. Wander along the tranquil *levadas* (former irrigation channels), visit the botanical gardens and the new Whale Museum. You'll sample Madeira's seafood, have a tasting of the famed Madeira wines, and hear a performance of authentic Fado singing. Be sure to browse the colorful market and exquisite embroidery factory. (B,L,D)

APR. 2: AT SEA

On our way to Morocco we will have an ever-vigilant lookout for marine life, and also

have presentations preparing us for our time in Morocco. (B,L,D)

APR. 3: SAFI, MOROCCO/ESSAOUIRA

We arrive in Safi and travel to the stunning town of Essaouira, with white buildings accented by deep blue shutters and Portuguese-style doors enclosed by medieval-looking battlements. The *medina* (old town) is a UNESCO World Heritage site. We have a good view of the coast from the scalas, or defense platforms, left by Spanish and Portuguese pirates, before exploring the *souk* (market). Here we see some of Morocco's best marquetry craftsmen fashion sandalwood with ancestral precision. (B,L,D)

APR. 4: CASABLANCA

Casablanca personifies modern Morocco living in harmony with its rich heritage. We travel along the attractive waterfront boulevard, known as Ain Diab Corniche, lined with beaches and terraced restaurants. Visit the extraordinary Hassan II Mosque, boasting the world's tallest minaret. Stroll through the city's Habous district and the *mechouar*, the ceremonial meeting place outside the Royal Palace, a masterpiece of Islamic architecture. (B,L,D)

APR. 5: CASABLANCA/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Mar. 27

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Extend your stay in **Morocco** for three days in **Marrakech** or take our seven-day post-voyage extension to its **Imperial Cities**. See page 74 or call for details.

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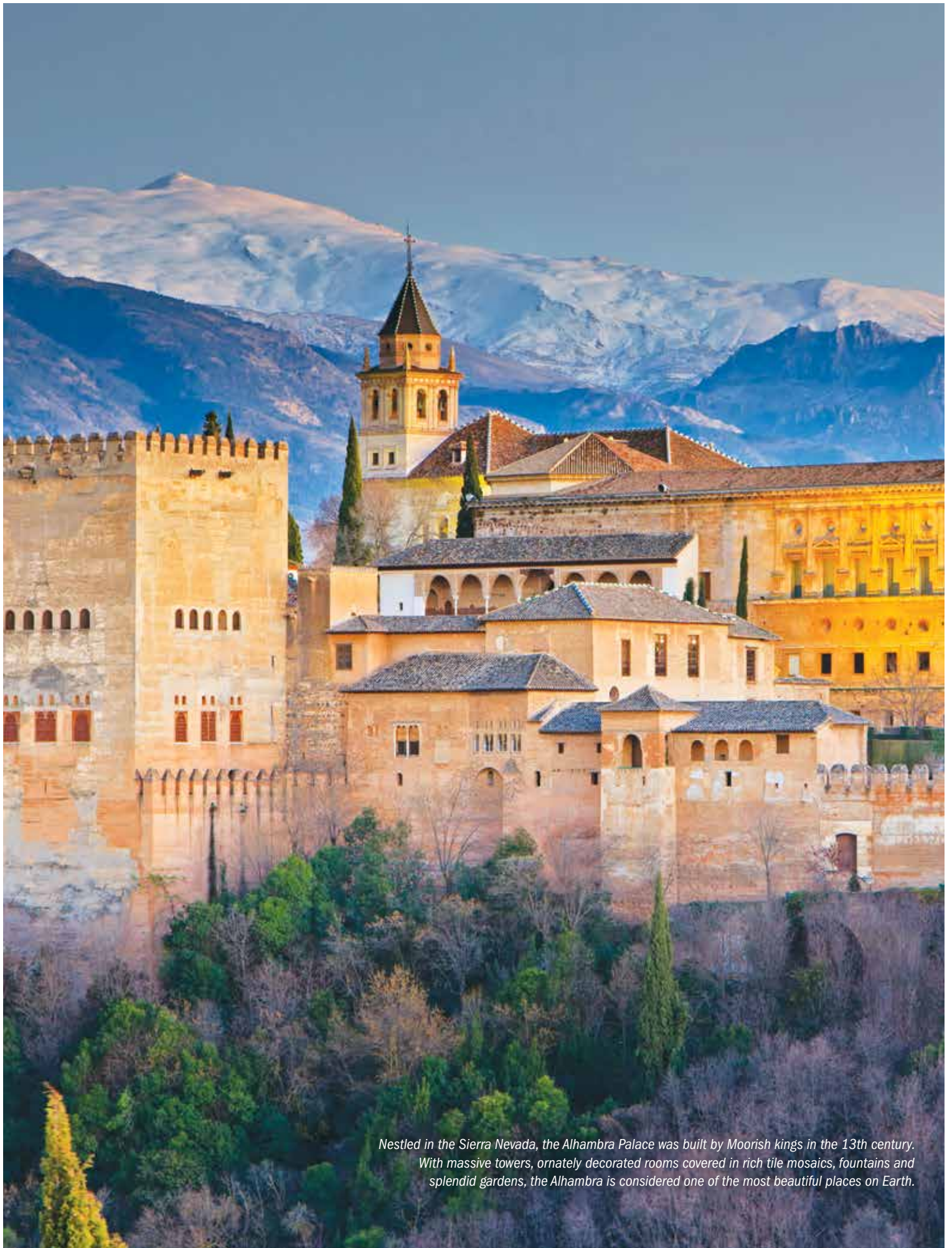
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MUSICOLOGIST JACOB EDGAR

Jacob Edgar will give insights into the musical roots of these cultures.



Exploring the Botanical Garden, Madeira.



Nestled in the Sierra Nevada, the Alhambra Palace was built by Moorish kings in the 13th century. With massive towers, ornately decorated rooms covered in rich tile mosaics, fountains and splendid gardens, the Alhambra is considered one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

“Known as the Moors, they ruled in Spain for almost 800 years—until 1492, when they were ousted by Their Catholic Majesties Ferdinand and Isabella. The Moors left behind a cultural legacy still evident in both Spain and Morocco”

—Thomas J . Abercrombie, “When the Moors Ruled Spain,” *National Geographic*, July 1988

WONDERS SPANNING CENTURIES FROM THE 13TH TO THE FUTURISTIC BILBAO GUGGENHEIM

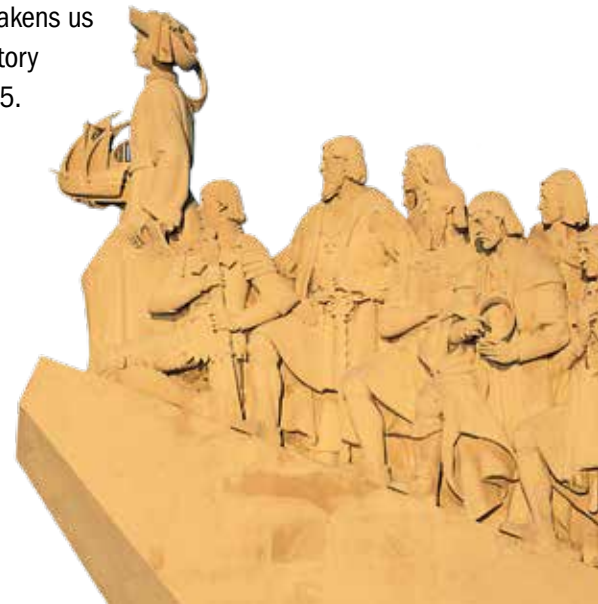
Romantic Casablanca sets the tone for this focused foray into history, with its lively *souks* and a *medina* that remains impervious to the passing centuries. From there we head into the diaspora of the Moors, ranging from exotic Tangier’s Les Grottes d’Hercules and more, to the glories of the Alhambra Palace in heart-achingly lovely Granada. From Sevilla, the jewel in the Iberian crown, we cross the border of history into Portugal, Spain’s sparring partner in their



Plaza de España, Sevilla.

high stakes 15th and 16th centuries’ struggle for world domination. Lisbon’s extraordinary architecture and its massive Monument to the Discoverers are the perfect visuals for our voyage historian’s talks on Columbus, Magellan, Vasco da Gama and Henry the Navigator. The Baroque interior of Oporto’s Church of São Francisco glimmers with gold, like the highlights refracted in the region’s renowned port wine, which we’ll sample in the colorful riverside port houses of yore. Like pilgrims we’ll discover Santiago de Compostela and watch in awe as the massive silver incense burner, the *botafumeiro*, swings over the heads of the faithful. And then with *Explorer’s* bow pointed firmly toward the future, the silver salvers and gleaming gold of history dissolve into the shimmering radiance of titanium as Bilbao and Frank Gehry’s resplendent Guggenheim welcomes us and wakens us from a dream of history to our return to 2015.

Monument to the Discoverers, Lisbon.



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MOROCCO, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL: LAND OF THE MOORS

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PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,150 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

This short but extraordinary adventure through Morocco, Spain and Portugal encompasses two continents and three countries, spans centuries and cuts huge swaths through culture. Woven neatly together by our expert expedition team, the narrative is thoughtfully constructed to be a connected whole exploring the diversity of cultures found here—from the beauty of the Moorish legacy to the might of the Catholic kings. Wander the winding streets of ancient *medinas*, sip refreshing mint tea, and discover the grandeur of Spanish and Portuguese architecture from the Middle Ages.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Make a pilgrimage to magnificent Santiago de Compostela and the Alhambra Palace—two of the five UNESCO World Heritage sites we'll visit.
- ▶ Guided by our staff, discover Morocco's ancient *medinas* and bargain in the *souks*.
- ▶ Savor regional cuisines: port wines in Oporto, Spanish *tapas* and Moroccan *tajines*. Dine in historic *paradores* and have an elegant Galician lunch at the illustrious Hostal de los Reyes Católicos.

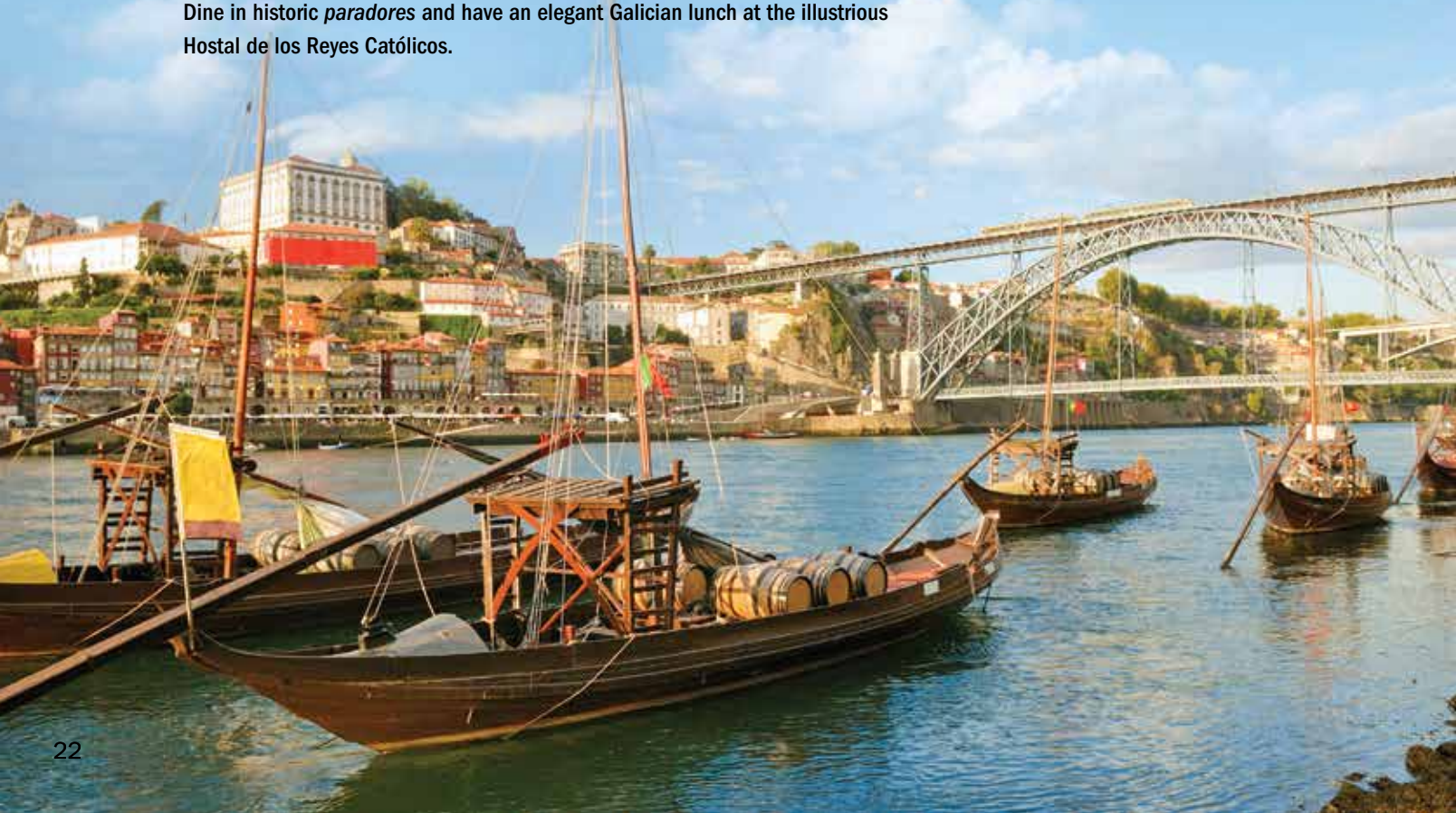
EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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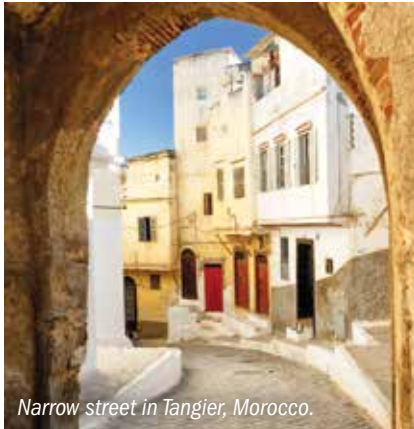
Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Port barges on the Douro River, Oporto.



APR. 4 AND 5: U.S./CASABLANCA, MOROCCO/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Casablanca. Prior to embarking our ship, we take a scenic drive along the Ain Diab Corniche, where modern buildings sit alongside powdery beaches. See the new imposing Hassan II Mosque and visit the *medina* (old city) with its maze of narrow streets filled with colorful *souks* (markets). (L, D)



Narrow street in Tangier, Morocco.

APR. 6: AT SEA/TANGIER/ASILAH

After a relaxing morning at sea, we arrive in lively Tangier. A scenic drive along the coast takes us past the Natural Caves of Hercules, with their strange sea window shaped like a map of Africa. Stop in the beautiful seaside town of Asilah, where we stroll the narrow streets with their typical *medina* houses painted white, visit the old *medina*, and walk along the ramparts of the fortress walls. (B,L,D)

APR. 7: MOTRIL, SPAIN/GRANADA: ALHAMBRA PALACE

From Motril, drive to Granada to explore its breathtaking Alhambra Palace and Fortress, a UNESCO site. Built in the 13th century on a hill, it reflects both the wealth and love of beauty of the Moors. Visit Generalife, the summer palace and grand gardens of the Moorish rulers, and enjoy a typical Andalusian lunch at the exquisite Alhambra Palace Hotel. (B,L,D)

APR. 8: CÁDIZ/SEVILLA

From Cádiz, head through the Andalusian countryside, bound for romantic Sevilla. Observe the diversity of cultures found so

often in Spain—the beauty of the Moorish legacy and the might of the Catholic kings. Visit the Old City, containing the world's largest Gothic cathedral, situated near the remnants of a 12th-century mosque, and visit the Alcázar, the royal palace where the king and queen of Spain greeted Columbus, now a UNESCO site. (B,L,D)

APR. 9: AT SEA/LISBON, PORTUGAL

Connect with Portugal's proud maritime traditions by arriving via sea. Lisbon is known for its extraordinary architecture and the history of Portugal's 15th- and 16th-century Age of Exploration. Begin at the massive Monument to the Discoverers, and see the richness of Manueline architecture evident on visits to the Jeronimos Monastery and the Belém Tower, a UNESCO site. (B,L,D)

APR. 10: OPORTO

Famous for its port wine, old town Oporto is a UNESCO site resounding in stately architecture: the 13th century Church of São Francisco with its dazzling Baroque interior, and the 19th-century Neoclassical Stock Exchange. The scenic Douro was the main river for transporting the port wines, and of course, we visit one of the colorful riverside port houses to sample the port wine. (B,L,D)

APR. 11: MOUROS, SPAIN/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA/LA CORUÑA

The most magnificent pilgrimage site of the Middle Ages is the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO site. By special arrangement we witness the swinging of the extraordinary *botafumeiro*, a 125-pound silver incense burner. Enjoy lunch at the Hostal de los Reyes Católicos, built in the 16th century by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Return to our ship in La Coruña. (B,L,D)

APR. 12: AT SEA/BILBAO, SPAIN

A relaxing morning at sea gives time for talks from our staff. This afternoon lovers of art and architecture will appreciate Frank Gehry's futuristic Bilbao Guggenheim Museum with its distinctive titanium wave. (B,L,D)

APR. 13: BILBAO/U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Apr. 4

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, you may extend your stay in **Morocco** for three days in **Marrakech** or take our seven-day extension to its **Imperial Cities**. Or begin with an extra night in Casablanca. See page 74 or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explore with photographers **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson**.



Learn more at expeditions.com/photo.

MUSICOLOGIST JACOB EDGAR

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Guggenheim Bilbao.



A serene landscape in Texel, Frisian Islands.

“The five islands that make up the Wadden Islands are the vestiges of an ancient chain of sand dunes that stretched as far back as Jutland in Denmark. The largest of the islands, Texel, is my personal favorite. It’s a quiet place with white-sand beaches, wide and high dunes, coniferous forests, colorful fishing boats, and polders. The small neighborhoods and villages in the center of the island have an aged beauty about them.”

—Aart Aarsbergen, editor of *National Geographic Nederland-Belgium*, 2002

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM BY SEA

A perfect mix of natural history and cultural history, this voyage begins with a taste of the northern coast, and heads to the lively Friesland seaport of Harlingen, “a quaint and inviting municipality [that] can trace its roots back to a Viking settlement in the first century and became a city in 1234,” according to expedition naturalist Doug Gualtieri’s Daily Expedition Report.

National Geographic Explorer’s arrival in Harlingen’s harbor last season was greeted with considerable fanfare and a large crowd of onlookers. The mayor, Roel Sluiter, and harbormaster of Harlingen greeted the ship and her captain to present a port of call placard to commemorate our arrival as the first cruise vessel to call on Harlingen in the city’s long history—which means this season we’ll return as familiar friends. The West Frisian Islands, strung along the edge of the Wadden Sea, are serene, dune-capped, wildlife reserves, teeming with migratory birds and steeped in maritime history, perfect for hiking.

Heading south, we have the unique opportunity to approach the historic cities of both Holland and Belgium by sea, for an unparalleled perspective on these legendary locations, otherwise encountered by rail yard or airport. From the immaculately preserved medievalism of Brugge, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to the triumphs of Dutch Golden Age painters, Holland and Belgium have made vital contributions to the history of Western art and architecture.



Traveling with a historian, we dig deep into this cultural legacy, reveling in the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and many more at Amsterdam’s heralded Rijksmuseum—reopened to global acclaim after a nine-year renovation—and seeing the work of Flemish artists such as Rubens and Van Dyck in Antwerp. Thriving trade and textile guilds turned medieval Gent and Brugge into economic capitals, and their former glory is still palpable in majestic town squares that now pulse with contemporary life.

Gliding through canal-carved cities in Zodiacs or local boats, learning about local crafts, attending concerts, strolling past world-renowned cathedrals and guildhalls, and viewing the iconic tulip fields in bloom—are only some of the experiences offered in this celebration of culture, history, and natural splendor.

EXPLORING THE LOW COUNTRIES: HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

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

PRICES FROM: \$7,690 to \$14,120 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

Discover wild islands, charming medieval towns, and a wealth of important art on a voyage from Germany to the Netherlands and Belgium to London's Tower Bridge aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Explore the seaside village of Harlingen and the dune-capped West Frisian Islands, and take in a dazzling view of the tulip fields of North Holland. In Amsterdam and Antwerp, experience the incredible artistic heritage of the Dutch Golden Age and the Flemish Primitives. Stroll the canal-carved medieval towns of Brugge and Gent, and revel in their rich culinary traditions.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the West Frisian Islands set on the Waddenzee—a wetland area recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit a tulip farm outside of Den Helder.
- ▶ Enjoy a warm welcome at Harlingen, and venture down the town's canals in Zodiacs by special permission.
- ▶ With our guides, examine the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Dürer at Amsterdam's recently refurbished Rijksmuseum, including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*.
- ▶ Revel in the rich culinary and musical traditions of the region—from Dutch cheeses and chocolates to Belgian waffles and the famous Belgian beers brewed for centuries by Trappist monks.
- ▶ End your journey near London's iconic Tower Bridge—a fitting finale.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Canal cruising will be a special highlight throughout; Brugge is shown here.



APR. 29 AND 30: U.S./HAMBURG, GERMANY/BREMERHAVEN/EMBARK

Depart on an overnight flight to Hamburg. After a panoramic overview of this Hanseatic city, transfer to the port city of Bremerhaven and embark our ship. (L,D)

MAY 1: HARLINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

Enter the scenic Waddenzee, and dock in Harlingen, a lovely 17th-century seaside town with a festive setting. We'll receive a warm welcome and by special permission, explore the canals in Zodiacs. Enjoy an organ concert at the Grote Kerk then stroll past the lively shops that line the waterways. (B,L,D)



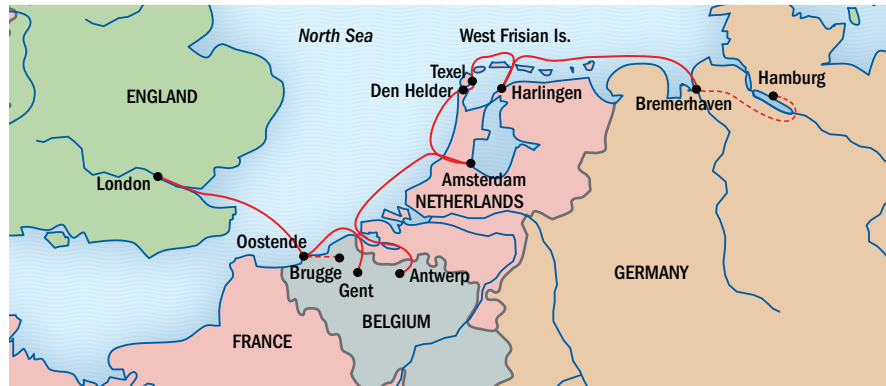
Tulips in market.

MAY 2: EXPLORING THE FRISIAN ISLANDS

The West Frisian Islands stretch out off the Dutch coast along the edge of the Waddenzee, a World Heritage site recognized for its birdlife-rich wetlands. Texel is the largest of the islands, lined with long, dune-capped beaches and marshes, perfect for hiking and birding. Then dock at Den Helder for a visit to a working tulip farm. (B,L,D)

MAY 3: AMSTERDAM

Cluttered with bicycles, bursting with flowers, and carved by canals, Amsterdam is a vibrant city with an arts scene that has flourished since the Middle Ages. Experience the spectacular Rijksmuseum, recently reopened after a mammoth renovation. On a guided tour, examine the works of Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other Dutch masters. You may also visit the newly reopened Van Gogh



Museum. Or opt to see the spectacular Keukenhof flower show with over seven million blooms. This evening, dinner is specially arranged at the historic 17th-century West India House, where the decision was made to build the fort 'Nieuw Amsterdam' on the island of Manhattan. (B,L,D)

MAY 4: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

A prosperous trading center for centuries, Antwerp brims with impressive architecture. A guided walk brings us to the 16th-century main square, lined with elegant guildhouses and the Renaissance city hall. Admire the works of Flemish masters Anthony Van Dyck and Peter Paul Rubens at the Rubenshuis. (B,L,D)

MAY 5: GENT

Gent was one of Europe's wealthiest medieval cities and remains a showcase of Flemish architecture. Historic belfries pierce the sky, filling the air with their chimes, and ornate guildhouses line the ancient harbor. Explore its historic sites with our guides. (B,L,D)

MAY 6: OOSTENDE/BRUGGE/LONDON, U.K.

Dock in Oostende and drive to medieval Brugge, a UNESCO site known for its Gothic architecture and serene waterways. Brugge was the birthplace of the school of Flemish Primitives, which include Jan van Eyck. After a guided walk, board small boats and glide down swan-dotted canals to experience the gem-like old town. Late afternoon, cross the English Channel to London, navigating up the Thames until midnight near the iconic LED-lit Tower Bridge. (B,L,D)

MAY 7: LONDON/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Apr. 29

BACK TO BACK SAVINGS:**THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES**

May 6-20, 2015

Save 10% on the voyage cost when you combine "Exploring the Low Countries" back-to-back with "Exploring the British & Irish Isles" (page 30). Call for details.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE GUEST SPEAKER

Russell Shorto is an American author, best known for his book on the Dutch origins of New York City. His newest book is *Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City*. A complimentary copy of his book, *Amsterdam*, will be sent to you prior to your voyage.

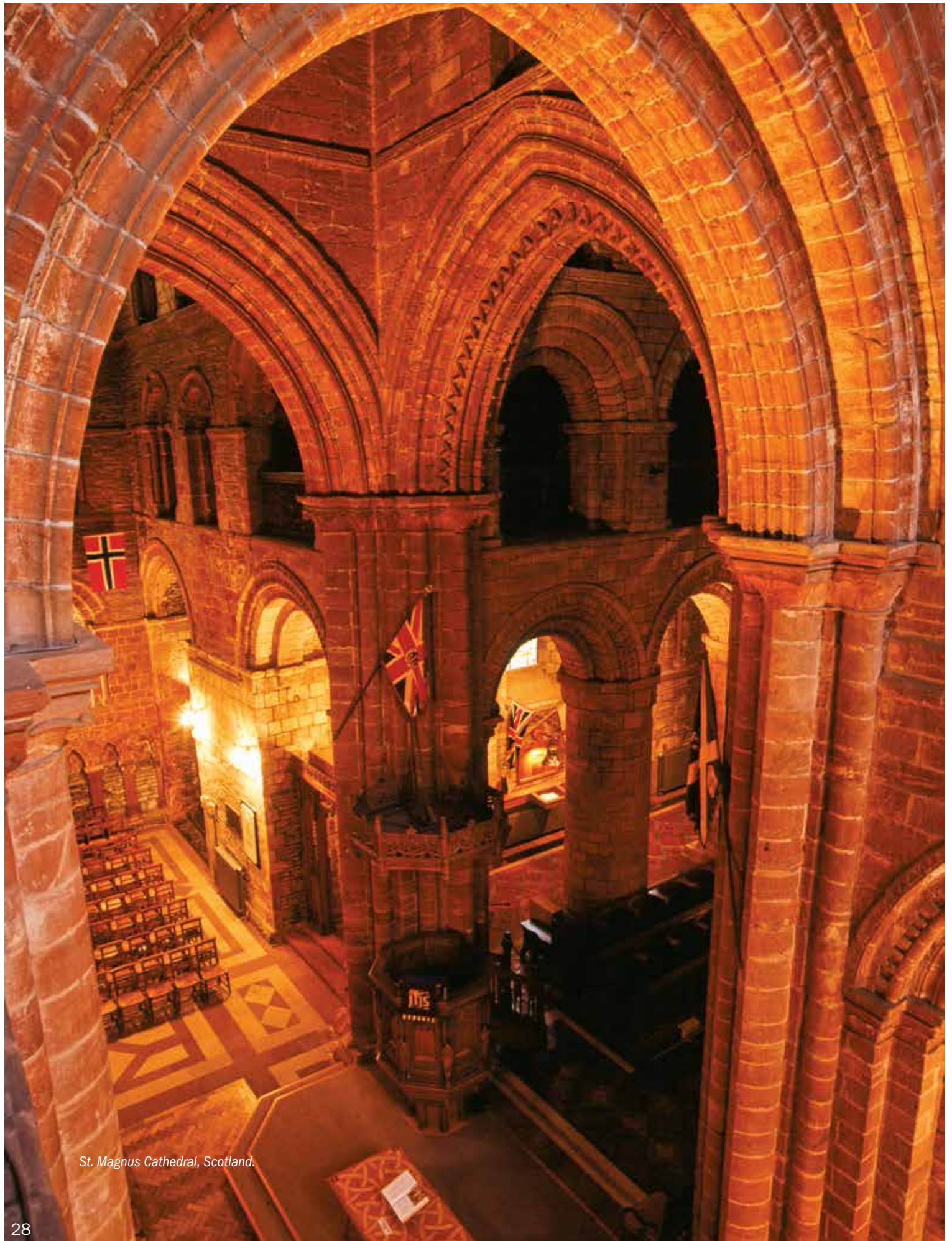
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St. Magnus Cathedral, Scotland.

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



—“Isles of Scilly, The Land That Time Forgot,” *National Geographic Intelligent Traveler*, April 2012

FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON A CLASSIC DESTINATION

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



Guests explore Fingal's Cave, Staffa Island, Scotland.

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

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

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

EXPLORING THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 to \$23,720 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

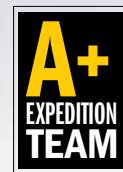
National Geographic Explorer follows a maritime thread through the isles, exploring the wild and beautiful places where Celtic and Viking influences still thrive in local languages and customs. Everywhere there are surprises: the subtropical gardens on the Isles of Scilly. The cloistered quiet of Iona,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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Begin your journey along the historic Thames, passing near London's iconic Tower Bridge.
- ▶ Navigate around magical Skellig Michael, which is crowned with a sixth-century beehive monastery. Examine the basaltic lava columns of Fingal's Cave.
- ▶ Peer into the past in the pre-historic homes at Skara Brae in the Orkneys.
- ▶ Venture into the mysterious ancient Celtic forts at Dun Aengus on the Aran Islands.
- ▶ Discover vibrant Gaelic culture on the remote isles off Scotland and Ireland.

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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MAY 6 AND 7: U.S./LONDON, ENGLAND

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

MAY 8: PORTSMOUTH

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

MAY 9: FOWEY ISLAND/EDEN PROJECT

Explorers Drake, Raleigh, and Cook have all passed through Fowey (pronounced "Foy" by the locals). Stroll the winding, medieval streets and visit art galleries and pubs before visiting the Cornish countryside and the Eden Project, a botanical garden with vast biomes. Or opt to visit the Lost Gardens of Heligan, left derelict after WWI and recently restored. (B,L,D)



Shetland ponies.

MAY 10: ISLES OF SCILLY

According to Arthurian legend, the Isles of Scilly are all that remain of Lyonesse, a land off Cornwall that vanished beneath the Atlantic. Meander through Tresco Abbey Gardens, where an astounding variety of subtropical plants flourish. (B,L,D)

MAY 11: THE SKELLIGS AND DINGLE PENINSULA, IRELAND

An important center of Celtic Christianity, the beehive huts and seventh-century monastery of Skellig Michael still stand. Explore the ancient sites of the Dingle Peninsula and the colorful town of Dingle itself. (B,L,D)

MAY 12: CLIFFS OF MOHER & ARAN ISLANDS

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

MAY 13: COUNTY DONEGAL, IRELAND

Explore the fishing harbor of Killybegs, gateway to the Donegal's famous woolen mills, or discover some of the region's ancient archaeological sites. Sail past the 2,000-foot cliffs of Slieve League. (B,L,D)

MAY 14: IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND

Venture into 13th-century Iona Abbey. Examine the Celtic high crosses and the ancient graveyard where Macbeth lies buried. Explore Staffa Island, famed for its geometric basalt columns and deep-sea cave, where Felix Mendelssohn was inspired to write his "Hebrides Overture." (B,L,D)

MAY 15: OUTER HEBRIDES: ST. KILDA & CALLANISH

Visit the Outer Hebrides, where Scottish Gaelic is still spoken. Weather permitting, explore the cottages of St. Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage site inhabited since the Bronze Age. See the Neolithic Callanish Standing Stones on the Isle of Lewis. (B,L,D)

MAY 16: INVEREWE

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

MAY 17: ORKNEY ISLANDS

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

MAY 18: FAIR ISLE AND MOUSA

On Fair Isle, known for its woolen crafts, we visit the bird research station, located on the migration flyway. On uninhabited Mousa, see an Iron Age broch. (B,L,D)

MAY 19: SHETLAND ISLANDS

Dock at Lerwick and drive through a rolling landscape with Shetland ponies. Explore the ruins at Jarlshof, a 4,000-year-old near-continuous settlement. (B,L,D)

MAY 20: BERGEN, NORWAY/DISEMBARK/ U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 May 6

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day extension in [Wales](#). Visit our website or see page 74 for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Richardson has produced more than 40 stories for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*. His areas of expertise include the United Kingdom, especially the people, culture, and landscape of Scotland, and the wider Celtic world.

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Ring of Brodgar, Orkney.

With decades of experience in the ice, the captain expertly navigates through the ice where polar bears feed, and with luck, a curious bear will approach the ship.



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

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



POLAR BEARS: ENCOUNTERS ON ICE

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

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



Walrus on ice floe.

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

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

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

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

All three itineraries provide unparalleled experiences of the authentic Arctic.

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

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$9,440 to \$17,460 (See pages 82-83 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 huge walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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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.

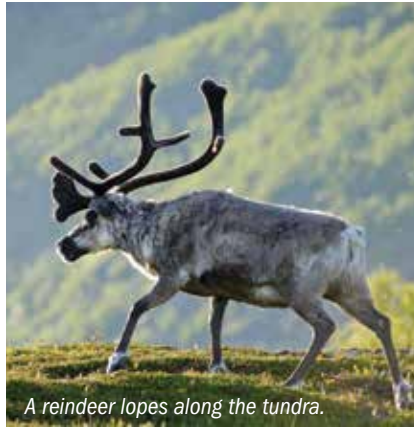
DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

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, walrus, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. (B,L,D)



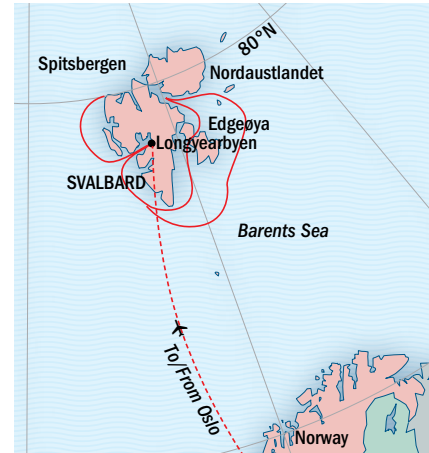
A reindeer lopes along the tundra.

DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

In Longyearbyen, the largest settlement in Svalbard, disembark and enjoy time to explore. Founded by an American coal executive in 1906, this is one of the northernmost human settlements on Earth. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

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

Kayakers off Svalbard's pristine coast.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Jun. 1, 8, 15

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to **Norway's Fjords**, or a four-day post-voyage extension to **Iceland**. Visit our website or see page 75.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel on Jun. 15, 2015 with polar explorer **Eric Larsen**, (right), or **Barry Lopez**, author of "Arctic Dreams," Jun. 8, 2015.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with award-winning nature photographer and filmmaker **Rich Reid**, Jun. 8 & 15, 2015. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo**



Guests observe walrus.



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

NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

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

PRICES FROM: \$15,170 TO \$27,750 (See pages 82-83 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

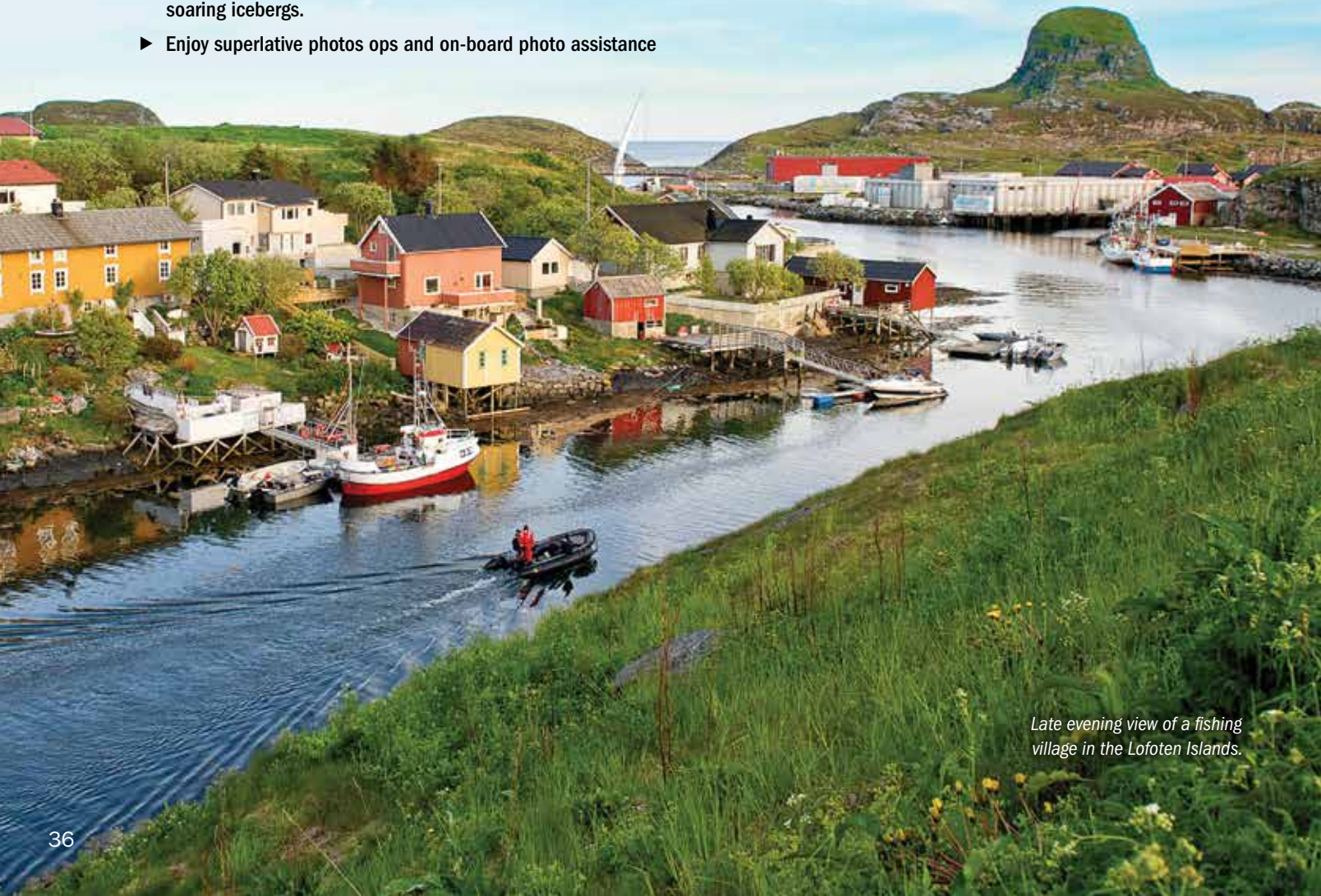
- ▶ Follow the bucket-list-worthy fjord-carved coast and see its small islets and island communities.
- ▶ Explore the High Arctic of Svalbard, the polar bear capital of the planet, and watch for walrus, reindeers, whales and rich birdlife.
- ▶ Actively explore: hike, walk, Zodiac-cruise and kayak amid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

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30+
YEARS
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Late evening view of a fishing village in the Lofoten Islands.

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 Bryggens 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 Briksdal Glacier. (B,L,D)



Nordfjord.

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



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)



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 75.

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, crags and fissure of its seabed," reads *The New York Times*.



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SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

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

PRICES FROM: \$13,820 to \$25,230 (See pages 82-83 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, 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.

A walrus flicks his huge tusks.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

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

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



JUN. 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)

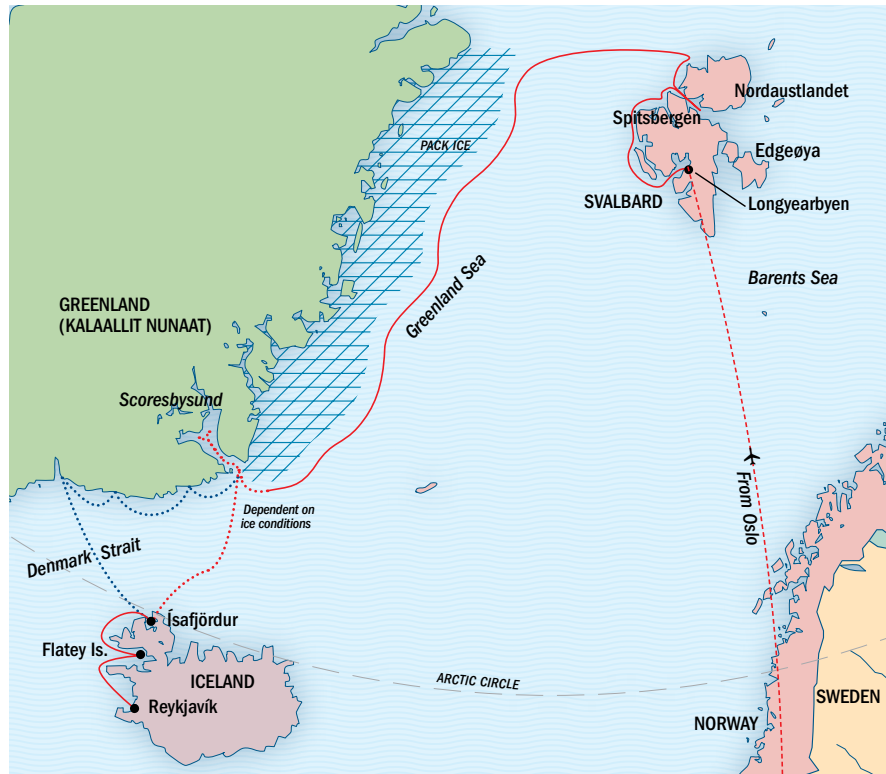
JUN. 25-JUL. 7: EXPLORING SVALBARD, GREENLAND & ICELAND

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 Zodiacs 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.



Polar bear.

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



Svalbard's wonders are a prelude to discoveries on unknown shores, following the ice's edge. Our quest is to discover the Arctic's grand wilderness. Be on deck as our captain navigates between icebergs that drift from the calving glaciers. And if the ice yields, we'll aim for Scoresbysund, on the east coast of Greenland, awakening from winter's icy grip. If the ice is unrelenting, we'll explore a bit further south where there are spectacular fjords reliably ice-free at this time of year, 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)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Jun. 22

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 to receive complimentary charter airfare (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). See page 84 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 page 75.

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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Natural basalt arch, Langanes Peninsula.

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

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



ICELAND, FROM EVERY ANGLE



Herring ladies, Maritime Museum, Siglufjörður.

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

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

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

circumnavigation a very compelling idea. And when you add in the other itinerary components—Iceland’s people, their unique cultural heritage and contemporary character, the chance to get active with a hike, kayak excursion or Zodiac cruise, the island’s rich wildlife, a soak in the world-famous Blue Lagoon—seeing it all in one 360° expedition, aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, is irresistible.

Voyaging from Iceland’s west coast (which gives fresh meaning to the term “wild west”), to Siglufjörður in the north, to the rarely visited, rugged east coast and culminating in the Westman Islands, among the youngest of the world’s archipelagos, you’ll gain a complete perspective on “the land of fire and ice,” a small island nation that contains ‘multitudes.’



Icelandic horses.

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$9,440 to \$18,880 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

Experience an enchanting land of geological extremes on a circumnavigation of Iceland. Encounter vast volcanic landscapes and the world's youngest island, walk on lava fields and ice sheets, and feel the power of gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls. Cruise among magnificent icebergs in Jökulsárlón, and spend a day on the Arctic Circle spotting rich birdlife. Kayak into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast. Cap off the adventure with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

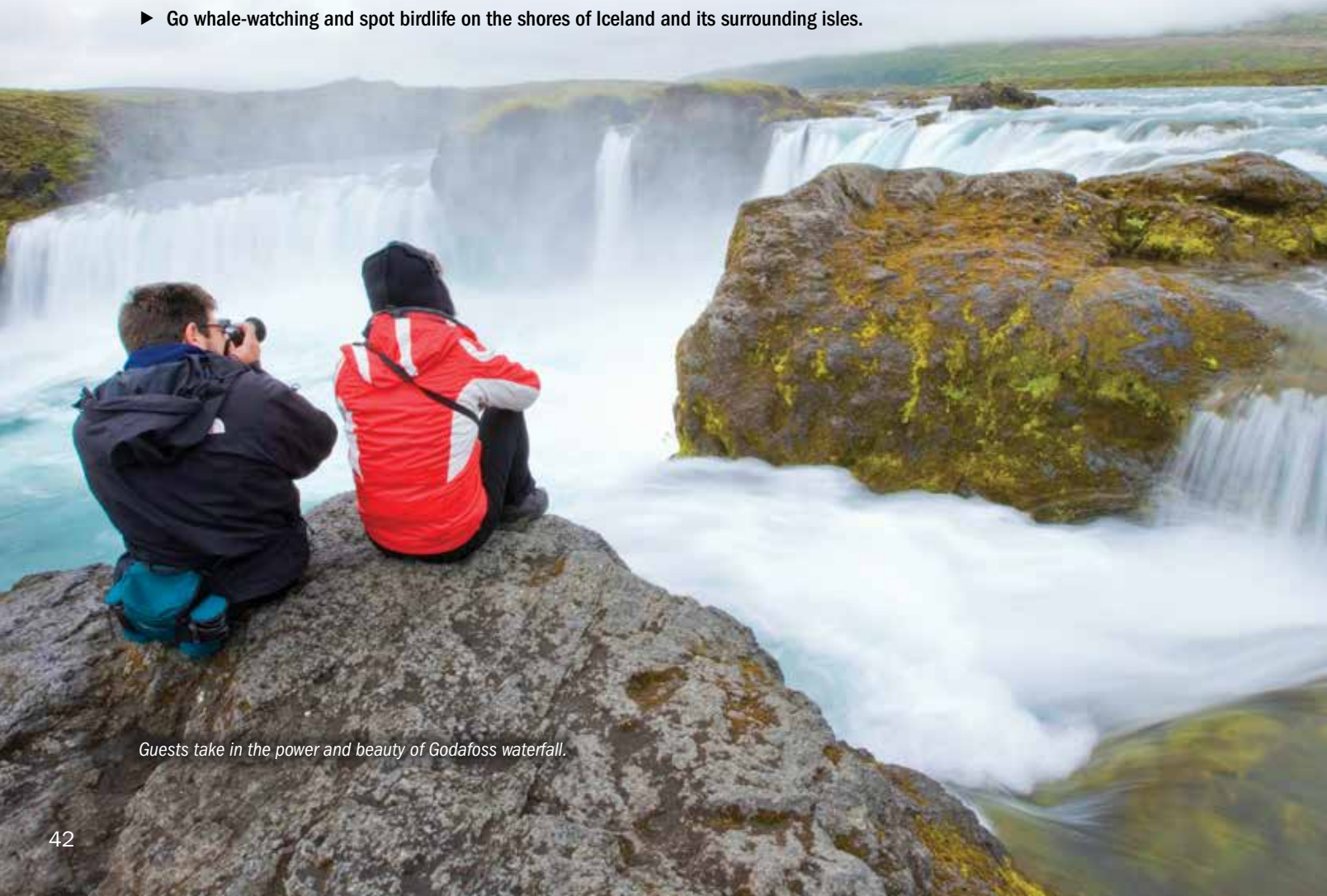
- ▶ Explore Europe's largest ice cap, and discover the lava-sculpted landscapes of the Westman Islands.
- ▶ See boiling mud pots and the thundering Godafoss waterfall.
- ▶ Go whale-watching and spot birdlife on the shores of Iceland and its surrounding isles.

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.



Guests take in the power and beauty of Godafoss waterfall.

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. (Jul. 8: 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, Ísafjörður is a classic landscape sculpted by past glaciers, and renowned for its traditional eiderdown production. It's a picture postcard of Icelandic life and a great place for hiking, kayaking and for spotting eider ducks. (B,L,D)

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)



Bubbling mud pools at Hverarönd.

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: DJÚPIVOGUR

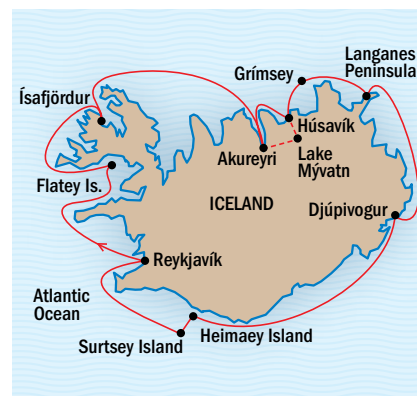
Dock in Djúpivogur to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. For a closer look at the ice cap, take a boat ride through Jökulsárlón, a lagoon strewn with spectacular icebergs sculpted into all shapes and sizes. (B,L,D)

JUL. 16: WESTMAN ISLANDS

The Westman Islands were formed by under-sea volcanoes between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago and are among the youngest of the world's archipelagos. In 1963, the world witnessed on film the birth of its newest island, Surtsey—a UNESCO World Heritage site—which we'll see as we cruise past the coast. In 1973, Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbor. Visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in amazing views of areas that were engulfed by lava. (B,L,D)

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 [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#). Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

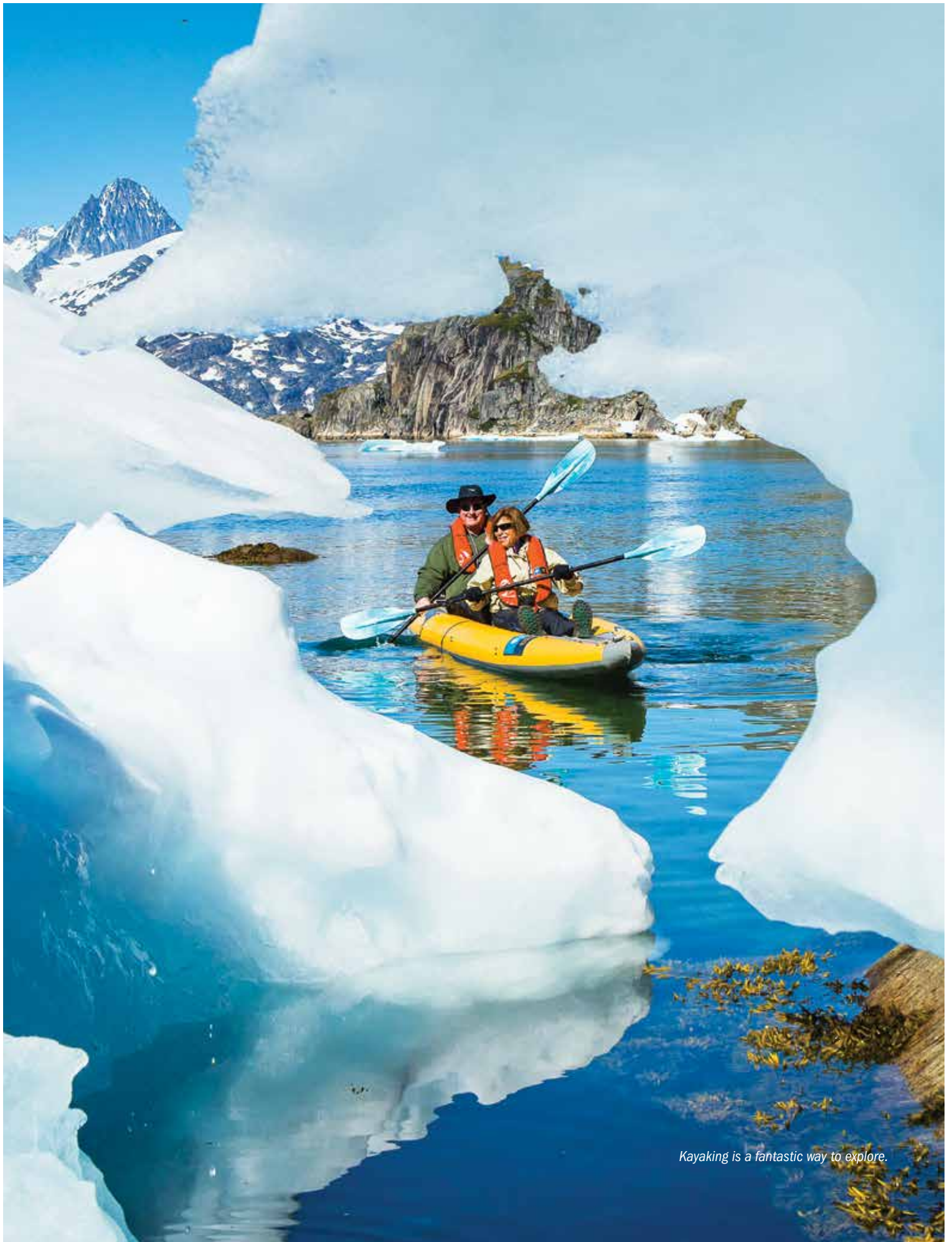
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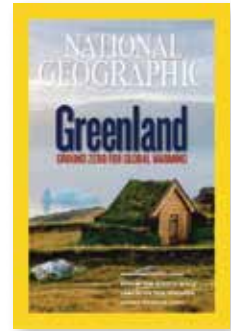
Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon.



Kayaking is a fantastic way to explore.

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

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



MYSTERY YIELDS TO DISCOVERY IN GREENLAND

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



Photographing the Viking ruins at Hvalsey.

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

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



A friendly Greenlander.

NEW

ALONG THE VIKING TRAIL: FROM ICELAND TO GREENLAND

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$10,580 to \$19,550 (See pages 82-83 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 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 westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to Flatey Island, a trading post for centuries, for walks in the village and 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

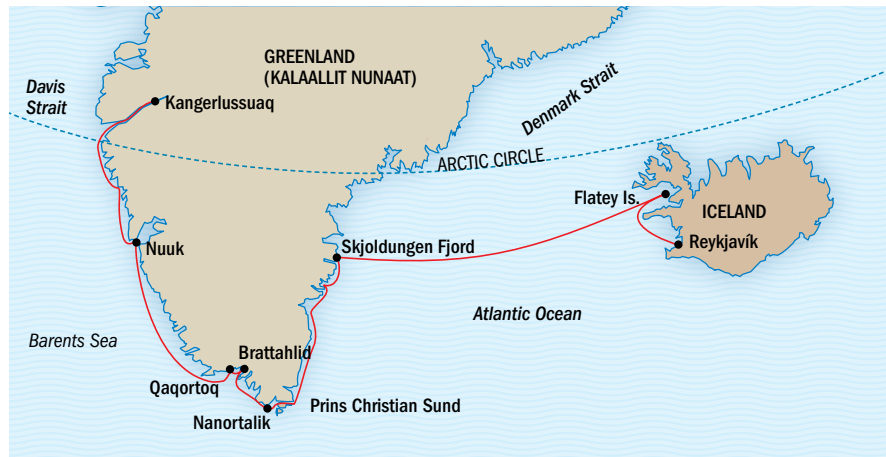
The Greenland Ice Sheet is the second largest ice body in the world, after the Antarctic ice sheet, roughly 80% of the surface of Greenland. The high arctic-like climate is dominated by ice floes. Among the options for exploration are landings at Skjoldungen fjord or Napasorsuaq fjord. We'll use our 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 (QAQORTUKULOQ) & QAQORTOQ

Today you'll explore a remarkable site on the Viking Trail. Qaqortukuloq was settled by one of Erik the Red's cousins in 986 AD. A UNESCO World Heritage site, it is the most



extensive Norse site in Greenland. Continue to Qaqortoq. Inhabited since Norse times, the Scandinavian influence is still apparent in the colorful wooden buildings and town museum, displaying Greenlandic kayaks, hunting equipment, art, and crafts. (B,L,D)

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 Uummanaq 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 84 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](#). See our website or call for details.

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Guests have a water-level view of a huge iceberg in Ilulissat, Greenland.

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

—Jane J. Lee, “Greenland Glacier,” *National Geographic Daily News*, Feb. 2014

ICE & ADVENTURE: IN GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN ARCTIC

Choose to voyage through Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, and you’ll experience unbridled 21st-century exploration, as we venture deep into the far reaches of the ice.

Tracing the rugged fjords to the massive Greenland ice cap, spotting polar bears and other wildlife amid the icescapes, and marveling at hardy Inuit 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? And will the vanished and long-lost Franklin expedition ship ever be found? The discussions aboard are certain to be interesting.

This note, penned by Sven Lindblad after returning from his 2013 expedition to Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic, reveals the impact the region made on him:

I just returned from Greenland on August 25. I had never been there before and was stunned by the beauty and charm of its coastline. In Ilulissat the Jakobshavn glacier flows at a rate of 100 plus feet a day, resulting in about 20 billion tons of icebergs flowing out of the fjord each year. This picture I took is one of them. They are remarkably majestic. The berg that took down the Titanic came from this glacier.

Sven



Sisimiut, Greenland

NEW

EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 TO \$24,790 (See pages 82-83 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

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

There is simply no better, more veteran team with whom to head into this bellwether geography. Our expedition leader, and 8 naturalists are Arctic-adept. A National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler will help you capture the experience. An undersea specialist and wellness specialist round out our team. And the Global Perspectives Guest Speaker adds relevant insight.

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



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)

Bethel church in Sisimiut.

**DAY 3: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT**

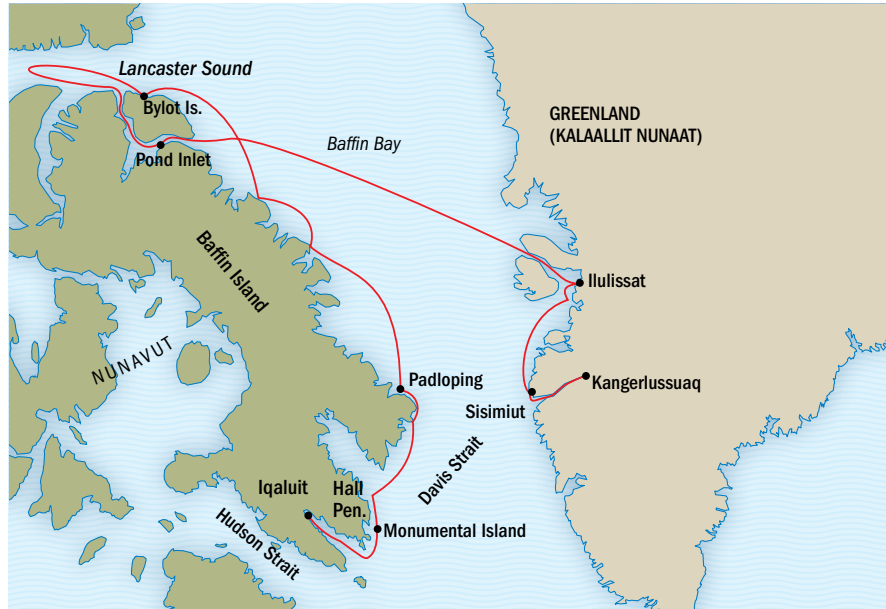
Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. Trace this ragged coastline, and search for humpback and minke whales. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. (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, walrus, 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)



Bowhead whale.

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*, 17, 27*

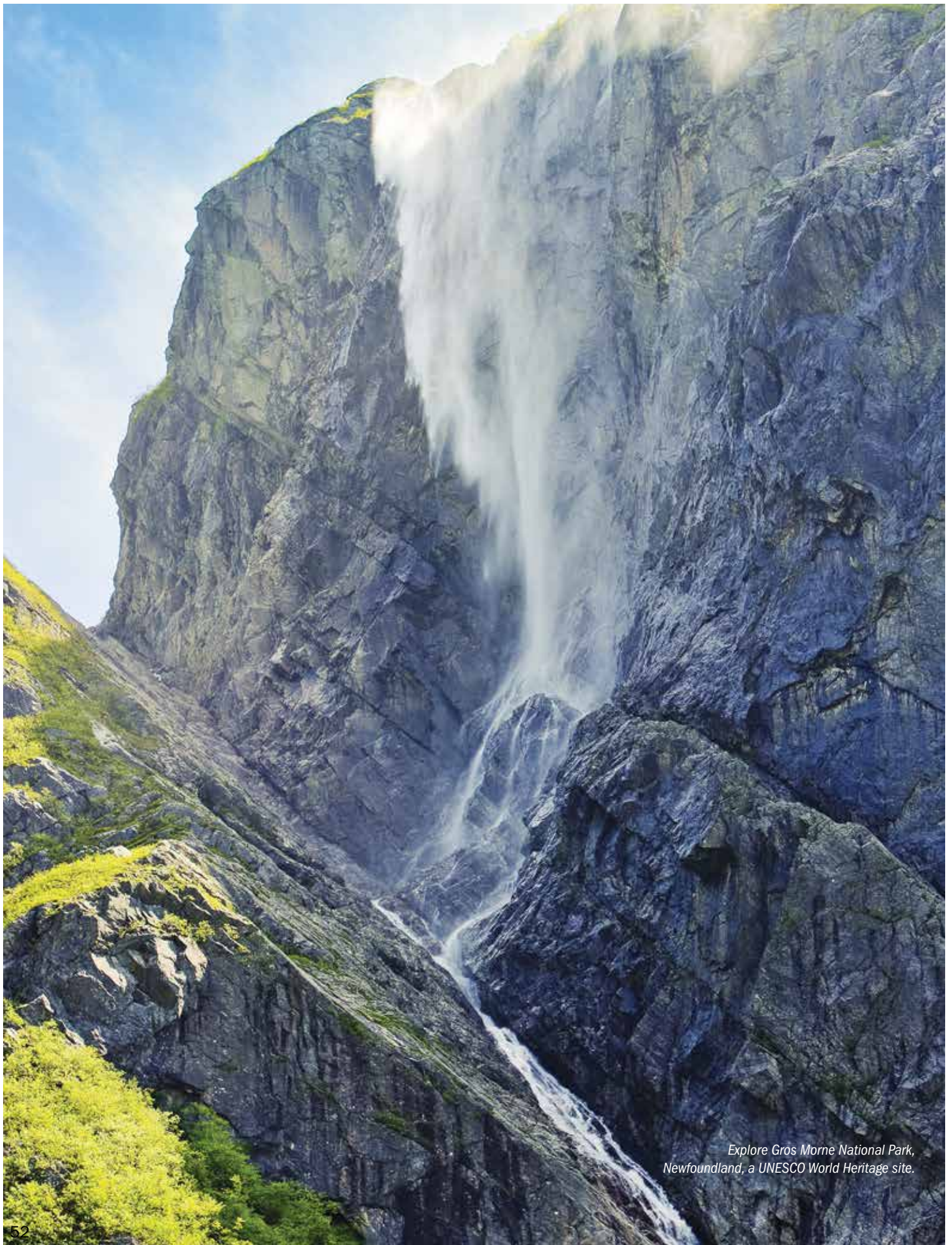
*These voyages travel from Iqaluit to Kangerlussuaq.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:

Explore with Rich Reid, Aug. 17 & 27, 2015, or Ralph Lee Hopkins, whose Arctic wildlife images have appeared in National Geographic books and magazines, Jul. 28 & Aug. 7, 2015.

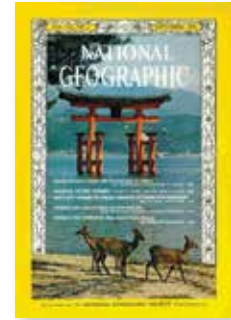


Guests explore the ice via kayak.



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

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



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

HOME TO CULTURES SINCE 1100 A.D.

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



Moose.

about the enduring Acadian culture on the Îles de la Madeleine. We’ll witness the breathtaking effects of plate tectonics amid the cliffs, fjords and sweeping alpine plateau of Gros Morne National Park. We’ll do it all, and much more, including a visit to the fascinating Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, in the company of Gil Grosvenor, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors of National Geographic, and the great-grandson of Alexander Graham Bell.

Bell, inventor of the telephone, was a profoundly gifted problem-solver and deeply compassionate teacher. He spent many years at his family’s home on Cape Breton Island conducting research and development on hydrofoil aircraft and other facets of aerospace engineering. His

father-in-law, Gardner Greene Hubbard, was a founding member and first president of the National Geographic Society, Bell himself was the second, and Gil Grosvenor was the fifth.

To experience this exquisite part of the world by sea is both a right and a gift in itself; to have it placed in context by an engaged and accomplished insider, a descendant of the legendary Alexander Graham Bell, is a privilege, and a deeper, richer experience indeed.



L’Anse-aux Meadows.

THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

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

PRICES FROM: \$7,690 to \$14,120 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

This expedition circumnavigates Newfoundland and visits the islands of Cape Breton, Saint-Pierre (France) and Îles de la Madeleine. We'll sail through The Narrows of St. John's, Newfoundland—along rugged coastline, the isles of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Special highlights include hiking on the nature trails of Gros Morne National Park, known for its unique geological features; learning the saga of the Vikings at L'Anse aux Meadows; and exploring the life of Alexander Graham Bell, National Geographic's second president, at the Bell Museum at Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, where he had his summer home.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Combine Canada's magnificent scenery and historic places—at a wonderful time of year.
- ▶ Discover coastal villages and small islands, like Cape Breton.
- ▶ Explore two UNESCO sites: Gros Morne National Park, and the 11th-century Viking village at L'Anse aux Meadows.
- ▶ Discover the dunes, sandstone cliffs, and Acadian culture of the Îles de la Madeleine.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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.

Lobster fishing huts at sunset.



SEP. 11: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

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

SEP. 12: ST.-PIERRE, FRANCE

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

SEP. 13: LOUISBOURG & BADDECK, CAPE BRETON ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA

Today we visit the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg, an 18th-century fort where the British and French fought. Later, we visit the village of Baddeck, where Alexander Graham Bell built his summer home, now the centerpiece of a beautiful park and museum. Explore the life of Bell with his great grandson, Gil Grosvenor, former president of the National Geographic Society. Enjoy an optional "white glove" tour of the Bell Museum and have the opportunity to hold historic artifacts. (B,L,D)

SEP. 14: ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE, QUEBEC

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

SEP. 15: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

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

that illustrates the phenomenon of plate tectonics. (B,L,D)

SEP. 16: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

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

SEP. 17: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

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

SEP. 18: ST. JOHN'S/U.S.

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Sep. 11

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Gil Grosvenor has served National Geographic since 1954, first as a writer and photographer, then as the editor of *National Geographic* magazine, president of the Society, and until 2010, as chairman of the board.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Explore with Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson.



Gros Morne National Park.



Guanaco, Torres del Paine National Park.

“Latin America is full of such paradoxes. We leap to tell visitors that our countries hold a smorgasbord of landforms—coastline, desert, jungle, mountain, marshland, archipelago—all in defined geographical spaces, often in dramatic contiguity...All of it interconnected. One.”

—Marie Arana, “Through the Eyes of the Condor,” *National Geographic*, October 2007



SOUTH AMERICA'S LEFT COAST

If you've traveled on *National Geographic Explorer* before, the first of our three coastal itineraries offers a rare treat—to transit the Panama Canal aboard ship. And if you haven't yet explored aboard *Explorer*, this might be the perfect life-list place to begin your expedition experience. The Canal and its attendant wonders—the locks, the massive new Canal Zone construction site, Gatún Lake, the visits to Portobelo or San Lorenzo and the tropical rain forest flanking the Canal—are just the first act. *Explorer* will also introduce you to coastal touch points in Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. From Islas Las Perlas, the Darien Gap and encounters with the Emberá people, to the desert oasis of Trujillo founded by Pizarro, the ruins of the ancient imperial city of the Moche culture, and even islands that call to mind the Galápagos, you'll make exhilarating discoveries daily.



Emberá basket weaver.

On the second segment, the intertwining of culture and wildness continues: the mysterious Nazca lines, the Juan Fernández Islands' wildlife, the shimmering Atacama Desert.



Inca tern.

Highlights are strung like rare beads on a wire, as we range from sophisticated, contemporary Lima ever further south to Chiloé, gateway to the Patagonia fjords, amazed at the sheer diversity of geographic highlights and forms of wonder we'll encounter daily: desert, lagoons, diverse islandscapes, pink granite caves, cliffs, and dunes along the coasts of Peru and Chile.

The final leg of our “left coast” South America extravaganza takes us down the sinuous length of Chile, from Puerto Montt through mythic Patagonian wildness. And, thanks to our special access, we'll enjoy the privilege of visiting the stunningly beautiful natural parklands of Yendegaia and Karukinka. We'll also visit the ‘brand-name’ adventurous destinations of Torres del Paine and Cape Horn. And we'll be fortunate to be one of the only expedition ships ever allowed to visit Argentina's remote, wild Staten Island. We'll end at Ushuaia, the southernmost bastion of civilization in the world, and the famed jumping-off spot for Antarctic exploration.

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NEW

COASTAL TREASURES FROM THE PANAMA CANAL TO PERU

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,590 to \$23,280 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

This multifaceted voyage begins with what's bound to be a memorable transit of the Panama Canal, continuing to remarkable, seldom-visited places along the Pacific coast of Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. We explore an exciting sequence of off-the-beaten-track islands and protected areas, part of the Eastern Pacific Marine Conservation Corridor. And we'll learn of some of history's most intriguing ancient cultures. As we travel, we'll be warmly welcomed by people who are proud of their contemporary cultures and eager to share them.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Transit the legendary Panama Canal, linking the Atlantic and the Pacific.
- ▶ Visit the ancient adobe sites of Chan Chan and the Temples of the Sun and Moon, built by the Moche people.
- ▶ Meet with the Emberá Indians in the rain forest of the Darien Gap.
- ▶ With our naturalists, explore several national parks and wilderness areas to observe unique birds and marine life. Kayak, swim and snorkel from pristine beaches.
- ▶ Explore extraordinary sites of the Pacific side of Colombia on *National Geographic Explorer's* inaugural visit—in the company of Colombia's former president, César Gaviria.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Emberá children.



SEP. 27: U.S./PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/ EMBARK

Arrive in Panama and drive to Colón, where we embark our ship and begin with a passage through the Gatún Locks. (D)

SEP. 28: PANAMA CANAL

The Canal, surrounded by the tropical rain forest that so challenged its builders, is an amazing feat of engineering. The 1,000-foot locks will raise and lower our ship a total of 85 feet, without pumps. Choose among several excursions before we complete our Canal transit. Today's exact schedule will be governed by the Panama Canal Authority. (B,L,D)

SEP. 29: ISLAS LAS PERLAS

This cluster of islands offers wonderful opportunities to swim, snorkel, explore on foot, or perhaps we may navigate the mangrove system via Zodiac. (B,L,D)

SEP. 30: DARIEN REGION

Go deep into the dense tropical forest of the Darien Gap and visit the Emberá Indians, known for their traditional lifestyle. (B,L,D)

OCT. 1: BAHÍA SOLANO, COLOMBIA

On *National Geographic Explorer's* inaugural visit to Colombia, our first stop is at the tranquil town of Bahía Solano, backed by dense jungle. Have a guided walking tour of town, or visit the botanical gardens. (B,L,D)

OCT. 2: UTRÍA NATIONAL PARK

With a gorgeous seaside setting, Utría's rain forest harbors mangrove swamps, estuaries, and coral reefs. Have a choice of activities: go birding; hike to a refreshing waterfall; or go kayaking, snorkeling or diving. (B,L,D)

OCT. 3: ISLA GORGONA NAT'L PARK

A UNESCO site, Gorgona shelters monkeys, brown boobies, and the endemic blue anole lizard. Visit the historic ruins of a penal colony, and enjoy great snorkeling and diving. (B,L,D)

OCT. 4: GALERA-SAN FRANCISCO RESERVE, ECUADOR

The new Galera-San Francisco marine reserve protects 135,000 acres of prolific

waters. Search for whale sharks and hammerheads, dolphins, whales, and several special of sea turtles.. (B,L,D)

OCT. 5: ISLA DE LA PLATA & PUERTO LÓPEZ

Renowned as "Ecuador's other Galápagos," Isla de la Plata is a protected national park perfect for hiking or a Zodiac foray. At Puerto López, explore Machalilla National Park and learn about archaeological findings of the little-known Manteño people. (B,L,D)

OCT. 6: ISLA SANTA CLARA, ECUADOR

A remote island surrounded by jagged outcrops with a lighthouse, Santa Clara is a nesting ground for thousands of seabirds including blue-footed boobies, pelicans, and magnificent frigatebirds. (B,L,D)

OCT. 7: ISLA LOBOS DE TIERRA, PERU

Spend a peaceful day exploring islands abundant with marine life, including sea lion colonies—on foot and via Zodiac and kayak. Our undersea specialist will take underwater footage for our evening recap. (B,L,D)



Chan Chan ruins.

OCT. 8: TRUJILLO & CHAN CHAN

Explore the intriguing desert oasis city of Trujillo, founded by Pizarro in 1536. Venture nearby into the sacred Moche Valley, center of the ancient Moche culture. See the renowned Temple of the Moon, discovered by archaeologists after being covered by desert sands. Later, explore the ancient imperial city of Chan Chan, a World Heritage site. (B,L,D)

OCT. 9 AND 10: LIMA/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Lima. Explore the city's historic center, a World Heritage site. Hotel rooms are reserved until our evening transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the U.S. (Oct. 9: B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Sep. 27

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Dec. 31, 2014 for complimentary airfare Miami/Panama City, Lima/Miami. See page 84 or call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension in **Panama**, or six days post-voyage in **Machu Picchu**. See our website or call for details.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Former President of Colombia César Gaviria will be aboard through Oct. 4 to welcome you to his country and introduce the economic and political climate of Latin America.

Note: A State Department travel warning for Colombia is currently in effect (<http://travel.state.gov>). We expect to operate this voyage as planned, but will continue to closely monitor events in the region, and will alter the itinerary if necessary.



Transiting the Panama Canal.

NEW

PERU AND CHILE: ANCIENT SITES AND NATURAL WONDERS

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

PRICES FROM: \$17,690 to \$33,730 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

This adventure is filled with breathtaking archaeological and natural wonders and charged with amazing energy: the Nazca Lines, the wildlife-rich Juan Fernández Islands, and the extraordinary Atacama Desert, one of the most remarkable places on Earth—where we'll spend two days exploring. Near Paracas, Peru, we'll see the seabird and marine mammal colonies of the Ballestas Islands. This voyage, with highlight after highlight, is guaranteed to be a memorable one.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Take a flightseeing excursion over the Nazca Lines, seeing the remarkable animal figures and geometric shapes carved into the desert some 1,350-1,600 years ago.
- ▶ Spend two days exploring the Atacama Desert's unbelievable landscapes and wildlife. It's the driest desert on Earth and a place of great beauty.
- ▶ See penguin and seabird colonies, explore historic towns, and hike through forests.
- ▶ Explore the seldom-visited Juan Fernández Islands, thought to have inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe*.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Valley of the Moon, Atacama Desert.

OCT. 8: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Fly to Lima, founded by Spanish conquistador Pizarro as the City of the Kings. Check into our fine hotel.

OCT. 9: LIMA/CALLAO/EMBARK

Explore Lima's golden past. Visit the Indian market and the Larco Herrera Museum, with its exquisite Gold and Silver Gallery. Embark our ship in Callao. (B,L,D)

OCT. 10: PARACAS: BALLESTAS ISLANDS

Explore the arches and pink granite caves of the Ballestas Islands by boat, seeing hundreds of sea lions and seabirds by the tens of thousands: pelicans, Inca terns, and Peruvian boobies. Later, visit the extensive Inca ruins at Tambo Colorado. (B,L,D)



Nazca Lines.

OCT. 11: NAZCA LINES

From Puerto San Juan, drive to Nazca and take an included flightseeing excursion over the Nazca Lines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. From the air, spot enormous geometric and animal shapes—cut into the stony desert by a long-departed civilization. (B,L,D)

OCT. 12: MEJÍA LAGOONS OR AREQUIPA

Explore the little-known Mejía Lagoons National Sanctuary, perfect for birdwatching. Or take a stunning drive into the Andes to Arequipa, a UNESCO site, whose museum holds the Inca mummy “Juanita” that was discovered by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Johan Reinhard. (B,L,D)

OCT. 13 AND 14: ARICA/ATACAMA DESERT, CHILE

From Arica, take a private flight to the Atacama Desert, for two nights in a fine

lodge. Visit the Valley of the Moon, with its jagged mountains and wind-created salt sculptures that give it an otherworldly appearance. Dinosaur Valley and Death Valley offer great views. (B,L,D)

OCT. 15: ATACAMA DESERT/ANTOFAGASTA

Continue exploring the Atacama Desert before driving to Antofagasta to rejoin our ship. (B,L,D)

OCT. 16: ISLA PAN DE AZÚCAR

Azúcar National Park offers a protected slice of Chile's coastal desert habitat harboring about 3,000 Humboldt penguins which share their name with the chilly Humboldt current. Explore via Zodiac and kayak. (B,L,D)

OCT. 17: COQUIMBO/ELQUI VALLEY/ LA SERENA/FRAY JORGE

Choose to take a cloud forest walk at Fray Jorge World Biosphere Reserve; or explore the green Elqui Valley, home of the Nobel Prize-winning poet Gabriela Mistral and the museum dedicated to her; or see the superb colonial towns of Coquimbo and La Serena. (B,L,D)

OCT. 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)**OCT. 19 AND 20: JUAN FERNÁNDEZ ISLANDS**

Remote and rarely visited, the archipelago was home to castaway Alexander Selkirk, who inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe*. Look for the endangered red hummingbird, herds of endemic fur seals, and rare plants. (B,L,D)

OCT. 21: AT SEA (B,L,D)**OCT. 22: ANCUD, CHILOÉ ISLAND:**

Chiloé is the northern gateway to Patagonia. Visit the Chepu Reserve, taking small boats along a remarkable submerged forest sunk by a 1960 earthquake. Or, visit the town's unique mission church, designated a UNESCO site. (B,L,D)

OCT. 23 AND 24: PUERTO MONTT/ DISEMBARK/HOME

Disembark in Puerto Montt. Fly to Santiago and continue on overnight flights home, arriving the next day. (Oct. 23: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Oct. 8

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension in **Machu Picchu**, or a four-day post-voyage stay in **Torres del Paine**, or a post-voyage extension to **Easter Island**. Visit our website or call for details.

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Sea lions, Ballestas Islands.

NEW

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

21 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

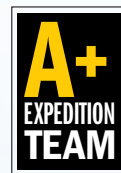
PRICES FROM: \$18,880 to \$34,920 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

Remote and largely inaccessible, Patagonia is the essence of wildness—a maze of channels and islands. Venture deep into Chile's glorious fjords past incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers. From the "land of fire," Tierra del Fuego, to the jagged spires of Torres del Paine National Park, experience Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. And then have the unique experience of visiting Argentina's Staten Island—*National Geographic Explorer* will be one of the few expedition ships ever allowed to visit this unique habitat.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Rockhopper penguins.



OCT. 21 AND 22: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE

Fly overnight to Santiago, and check in to the Hyatt Regency. The Andes form an inspiring backdrop to our guided overview. (Oct. 22: D)

OCT. 23: PUERTO MONTT/EMBARK

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

OCT. 24: CASTRO (CHILOÉ ISLAND)

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

OCT. 25: CHAITÉN/PUMALÍN NATIONAL PARK

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



Zodiacs get us close to the ice.

OCT. 26-30: THE INLAND PASSAGE & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

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

OCT. 31: PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

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

NOV. 1 AND 2: TIERRA DEL FUEGO, CHILE: KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

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

NOV. 3 AND 4: THE CHILEAN FJORDS, BEAGLE CHANNEL & YENDEGAIA

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

NOV. 5: CAPE HORN

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

NOV. 6-8: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA

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

NOV. 9 AND 10: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight home. (Nov. 9: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 Oct. 21

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add three days post-voyage at [Iguazú Falls](#), or choose a post-voyage extension to [Easter Island](#). See page 75 or our website.

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Guest taking photo at Torres del Paine.



THE IMPERIAL TRANS-ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION CENTENNIAL

In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 stalwart individuals attempted to cross the continent on foot from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea via the South Pole. While disaster famously beset the Endurance expedition, Shackleton, through extraordinary leadership and dogged, relentless effort, lost none of the men who were with him; all were saved in 1916. The legendary tale has inspired us as an expedition company, ever since Lars-Eric Lindblad took the first group of 'citizen explorers' to Antarctica in 1966.

And we plan to celebrate Shackleton and his achievement during our 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons aboard both National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion. If you've yearned to see Antarctica, this is a historic moment to do it.



ENTER INTO THE SHACKLETON CENTENNIAL SPIRIT ON US

To celebrate we've commissioned a special Centennial badge, a symbol of our respect for Antarctica. And an exclusive parka. Based on historic expedition wear, including the parka worn by Lars-Eric Lindblad on the cover of his autobiography *Passport To Anywhere*, it combines vintage style with maximum high-tech comfort. The ultimate souvenir, this keepsake marks a historic moment and brands you a genuine polar explorer. Both are yours with our compliments.

EXCLUSIVE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

From an exclusive onboard multimedia presentation to special photography outings, and complimentary pourings of Mackinlay's Rare Old Highland Malt to toast Shackleton, this Antarctic season will be uniquely celebratory. To inspire you, we'll provide a complimentary copy of Alfred Lansing's definitive *Endurance* as a voyage pre-read or to enjoy on board with Antarctic views.



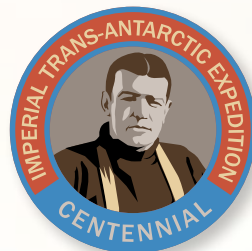
Left: A Zodiac cruise amid the otherworldly Antarctic ice. Top right: Sir Ernest Shackleton (right) and photographer Frank Hurley at Patience Camp. Above: A specially commissioned Centennial badge and parka—yours with our compliments.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,970 to \$26,720 (See pages 82-83 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; visit expeditions.com for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

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



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

45+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 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, naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

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

Last season guests had the privilege of spotting a young emperor penguin amid two gentoo penguins.



DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beau-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. Then embark our ship and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales perform off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing during the day. We

anticipate making Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of Adélie and chinstrap penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of those same penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA

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

DAYS 13 AND 14: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (Explorer): 2015 Nov. 27; Dec 7, 17[†], 27[†]; 2016 Jan. 6, 16

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

Note: Orion departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Ask for details. Visit our website for Orion prices.

[†]For holiday rates, please see pages 82-83 or visit our website.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** or a three-day post-voyage extension at **Iguazú Falls**, or a two-day pre-voyage extension to **Buenos Aires** for *Explorer*. See page 75, or visit our website. Ask about **Santiago** and other extensions for *Orion*.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Explore with Alasdair McGregor, photographer, painter and author of *Frank Hurley: A Photographer's Life*, Nov. 27, 2015.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

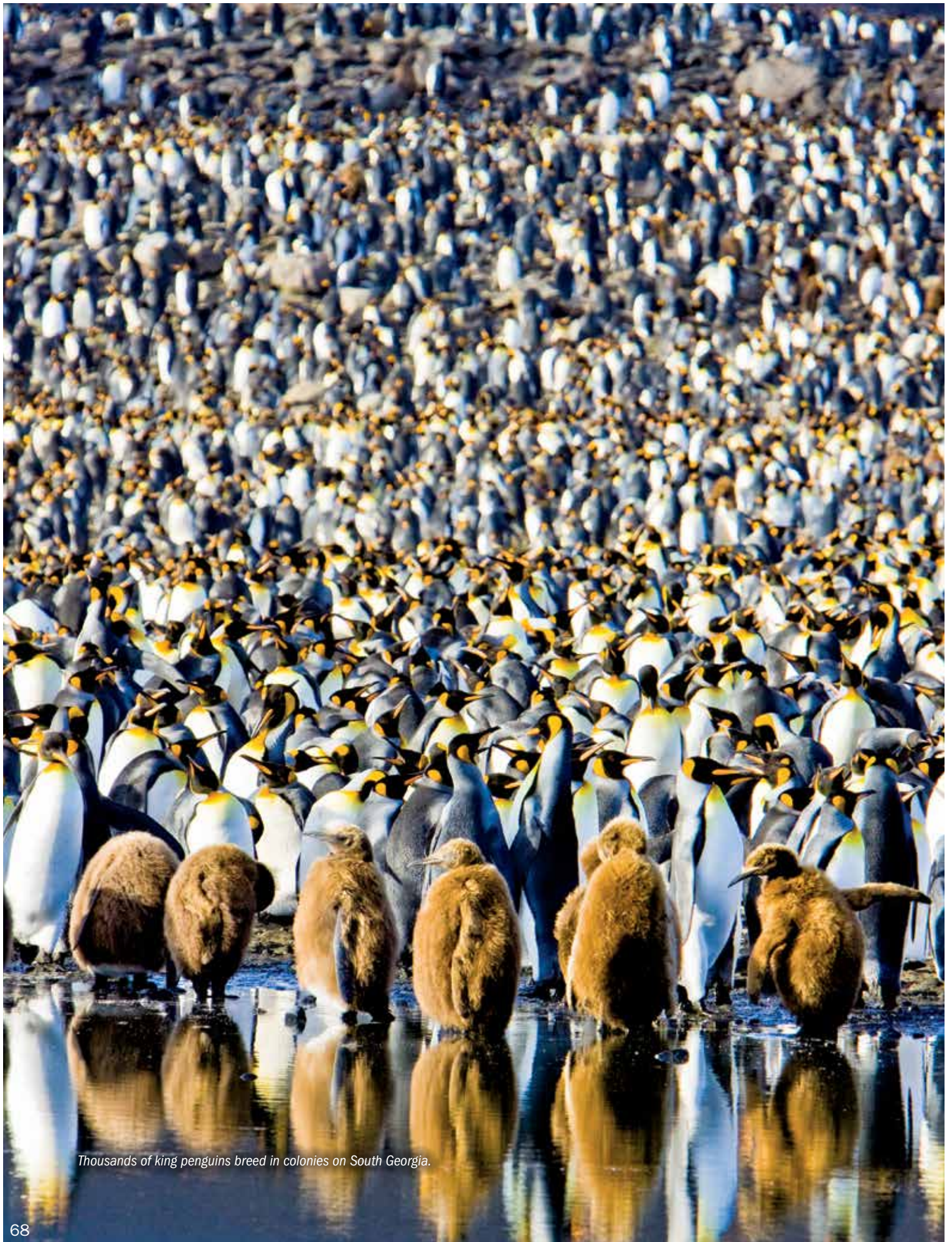


Explorer: Susan Seubert Nov. 27 & Dec. 7, 2015, Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson Dec. 17 & Dec. 27, 2015;

Orion: Jeff Mauritzen Dec. 6, 2015, Maria Stenzel Dec. 16, 2015, Chris Rainier Dec. 26, 2015 & Jan. 5, 2016.



Kayakers paddle the waters of Antarctica.



Thousands of king penguins breed in colonies on South Georgia.

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

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



SOUTHERN OCEAN WILDLIFE SPECTACULAR

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



Stanley, Falklands.

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

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

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



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

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$16,530 to \$31,920 (See pages 82-83 for complete prices.)

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



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

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

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

Visit a vast colony of thousands of king penguins.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike in the footsteps of “the Boss,” Sir Ernest Shackleton, during the centennial year of the Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition.
- ▶ See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- ▶ Observe magnificent albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- ▶ Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and explore the isolated bays by Zodiac.
- ▶ Compare camera settings side-by-side with a National Geographic photographer.



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

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

MAR. 8: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

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

MAR. 9: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

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



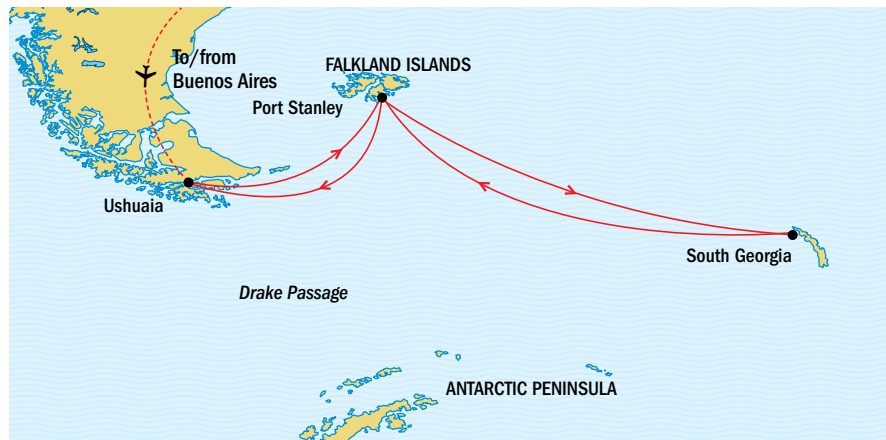
Elephant seal.

MAR. 10 AND 11: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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

MAR. 12 AND 13: AT SEA

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

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

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

MAR. 19 AND 20: AT SEA

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

MAR. 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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

MAR. 22: AT SEA

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

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

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

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 Mar. 6

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2014** to receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires). See page 84, or call for full details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day post-voyage extension at **Iguazú Falls** or a four-day post-voyage extension on **Easter Island**, or a two-day pre-voyage stay in **Buenos Aires**. Visit our website or see page 75.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Every *Explorer* departure travels with a National Geographic photographer to give advice, inspire guests and help them get their best shots ever. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo**



Say "South Georgia," ask people to free-associate and most will respond, "Shackleton." He arrived at South Georgia after the most famous navigational feat in history—the 800-mile open ocean crossing in the 22-foot James Caird. At the end of the two-year ordeal all 28 men survived.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

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

PRICES FROM: \$22,430 to \$43,250 (See pages 82-83 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; visit expeditions.com for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

This voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland's amazing bird colonies. Traveling aboard our ice-class expedition ships *National Geographic Explorer* or *National Geographic Orion*, spend five days discovering the Antarctic Peninsula. Stroll through lively crowds of penguins in stunning South Georgia, and hike the shores of the Falkland Islands. Experience boundless wildlife and captivating beauty as you venture into some of the planet's most unspoiled landscapes.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Trace the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fateful journey to South Georgia during the centennial anniversary year.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 45+ years of experience here.
- ▶ Glide in a Zodiac or a kayak past massive icebergs.
- ▶ Observe tens of thousands of king penguins on a single beach.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

45+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our experienced expedition leader and team of naturalists are your conduit to an extraordinary experience. And the National Geographic

photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board, ours exclusively, are key to capturing the incredible wildlife. Our video chronicler will record the entire voyage. The undersea specialist will reveal the deep, while our wellness specialist helps you feel the "tonic of wildness." There's a generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10.

South Georgia's spectacular landscape.



DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony of the pink palace forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. Then embark your ship and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA

Settle in to shipboard life as we sail to the Falkland Islands. Keep a lookout for albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5 AND 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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



Black-browed albatross.

DAYS 7 AND 8: AT SEA (B,L,D)**DAYS 9-13: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and we'll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. Hundreds of Antarctic fur seals are on hand as our Zodiacs make landfall. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)



Photographing elephant seal pups.

DAYS 14 AND 15: AT SEA (B,L,D)**DAYS 16-20: ANTARCTICA**

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

DAYS 21 AND 22: AT SEA

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

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

Disembark in Ushuaia. After time to explore, fly to Buenos Aires by charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (Day 23: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (Explorer): 2015 Nov. 7; 2016 Feb. 15*

DATES (Orion): 2016 Jan. 25*; Feb. 14*

*These voyages travel in reverse.

Note: Orion 2016 departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Ask for details.

Visit our website for Orion prices.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day post-voyage extension at [Iguazú Falls](#), or a four-day post-voyage extension on [Easter Island](#), or two days pre-voyage to [Buenos Aires](#). Visit our website or see page 75. Ask about Santiago and other extensions for *Orion*.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with mountaineer [Peter Hillary](#) Feb. 16, 2015, or author [Alasdair McGregor](#) Nov. 7, 2015.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: [Sisse Brimberg](#) and [Cotton Coulson](#) Nov. 7, 2015; *Orion:* [Michael Melford](#) Jan. 25, 2016; [Massimo Bassano](#) Feb. 14, 2016



King penguins.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME— EXTEND YOUR EXPEDITION

ADD MOROCCO'S IMPERIAL CITIES

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE/7 DAYS

FROM \$3,590 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Discover Morocco's famous cities including Casablanca, Rabat, Fes and Marrakech—all known for their long histories, *kasbahs* (old cities), intriguing cultures, delightful foods, and colorful *souks* (markets), a vital part of Moroccan life. The Imperial Cities extension may be taken after *Azores to Morocco: Island Wonders and Fabled Shores*; or before *Morocco, Spain and Portugal: Land of the Moors*.



ADD MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS

PLEASE INQUIRE FOR 2015 SEASON PRICES.

The “Red City” of Marrakech is a magical place, brimming with markets, gardens, palaces, and mosques. Explore the courtyards and alleyways of the historic Medina, and see the famed Jemaa el Fna square, an ongoing carnival of storytellers, acrobats, snake charmers, musicians, and scribes. The Marrakech extension may be taken after *Azores to Morocco: Island Wonders and Fabled Shores*; or before *Morocco, Spain, and Portugal: Land of the Moors*.



ADD WALES

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE/6 DAYS

PLEASE INQUIRE FOR 2015 SEASON PRICES.

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



ADD NORWAY'S FJORDS

PRE-VOYAGE/5 DAYS

FROM \$4,290 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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



ADD ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS

FROM \$3,760 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Once you've seen the land of ice, it only makes sense to see its counterpart: the land of fire and ice—Iceland. Explore Iceland's hot springs, bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers and massive icecaps and glaciers. Iceland's Natural Wonders can be taken after departures of *Land of the Ice Bears*; *Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard*; and *Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast*.



ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS

FROM \$2,690 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon—an incredible display of raw power. Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park. The Iguazú Falls extension can be taken after *Antarctica*; *Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands*; *South Georgia & the Falklands*; and *Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island*.



ADD EASTER ISLAND

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS

PLEASE INQUIRE FOR 2015 SEASON PRICES.

Visit one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island, home to more than 600 giant moai or stone statues carved by the ancient Rapa Nui. The Easter Island extension can be taken after select departures of *Antarctica*; *Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands*; *South Georgia & the Falklands*; *Peru & Chile*; *Rounding the Cape: Chilean Patagonia & Argentina's Staten Island*.

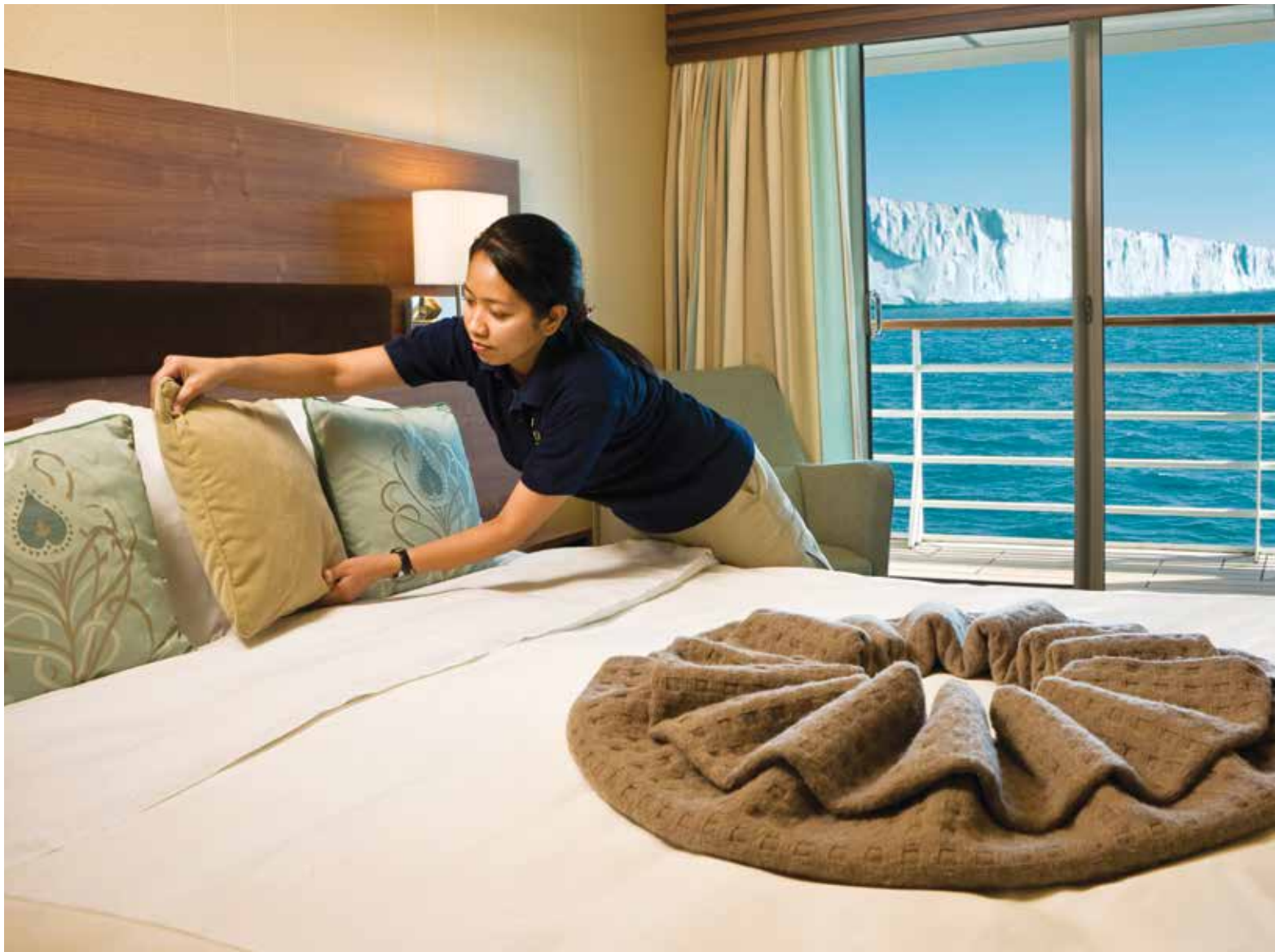
AN EXCEPTIONAL HOTEL STAFF

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





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



THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS



Explorer's private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, her 81 cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins are inviting and rewarding—with deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets and thick terry robes. All cabins feature flat screen TVs with news and movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from our remote-controlled crow's nest camera, and our electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with Ethernet connections, plugs for laptops and phone or camera chargers.

» TAKE A VIRTUAL VIDEO TOUR AT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGEXPLORER



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

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



THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



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

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

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

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

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear; and observation lounge. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear.

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

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

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

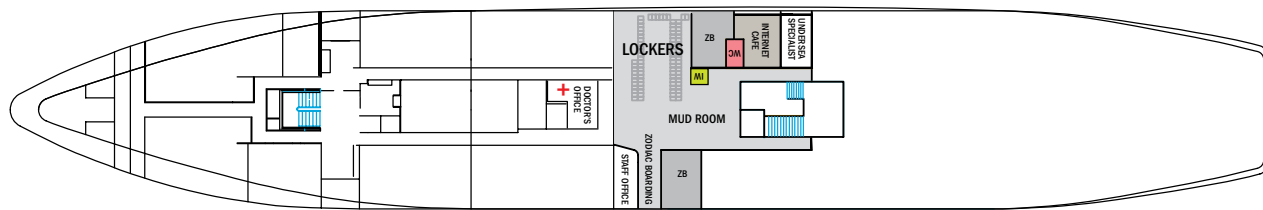
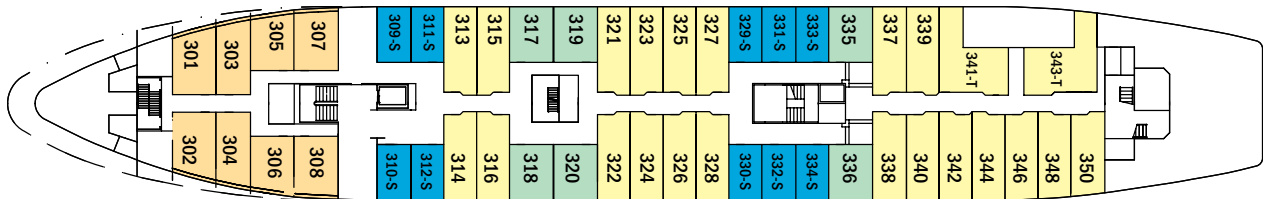
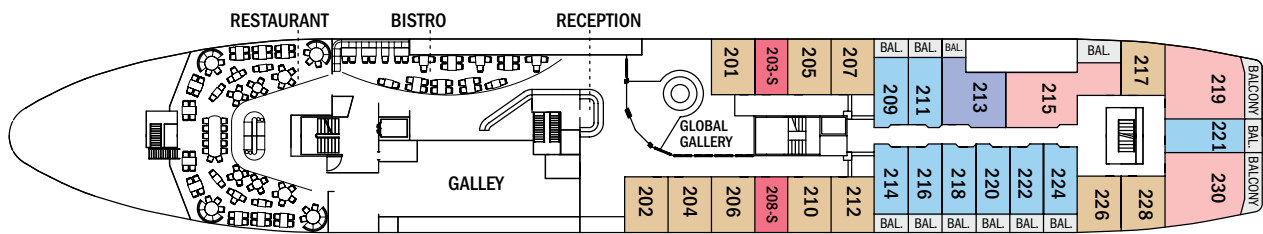
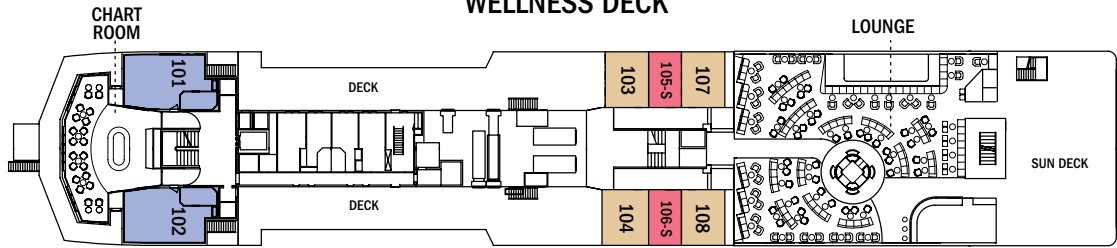
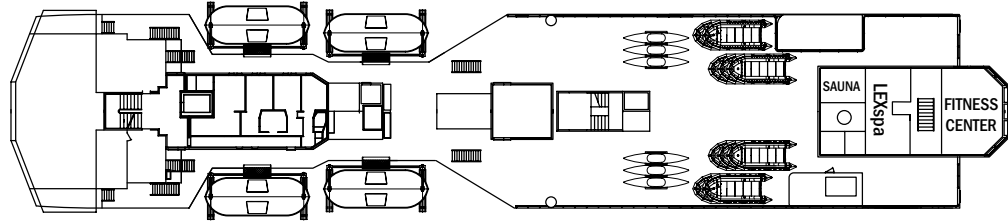
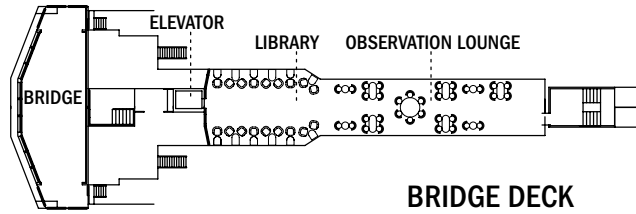
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CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

SOLE OCCUPANCY: Cabins available in Categories A and B.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.



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Journey to Antarctica - Holiday departures - Page 66	2015/16	\$13,990	\$15,050	\$15,520	\$16,700	\$20,030
South Georgia and the Falklands - Page 70	2016	\$16,530	\$17,630	\$18,570	\$19,760	\$23,860
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CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$14,100	\$16,150	\$11,650	\$12,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Boston/Azores, Casablanca/JFK: Economy from \$1,100; Business from \$4,600.
\$14,100	\$16,150	\$11,650	\$12,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: JFK/Madrid/Casablanca, Bilbao/Madrid/JFK: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$4,800.
\$12,340	\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Newark/Hamburg, London/Newark: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$3,900.
\$20,460	\$23,720	\$17,050	\$17,810	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: New York/London and Bergen/New York: Economy \$900; Business \$3,700.
\$15,280	\$17,460	\$12,590	\$13,080	\$1,000	Includes two hotel nights. Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: \$1,100; Business from \$3,700. Charter Airfare: \$725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$24,150	\$27,750	\$19,990	\$21,020	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark: Economy from: \$1,000; Business from \$3,900. Charter airfare: \$360 Longyearbyen/Oslo).
\$21,960	\$25,230	\$18,240	\$19,110	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. \$1,100; Business from \$2,700; Charter Airfare: \$360 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$16,370	\$18,880	\$12,830	\$13,280	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip NY/Reykjavik/NY: Economy from \$700; Business from \$2,200.
\$17,100	\$19,550	\$14,110	\$14,630	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night Ottawa. Sample Airfares: New York/Reykjavik, Ottawa/New York: Economy from \$600; Business from \$1,500; Charter airfare: \$1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).
\$21,290	\$24,790	\$17,490	\$18,040	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights Ottawa. Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Ottawa: Economy from \$670; please call for Business airfares; Charter airfare: \$1,750 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Iqaluit/Ottawa, or vice versa).
\$12,340	\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/St. John's/Newark: Economy from \$800, Business from \$1,800.
\$20,380	\$23,280	\$16,790	\$17,430	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: Miami/Panama, Lima/Miami: Economy from \$850; Business from \$1,800.
\$28,890	\$33,730	\$23,740	\$24,490	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night in Lima. Sample Airfares: Miami/Lima, Santiago/Miami: Economy from \$1,000; Business from \$3,000. Charter airfare from \$200 (Puerto Montt/Santiago).
\$30,560	\$34,920	\$25,180	\$26,140	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Sample Airfares: Miami/Santiago, Buenos Aires/Miami: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$4,000. Charter airfare from \$600 (Santiago/Puerto Montt, Ushuaia/Buenos Aires).
\$21,250	\$24,740	\$17,430	\$17,970	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$22,950	\$26,720	\$18,820	\$19,410	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$27,520	\$31,920	\$22,040	\$23,210	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700. Charter airfare from \$850 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
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