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MADAGASCAR &
MOZAMBIQUE**

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I'm really excited the National Geographic Orion inaugural voyage is in the past. We now have rolled up our sleeves, in both planning and executing, and she's off—on a series of voyages that by summer 2015 will have taken her around the world. My son Jeremy, who works in our Sydney office, was aboard for the Orion christening and the inaugural, and I thought it fitting he provide the introduction to the exciting road ahead.



*Sven Lindblad and his son, Jeremy,
Business Development Director-Australia.*

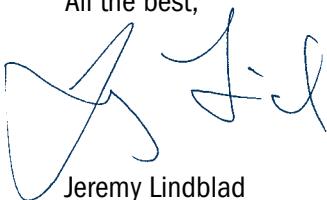
Dear Traveller,

I have just disembarked from *National Geographic Orion* on her inaugural voyage through Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, and I have yet to shake the excitement. I've been sharing stories over email with my fellow guests about the land divers on Pentecost Island; asking our naturalists to help identify the flora and fauna stashed on my camera's memory card; and editing photos of the water musicians we saw on Lo Island in Vanuatu. The expedition experience is still coursing through my veins. Coincidentally, I just ran into one of my inaugural voyage companions at the airport in Sydney—he on his way back home to South Africa and me to a meeting in New York—and I could tell that he hadn't let go of the wonderful experiences yet either. Speaking to him and reminiscing about our time at sea reminded me of how travel aboard our ships can make such a positive impact on one's life, even after a mere 11 days.

So it is with this great excitement that I share with you the full roster of possibilities aboard *National Geographic Orion* in 2015. This brochure is packed with phenomenal opportunities for you to explore unique and hard-to-reach geographies around the world. Over the course of the coming year, *Orion* will chart seldom-sailed waters, and our expert team has designed exhilarating itineraries for you to experience. Personally, I have had great pleasure working with old friends—world-renowned diver and undersea filmmaker Valerie Taylor; and Indonesian historian, culture and zoology expert Dr. Lawrence Blair—to curate unique experiences in geographies we haven't travelled to in many years. In addition to expeditions in and around Australasia, *Orion* will cross the Indian Ocean to explore Madagascar, the Seychelles, and Sri Lanka on her sweeping global course.

I hope that you enjoy reading about these brand new itineraries. And on behalf of her entire expedition team, I look forward to sharing an adventure with you aboard *National Geographic Orion* in 2015.

All the best,



Jeremy Lindblad

13 UNIQUE ITINERARIES



SOUTH AMERICA

AFRICA

South Atlantic Ocean

MALDIVES

SEYCHELLES

TANZANIA

MOZAMBIQUE

MADAGASCAR

SOUTH AFRICA

AFRICA & INDIAN OCEAN

SHIP IN TRANSIT

USHUAIA

DRAKE PASSAGE

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SOUTH GEORGIA

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The itineraries featured here will take *National Geographic Orion* around the world—to and through a kaleidoscopic array of islands, lands and cultures, among the most seldom-seen and alluring on Earth. And she'll explore the most pristine parts of the world's oceans, too. Join us for any segment, or where available, two back-to-back expeditions perhaps, and experience a riveting narrative brimming with adventures, epiphanies, and wonders. And since *National Geographic Orion* and *National Geographic Explorer* will both be exploring Antarctica, you'll have great choices for heading into the ice during this Centennial year.



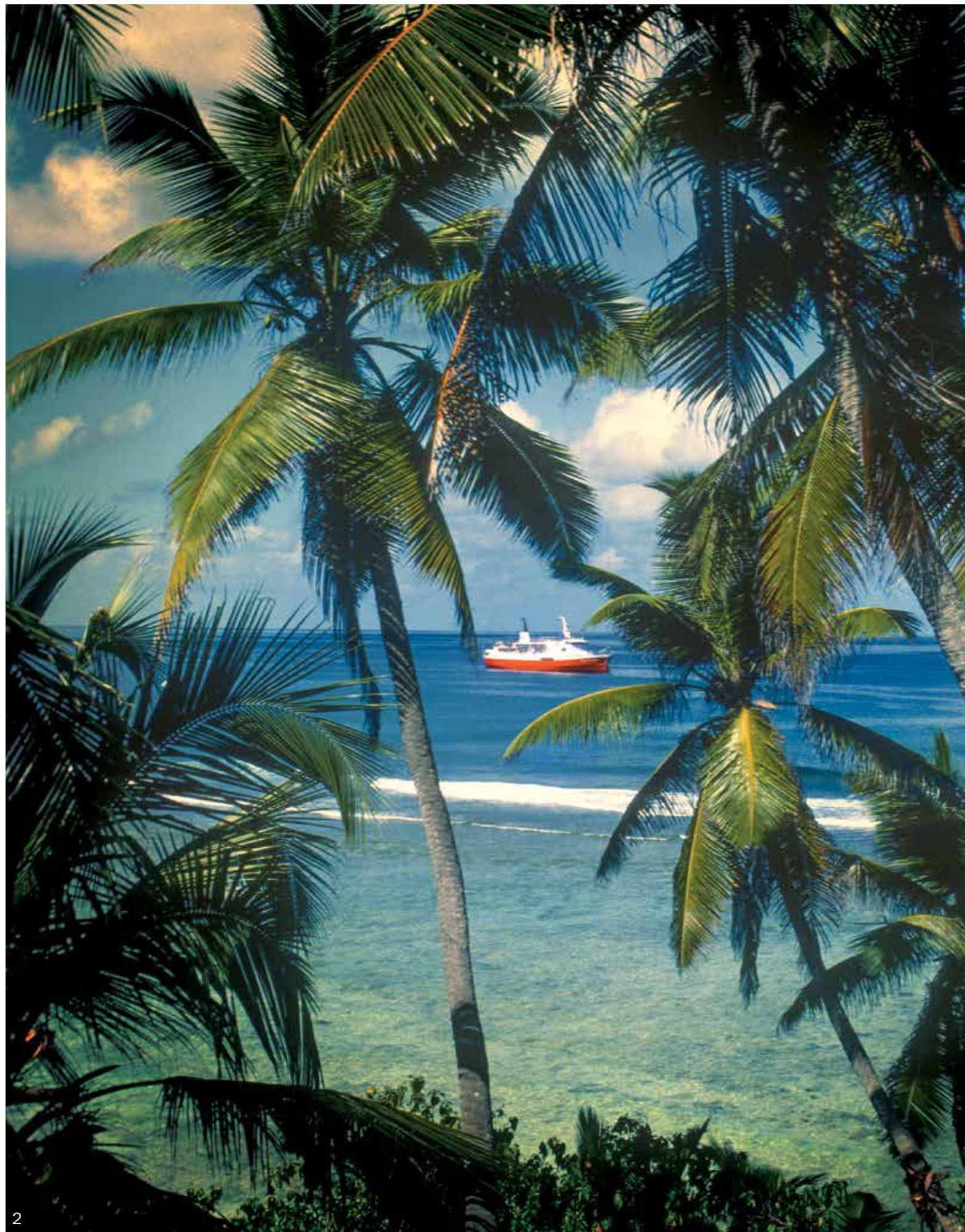
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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate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





EXPERIENCE & PASSION TO REVEAL THIS REGION

The following excerpt from Lars-Eric Lindblad's 1983 autobiography, Passport to Anywhere, recounts his 1968 reconnaissance expedition to vet the little-known Seychelles, where National Geographic Orion is headed this year. Subsequent to Lars-Eric's pioneering of this remarkable region for responsible tourism, Sven Lindblad operated expeditions to the region throughout the '80s and into the 21st century. And now Jeremy Lindblad, Sven's son and the third generation of Lindblad explorers, is based in our Sydney office. The family's experience in and passion for the region is deep. And members of the current expedition staff have explored the region, as well. So although National Geographic Orion will be venturing into new waters, her expert team is perfectly positioned to reveal and share its wonders.



Left: Lindblad Explorer in the Seychelles. Above: Lars-Eric Lindblad.

“I came to learn about the Seychelles in a roundabout way. In 1968, I had been invited by the government of the now independent island of Mauritius, at that time still a British colony, to assess its potential as a tourist attraction. It lies in the Indian Ocean, due east of the island of Madagascar.

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Mauritius is easy to reach by air. This made it a good starting point in my search for the best possible area to cruise when *Lindblad Explorer*¹ headed north from the Antarctic. At Mauritius, I learned more about the Seychelles and how their rare loveliness was mostly unvisited since there was no airport.

I also learned of the curious island southwest of the Seychelles, known as Aldabra. It is the largest raised atoll in the world, a massive coral reef that contains the only other breeding ground beyond the Galápagos for the giant land tortoise and teems with other rare wildlife. They were all in the area of clear blue seas and inviting climate. This part of the western Indian Ocean was obviously ideal for the *Lindblad Explorer* in between her icy polar voyages.

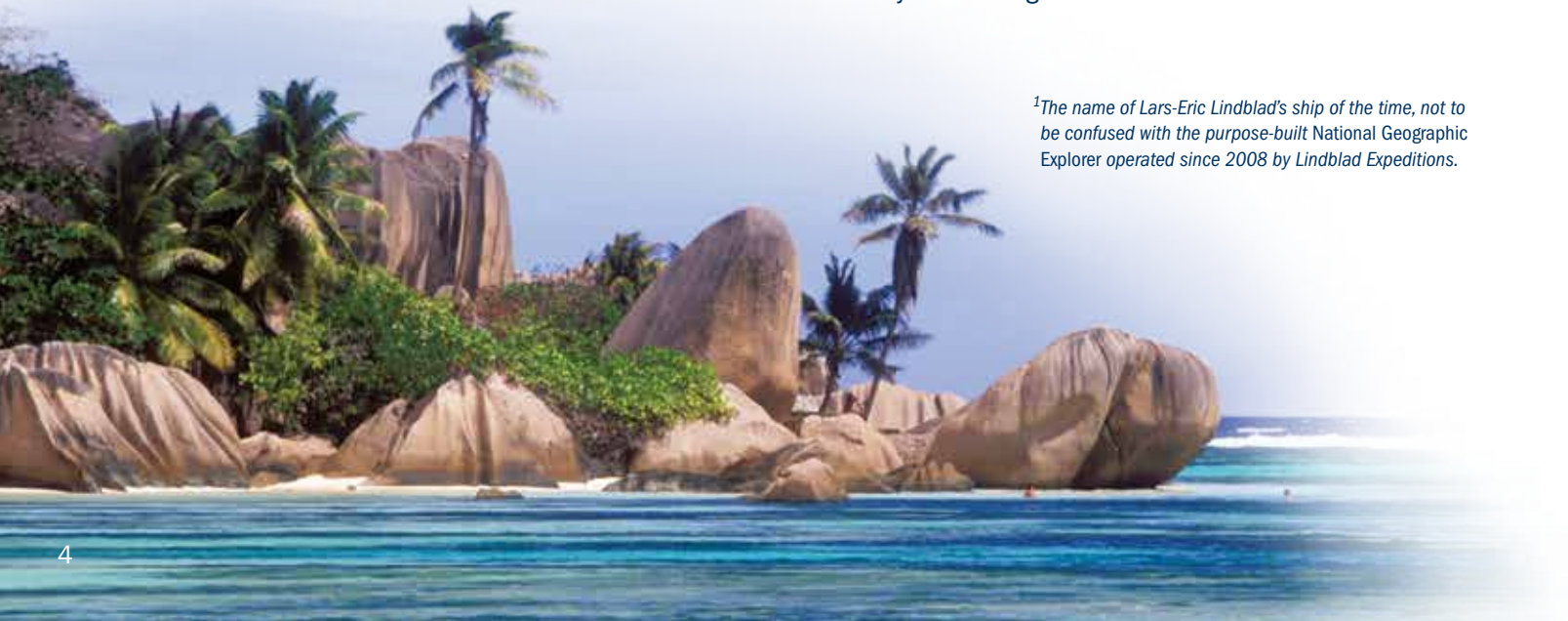
We got together an exploratory team...flew to Mombasa on the Kenya coast...and boarded the British India Line's M.S. *Kampala* on her Africa-to-Bombay run. As we passed the island of Silhouette, Mahé rose out of the turquoise waters with high granite cliffs. It was even more beautiful than Morea [sic] in Tahiti. I wondered why these islands had been bypassed over the centuries.

Arab traders must have brushed by the islands many times, as long as 1,000 years ago, but there are no written records. An expedition of a British East India Company put in there in the early 1600s for water and ship repairs. But they found nothing but coconut palms and alligators, along with tortoises and fruits. There was not a sign of human life anywhere...

The French decided to annex the archipelago for strategic reasons. Following that, French settlers began to arrive from Mauritius, which at the time was known as Île de France. They brought slaves with them, and the nucleus that created the newest race in history began to form, augmented by pirates, adventurers, slave traders, exiles, dissidents and shipwrecked seamen. Inter-marriage was frequent, with no distinction between whites and blacks. The emerging new race embraced every color, from pure white to the darkest black.

When we arrived at Port Victoria, the capital of the Seychelles, in 1968, the islands were still under the British flag but Britain had decided turn the islands over to self-rule. Jimmy Mancham...was chief minister of the newly elected Legislative Council when I met him at the

¹The name of Lars-Eric Lindblad's ship of the time, not to be confused with the purpose-built National Geographic Explorer operated since 2008 by Lindblad Expeditions.



hotel on our 1968 arrival...He immediately made it evident that the Seychelles needed tourism to vitalise the precarious economy of the country—if it could be done without destroying the wildlife or scenic beauty. Of course this was my objective, so we hit it off from the start...Our team was able to set up an exploratory cruise, first to the immediate islands near Mahé, and later to the atolls to our south—the Amirantes and Aldabra.

Bottom left: Granite boulders at Anse Source d'Argent beach, named the world's best beach in the National Geographic book The 10 Best of Everything; Below: Seychelles giant tortoise.

We headed out...for the islands known as the “granite group,” as contrasted with the coral and volcanic islands we’d be visiting later. All of them have sparkling, uninhabited white beaches and wildlife that includes some species found nowhere else in the world.

[Note: Lars-Eric Lindblad here recounts the team's exploration of Frigate, Des Noeufs, and Aldabra. He was given permission by the various owners to bring the Lindblad Explorer there in the 70s.]

“In search of an earthly paradise, no one can come closer to that vision than in the archipelagos of the Indian Ocean.”

We sailed on to Praslin, the second largest of the Seychelles and an island of such beauty that the British General Charles Gordon of Khartoum became convinced in the late 1800s that this was the original Garden of Eden. Praslin's Vallée de Mai, a forest of unique palm trees called coco-de-mer, has the enchantment of a cathedral. The trees tower 100 to 200 feet above you,

with the largest leaf and fruit of any known tree. The nuts can weigh up to forty pounds. These coconuts were first discovered on the shores of India and the Persian Gulf, where legend had it that the trees must have been growing under the sea. The large double shape of the coco-de-mer looks amazingly like the female form, downright erotic in appearance...In 1602 one Hapsburg king paid 4000 gold florins for one of the nuts that had drifted onto an African shore.

In this magnificent forest, the slaty black parrot is found exclusively, along with the Seychelles flying fox, a bat with a three-foot wingspread. Its wing beat is more like that of heron than a bat.

La Digue, a sleepy sort of paradise on its granite base, invited a restful tour on the only sort of vehicle available—the ancient ox cart. Later, I built fifteen new carts to transport our passengers from one end of the island to the other.

...Our consensus after two weeks was that the Seychelles could provide one of the most beguiling attractions we had ever scheduled—if the environment could be protected. Later, Roger Tory Peterson wrote of his visit, “In search of an earthly paradise, no one can come closer to that vision than in the archipelagos of the Indian Ocean.”





A PERFECT PLATFORM FOR WORLDWIDE EXPLORATION

National Geographic Orion is a beautiful ship, originally purpose-built for luxurious expedition cruising—to adventurous regions such as Antarctica, as well as the temperate and tropical zones of the South Pacific. She has retained her state-of-the-art comforts, but gone is any notion of passive cruising. We've equipped her with the signature exploration tools that make the Lindblad-National Geographic expedition style more active, experiential, and rewarding than any other form of travel. And over time, we're planning subtle upgrades to parts of *Orion's* interior to better serve the dynamic, learning-oriented community of guests and staff aboard. Now, on *National Geographic Orion*, no one is a sightseer; everyone is herself or himself an explorer, actively engaged in discovery.





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION'S EXPLORATION TOOLS

- ✓ Fleet of 14 Zodiacs
- ✓ 24 tandem kayaks
- ✓ Undersea video camera
- ✓ A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) capable of 304 metres
- ✓ Hydrophone
- ✓ Video microscope
- ✓ Scuba gear for up to 24 guests + divemasters
- ✓ Complete snorkel gear for all 102 guests
- ✓ Glass-bottom boat
- ✓ Professional video chronicler aboard
- ✓ Crow's nest camera



*Clockwise from top:
The 102-guest National
Geographic Orion;
onboard ROV descends
to depths human divers
can't reach; scuba diver
captures sea turtle
image; Zodiacs deploy
swiftly.*



* Note: Kayaks, snorkel & scuba gear, ROV and glass-bottom boat not available in the Kimberley region.

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» TO SEE THE CHRISTENING VIDEO & MORE VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/INAUGURAL](https://expeditions.com/inaugural)



“Under bright blue skies Jeremy Lindblad became the third generation of the Lindblad family to christen an expedition ship. Underwater filmmaking legend Valerie Taylor, launched the champagne to shatter on the bow. As *National Geographic Orion* sets sail on a historic series of expeditions to explore the world’s oceans, reefs and islands, Valerie is aboard to share her love and knowledge of the undersea with all on board.”



1. A Lo Island welcome, Vanuatu;
2. On Tanna, Vanuatu the welcome included excellent dancing and great photo ops;
3. Filmmaker Valerie Taylor toasts Orion;
4. Jeremy Lindblad, Capt. Mike Taylor with Valerie Taylor at the christening;
5. Valerie Taylor diving with guests, off the north side of Ifira Island, Vanuatu;
6. Landing on Lo Island, Vanuatu;
7. Children, Lo Island, Vanuatu;
8. Thrilling land-dive ceremony exclusive to Pentecost Island, Vanuatu;
9. Ceremonial dance known as Aimatawa-Aifonofono, on Santa Ana, Solomon Islands;
10. Zodiac at sunset.

—Expedition Leader, Tim Soper

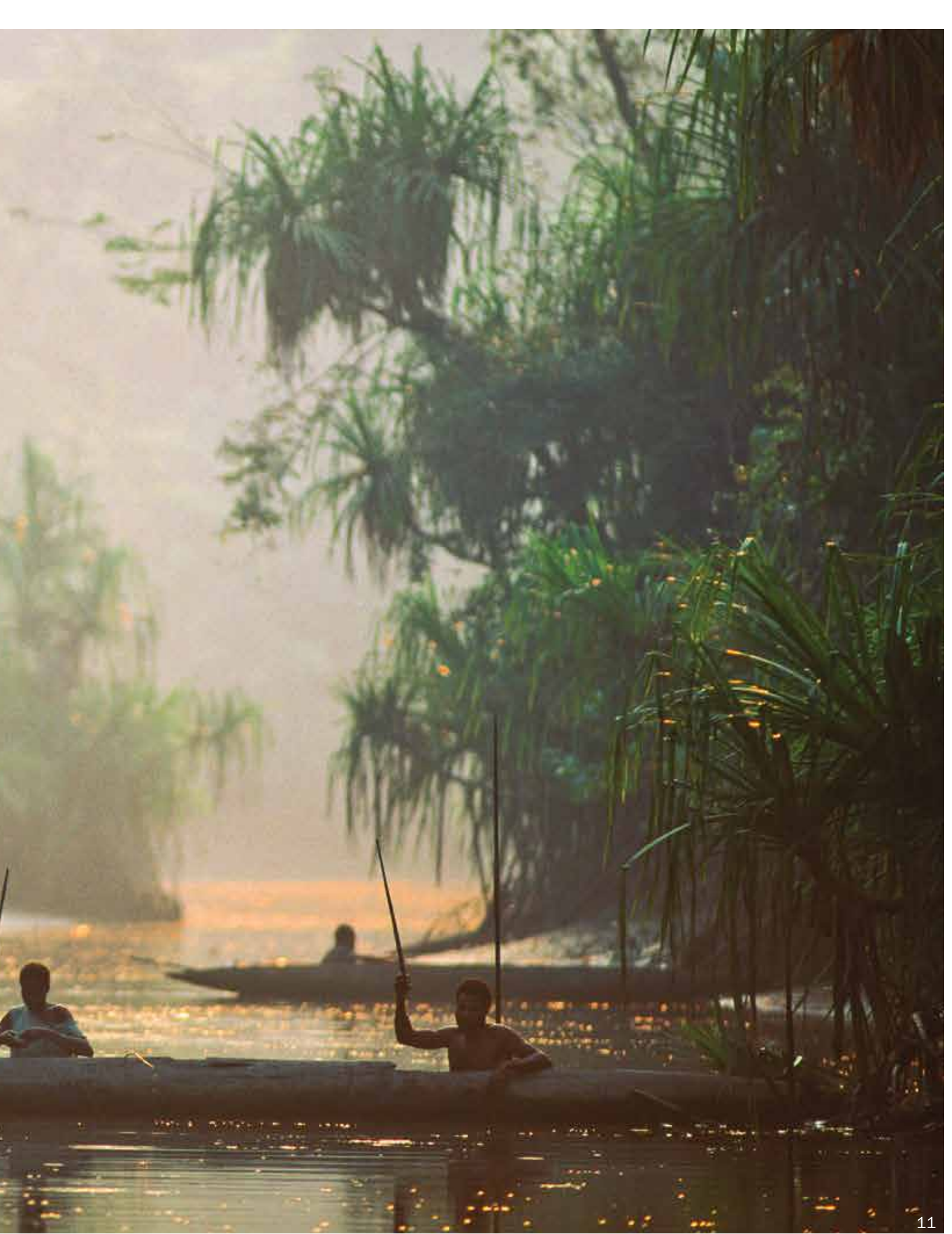
BEAUTY, WILDNESS & THE SELDOM-SEEN



Once aboard *National Geographic Orion* and underway, you will find yourself in places largely inaccessible by means other than the sea—and a remote, pristine sea at that. *Orion*'s agile size and skillful captaining will draw you in close. And an exceptional expedition team will take you closer still—revealing the wonders beyond the shoreline or beneath the surface. Your days will be filled with active exploring—on Zodiac or personal kayak forays, meeting welcoming people of distant cultures, and peering beneath the ocean's surface with a mask and snorkel or scuba gear. And filling your minds' eye or your viewfinder with experiences of pure wonder.

*Large image: Asmat tribesmen net fishing, West Papua.
Inset image: Young woman, Papua New Guinea.*







Coral grouper.



Dive legend and filmmaker Valerie Taylor with sea fan, Solomon Islands.



Anemone surrounded by lyretail wrasse, clownfish and damselfish.



Snorkeller and whale shark, Indian Ocean.

DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY UNDERSEA

A COMMITMENT TO PRISTINE SEAS

We are pleased to announce that for the next five years, from 2014 through 2018, Lindblad and National Geographic will support the Pristine Seas program aboard *National Geographic Orion* and *National Geographic Explorer*. Our joint commitment, along with the participation and dedication of our guests, will accelerate the creation of marine reserves and safeguard these last wild places in the ocean, hopefully leading to the largest ocean legacy in human history.

Of the eight areas identified by National Geographic's Pristine Seas program as the last wild places in the world's oceans, we visit two of the key Southern Pacific areas on our Reef, Lagoons and Volcanic Isles and Legends of The South Pacific itineraries, both featured on p. 53. And *National Geographic Orion* offers unparalleled access to these remarkable, seldom-seen ocean wonders. Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Bob Ballard, Valerie Taylor and other National Geographic explorers, *Orion* travels with an undersea specialist/diver, undersea video technology and a new, state-of-the-art ROV capable of exploring depths of up to 304 metres. *Orion* provides a peerless immersive 360° optic on Earth's most fascinating realm. And she enables enriching personal exploration—with divemasters, scuba gear for up to 24 guests, and a full complement of snorkelling gear for all 102 guests, in Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean, Borneo and Indonesia, and the South Pacific.

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF 'AIM & CREATE'



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

A top National Geographic photographer travels aboard every *National Geographic Orion* departure. At your side on deck or in the field, they provide inspiration, tips, and advice gleaned over the course of significant careers. They also offer informative presentations and supportive critiques. And, you'll have the service of a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor—trained to assist you with camera settings and the basic elements of framing, composition and lighting, plus able to help you better understand the wildlife, so you can capture amazing behaviour.

It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or an advanced shooter, the fun of expedition photography is infectious and inclusive. During the voyage, you'll improve your skills and return home a more confident photographer, with your best shots ever.



National Geographic photographer Cotton Coulson leads guests on a photo walk in Antarctica.

In addition to the photographers highlighted below, the National Geographic photographers travelling aboard *Orion* this season are: Massimo Bassano, Ira Block, Jay Dickman, Bob Krist, Jeff Mauritzen, Michael Melford, Flip Nicklin, Kevin Schafer, Susan Seubert, Maria Stenzel, and Mark Thiessen.

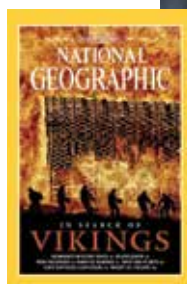


RALPH LEE HOPKINS

Naturalist and life-long expedition photographer, Ralph is the Director of the Lindblad-National Geographic Expedition Photography program, and a seminal force in its inception. A top photographer and lecturer with the *National Geographic Traveler* digital seminar series, he is also a highly regarded teacher, who conducts workshops for National Geographic Expeditions, Arizona Highways, and Santa Fe Workshops. See the kind of benefit Ralph offers our guests, in this inspiring how-to video: expeditions.com/RLHtips

SISSE BRIMBERG AND COTTON COULSON

National Geographic photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson have collectively photographed more than 50 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. Frequent travelers aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, they're eager to conduct their engaging 'On Assignment' practice with *National Geographic Orion*'s guests and photo enthusiasts.



CHRIS RAINIER

National Geographic Fellow and photographer Chris Rainier's life mission is to document traditional cultures. He co-directed the Enduring Voices and All Roads Photography Programs; he is Director of the Last Mile Technology Program, which helps preserve endangered culture and languages; and he was photographer Ansel Adams' last assistant.

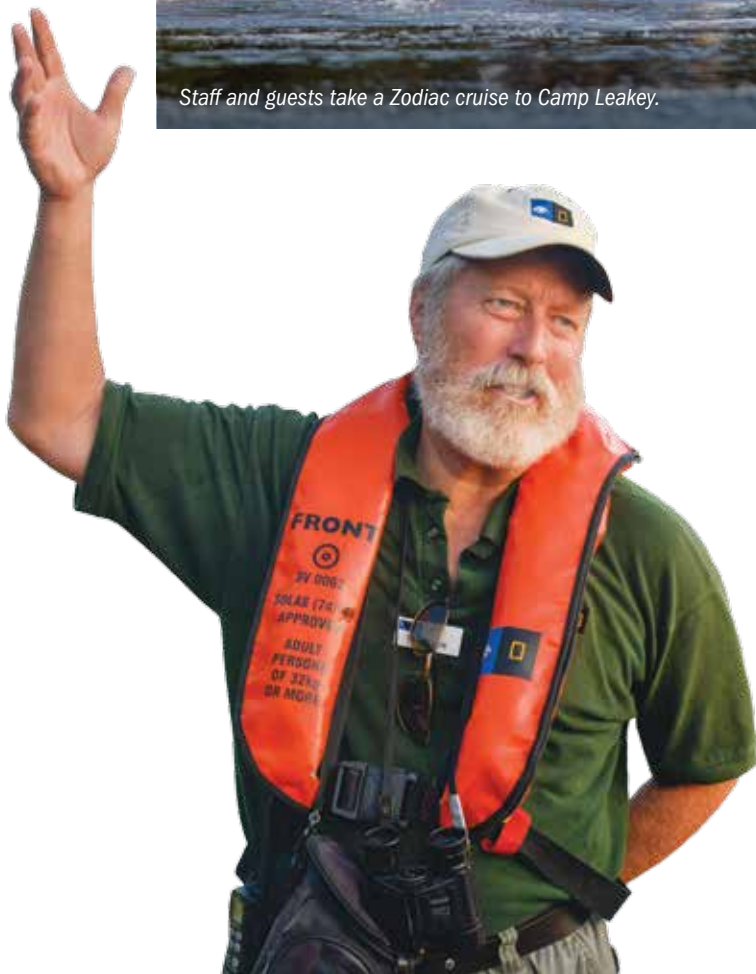


Above: Chris Rainier photographs a member of the Asaro tribe, dressed here for a cultural performance in Papua New Guinea.
Right: Chris's photo of local men at sea in Papua New Guinea.

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Staff and guests take a Zodiac cruise to Camp Leakey.





SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH A RENOWNED TEAM

The comment cards we receive from guests after every voyage consistently express the same sentiments: “Outstanding expedition staff.” Our expedition leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, are exceptional leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, marine biologists, geologists, historians, archeologists, undersea specialists, and divemasters who accompany *Orion*’s voyages. Collectively, these specialists have hundreds of years of experience guiding travellers to the world’s most interesting places. They are the informative experts with whom explorers want to travel repeatedly; and the engaging conversationalists with whom curious travellers want to share drinks or dinner.



Above: Guests learn about navigation from our officers on the bridge. Clockwise from far left: Some expedition team members aboard National Geographic *Orion* include Tom Ritchie, Darrin Bennett, Richard White, Harry Christensen, Mike Greenfelder, and David Cothran.

WELCOME TO THE BRIDGE

The teamwork between our expedition leaders and captains plays a vital role in the flexibility and spontaneity that is a hallmark of our expeditions. Our captains are nearly as keenly interested in spotting wildlife and stopping for observations as our naturalists. And our captains and officers take great pleasure in our guests’ fascination with their navigation work, and welcome you to the bridge to observe the calm, steady business of guiding the ship.

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Lawrence Blair.



Peter Hillary.

BENEFIT FROM RELEVANT EXPERTS FROM DIVERSE FIELDS



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Our Global Perspectives Program pairs engaging and knowledgeable experts with fascinating geographies to enrich your experience, and adds extra levels of perspective and insight to our expedition team's expertise. Join us aboard *National Geographic Orion* to explore with:

LAWRENCE BLAIR

Having spent nearly three decades exploring and making films in Indonesia, Lawrence is an expert on its culture, geography and zoology. He was writer, producer and host on some remarkable series and films: *Myths, Magic and Monsters*, which explores the stranger sides of nature and the human mind; the internationally-acclaimed, Emmy Award-winning series *Ring of Fire: Volcanoes of the Pacific Rim* (PBS and BBC; with his late brother, Lorne); and the Omnimax/IMAX feature documentary *Baraka*. His most recent film, completed in 2010, is *Bali—Island of the Dogs*, winner of the Best Overall at the Balinale International Film Festival in 2011. In addition to his writing and documentary work, Blair is a former Visiting Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Southern California.

» Oct. 20, 2014: Spice Island Adventure: Bali to the Great Barrier Reef

PETER HILLARY

Born into mountaineering royalty, Peter was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition. He has summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents.

In Australia, Peter has travelled extensively, climbed and skied in the Snowy Mountains, skied off Mount Kosciuszko numerous times, and filmed shark frenzies in the Coral Sea off the Great Barrier Reef. He rode a motorbike 14,480 kilometres around the perimeter of the continent, and sailed out into the Cambridge Gulf from Port Wyndham on an old pearl lugger. He climbed Carstenz Pyramid, the highest mountain in Oceania, in Indonesia's Irian Jaya province.

» Aug. 10, 2014: Kimberley Expedition with the Spice Islands



Dame Carol Kidu.

DAME CAROL KIDU

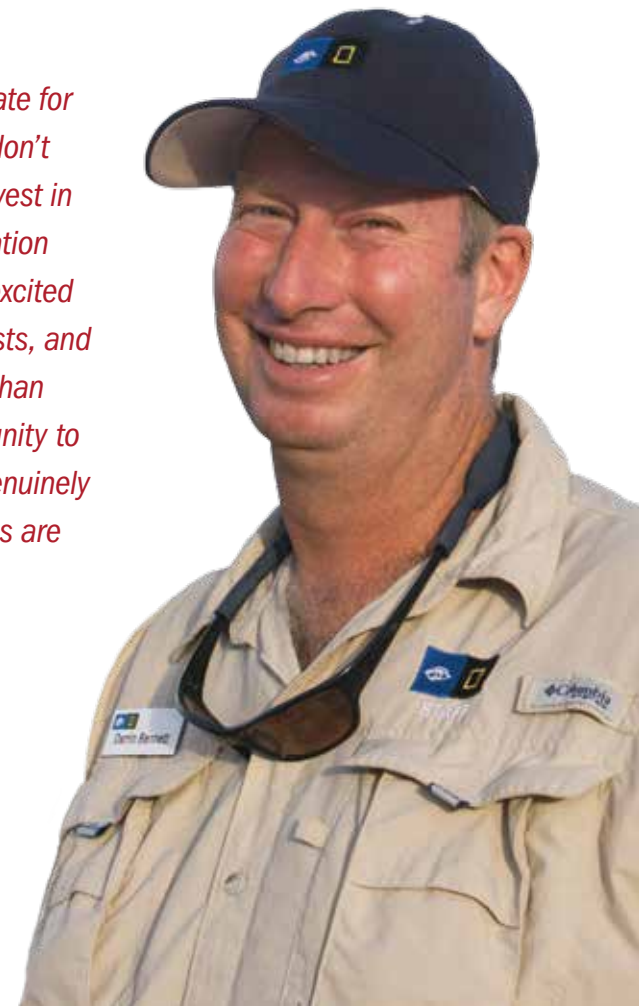
Dame Carol has lived in Papua New Guinea for over 40 years with her extended family of Pari Village of the Motu tribe, and has a unique understanding of the interface between tradition and modernity. Her late husband was the first indigenous Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea. A teacher by profession, she was elected to the National Parliament in 1997, serving as a Shadow Minister, Minister for Community Development and later, Leader of the Opposition.

She was awarded Dame of the British Empire in 2005; the PNG International Woman of Courage Award by the Secretary of State of the United States of America in 2007; Pacific Person of the Year in 2007; the Pacific Human Rights Award for her contribution to promoting the rights of Pacific Islanders in 2008; and the French Cross of Knight in the Order of the Légion d'honneur in 2009.

» Nov. 5, 2014: Exploring the Coral Sea: Papua New Guinea to Fiji

“Orion’s acquisition by Lindblad Expeditions has been very fortunate for me and my fellow Australian naturalists. Their belief that guests don’t want to be passive tourists, combined with their willingness to invest in equipping National Geographic Orion with state-of-the-art exploration tools, has opened up new possibilities for us. We are extremely excited to share our passion for this geography with past and future guests, and to use new tools to go deeper, see more and understand better than ever before. I also personally feel really lucky to have the opportunity to go exploring with this roster of guest speakers—accomplished, genuinely interesting individuals who are as excited as we and as our guests are to see and experience the world. What could be better!?”

—Darrin Bennett, naturalist





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 his men; 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 Orion and National Geographic Explorer. 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: Designs shown are for illustrative purposes only; actual details may vary slightly.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

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

PRICES FROM: \$20,720 to \$48,060 (See pages 62-63 for complete *National Geographic Orion* prices; visit expeditions.com for *National Geographic Explorer* 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. Travelling aboard our ice-class expedition ships *National Geographic Orion* or *National Geographic Explorer*, 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.



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.

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.
- ▶ Walk amid tens of thousands of king penguins on a single beach.



DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Arrive in 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 2: 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 3: 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)



Black-browed albatross.

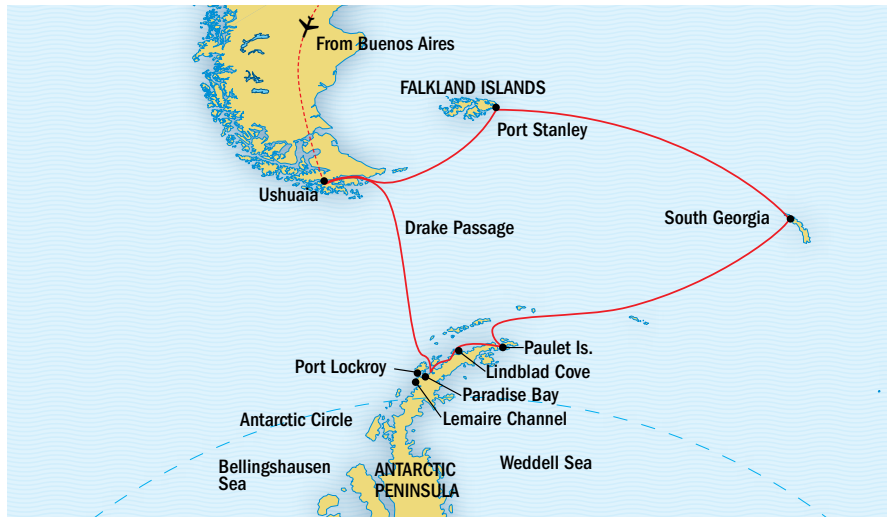
DAYS 4 AND 5: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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

DAYS 6 AND 7: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-12: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

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



DAYS 13 AND 14: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 15-19: 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 20 AND 21: 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)

DAY 22: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES

Disembark in Ushuaia. After time to explore, fly to Buenos Aires by optional charter flight if required. (B,L)



Photographing elephant seal pups.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (Orion): 2014 ~~Dec. 27~~ 2015 Jan. 26, Feb. 15* 2016 Jan. 26; Feb. 15*

DATES (Explorer): 2014 ~~Nov. 9~~ 2015 Feb. 17*; Nov. 8; 2016 Feb. 16*

*These voyages travel in reverse.

Note: Orion 2016 departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. See our website or ask for details.

Departures in red are sold out.

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 call for details. Ask about extensions for Orion.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Kevin Shafer Nov. 9, 2014, (Explorer), Chris Rainier Feb. 17, 2015, (Explorer), Michael Melford Jan. 26, 2016, (Orion), or Massimo Bassano Feb. 15, 2016, (Orion).

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with mountaineer Peter Hillary Feb. 17, 2015.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*
AND *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$12,350 to \$29,690 (See pages 62-63 for complete *National Geographic Orion* prices; visit expeditions.com for *National Geographic Explorer* prices.)

Travelling aboard the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* or *National Geographic Explorer*, 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 leopard seals.
- Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.
- Walk on shore amid thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.
- Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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.



Gentoo penguins.

DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Arrive in 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 forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 2: 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 3: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

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

DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

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

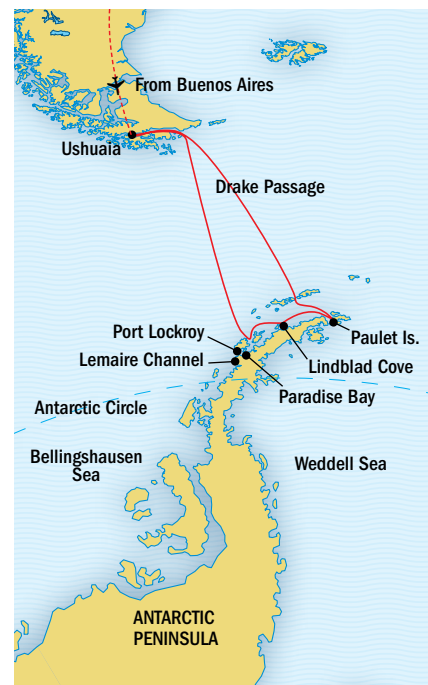
anticipate making several Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of those same penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive or show rare images taken up to 300 metres 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 10 AND 11: 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)

DAY 12: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Ushuaia. Optional charter flight to Buenos Aires available if required. (B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (Orion): 2015 Dec. 7, 17[†], 27[†]
2016 Jan. 6

DATES (Explorer): 2014 Nov. 29; Dec. 9, 19, 29
2015 Jan. 8, 18, 28; Feb. 7; Nov. 28; Dec. 8, 18[†], 28[†] 2016 Jan. 7, 17

Note: Orion departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. See our website or ask for details.

[†]For holiday rates, please see pages 62-63 or visit our website.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day extension to [Easter Island](#) or three days at [Iguazú Falls](#), or two days to [Buenos Aires](#) for Explorer. Visit our website, or call for details. Ask about extensions for Orion.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson Nov. 29 & Dec. 9, 2014, (Explorer), Jeff Mauritzen Dec. 7, 2015, (Orion), Chris Rainier Dec. 27, 2015 & Jan. 6, 2016, (Orion), Maria Stenzel Dec. 17, 2015, (Orion).

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Explore with authors Ed Larson Jan. 18 & 28, 2015 or Fen Montaigne Dec. 29, 2014; mountaineer Peter Hillary Feb. 7, 2015; scientists Ken Taylor Nov. 29, 2014 or Joe McConnell Dec. 9, 2014.



Kayakers paddle past a sweeping iceberg.



A vertical photograph on the left side of the page shows several juvenile Maldives clownfish. They have bright orange bodies with a prominent white stripe running vertically through their eyes. They are swimming in a clear, blue-green water environment with coral visible in the background.

FROM AFRICA TO THE INDIAN OCEAN

Spanning more than 9,650 kilometres from west to east, the Indian Ocean has the unique distinction of being framed by three vastly different continents: Africa, Asia, and Australia. As oceans go, its waters are warmer and calmer than most, harbouring a spectacular spectrum of undersea life—and allowing the cultures that live on its edges to move and mingle over the millennia. The Polynesians made their way to Madagascar, Indian merchants populated East Africa, seafaring traders spread Islam and Buddhism east, and European colonial powers established footholds from Cape Town to Sri Lanka. Strung out across its waters lie fragile, gorgeous island chains like the Seychelles and the Maldives. Perhaps it's not surprising that our passage across the Indian Ocean mirrors the breadth of this great sea.



Our first voyage starts in vibrant Cape Town. As our ship sails between Zanzibar and the Seychelles, we experience a unique blend of Arabian and Swahili cultures. Our exploration of the Seychelles takes us off the beaten track to the Aldabra atoll. And on our expedition from the Seychelles to Sri Lanka, the northern islands of the Maldives offer superb snorkelling and diving opportunities.

*Left: Juvenile Maldives clownfish swim against the current.
Above: Portrait of a young woman, Madagascar, Africa.*

NEW

WILDLIFE AND CULTURES OF SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND MADAGASCAR

21 DAYS/20 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$28,820 to \$54,980 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

Our voyage is extraordinary in its diversity and scope, visiting five countries and a remarkable number of habitats. Book-ended by Cape Town, South Africa and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, you'll see the wildlife of South Africa's bush country; Mozambique's capital and extraordinary coast and marine life; the lemurs and other wildlife of Madagascar, along with its renowned baobab trees; and the cultures and wildlife of Mayotte in the French Comoros.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore South Africa's Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, one of Africa's finest game parks, seeing wildlife for which the region is famous.
- ▶ Learn about the unusual cultures of the places we visit, including that of the Zulu people.
- ▶ In Mozambique, look for enormous whale sharks, and even have the chance to snorkel with them.
- ▶ See lemurs, baobab trees, and many other of Madagascar's unusual species.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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 bios for this expedition.

Ring-tailed lemurs sunning, Madagascar.

DAY 1: DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Arrive and transfer to the Hyatt Regency Kilimanjaro. (D)

DAY 2: DAR ES SALAAM/EMBARK

Tour Dar es Salaam's waterfront. Visit the National Museum, which contains some Leakey family discoveries from Oldupai Gorge. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MAYOTTE, FRENCH COMOROS

Mayotte is a territory of France. See French colonial architecture, colourful local cultures and a distinctive style of dress. Look for birdlife or dive or snorkel if conditions permit. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MAHAJANGA/ANKARAFANTSIKA NATIONAL PARK, MADAGASCAR

Drive from Mahajanga to Ankarafantsika. Walk in the forest to look for lemurs including Coquerel's sifakas, along with chameleons, frogs, and rare birdlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AT SEA (B,L,D)



DAY 7: MORONDAVA/AVENUE OF THE BAOBABS

See the renowned "Avenue of the Baobabs." These trees can grow to 30 metres. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 AND 9: TOLIARA & ISALO NATIONAL PARK, MADAGASCAR

Explore sandstone cliffs, with unusual formations and great vistas, and see well known "window rock." Overnight at a lodge. Search for ring-tailed and brown lemurs, birdlife, and other fauna. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 AND 12: EXPLORING THE INHAMBANE AREA, MOZAMBIQUE

Search for whale sharks, bottlenose dolphins, manta rays, and turtles—and snorkel with

the whale sharks, then explore historic Inhambane. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MAPUTO

Visit the fortress of Nossa Senhora da Conceição, the colourful Central Market, the Museum of Natural History, and more. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: RICHARDS BAY, SOUTH AFRICA/ ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK/ST. LUCIA

The UNESCO World Heritage site of iSimangaliso includes wetlands, savannah, forest, woodlands, forested dunes, papyrus marshes, beaches, and reefs. Look for hippos, crocodiles, fish eagles, and more. Stay at a lodge at St. Lucia. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI NATIONAL PARK

At Hluhluwe-iMfolozi, search for the 'big five' (rhinoceros, elephant, lion, leopard, and buffalo), plus giraffe, antelopes, cheetah, and outstanding birdlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: DURBAN

Visit a Zulu community and the Zululand Historical Museum (Fort Nongqayi), to learn about Zulu culture. Or tour Durban's Golden Mile, harbour, city hall, and an Indian spice market. (B,L,D)

DAYS 17 AND 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAY 19: MOSSEL BAY/KNYSNA

Discover the private Featherbed Nature Reserve's steep sandstone cliffs, ancient Khoi Khoi sea caves, and see many bird species. Lunch is under a canopy of milkwood trees. (B,L,D)

DAY 20: HERMANUS

Explore Hermanus and the Fernkloof Nature Reserve, renowned for its plant life. Search for birds, baboons, and mongoose. Or dive with great white sharks (from the safety of a steel cage) in Gansbaai (additional cost). Search for African penguins, cormorants, gannets, and fur seals. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: CAPE TOWN/DISEMBARK (B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Mar. 21*, Nov. 3

**This departure travels from Cape Town to Dar es Salaam.*

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a two-day pre- or post-extension to [South Africa's Cape Town](#) and [the Cape Region](#), and/or a five-day pre- or post-extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). See pages 34-35, visit our website, or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join **Chris Rainier**, one of the leading documentary photographers, on the Mar. 21, 2015 voyage. His life's mission is to document the disappearing cultures and tribes remaining on the planet. Or travel and shoot with **Jay Dickman** on the Nov. 3, 2015 expedition. A



photojournalist for 30+ years, Jay has documented war, ancient cultures, six Super Bowls, and life in a nuclear attack sub in the Arctic.



NEW

TREASURES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: ZANZIBAR AND THE SEYCHELLES

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

PRICES FROM: \$14,770 to \$30,470 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

Far from anywhere, surrounded by warm seas, these tranquil places have wildlife, plants, landscapes, and people different from any others on Earth. They represent something rare and beautiful: the chance to explore remote and idyllic regions and to learn about their unique cultures and wildlife. From the Swahili culture of Zanzibar, to the rare birds and giant tortoises of the Seychelles, to the coral reefs and extraordinary marine life you'll find almost everywhere we go, you'll see tropical nature at its most exuberant. Our expedition staff will share with you their passion for exploring.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ On the storied island of Zanzibar, explore the historic Stone Town and learn about Zanzibar's history and Swahili culture.
- ▶ Spend two days at Aldabra, an atoll that has an amazing amount and variety of marine life.
- ▶ See the unique coco-de-mer, with the largest leaf and seed in the world, on Praslin Island.
- ▶ See 3 World Heritage sites: Zanzibar's Stone Town, Aldabra, and Praslin's Vallée de Mai.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Giant squirrelfish are among the myriad species we'll see at Aldabra in the Seychelles.

DAY 1: MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES

Arrive in Mahé, and check into Le Méridien Fisherman's Cove. Relax or enjoy the beach. (D)

DAY 2: MAHÉ/EMBARK

The morning is at leisure. After lunch, tour Mahé, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PRASLIN/LA DIGUE

Praslin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is famous for its palm forest, the Vallée de Mai, home to the rare coco-de-mer. This palm has mammoth fan-shaped fronds and a seed weighing up to 18 kilograms—the largest leaf and seed in the world. La Digue is a photogenic island with powdery white sand beaches and giant granite boulders. Swim at Anse Source d'Argent, the most famous beach in the Seychelles. Explore by open vehicle or bicycle, and walk the forest reserve to look for the rare Seychelles black parrot and paradise flycatcher. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ARIDE

Explore important seabird breeding grounds in the Indian Ocean, with large populations of shearwaters, lesser noddies, white (or 'fairy') terns, roseate terns, sooty terns, tropicbirds, and a host of others. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: POIVRE/ST. JOSEPH

Snorkel or dive among reef fish, rays, and more. Search for birds and explore the coconut plantations. St. Joseph's Atoll is surrounded by coral reefs, and we'll go ashore to see the thousands of shearwaters. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ASTOVE

Snorkel or dive the outer wall of Astove's reef, which rises from great depths to within a few feet of the surface and hosts brilliant marine life. Make a Zodiac landing at a sandy beach and look for nests of hawksbill and green turtles, and Abbott's sunbird. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 AND 9: ALDABRA

Aldabra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is among the world's largest atolls. Our plans will remain flexible to take best advantage



of conditions. Possibilities including visiting the research station that houses the island's only inhabitants—scientists and rangers. See the Aldabra giant tortoise, reef sharks, rays, and turtles. Cruise among mangrove-covered islands and colonies of boobies and great frigatebirds. Snorkel the wildlife-rich channels where the tides pump water in and out of the lagoon, bringing massive numbers of fish. Scuba divers will ride the current on an exciting drift dive. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: ASSUMPTION

Stroll coconut groves to the remnants of a guano mining operation. Snorkel or dive among over 100 species of fish including black lionfish, blue-ribbon eels, black-streak surgeonfish, and Indian Ocean steephead parrotfish. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAY 12: ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

Discover the storied "spice island" of Zanzibar, where cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon are still cultivated. Tour historic Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and learn about traditional Swahili culture. Visit Zanzibar's museum, the Sultan's Palace, and Old Fort. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: DAR ES SALAAM/DISEMBARK

Disembark, tour Dar es Salaam, and transfer to the airport. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Apr. 9*, Oct. 23

**This departure travels from Dar es Salaam to Mahé.*

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a five-day pre- or post-voyage extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). See pages 34-35, visit our website, or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

On Apr. 9, 2015, join award-winning photographer **Bob Krist**, who has been stranded on a glacier in Iceland, nearly run down by charging bulls in India, and knighted with a cutlass during a Trinidad voodoo ceremony. Or travel with **Jay Dickman** on the Oct. 22, 2015 expedition.



A photojournalist for 30+ years, Jay has documented war, ancient cultures, six Superbowls, and life in a nuclear attack sub in the Arctic.



NEW

INDIAN OCEAN ODYSSEY: SEYCHELLES, MALDIVES, AND SRI LANKA

19 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$22,140 to \$45,690 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

In the midst of the Indian Ocean strings of tiny tropical islands can be found, home to pristine ecosystems. Explore the Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka to discover idyllic islands rich in endemic plant and birdlife and surrounded by warm, crystalline seas that teem with vibrant life, including blue whales, year-round. Plus, visit the islands' colourful towns, including their intriguing histories, and an ancient seaport and 400-year-old fort in Galle, Sri Lanka.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience myriad wildlife at Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve: 1,000+ fish species including manta rays and whale sharks, plus a variety of birds.
- Snorkel and dive in crystalline Indian Ocean waters, teeming with abundant marine life.
- Walk the ramparts of the walled city of Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Search for blue whales, year-round residents of north Indian Ocean waters near the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

Anse Source d'Argent, Seychelles, named the world's best beach in the National Geographic book, The 10 Best of Everything.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

APR. 20: MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES

Arrive in Mahé, and check into Le Méridien Fisherman's Cove. Relax or enjoy the beach. (D)

APR. 21: MAHÉ/EMBARK

The morning is at leisure. After lunch, tour Mahé, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

APR. 22: SILHOUETTE/CURIEUSE

Silhouette is a steep, forested island where you'll see the Seychelles giant tortoise. Choose a long hike or relaxing walk, then sail to Curieuse for the beach, and snorkel, kayak, or dive. (B,L,D)

APR. 23: PRASLIN/LA DIGUE

At Praslin's Vallée de Mai, a UNESCO Site, see the rare coco-de-mer palm, with mammoth fronds and seeds weighing up to 18 kilograms—the largest leaf and seed in the tree kingdom. La Digue has white sand beaches and giant granite boulders. Swim at Anse Source d'Argent, Seychelles' most famous beach. Explore by open vehicle or bicycle, and look for the rare Seychelles black parrot and paradise flycatcher. (B,L,D)

APR. 24: ARIDE

Aride has important seabird breeding grounds, with large populations of shearwaters, lesser noddies, white (or 'fairy') terns, roseate terns, sooty terns, tropicbirds, and more, including the endangered Seychelles magpie-robin. Zodiac to the beach and hike a trail with great views. Then sail to the Maldives. (B,L,D)

APR. 25-27: AT SEA (B,L,D)

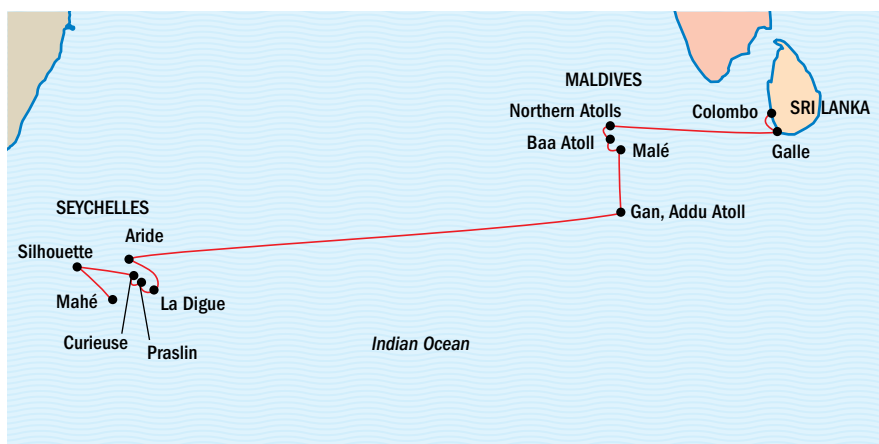
APR. 28: GAN, ADDU ATOLL, MALDIVES

Make landfall at the southernmost atoll of this archipelago, and visit the World War II Royal Air Force outpost at Gan. Swim and snorkel in crystalline waters. (B,L,D)

APR. 29: AT SEA (B,L,D)

APR. 30: MALÉ ATOLL, MALDIVES

This island nation has a long, fascinating human history. Today, it is best known for clear turquoise waters and abundant marine life. Visit the bustling capital of Malé, and explore the undersea at a nearby island. (B,L,D)



MAY 1-3: NORTHERN ATOLLS, MALDIVES

Explore remote islands, including the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll. More than 1,000 fish species, including manta rays and whale sharks, will delight snorkellers and scuba divers. Birdwatchers will find tropicbirds and frigatebirds. At sea, search for dolphins and possibly blue whales. (B,L,D)

MAY 4: AT SEA (B,L,D)

MAY 5: LACCADIVE SEA/GALLE, SRI LANKA

Search for marine mammals and sail under the ramparts of the 400-year old Galle Fort on approach to the harbour. On an afternoon tour, we'll see its Portuguese and Dutch colonial architecture and learn about its history that includes Persian, Arab, Greek, Roman, and Chinese traders. (B,L,D)

MAY 6: GALLE, SRI LANKA

Historically known as *Gimhathiththa*, the ancient seaport of Galle is likely the site from which ivory, peacocks, and cinnamon were shipped to King Solomon's court. Today it's the base from which we explore a bit of southern Sri Lanka. Choose to learn about traditional culture with visits to a folk museum and a Ceylon tea plantation, or spend your day searching for wildlife on a guided river safari. (B,L,D)

MAY 7: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA/DISEMBARK

Disembark, tour Colombo, transfer to our hotel for the evening. (B,L,D)

MAY 8: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Tour concludes after breakfast. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Apr. 20

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day post-voyage extension in [Sri Lanka](#). See pages 34-35, visit our website, or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Thiessen has been a photographer with the National Geographic Society for 20+ years, and is widely published in all areas of the National Geographic Society, including *National Geographic* magazine, *National Geographic Adventure*, and *National Geographic Traveler*. Thiessen was also profiled for an episode of the National Geographic Channel's *Out There* series.



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME— EXTEND YOUR EXPEDITION



Golden light on a pair of African lions.

ADD NORTHERN TANZANIA

PRE- OR POST-TRIP/5 DAYS

FROM \$5,990 TO \$6,990 PER PERSON, DOUBLE
OCCUPANCY

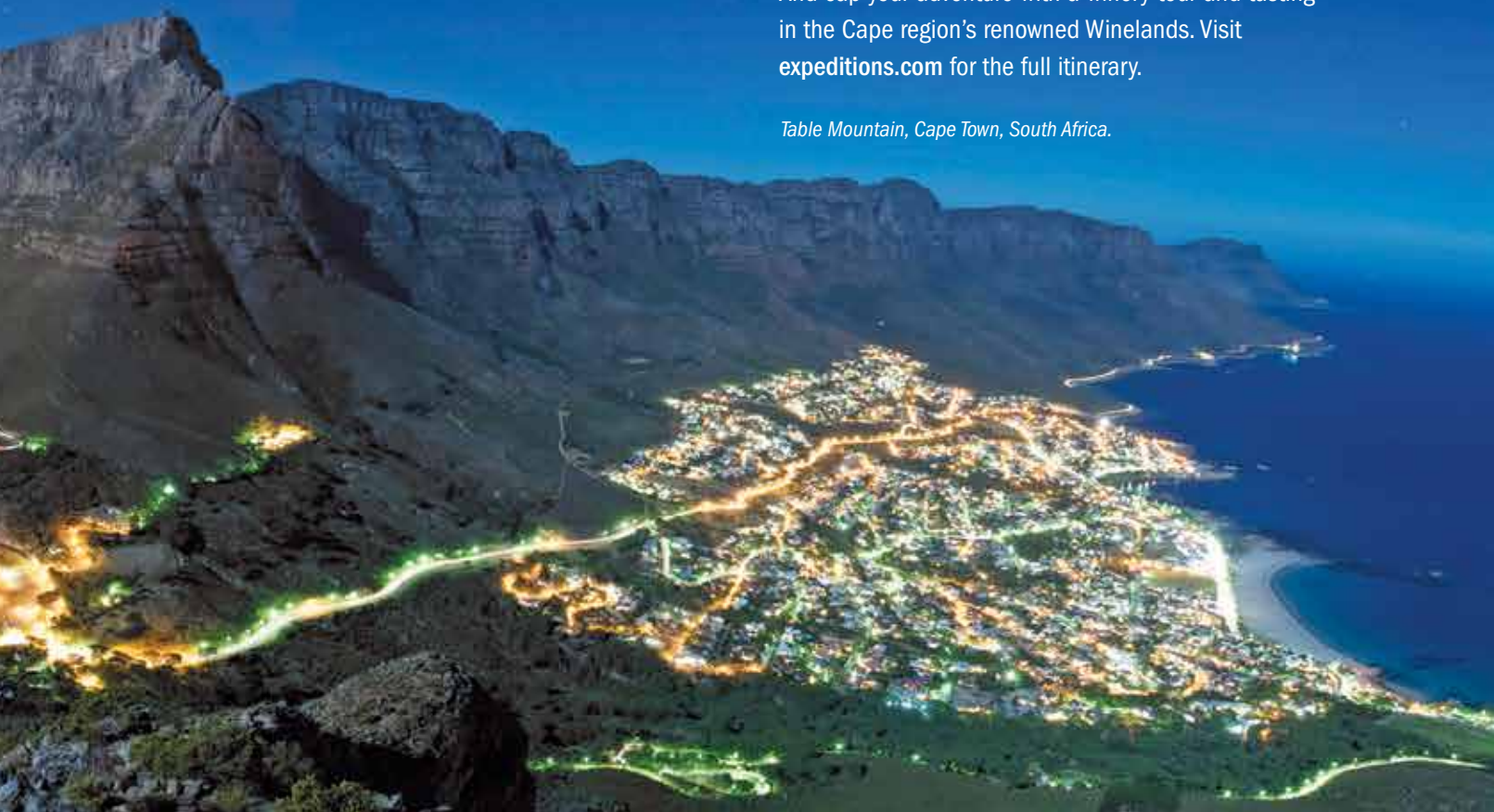
Add a land-based safari to see the iconic wildlife of the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater: elephants, giraffes, hippos, wildebeest, and lions and likely cheetah and leopard. You'll explore plains, forests, and volcanic highlands, and drive through the heart of Tanzania's legendary game parks in 4-wheel drive vehicles, collecting photos of classic safari wildlife. Visit expeditions.com for the full itinerary.

ADD SOUTH AFRICA'S CAPE TOWN AND THE CAPE REGION

PRE- OR POST- TRIP/2 DAYS/FROM \$1,430
PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Spend a couple of days soaking in Cape Town's incredible natural beauty and urbanity. Visit the Cape Peninsula to see baboons, a colony of African penguins and more. Delve into the country's history by visiting important sites, including Nelson Mandela's final prison. And cap your adventure with a winery tour and tasting in the Cape region's renowned Winelands. Visit expeditions.com for the full itinerary.

Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa.



ADD SRI LANKA

PRE- OR POST-TRIP/6 DAYS
FROM \$5,170 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Discover ancient cities, sacred sites, and some of Sri Lanka's unique wildlife, including the region's endangered elephants over six days. You'll explore four of the country's UNESCO World Heritage sites, and get a glimpse of the British Raj period during a chartered ride aboard the Viceroy Special train into the Ceylon tea highlands. Spend two nights at the famous Tea Factory hotel, set amid bright green terraced hillsides. Visit expeditions.com for the full itinerary.



Buddha in meditation, Gal Vihara Rock Temple, Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka.



Clockwise from left: Orangutan mother and child; resting leopard; hornbill.



INDONESIA & BORNEO

A crescent of more than 17,500 islands linking the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific, the Indonesian archipelago is home to hundreds of cultures as well as an impressive array of endemic wildlife. Sumatra, Sabang, Bali, Borneo: the names themselves conjure up a vivid sense of the exotic, and each island is remarkable for its own distinct reasons. Over two voyages, National Geographic Orion offers a multitude of ways to experience different facets of this diverse archipelago as well as the surrounding seas. Explore historic forts and penal colonies; track elephants or leopards on safari and encounter orangutans; plus, meet remote tribespeople, and soak up the cosmopolitan vibe of one of Asia's most futuristic cities.



Both itineraries provide the opportunity to observe orangutans with National Geographic Grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas, who founded Camp Leakey, a refuge for wild orangutans displaced by deforestation. One itinerary adds two game drives in Sri Lanka's national parks, plus an exploration of the Andaman Islands' incredible marine life and unique culture, long isolated from foreign visitation.



NEW

WILD ISLANDS OF SRI LANKA, BORNEO, AND THE ANDAMAN SEA

20 DAYS/19 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$23,380 to \$48,230 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

Search for leopards or elephants on game drives, see bird and primate species, and meet welcoming people of long-isolated cultures who continue to live close to their ancestral traditions on this sweeping expedition. Rare opportunities abound, including a two-day visit to an orangutan rescue centre run by National Geographic grantee and Louis Leakey protégée Dr. Biruté Galdikas since 1971. Plus, snorkel or dive some of the planet's most vibrant coral reefs.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience two game drives in southern Sri Lanka's national parks, in search of elephants or leopards and abundant birdlife.
- ▶ Explore the seldom-visited Andaman Islands, which are rich in history, for two days.
- ▶ Visit Sabang, at the western end of Indonesia, as well as the interior of North Sumatra.
- ▶ Meet with National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas on a visit to Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation centre she established in 1971 in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

See elephants on a game drive in Sri Lanka.



MAY 6: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Depart the U.S. and arrive in Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, the next day. Transfer to our hotel for the evening.

MAY 7: COLOMBO/EMBARK

Tour the city before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

MAY 8: GALLE, SRI LANKA

Sail under the ramparts of the Galle Fort at the harbour's entrance, an impressive photo op. Choose to either visit a tea plantation, for which Sri Lanka is famous, or take a wildlife river safari. Tour the historic city of Galle. (B,L,D)

MAY 9: HAMBANTOTA, SRI LANKA

Explore Sri Lanka's national parks—a wildlife highlight. Bring your cameras on game drives to search for leopards, elephants, and birdlife. (B,L,D)

MAY 10 AND 11: AT SEA (B,L,D)

MAY 12 AND 13: ANDAMAN ISLANDS

Once a British penal colony, the Andaman Islands have long been isolated from foreign visitation. We tour the capital city of Port Blair, then explore the outer islands and undersea. (B,L,D)

MAY 14: AT SEA (B,L,D)

MAY 15: SABANG, PULAU WEH, INDONESIA

Spend the morning in friendly, relaxed Pulau Weh, where we walk among the steaming fumaroles of the Geothermal-Volcanic Valley, then visit the quiet city of Sabang. Located where the Andaman Sea meets the Indian Ocean, Weh offers unparalleled opportunities for underwater exploration. Snorkel or dive one of the island's many reefs. (B,L,D)

MAY 16: AT SEA (B,L,D)

MAY 17: MEDAN, NORTH SUMATRA, INDONESIA

This busy port and capital of North Sumatra offer access to the hinterlands of Sumatra. Choose a full day in the orangutan sanctuary at Bukit Lawang National Park or the highlands

near Berastagi for a cultural exchange with the Batak Karo tribespeople. (B,L,D)

MAY 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)

MAY 19: SINGAPORE

Visit the incomparable, bustling city-state of Singapore with stops in Chinatown, the impressive National Orchid Garden at the Singapore Botanic Garden, and a bumboat ride along the Singapore River. (B,L,D)

MAY 20 AND 21: AT SEA (B,L,D)



Orangutan at Camp Leakey.

MAY 22 AND 23: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Tanjung Puting National Park is a trove of rare species and diverse habitats. While the park is home to some 220 bird species and numerous monkey species, its most famous residents are the endangered orangutans. Board local boats for a full-day excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels searching for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps the unusual proboscis monkey.

Our destination is Camp Leakey, a research station established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Biruté Galdikas, a protégée of legendary paleontologist Louis Leakey. A National Geographic grantee, Dr. Galdikas will discuss her efforts to save the orangutan from extinction. Visit feeding stations throughout the forest to observe these gentle creatures at close range. The next day, visit the OFI's wildlife rehabilitation centre to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B,L,D)

MAY 24: AT SEA (B,L,D)

Cross the Java Sea to Bali. (B,L,D)

MAY 25: AT DENPASAR, BALI/DISEMBARK

Arrangements conclude after breakfast. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 May 6

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

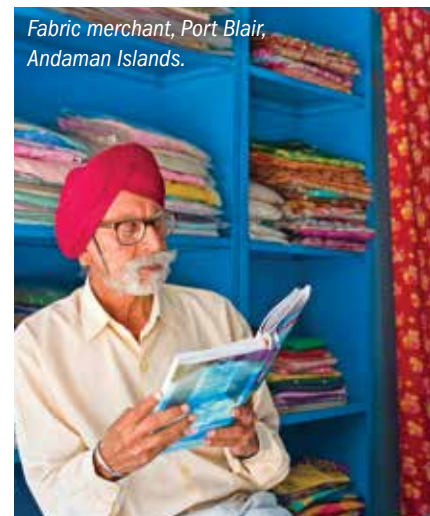
Add a six-day pre-voyage extension in [Sri Lanka](#). See pages 42-43, visit our website, or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer **Jay Dickman** has worked in photojournalism for 30+ years, photographing events as diverse as the war in El Salvador, national political conventions, six Super Bowls, and the 40th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. He has lived in a stone-age village in Papua New Guinea, spent a week under the Arctic ice in a nuclear attack sub, and sunk on a boat on the Amazon.



Fabric merchant, Port Blair, Andaman Islands.



CAMP LEAKEY: FACES IN THE FOREST

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$10,610 to \$22,210 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

Sail between Singapore and Bali for a rare chance to observe endangered orangutans up close. Snorkel the coral reefs off the pristine Natuna and Anambas archipelagos, and explore the protected forests of Sarawak. Then venture into Tanjung Puting National Park by local boat to spot orangutans and visit Camp Leakey, an orangutan research centre founded by National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas—one of the ‘Trimates’, along with Dian Fossey and Jane Goodall—who will join us in Borneo.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Meet with National Geographic grantee Biruté Galdikas on a visit to Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation centre she established in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.
- ▶ Skim through the jungles of Tanjung Puting National Park on an all-day excursion by local boat, and interact with orangutans and other rare wildlife at rehabilitation centres.
- ▶ Explore the incredible array of Borneo's flora and fauna at Bako National Park, home to seven different ecosystems.
- ▶ Swim and snorkel the coral reefs off the pristine, uninhabited isles of the Natuna and Anambas archipelagos.



EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Orangutan at Camp Leakey.

DAY 1: SINGAPORE/EMBARK

Explore Singapore's diverse neighbourhoods, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. Hear naturalist talks as we sail the South China Sea. (D)

DAY 2: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO

Snorkel the pristine reefs around Pulau Bawah or Pulau Lintang in the remote Anambas Archipelago. End the day with a beach barbeque. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: NATUNA ARCHIPELAGO

Scattered in the South China Sea between Borneo and the Malaysian peninsula, the 272 islands of the Natuna Archipelago are graced with white-sand beaches and volcanic peaks, and fringed with coral reefs. We'll snorkel at either Pulau Senua or Pulau Tiga, both pristine and uninhabited, and later enjoy a festive welcome ceremony in one of the fishing villages. (B,L,D)



Proboscis monkey.

DAY 4: BAKO NATIONAL PARK, SARAWAK, BORNEO

Hike dense rain forests and enjoy secluded beaches along a coast of carved sea arches and colourful sea stacks. The park harbours seven distinct ecosystems and most of the plant species found in Borneo. Search for rare birds and primates, including the proboscis monkey. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-7: KUCHING/AT SEA

Visit Kuching, the capital of the Malaysian state of Sarawak. At the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre learn about ongoing research on orangutan behaviour and a successful program that has reintroduced more than a thousand endangered animals into the wild. In the afternoon, discover the cultural treasures of Kuching. Spend two days relaxing at sea, tracing the western coast of Kalimantan, or Indonesian Borneo. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 AND 9: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Set on a peninsula jutting out from the southern edge of Kalimantan, Tanjung Puting National Park is a trove of rare species and diverse habitats. While the park is home to some 220 bird species and numerous monkey species, its most famous residents are the endangered orangutans. Board local boats for a full-day excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels on the lookout for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps the unusual proboscis monkey.

Our destination is Camp Leakey, a research station established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Biruté Galdikas, a protégée of paleontologist Louis Leakey and the founder of Orangutan Foundation International (OFI). A many-time National Geographic grantee, Dr. Galdikas will discuss her efforts to save the orangutan from extinction through rehabilitation and habitat preservation. Our boats bring us to feeding stations throughout the forest, where we hope to observe these creatures at close range. The following day, visit the OFI's wildlife rehabilitation centre to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: AT SEA

Cross the Java Sea to Bali. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: DENPASAR, BALI/DISEMBARK

Disembark *National Geographic Orion*. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 May 25*; Jun. 4; Aug. 30*; Sep. 9

*These departures travel from Bali to Singapore.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension in [Bali](#). See pages 42-43, visit our website, or call for details.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join Ralph Lee Hopkins, left, on May 25 or Jun. 4. Ralph is an inspiring teacher whose work is published by National

Geographic. Learn from Jeff Mauritzen, right, on the Aug. 30 or Sep. 9 departures. Jeff has shot in nearly 50 countries around the world.



Guests en route to Camp Leakey.

YOU'VE COME THIS FAR—DISCOVER THESE REMARKABLE DESTINATIONS



ADD SRI LANKA

PRE- OR POST-TRIP/6 DAYS

FROM \$5,170 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Experience the best of Sri Lanka by exploring four UNESCO World Heritage sites—ancient cities and sacred sites—and see some of the country's unique wildlife, including Sri Lankan elephants. Get a glimpse of the British Raj period on a chartered ride on the Viceroy Special train into the Ceylon tea highlands, and spend two nights at the famous Tea Factory hotel, set amid terraced hillsides swathed in green. Visit expeditions.com for the full itinerary.

Traditional dance and drumming performance, Sri Lanka.

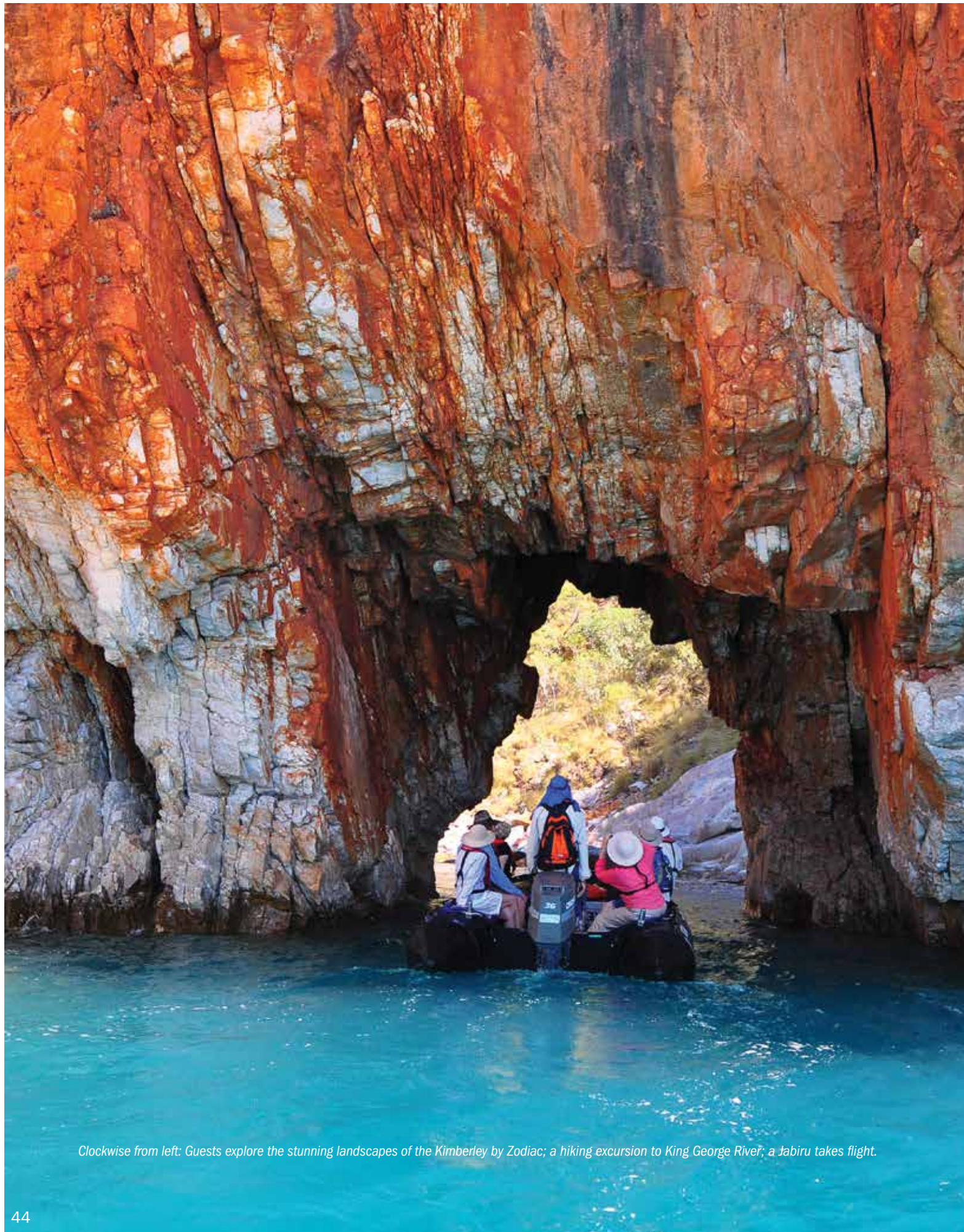


ADD BALI

PRE- OR POST-TRIP/2 DAYS/FROM \$1,520
PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Take two days to discover the wonder and serene beauty of Bali: tropical gardens, temples carved into caves centuries ago, terraced mountainsides swathed in green. Your time will be well spent learning about traditional art, dining on local specialties, visiting ancient Buddhist temples, and colourful local markets. Visit [expeditions.com](https://www.expeditions.com) for the full itinerary.

At Gunung Kawi, find ten 7-metre-tall shrines to an ancient king and his queens.



Clockwise from left: Guests explore the stunning landscapes of the Kimberley by Zodiac; a hiking excursion to King George River; a Jabiru takes flight.



AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST

It's no surprise that Australian Traveller put the Kimberley atop their recent list of the '100 Greatest Holidays of All Time'. The Kimberley is legendary. So old it pre-dates the existence of fossils. Bigger than the state of Victoria. Home to monstrous saltwater crocs—and during the season we explore it, migrating humpback whales. It is an ancient coastline crowded with over 2,500 wild islands, many of them untouched by humans. Exploring it by ship we discover the enchantment and living history of the region that is etched into the very rock. Geology experts aboard interpret the stories told by the Earth's crust. Historians and local experts share the legends of the indigenous rock art of the ethereal Wandjina spirits and elegant pre-history Gwion Gwion figures.



The Kimberley deserves to be explored in the most in-depth, engaging way possible—both itineraries feature expedition teams of naturalists, historians, photographers, and local experts who ensure you'll discover wildlife, vast landscapes, and intriguing history. In the Spice Islands, you'll venture into villages where people live close to ancestral traditions, snorkel and dive some of the planet's best reefs, and see wild Komodo dragons.



KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION: AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$9,160 to \$19,180 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

From awe-inspiring waterfalls and gorges to ancient cultures and 40,000-year-old rock art, the best way to access northwestern Australia's Kimberley region is from the sea. While on shore, a veteran expedition team will guide you through soaring red cliffs, cooling freshwater swimming pools, isolated islands, secluded beaches and river inlets—waters famous for an abundance of wildlife. King George Falls may still be flowing in June, while humpback whales begin to arrive in June and are most abundant in August. *National Geographic Orion* makes the perfect base from which to see the best of the vibrant Kimberley wilderness.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Zodiacs take you up the spectacular King George River, where you'll feel dwarfed by the towering red rock canyon walls, then cooled by the mist of King George Falls.
- ▶ View an outdoor Aboriginal art gallery, portraying images of the Wandjina spirits.
- ▶ Take a scenic flight over the famous Bungle Bungle Ranges, a natural wonder.
- ▶ Visit Montgomery Reef, where the tide drops so rapidly that waters trapped atop the reef create a raging torrent as they escape.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Guests exploring Wandjina Aboriginal rock art in an outdoor gallery in the Kimberley.

DAY 1: DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA/EMBARK

Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

DAYS 2 AND 3: CÔM[^]/AT SEA

Settle into the ship and prepare for amazing photographic opportunities with hands-on instruction from our team. The ship makes a brief technical stop at Côm[^]. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: WYNDHAM & THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

Take a flight over the Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park, where ancient hills resembling giant beehives form deep chasms and long gorges, or cruise Ord River to Lake Argyle, navigating the river between Kununurra and Lake Argyle. See the lake from a scenic lookout, and visit the historical Durack homestead. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS

Zodiacs cruise along the spectacular King George River, with its near-vertical canyon walls. The river drains the Gardner Plateau into the highest single-drop falls in the Kimberley. Early season, we will linger in the thundering mist. Later in the year, we will get close, even under the falls. Opt to hike to the top for a swim in one of the freshwater pools. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: VANSITTART BAY

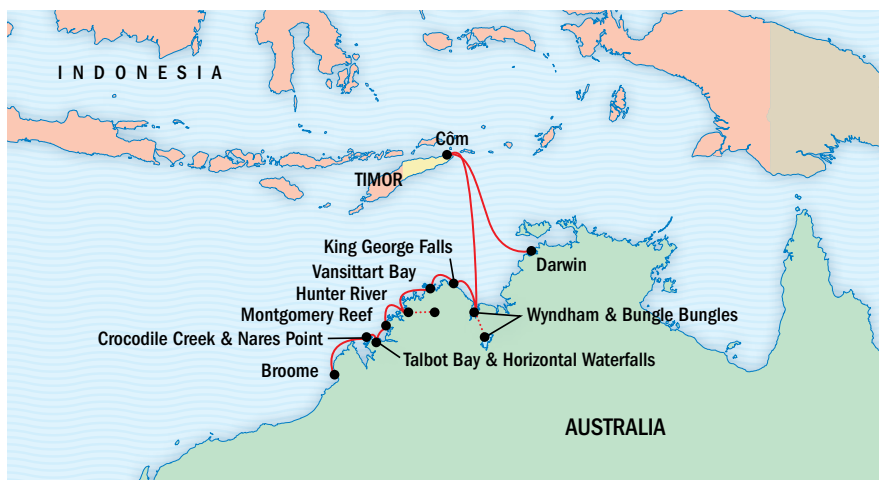
See 40,000-year-old Gwion Gwion Aboriginal rock paintings. Visit the wreck of a DC-3, a WWII remnant. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: HUNTER RIVER (AND OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TO MITCHELL FALLS)

From the stunning anchorage off Naturalist's Island, we spend the day exploring the mangrove lined channels of the Hunter River. Photographers will want to capture the vermillion rock at sunrise or sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: MONTGOMERY REEF & RAFT POINT

Conditions permitting, the quick tide change at Montgomery Reef creates raging torrents of water as the sea level drops and the reef seems to rise from the ocean. Watch from your Zodiac, and look for wildlife feeding on stranded sea life. Then explore Raft Point with its outdoor Aboriginal drawings—an account



of the Wandjinas on the Great Fish Chase. (B,L,D)



DAY 9: TALBOT BAY/HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS

The Horizontal Waterfalls in the Buccaneer Archipelago are created by the rapid tidal fall between oceanside cliffs. When conditions are right, a 'waterfall' three metres high can form as the trapped waters cascade through the narrow gap. Later, explore the twisted geological folds of the ancient seabed at Cyclone Bay. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: NARES POINT & CROCODILE CREEK

Zodiac cruise and explore off Koolan Island, a finger of sandstone. Nearby Crocodile Creek defies its name, with several vertical embankments keeping it crocodile-free, allowing us to take advantage of the cool freshwater natural swimming pool. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Broome. (B)



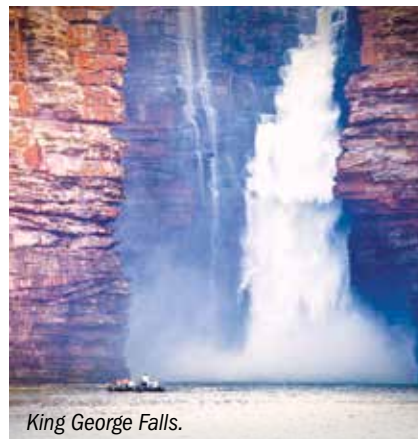
EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jun. 17*, 27; Jul. 7*, 17, 27*; Aug. 6

*These departures travel from Broome to Darwin. [^]Please note the Kimberley Expeditions are made up of two international sailings and will be ticketed as such. One way pricing to/from Côm is also available.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Learn from Ira Block on Jun. 17 or 27, Susan Seubert on Jul. 7 or 17, or Massimo Bassano on Jul. 27 or Aug. 6. See our website for full bios of each photographer.



KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION WITH THE SPICE ISLANDS

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$11,155 to \$26,860 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

Discover dramatic landscapes etched with ancient human history in the Kimberley, and sail to remote island villages of Indonesia where history comes alive in traditional ceremonies. Search for spectacular wildlife, from the giant saltwater crocs of the Kimberley to prehistoric Komodo dragons; see humpback whales during prime migrating season. Snorkel and dive at pristine Rowley Shoals; see giant manta rays, rare birds of paradise and more. Explore art galleries of Aboriginal rock paintings and Zodiac to the base of King George Falls. Learn the history of the Spice Islands, fought over among English, Portuguese, and Dutch colonisers.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the rugged landscapes of northwestern Australia and the traditional cultures of the Spice Islands with an expert expedition team.
- Zodiac up the King George River to explore at water level and experience its towering red rock canyon walls.
- View an outdoor Aboriginal art gallery, portraying images of the Wandjina spirits.
- Zodiacs land virtually anywhere and take you up close to the unique wildlife in this region. See crocodiles, migrating humpback whales, and endearing wallabies.
- A special highlight is a visit to world-renowned Komodo National Park to go in search of the legendary Komodo dragons.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Komodo dragons are the world's largest living lizards and can grow up to three metres long and weigh 130 kilograms.



DAY 1: BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA/ EMBARK

Embark *National Geographic Orion* and set sail. (D)

DAY 2: ROWLEY SHOALS

With abundant marine life and untouched coral, Rowley Shoals is one of the world's most pristine marine environments, where you'll snorkel, dive and explore by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3 AND 4: AT SEA/FRESHWATER COVE

A day at sea is an opportunity to relax, chat with newfound friends, read or attend a lecture, or take advantage of a massage, a sauna, or the fitness centre. At Freshwater Cove, see Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art in ancient caves with local guides. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: CAMDEN HARBOUR & SHEEP ISLAND

Home to a settlement of Victorian sheep farmers in 1864, this area is rarely visited from the sea. Explore the ghostly ruins that nature has gradually reclaimed. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BIGGE ISLAND

Aboard Zodiacs, visit this rocky island which juts out of vividly coloured aqua seas and is famous for Wandjina rock art. Small monjon rock wallabies and the northern quoll thrive here, free of predators. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS

Zodiacs take us up the King George River, home to a wealth of bird species and spectacular canyon scenery. King George Falls are the highest single-drop falls in the Kimberley. For more adventure, take a steep walk to the top of the falls for a swim. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 AND 9: WYNDHAM/AT SEA

These are relaxed days on board, cruising east as we clear customs in Australia before proceeding north to East Timor. Listen to informal talks preparing us for the exciting days ahead. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10 AND 11: JACO ISLAND & DILI, EAST TIMOR

Receive a traditional welcome, see endemic bird species, and swim and snorkel amidst white-sand beaches and clear blue waters.



Explore the evolving cosmopolitan capital of East Timor, where there is still much evidence of its 500-year history as a Portuguese colony, and a strongly Catholic population. See the giant Cristo Rei statue as we approach the harbour. Visit the local craft market and see the colourful local woven fabrics called tais. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: LARANTUKA, INDONESIA

In the 1600s, Flores was an important Portuguese trade centre. As Dutch influence spread throughout the 17th century, Portuguese populations moved here. Today Larantuka is a neat little seaside township with spectacular views. Meet the locals and learn their history and customs. Swim and snorkel off white-sand beaches. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: KOMODO

At renowned Komodo National Park, search for the world's largest living lizard: the Komodo dragon. These prehistoric creatures can grow up to three metres long and weigh 130 kilograms. Later, swim, snorkel or kayak at Pink Beach, named for the red coral fragments that colour the sand. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: BADAS, SUMBAWA

Experience the strong culture of the Pamulung villagers with an elaborate cultural display of a traditional mock wedding ceremony, and a local boxing match. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: BALI, INDONESIA/DISEMBARK

Arrive in Bali this morning. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2014 Aug. 10 2015 Aug. 16

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day post-voyage extension in **Bali**. See pages 42-43, visit our website, or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

In 2014, travel with photographers **Cotton Coulson** and **Sisse Brimberg**, who have shot more than 60 stories for National Geographic publications. In 2015, join award-winning photographer **Bob Krist**.



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Peter Hillary is the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, the first mountaineer (along with Tenzing Norgay) to summit Mount Everest. Peter has travelled all over Australia: climbed and skied the Snowy Mountains; filmed shark frenzies on the Great Barrier Reef; motorbiked the continent's perimeter; and sailed from Port Wyndham into the Cambridge Gulf on an old pearl lugger. In Indonesia, he climbed Oceania's highest mountain. Peter will join the Aug. 10, 2014 departure.





Clockwise from top left: Native fisherman with his young son in an outrigger, Papua New Guinea; Underwater scene; Red-breasted musk parrot.

THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Few places in the world are as kaleidoscopic as the South Pacific. Under turquoise seas, shiny schools of fish flash in the deep, and all manner of marine species poke and dart amid colourful coral reefs. But life is just as vibrant on land. It's not just the scenery and lush wildlife; it's the islanders, too, who embrace their music and dance traditions with a contagious exuberance. The languid pace of life bursts into motion at island ceremonies, as dancers decked in feathers, flowers, shells, and body paint swirl to ancient rhythms. National Geographic Orion sails eastward through the South Pacific on four different voyages, each designed to highlight the majesty of the marine world and the diversity of island cultures.



We voyage east from Bali to the legendary Asmat, and on to the Great Barrier Reef. On the Coral Sea we trace the history of WWII's Pacific Theater in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, and explore Papua New Guinea and Fiji. Between Fiji and Tahiti we discover the remote Southern Line Islands, a designated National Geographic Pristine Seas location, and the French Polynesia of Paul Gauguin and Robert Louis Stevenson. Our final voyage is the stuff of legends: the H.M.S. *Bounty*, *Kon-Tiki*, the *moai* of Easter Island.



FOUR UNIQUE SOUTH PACIFIC ADVENTURES— BETWEEN BALI AND EASTER ISLAND

Komodo Island, Indonesia.



The Great Barrier Reef, rich with vibrant fish.



Beqa Island firewalkers, Fiji.

SPICE ISLAND ADVENTURE: BALI TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS | OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 5, 2014

PRICES FROM: \$15,540 to \$32,390[†]

Experience a prime selection of the characteristic biodiversity of 17,500 Indonesian islands and the world's largest reef system. Explore Komodo, and the Great Barrier Reef. You'll see Alor Island's incredible reefs that thrive in an area free from fishing and float in the Banda Sea, where water warmed by the sun rolls off reefs with changing tides.

[†]See pages 62-63 for complete prices.

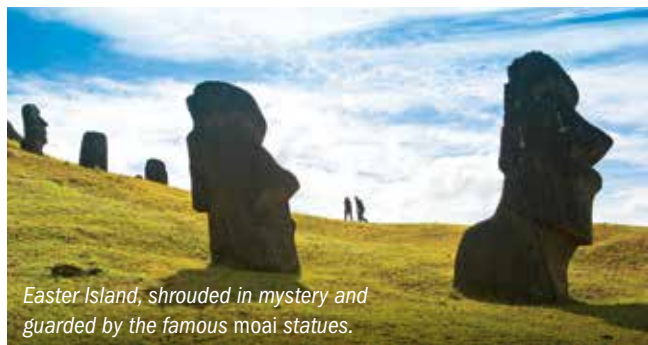
EXPLORING THE CORAL SEA: PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO FIJI

14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS | NOVEMBER 5-18, 2014

PRICES FROM: \$12,550 to \$26,270[†]

Next to vibrant reefs, shipwrecks and discarded World War II armaments now bristle with coral, making for exhilarating discoveries under the sea. As *National Geographic Orion* makes her way from Papua New Guinea to the Solomons, Vanuatu, and Fiji, we'll snorkel and dive pristine reefs, explore the reefs and mangrove channels of Fiji, trace the history of the Battle of the Coral Sea, the legends of the ancient Melanesians and much more.

**\$1,000
AIR CREDIT***
See p. 64



REEFS, LAGOONS & VOLCANIC ISLES: FIJI TO TAHITI

**\$1,000
AIR CREDIT***
See p. 64

18 DAYS/17 NIGHTS | NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 5, 2014

PRICES FROM: \$18,420 to \$38,065†

Discover the underwater canyons, lava tubes, and reefs that lie between Fiji and Tahiti, some of the world's best dive sites and a designated National Geographic Pristine Seas location. You'll soak up the languid rhythms and stunning beauty that distinguishes the region, and hike through rain forests, plus experience the cultures of these diverse islands.

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The spectacular volcanic landscapes of Bora Bora. The uplifted atolls of Fakarava and Henderson Island. The living descendants of the Mutiny of the *Bounty* on Pitcairn Island. The *Kon-Tiki*, and the culture of the people who explored the world in rafts. From swimming, snorkelling or diving astonishing reefs to exploring cultural wonders, including Easter Island and the prehistoric *moai*, you'll discover what Robert Louis Stevenson called "a virginity of sense."

AN EXCEPTIONAL HOTEL STAFF



National Geographic Orion's wine list has been developed over years of catering to discriminating guests. Our hotel managers focus on representing the regions we explore, with an emphasis on wines from New Zealand and Australia.



Serge Dansereau is a multi-award winning chef, renowned internationally for his professionalism and innovation. Considered 'the father of the fresh food movement,' because of his passion for using local seasonal produce, he is a champion of Australian growers. Currently, the head chef and owner of the iconic Bathers' Pavilion Café, he has designed the menus and trained the staff aboard Orion since 2004 and continues in that role with National Geographic Orion. His menu concepts are brought to life daily by our superb Head Chef Lothar Greiner and his team in the galley. Count on them to keep your expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak, and for daily diversity and regional flavours.



Clockwise from left: Orion's hospitality staff is dedicated to your happiness; the elegant dining room; chef Serge Dansereau, the creative force behind Orion's superb cuisine; an appetising sample of entrées; artful mixology and a premium wine list are features of life aboard.

“I am delighted to be partnering with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic. Lindblad's emphasis on the guest, their commitment to responsible tourism and to sustainability assures me that we share matching values. I have, for years, been reflecting the pan-Pacific region in my cuisine. Now, our meals aboard National Geographic Orion can open windows on far-flung diverse cultures, flavors, influences—and guests can experience the geography through the food served aboard, just as they do through each day's explorations.”

—Serge Dansereau, Chef Owner, The Bathers' Pavilion



A GRACIOUS, SUNLIT AMBIENCE

National Geographic Orion is spacious and modern, offering panoramic views from her main lounge and library, the observation lounge at the top of the ship, and her expansive decks. The dramatic window-lined main lounge is the site of lively daily Recap sessions and informative presentations. The inviting indoor dining room accommodates all guests at once in a single seating. And on deck there's the prospect of balmy air and brilliant vistas by day, or the romance of dining under stars at night. And while *Orion* interiors are elegant, life aboard is always casual, with no need for formal clothing, and very inclusive, fostering a rewarding esprit de corps.



Clockwise from top: Guests dine in the outdoor cafe amidst picturesque backdrops; the lounge, centre of expedition community life; panoramic views aboard National Geographic Orion; outdoor whirlpool hot tub on the sundeck; the chaise lounges are comfortable spots to relax and watch stunning vistas.







THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS



National Geographic Orion's private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in rich jewel tones, her 53 cabins, including 9 suites with balconies and 4 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, plus phone and camera chargers.

» TO VIEW 360° VIDEOS OF ORION'S ACCOMMODATIONS, VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGORION



Clockwise from left: Category 5 balcony suite; cabins are spacious, with a sitting area; Category 3 suite; the bathrooms in each cabin have a marble sink.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

OUR NEWEST EXPEDITION SHIP

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 103 metres.

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is the newest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. A fully stabilised, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull, *National Geographic Orion* is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbours in the South Pacific and beyond.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, state-of-the-art lecture theatre, library, global gallery, marina platform, and mud room. Our 'Open Bridge' allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

CABINS: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, internet access for your own laptop, and a flat-screen TV with DVD/CD player. Some cabins have balconies. Single cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks*, snorkel gear for all guests and scuba gear for 24 guests*, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), glass-bottom boat*, hydrophone, underwater video cameras, Splash-Cam, video microscope, and crow's nest camera. All expedition equipment except for scuba diving is offered on Camp Leakey: Faces in the Forest.

** Not available in Kimberley region*

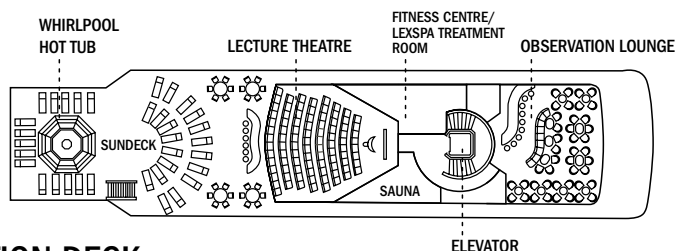
SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists, divemasters, and Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages.

WELLNESS: A wellness specialist, fitness centre, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board. A whirlpool hot tub on the Observation Deck doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates.

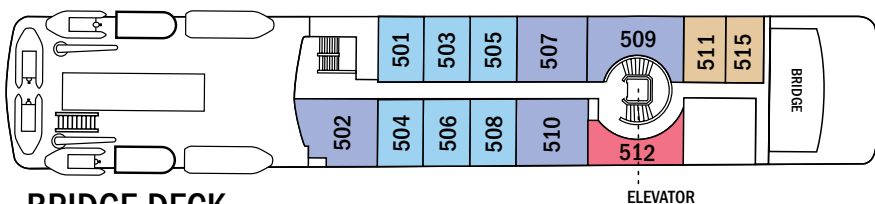
Note: Scuba divers must be certified by an internationally recognised dive association prior to the voyage, and certification cards and logbooks must be shown on board. Divers must have logged 25 dives in total and made a dive within the 12 months preceding the voyage.



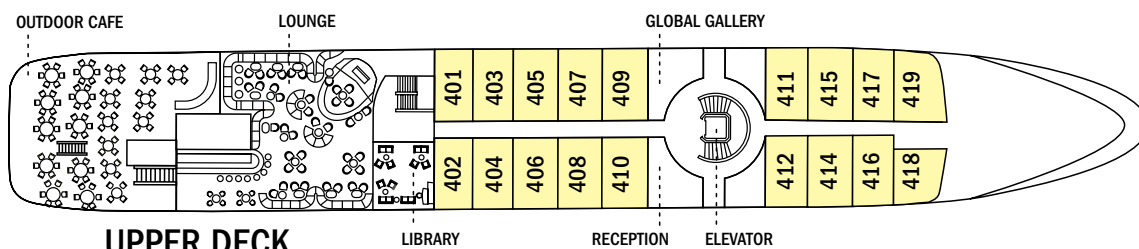
Above: National Geographic Orion's comfortable Upper Deck lounge; award-winning Sydney chef Serge Dansereau creates menus that reflect the region's flavours.



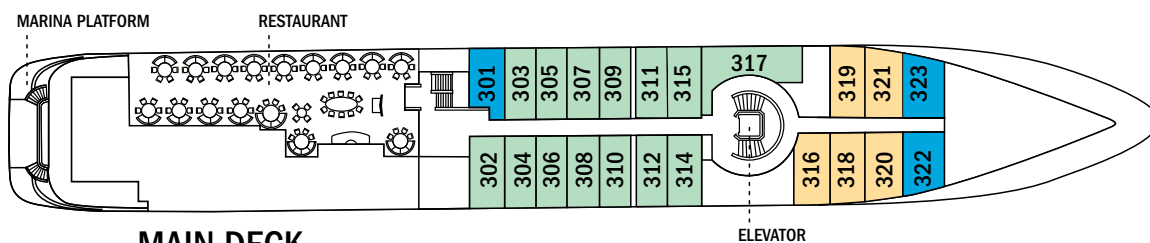
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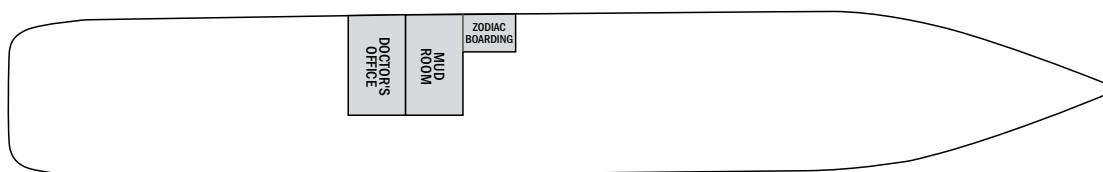
BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



EXPEDITION DECK

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval window
#316, 318, 319-321

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with oval window
#302-312, 314, 315, 317

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window
#401-412, 414-419

CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window
#511, 515

CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with balcony
#501, 503-506, 508

CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with balcony
#502, 507, 509*, 510

*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a balcony.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

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

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Above, left to right: Observation deck; Dining in the outdoor café; Whirlpool hot tub on the sundeck.

National Geographic Orion

Prices are per person in Australian dollars, double occupancy unless indicated otherwise.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4
Antarctica, South Georgia & The Falklands – Page 22	2015/16	\$24,920	\$26,700	\$29,270	\$35,910
Journey to Antarctica - Page 24	2015/16	\$14,410	\$15,490	\$17,180	\$20,610
Journey to Antarctica Holiday - Dec. 17 & 27, 2015 - Page 24	2015/16	\$15,540	\$16,720	\$18,560	\$22,260
Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar - Page 28	2015	\$28,820	\$30,980	\$34,360	\$41,220
Treasures of the Indian Ocean: Zanzibar and the Seychelles - Page 30	2015	\$14,770	\$17,100	\$20,220	\$22,130
Indian Ocean Odyssey: Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka - Page 32	2015	\$22,140	\$25,660	\$30,320	\$33,190
Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea - Page 38	2015	\$23,380	\$27,080	\$32,010	\$35,030
Camp Leahey: Faces in the Forest – Page 40	2015	\$10,610	\$12,320	\$14,630	\$16,020
Kimberley Expedition: Australia's Wild Northwest – Page 46	2015	\$9,160	\$10,630	\$12,630	\$13,820
Kimberley Expedition with the Spice Islands – Page 48	2014	\$11,155	\$12,955	\$15,385	\$16,850
	2015	\$12,830	\$14,890	\$17,690	\$19,380
Spice Island Adventure : Bali to the Great Barrier Reef – Page 52	2014	\$15,540	\$18,025	\$21,390	\$23,405
Exploring the Coral Sea: Papua New Guinea to Fiji – Page 52	2014	\$12,550	\$14,540	\$17,305	\$18,945
Reefs, Lagoons and Volcanic Isles: Fiji to Tahiti – Page 53	2014	\$18,420	\$21,330	\$25,210	\$27,605
Legends of the South Pacific: Tahiti to Easter Island – Page 53	2014	\$17,410	\$20,165	\$23,835	\$26,090



Above, left to right: On board fitness centre; The comfortable, elegant dining room; Outstanding cuisine, accented with a local flair.

Call for rates aboard *National Geographic Explorer* in the Antarctic.

CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	DEPOSIT	NOTE
\$41,440	\$48,060	\$37,320	\$43,900	25%	Includes one hotel night. Charter Airfare: AU\$880 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
\$23,610	\$27,490	\$21,610	\$25,760	25%	Includes one hotel night. Charter Airfare from AU\$880 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
\$25,500	\$29,690	\$23,340	\$27,810	25%	Includes one hotel night. Charter Airfare from AU\$880 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
\$47,220	\$54,980	\$43,220	\$51,510	25%	Includes one night hotel accommodation in Cape Town (on March voyage) or Dar es Salaam (on November voyage).
\$26,340	\$30,470	\$22,140	\$30,320	25%	Includes one night hotel accommodation in Dar es Salaam (on April voyage) or in Mahé (on October voyage).
\$39,510	\$45,690	\$33,210	\$45,490	25%	Includes two nights hotel accommodation: one night in Mahé and one night in Colombo.
\$41,710	\$48,230	\$35,070	\$48,010	25%	Includes one night hotel accommodation in Colombo.
\$19,120	\$22,210	\$15,880	\$21,930	25%	
\$16,490	\$19,180	\$13,740	\$18,940	25%	
\$20,110	\$23,360	\$16,735	\$23,080	25%	
\$23,130	\$26,860	\$19,250	\$26,540	25%	
\$27,925	\$32,390	\$23,600	\$32,380	25%	Includes one night hotel accommodation in Cairns.
\$22,610	\$26,270	\$18,830	\$25,955	25%	
\$32,855	\$38,065	\$27,635	\$37,810	25%	Includes one night hotel accommodation in Papeete, Tahiti.
\$31,060	\$35,910	\$26,110	\$35,760	25%	Includes three nights hotel accommodation: one night in Papeete, Tahiti and two nights on Easter Island.

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***BOOK BY AUGUST 31, 2014 AND RECEIVE A \$1,000 PER PERSON AIR CREDIT.** Offer applies to two expeditions on pp. 52-53, Exploring the Coral Sea: Papua New Guinea to Fiji, and Reefs, Lagoons and Volcanic Isles: Fiji to Tahiti. Valid on new bookings only. Not combinable with other offers. Please call for details.

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS: Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken on board one of our expedition ships. This savings is applicable on voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare.

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

BRINGING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So take AU\$500 off for each child under the age of 18.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as part of your expedition aboard ship and ashore. The only things not included are scuba diving and those of a personal nature—alcohol, internet usage, tips to the crew, wellness treatments and other specialised arrangements.

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Sauna & Fitness Centre
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All shore activities
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkelling, including wetsuits, masks, fins
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

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Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, scuba diving (where available which will include equipment and the guidance of certified divemasters), meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD (where available), laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

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

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Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Direct Debit or Australian dollar cheque.

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

Final Payment: Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment schedules may vary for holiday departures and certain longer voyages, due to high demand for these voyages. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

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89-60 days	50% of total fare
59-0 days	No refund

*AU\$750 will be refunded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

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Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees.

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