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4 INDIAN OCEAN EXPEDITIONS

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION
The four expeditions featured in this brochure offer outsize rewards to travelers seeking lifelong enrichment; who are interested in discovering a place and the prospect of being transformed by it; and who are willing to venture to remote lands and embark on a thrilling overseas adventure with some of the most interesting travel companions imaginable. These adventures will pay dividends in your memory bank forever.

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See the Seychelles history through the eyes of its former president

On June 4, 1977, I was strolling one of the Seychelles’ most beautiful beaches in Mahé. I had seen the telltale red convertible parked and knew that Jimmy—Sir James Mancham, the first president of the Seychelles—was probably doing the same thing. He was not only president but also highly gregarious, charming and a good family friend. When I found him, he was engaged in one of his favorite activities—selectively getting to know his customers: the tourists visiting his islands.

Little did I know that afternoon that I would wake up the next morning to a coup. Sir Mancham left the Seychelles the night of June 4 to attend a Commonwealth conference in London. Twelve hours later the radio was blaring the coup news. Jimmy was very popular, and the prime reason given for his being deposed was his *bon vivant* nature.

I was in the islands on a photographic assignment for *Gourmet* magazine, and was visiting my mother, who lived there. I wondered what would happen and cautiously drove from our home to see. There were no signs of unrest—life seemed quite normal, although I did see many people glued to their radios, looking bewildered.

A few weeks later, Jimmy came to New York and stayed with us. Although upset, he was also philosophical. “One door closes, another opens,” he said. In the intervening years, he became an international statesman, took up poetry, and has published several books, including *War on America: Seen from the Indian Ocean*, written after the September 11 attacks. He was involved in a variety of business ventures and prospered, but it was clear this heart was still in the Seychelles.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union and international pressure on single-party states becoming multi-party, President René invited Mancham to return. He chose to do so in the spirit of humility and reconciliation, and has been a positive force ever since.

I admire Jimmy for his vision and I appreciate the deep friendship and collaboration he developed with my father. They, together with others, worked to open up the Seychelles to travelers beginning in the late 60s, while ensuring that the magnificent natural riches would be protected.

I called Jimmy last week and asked if he could join the *National Geographic Orion* for some days while in the Seychelles next April. I told him if he did, I would join as well, and together we could tell our guests many, many stories of this magical place. He agreed, and I am delighted to have an excuse to go back—it’s been too long.

*Sven* Olof-Lindblad

Explore Madagascar with the top experts, uniquely qualified to share its wonders

Now joining us in Madagascar is a Global Perspectives guest speaker dream team. Just added to the roster is Serge Rajaobelina, a leading conservationist. Subsistence farming and logging for firewood have taken their toll in Madagascar, harming habitats and enabling erosion to further devastate the environment. Meet this inspiring U.S.-born leader, and learn how he’s helping local residents benefit from savvy conservation initiatives. He’ll join Dr. Patricia Wright, one of the world’s foremost experts on lemurs; Dr. Carl Safina, author and president and co-founder of The Safina Institute; and National Geographic’s Dr. Andrea Marshall, who recently discovered two species of manta ray in the waters off Madagascar.

Share the adventure with this ‘dream team’ on Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar.

Experience thriving undersea sites and discover galaxies of coral and life

Love the undersea? National Geographic Orion is equipped with snorkeling gear for all and scuba gear for 24 guests, plus a glass-bottom Zodiac that offers a look at the bounty of marine life with the benefit of voiceover from your undersea specialist while you stay dry. What’s better? As an expedition ship built to venture safely to the world’s most remote places, it takes us far outside the range of local “liveaboard” dive vessels—so we can explore sites few have ever visited. See delicate corals in pillar, star, and elkhorn shapes that have grown for centuries. Swim with dozens of species of colorful tropical reef fishes too numerous to name—then go even deeper to see the Indian Ocean’s undersea via our remotely operated vehicle.

Now, joining legendary explorer Lawrence Blair on Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo and the Andaman Sea is dive pioneer Valerie Taylor, of Blue Water White Death fame. Dive Andaman Sea sites with her that many of the world’s top divers haven’t even seen; and learn about the cultures and customs from Lawrence Blair. On the Indian Ocean Odyssey join Valerie Taylor to snorkel with whale sharks. Or venture to Zanzibar and the Seychelles to discover largely untouched, pristine reefs.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NEWEST SHIP, VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGORION

Above: Dive, snorkel or stay dry in Orion’s glass-bottom Zodiac. Right: Valerie Taylor.
Spend an afternoon with infant orangutans in a legendary rescue center

Seeing large, charismatic wild orangutans—mothers and infants, young and older males—emerge from the jungle at a feeding station is an unforgettable experience, and one few can claim. But encountering the orphaned juveniles and infants under the care of legendary conservationist, researcher and National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas, is an absolute peak experience. We are invited to visit her Orangutan Care Center under her expert guidance, spending time among the infant orangutans—delighting in and participating in their play—and learning about their eventual return to the wild.

Enjoy this exclusive opportunity on Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea.

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO: SEE WHAT IT’S LIKE TO GET CLOSE TO WILD ORANGUTANS AT EXPEDITIONS.COM/ORANGUTANS

Enter Sri Lanka’s ancient seaport of Galle by expedition ship

Among the highlights of exploring Sri Lanka is entering the ancient Portuguese port of Galle and seeing the city, a UNESCO World Heritage site, as it was built to be seen, from the sea. Sail past the ramparts of 400-year-old Galle Fort and then walk its massive sea walls, strolling the old town streets with our historian for telling insights. You’ll discover its unique interaction of European architectural styles and South Asian traditions. In addition, you’ll go on a game drive to observe leopards or Asian elephants; visit a romantic Ceylon tea plantation; and experience a wildlife river safari.

Explore Sri Lanka on Indian Ocean Odyssey and Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea.
WILDLIFE AND CULTURES OF SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND MADAGASCAR

23 DAYS/20 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION
PRICES FROM: $25,940 to $49,480 (See pages 12-13 for complete prices.)

Our voyage is extraordinary in its diversity and scope, visiting five countries and a remarkable number of habitats. Between 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
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Ring-tailed lemurs sunning, Madagascar.
**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2015 Mar. 20

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**
Add a two-day pre-extension to South Africa’s Cape Town and the Cape Region, and/or a five-day post-extension in Northern Tanzania. Visit our website or call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**
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.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS**
Travel with Dr. Patricia Wright, primatologist, conservationist, and one of the world’s foremost experts on lemurs; Dr. Carl Safina, global explorer, author, and president of the environmental organization The Safina Center; Also joining for part of the time: Dr. Andrea Marshall, who discovered two new species of manta rays and who founded the Marine Megafauna Foundation; and leading Madagascar conservationist Serge Rajaobelina.

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**MAR. 20 AND 21: U.S./CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**
Arrive and transfer to the Table Bay Hotel. (Mar. 21: D)

**MAR. 22: CAPE TOWN/EMBARK**
Take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, with views around the Cape Peninsula, and see Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Hear a musical performance by a leading local group, then sail the coast round the Cape of Good Hope. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 23: 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 a steel cage) in Gansbaai (at additional cost). Search for African penguins, cormorants, gannets, and fur seals. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 24: 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)

**MAR. 25 AND 26: AT SEA** (B,L,D)

**MAR. 27: DURBAN**
Durban’s hinterland is a stronghold of Zulu culture. Visit a Zulu village and see a performance of dancing and drumming. Visit the Zululand Historical Museum (Fort Nongqayi). Alternatively, tour Durban’s center. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 28: RICHARDS BAY/ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK/ST. LUCIA**
This UNESCO World Heritage site includes wetlands, savannah, forest, woodlands, forested dunes, papyrus marshes, beaches, and reefs. Look for hippos, crocodiles, fish eagles, and more. Stay at a local lodge. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 29: MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE**
Visit the fortress of Nossa Senhora da Conceição, the colorful Central Market, the Museum of Natural History, and more. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 30: EXPLORING THE INHAMBANE AREA**
Search for whale sharks, bottlenose dolphins, manta rays, and turtles—and snorkel with the whale sharks, and perhaps explore historic Inhambane. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 31 AND APR. 1: EXPLORING THE INHAMBANE AREA**
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**APR. 2: AT SEA** (B,L,D)

**APR. 3 AND 4: 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 lemurs, birdlife and other fauna, and see unusual plant life too. (B,L,D)

**APR. 5: MORONDAVA/AVENUE OF THE BAOBABS**
See the renowned “Avenue of the Baobabs.” These trees can grow to 100 feet. (B,L,D)

**APR. 6: AT SEA** (B,L,D)

**APR. 7: MAHAJANGA/ANKARAFANTSIFA NATIONAL PARK, MADAGASCAR**
Drive from Mahajanga to Ankarakafantsika. Walk in the forest to look for lemurs including Coquerel’s sifakas, along with chameleons, frogs, and rare birdlife. (B,L,D)

**APR. 8: MAYOTTE, FRENCH COMOROS**
Mayotte is a territory of France. See French colonial architecture, colorful local cultures and a distinctive style of dress. Look for birdlife or dive or snorkel if conditions permit. (B,L,D)

**APR. 9: AT SEA**
Farewell reception and dinner. (B,L,D)

**APR. 10 AND 11: DAR ES SALAAM/DESEMBARK/U.S.** (Apr. 10: B,L)

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TREASURES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: ZANZIBAR AND THE SEYCHELLES

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION
PRICES FROM: $13,290 to $27,420 (See pages 12-13 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 three World Heritage sites: Zanzibar’s Stone Town, Aldabra, and Praslin’s Vallée de Mai.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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Traditional dhow sailing at sunset, Zanzibar, Tanzania.
APR. 8: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

APR. 9: DAR ES SALAAM
Arrive in Dar es Salaam and overnight at the Hyatt Regency Kilimanjaro. (D)

APR. 10: 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)

APR. 11: ZANZIBAR
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)

APR. 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)

APR. 13: ASSUMPTION, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS
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)

APR. 14 AND 15: ALDabra, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS
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)

APR. 16: 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)

APR. 17: AT SEA (B,L,D)

APR. 18: 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)

APR. 19: 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)

APR. 20: PRASLIN/LA DIGUE
Pralin, 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 40 pounds—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)

APR. 21 AND 22: MAHÉ/DISEMBARK/U.S.
Disembark in Victoria. Rooms are reserved until the late transfer to the airport for flights home, arriving the next day. (Apr. 21: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Apr. 8

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
Award-winning photographer Bob Krist has been stranded on a glacier in Iceland, nearly run down by charging bulls in southern India, and knighted with a cutlass during a Trinidad voodoo ceremony. A former professional actor, Bob hosted “Nature’s Best Photography” on the Outdoor Life Network.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER
Learn the Seychelles history through the eyes of its founding president, James Mancham. Visionary, award-winning peacemaker, and author, James played a pivotal part in helping to settle international disputes.
INDIAN OCEAN ODYSSEY: SEYCHELLES, MALDIVES, AND SRI LANKA

21 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION
PRICES FROM: $19,930 to $41,120 (See pages 12-13 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’ colorful 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.

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Anse Source d’Argent, Seychelles, named the world’s best beach in the National Geographic book, The 10 Best of Everything.
APR. 18 AND 19: U.S./FLY TO MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES

APR. 20: MAHÉ
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 40 pounds—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: HUVADDOO ATOLL, MALDIVES
Swim, snorkel, kayak, dive or explore by Zodiac or glass-bottom boat on an uninhabited island. (B,L,D)

APR. 30: AT SEA (B,L,D)

MAY 1: ARI ATOLL, MALDIVES
Snorkel and dive in search of manta rays and whale sharks. (B,L,D)

MAY 2: BAA ATOLL, MALDIVES
Snorkel and dive this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, with over 1,000 fish species, including manta rays and whale sharks. Search for tropicbirds and frigatebirds by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

MAY 3: MALÉ ATOLL, MALDIVES
Visit the 17th-century cemetery, the Friday Mosque, the National Museum, and a local market in this bustling capital. (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 harbor. 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 Gimhaethiththa, 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 AND 8: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA/DISEMBARK/U.S.
Disembark, tour Colombo, transfer to our hotel for the evening. Depart on flights home, arriving the following day. (May 7: B,L,D; May 8: B)

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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.

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

21 DAYS/19 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: $21,040 to $43,410 (See pages 12-13 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 center run since 1971 by National Geographic grantee and Louis Leakey protégée Dr. Biruté Galdikas. Plus, snorkel or dive some of the planet’s most vibrant coral reefs.

EXPERIMENT 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 center she established in 1971 in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.

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MAY 5-6: U.S./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 harbor’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 Jaboi Geothermal Area, 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 Gunung Leuser 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)

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 center to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B,L,D)

MAY 24 AND 25: AT SEA/DENPASAR, BALI/DISEMBARK/U.S.
Cross the Java Sea to Bali. Dismbark the following morning and transfer to the airport. (May 24: B,L,D; May 25: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS
DATE: 2015 May 5

SPECIAL OFFER:
Book now and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew for this voyage. Plus, receive 10% off now and forever; become a FRIEND FOR LIFE. See back cover or call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
Add a six-day pre-voyage extension in Sri Lanka or a two-day post-voyage extension in Bali. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER
Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer Jay Dickman has worked in photojournalism for 30+ years, covering a diverse range of events.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS
Travel with Dr. Lawrence Blair, an expert on the culture, geography and zoology of Indonesia; and scuba diving legend, shark chronicler, pioneering undersea photographer, filmmaker, and National Geographic magazine cover subject, Valerie Taylor.

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION**

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The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is the newest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull, *Orion* is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbors in the Indian Ocean.

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

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All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, internet access for your own laptop, and a flat-screen TV with movie programming.

**Note:** Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512. 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.

**Note:** Visa fees are not included.

**Sample Airfares:**
- **Wildlife & Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique & Madagascar:** New York/Cape Town, Dar es Salaam/
All cabins face outside with ocean views, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Decorated in rich jewel tones, with deluxe bedding, all cabins feature flat screen TVs with movie programming, as well as internet access for your own laptop.

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Bahamas.
OVERALL LENGTH: 338 feet.
PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, global gallery, observation lounge and library, mud room, sundeck, marina platform, and whirlpool hot tub that doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates.
OPEN BRIDGE: Provides guests with an opportunity to meet our officers and captain 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.
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24 guests, glass-bottom boat, hydrophone, underwater video cameras, Splash-Cam, video microscope, & crow’s nest camera.
WELLNESS: The ship is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a fitness center, massage/LEXspa treatment room, and sauna.
SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and a video chronicler. Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages. Laundry service available.

Note: Scuba divers must be certified by an internationally recognized 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.

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Enjoy *NG Orion* with our compliments

**TIPS FOR THE CREW ARE ON US.**  
*Orion* has a large 65-person crew. Tips are an important part of crew income—but we will do the tipping on your behalf.

**YOUR BAR TAB IS ON US.**  
There will be no bar bills on these voyages—you are our guest.

**FRIEND FOR LIFE OFFER & BENEFITS**

Guests who are eligible for *new Friend for Life* status:

- Save 10% on these expeditions
- Join our *Friend for Life* program, and save 10% on all subsequent Lindblad expeditions for life;
- 10% shipboard discount on Lindblad-owned ships;
- Transferability option—the ability to lend your 10% expedition discount to a family member or friend of your choosing;
- Legacy rights—the privilege of handing down to your children and grandchildren your *Friend for Life* status.

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

**Reservations Information**

**Costs Include**: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and all beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of snorkeling equipment and wet suits (where available), use of kayaks, taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, services of our expedition staff, and gratuity for our ship’s crew.

**Not Included**: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, scuba diving (where available), meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry.

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

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**Reservations**: To reserve your place, an advance payment of: $1,000 for *Treasures of the Indian Ocean: Zanzibar and the Seychelles*; $1,800 for *Indian Ocean Odyssey: Seychelles, Maldives and Sri Lanka*; $1,900 for *Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea*; $2,000 for *Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, and Madagascar* is required at the time of reservation. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention.

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

**Final Payment**: Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**Travel Protection Plan**: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damaged or lost baggage, medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S., and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

**Smoking Policy**: Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions**: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions’ and the National Geographic Society’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship’s ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our website at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

**Note**: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change. Under normal conditions, the total expedition cost is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the published price is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event we determine that current costs create an unsustainable financial model, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to pass on these costs to you, to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide a transparent accounting of the reason for such an increase in costs.

**Cancellation Policy**

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

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions as well as pre- or post- extensions. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. 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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