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UNDERSEA AND CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS AMONG THE SPECTACULAR, VARIED ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND INDONESIA | 2014

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SPECTACULAR ISLAND ADVENTURES

These expeditions all offer incredible undersea and cultural experiences. Dive or snorkel some of the world’s most vibrant reefs in clear, warm water. Interact with unique island cultures, many of them unchanged by the outside world. We invite you to choose the adventure that most stirs your soul. These are a few of the many highlights.

- **INDONESIA**
  - Komodo Island: See giant, prehistoric Komodo dragons.
  - Sumbawa: Explore the last Stone Age culture.

- **SOUTH PACIFIC**
  - Espiritu Santo: Dive the WWII wreck of the S.S. President Coolidge, strewn with guns, gas masks & helmets.
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  - Rapa Nui: The stone sentinels of a mysterious lost culture.
  - Millenium Atoll: A picture of paradise, and among the world’s most pristine islands, with rare wildlife & scenes of seabirds.

- **FAKARAVA**
  - An atoll fringed in palms, with clear, warm water that teems with colorful coral and vibrant fish.

- **BEQA**
  - Vivid reefs amid warm, clear water, plus see firewalkers continue a 500-year-old tradition.

- **WAITABU MARINE PARK**
  - A galaxy of underwater color: 298 species of coral and 1,198 species of reef fish.

- **LINGUATU**
  - Lava flows.

- **SAMOA**
  - Tonga: Enjoy spectacular island adventures.

- **KIRIBATI**
  - Line Is.: Explore the world’s most pristine islands, with rare wildlife & scenes of seabirds.

- **SOUTH PACIFIC**
  - Easter Is.: See giant, prehistoric Komodo dragons.
  - Gambrer Isls.: Enjoy spectacular island adventures.

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.

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Dear Traveler,

Beginning in Bali on October 20 and finishing in Easter Island two months later, you can choose from four expeditions or combine two or more, each unique in their geographic push eastwards.

There is a fact of life which becomes more and more apparent each year. The easier it is to get to a place, the more likely it is that the forces of human nature march toward over-development. It's a commitment to get to and from where the National Geographic Orion explores. But once Orion is underway, you will be in places largely inaccessible by any other means than by sea—the more remote, the more pristine. The reefs are less exploited, the cultures less affected, the pace of life less hectic.

So, I believe it's worth the trek, despite the inevitable inclination to doubt the value of sitting on an airplane to go halfway around the world. After all, we're all explorers—are we not? And expeditions are not created to be easy; they are created to be exceptional.

On these voyages you have remarkable geography, a remarkable staff to share it with and a remarkably comfortable, well-equipped ship with which to explore. And explore we will—both above and below the sea. Please look closely at these itineraries, as I'm sure they will inspire you.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

P.S. Just a couple of specifics to focus on:

**INDONESIAN ODYSSEY:** Lawrence Blair who, with his brother Lorne, made a remarkable series of films in the 70s and 80s entitled Ring of Fire. Lawrence is on our Australian Board of Advisors and is not only a good friend but one of the 5 most interesting people I know (see page 7).

**EXPLORING THE CORAL SEA:** I took the cover picture in 2006 on Beqa—one of the highlights of my life: stunning people. And, spending time with Dame Carol Kidu must be extraordinary (see page 13).

**REEFS, LAGOONS AND VOLCANIC ISLES:** We support a National Geographic program called Pristine Seas—an effort to protect 10% of the remaining pristine ocean systems in the world. The Southern Line Islands are considered the most pristine on the planet (see page 18).

**LEGENDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC:** Along with the Southern Line Islands, Ducie Atoll is in the same league (see pages 22-23). We are also working with National Geographic photographer, Chris Rainier, on a program of recording languages that are threatened with extinction on these remote islands (see page 25).

Cover: Beqa Island firewalkers, Fiji. ©Sven-Olof Lindblad. Left: Colorful anthias fish, Fiji.
INDONESIAN ODYSSEY

BALI TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Experience the best of the biodiversity of 17,500 Indonesian islands and the world’s largest reef system. Explore Komodo, and the Great Barrier Reef. See Alor Island’s incredible reefs that thrive in an area free from fishing. Float in the Banda Sea, where water warmed by the sun rolls off reefs with changing tides.

Above: Yongala shipwreck with thick coral growth and immense concentration of life. Left: Experience the thrill of spotting rare Komodo dragons in the wild.
“Komodo National Park is a mini Galápagos of the East, surrounded by a moat of furious currents rather than a wide ocean. Even without a dragon, it would be a wonderland of flying lizards, unique orchids, and Jurassic-like vegetation, but its astonishing underwater diversity makes it a magnet for snorkelers from all over the world.”

—Lawrence Blair, Global Perspectives guest speaker joining this expedition
“I first visited the remote Asmat region in the mid-1970s with Lars-Eric Lindblad. We used to bring trade items, such as knives, axes, metal pots, etc., for barter, because they had few resources or personal possessions. Even today, the Asmat culture is based on ancient ways and the people have very little contact with the outside world. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about their simple, but harsh lifestyle and better appreciate their highly developed artistry.”

—Tom Ritchie, naturalist joining this expedition
Clockwise from top: Asmat tribesman; Traditional tribal art; Asmat chest adornments.
Indonesian Odyssey: Bali to the Great Barrier Reef

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PRICES FROM: $16,620 to $33,990 (See pages 30-31 for complete prices.)

OCT. 18-20: U.S./DENPASAR, BALI, INDONESIA
Depart for Bali, crossing the international date line, and embark National Geographic Orion. (D)

OCT. 21: SUMBAWA, LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS
Sumbawa villagers welcome us with a lively display. See a mock traditional wedding ceremony and a local boxing match. (B,L,D)

OCT. 22: KOMODO
Explore Komodo National Park, and see the world’s largest living lizard—the Komodo dragon—in its natural habitat. Then enjoy an afternoon at “Pink Beach,” its coloration derived from coral fragments. (B,L,D)

OCT. 23 AND 24: FLORES/ALOR
Visit the town of Larantuka on Flores, once a refuge for Dutch East India Company deserters. Explore the biodiverse reefs of Alor and venture to the rugged interior to learn the traditions of its people. Visit a market selling intricate ikat textiles, and see ancient bronze moko drums at a museum. Conditions permitting, enjoy an afternoon of snorkeling and diving. (B,L,D)

OCT. 25 AND 26: AT SEA/BANDA ISLANDS, MOLUCCAS
Amid the glittering Banda Sea lie isolated coral reefs and atolls. Explore these tropical gems, then sail into the Moluccas archipelago. Visit Run, which played a pivotal role in the 17th century spice wars and was traded by the British for the Dutch island of New Amsterdam—later renamed New York. (B,L,D)

OCT. 27: KAI ISLANDS
During a traditional welcome ceremony sample local dishes and learn about the islands’ ancient cultural links to Balinese royalty. Later, we’ll anchor at a nearby palm-fringed beach. (B,L,D)

OCT. 28: TRITON BAY, WEST PAPUA
Among the region’s most spectacular spots, Triton Bay is dotted with dozens of mushroom-shaped limestone islets. The karst cliffs and jungle-clad mountains are home to diverse birdlife, including sulphur-crested cockatoos and rainbow lorikeets. Explore by Zodiac, go birding, plus snorkel and dive. (B,L,D)

OCT. 29-31: AT SEA/THE ASMAT
The Asmat region stretches across mud flats and mangrove forests, with raised wooden boardwalks linking villages. Elaborately painted “warriors” escort us to a stilt village for a fascinating ceremony. Our subsequent exploration will be dictated by the tides, as we venture to neighboring villages and encounter the ancient culture of the Asmat people. (B,L,D)

NOV. 1 AND 2: AT SEA/TORRES STRAIT AND THURSDAY ISLAND, AUSTRALIA
Sail the Torres Strait and stop at Thursday Island to learn about the hair-raising stories of the pearl trade that once thrived here. Explore Cape York. (B,L,D)

NOV. 3 AND 4: THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND LIZARD ISLAND
Spend two days exploring the world’s largest reef system. Snorkel or dive amid a profusion of marine life, from starfish and sea anemones to reef sharks and turtles.
SEE INDONESIA WITH THE TOP TEAM

Benefit from an expedition team of 10 experts selected for the incredible depth of their knowledge of the wildlife and cultures of these islands including Tom Ritchie, an authority and savvy collector of the region’s art and crafts; expedition leader Tim Soper; naturalists Richard White, David Cothran, and Darrin Bennett; director of expedition photography Ralph Lee Hopkins; undersea specialist Mike Greenfelder; divemasters Justin Hofman and Ian Strachan; and video chronicler Sarah Culler.

Global Perspectives guest speaker, explorer and filmmaker Lawrence Blair has chronicled the intriguing customs and cultures of the region during years of adventures and thousands of miles among the lesser-known islands. Benefit from his insight and hear the incredible stores as his traveling companion.

Cruise south along the Queensland coast to Lizard Island National Park, a secluded group of islands considered sacred by the indigenous Dingaal people. Trace the steps of famed explorer Captain James Cook to the island’s peak, “Cook’s Look.” (B,L,D)

NOV. 5 AND 6: CAIRNS/U.S.
Disembark in Cairns and spend the night before transferring to your flight home. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION
Add a two-day pre-voyage extension in Bali. Walk through temples carved into caves centuries ago, stroll jungle footpaths among friendly long-tailed macaques, dine on fantastic Balinese specialties, and discover the history, art, and spirituality of this picturesque land. Visit expeditions.com/bali or call for details.

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Learn from National Geographic photographer Mark Thiessen, who has shot from the middle of massive wildfires and among the monsters of Madagascar.

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EXPLORING THE CORAL SEA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO FIJI

Discover that the popular notion of paradise is alive and well. Snorkel or dive the volcanic, coral-fringed Louisiade Archipelago, see ancient rock art and meet local craftspeople, and explore the reefs and mangrove channels of Fiji in the Coral Sea. You’ll find the remains of World War II slowly being reclaimed by the jungle and sea, nowhere more evident than the wreck of the S.S. President Coolidge strewn with military gear.

Above: Diving near the wreck of the S.S. President Coolidge. Left: A dancer in the Trobriand Islands, Papua New Guinea welcomes us.
“I realized that death had not prevailed here for decades. Almost as soon as the B-25 had died, the sea had begun to give it a new life, and now what had once been an engine of war was a living monument to the endurance of nature. The plane had become a reef, a festive garden home for thousands of creatures.”

—Peter Benchley. “War and Peace in a Coral Kingdom.”
National Geographic, 1988
“In Beqa, they practice firewalking. It is amazing to see them build a massive fire, heat stones hot enough to fry bacon, and then walk on them. All of this while smiling. Nowhere else but Beqa in Fiji! You have to see it to believe it.”

—Mike Greenfelder, undersea specialist joining this expedition
“I first travelled to Papua New Guinea in the 1960s, very much in love with a young Papuan man who was studying in Australia on a colonial scholarship. We married in 1969 and I soon understood that I had not married an individual but an extended family and a clan in one of the thousands of tribal groups of the region we will explore—one of the “last unknown” regions of the world—truly a place to fascinate the modern-day explorer of whatever interest.”

—Dame Carol Kidu, Global Perspectives guest speaker
NOV. 3-5: U.S./CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA
Depart for Australia, crossing the international date line, and embark National Geographic Orion upon arrival. (D)

NOV. 6: AT SEA
Spend a day crossing the Coral Sea, with reefs and islands rich in birds and aquatic life. Join our naturalists on deck with your binoculars, attend talks by our expedition team, and settle into life on board. (B,L,D)

NOV. 7-9: PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Discover the sights of Milne Bay Province, from the colorful markets of the mainland to the reef-fringed volcanic isles scattered off the coast. Visit islands like Kwato and Samarai, and explore a turbulent history of colonialists, missionaries, headhunters, and world wars. Examine World War II artifacts on land and underwater, and snorkel, dive and kayak the reefs and lagoons of the idyllic Louisiade Archipelago, where the residents of each island are skilled in different crafts, including pottery and building traditional sailing canoes. (B,L,D)

NOV. 10-12: AT SEA/SOLOMON ISLANDS
A day at sea brings us to the jungle-clad peaks and vibrant reefs of the Solomon Islands—an unlikely backdrop for the fierce battles that took place here during World War II. Today the islands are some of the least visited, most dive-worthy islands in the South Pacific. Explore the haunting war relics at a U.S. supply depot on Guadalcanal Island, and discover the bird life of Kennedy Island, named after John F. Kennedy, who swam ashore here after his PT-109 boat was sunk during the war. Then, on the tiny isle of Owaraha (formerly known as Santa Ana), we’re greeted with a traditional dance performed by villagers in elaborate costumes and masks. (B,L,D)

NOV. 13: AT SEA (B,L,D)

NOV. 14 AND 15: VANUATU
Captain James Cook named these islands the “New Hebrides” because they reminded him of the rugged isles off Scotland’s coast. On the main island of Espiritu Santo, snorkel, swim, and kayak in Paradise Lagoon and then set out for the Blue Hole Grotto, a jewel-blue freshwater source surrounded by jungle. Ride Zodiacs to Lelepa to explore Fels Cave, whose walls are decorated with ancient petroglyphs, and visit Vanuatu’s first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site, the final residence and burial site of 17th-century Chief Roi Mata. Snorkel Million Dollar Point, where many tons of military equipment were dumped after the war, or experience one of the best wreck dives in the world: the S.S. President Coolidge, a luxury cruise liner used as a troop carrier during World War II. (B,L,D)

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EXPLORE THE CORAL SEA WITH THE TOP TEAM IN THE REGION

Sail the Coral Sea with an expedition team of 10 pros, hand-picked for their extensive knowledge of the undersea, World War II history, and regional wildlife, including undersea specialist Mike Greenfelder; director of expedition photography Ralph Lee Hopkins; expedition leader Tim Soper; naturalists Richard White, David Cothran, Darrin Bennett, and Tom Ritchie; divemasters Justin Hofman and Ian Strachan, and video chronicler Sarah Culler.

It would be challenging to find a Global Perspectives guest speaker more expert on Papua New Guinea than Dame Carol Kidu, a former teacher and member of Papua New Guinea’s Parliament where she served as Shadow Minister, Minister for Community Development, and Leader of the Opposition. A renowned human rights advocate, she has lived for over 40 years with her extended family of Pari Village of the Motu tribe.

NOV. 17: BEQA, FIJI
In 1789, Captain William Bligh and 18 loyal crew members sailed past the islands of Fiji following the infamous mutiny aboard the H.M.S. Bounty. Numbering more than 300, the islands are known for their pristine coral reefs and sun-drenched villages steeped in a tranquil tropical atmosphere. Our first stop is the island of Beqa (pronounced Mbengga), located just off the southern coast of Viti Levu. Dive or snorkel the surrounding coral reefs, go on walks in the jungle, and paddle sea kayaks along mangrove-lined channels. The island is also the home of the Sawau people, known for their tradition of firewalking. Witness this incredible feat first hand, and learn about the everyday life of the islanders. (B,L,D)

NOV. 18: LAUTOKA, FIJI/U.S.
Disembark in Lautoka, and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

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Clockwise from top left: Some team members aboard this voyage include Tom Ritchie, Darrin Bennett, Ralph Lee Hopkins, and Dame Carol Kidu.

Diving off the island of Beqa.

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National Geographic photographer Chris Rainier is among the leading documentary photographers working today and an expert on cultures disappearing from our planet. You’ll find him to be a skilled instructor and charming travel companion.
Thank Robert Louis Stevenson’s tales and Paul Gaugin’s paintings for indissolubly linking ‘South Seas’ with the idea of ‘island paradise.’ We’ll soak up the languid rhythms and stunning beauty that distinguishes these islands, as we hike through rain forests, discover a swimming hole, and explore remote, pristine and culturally diverse islands.

Clockwise from top: The mighty water chesnut in the rainforest, Fiji; Local fisherman at sunset, Samoa; Red-breasted musk parrot, Fiji.
“One morning I watched women pole their boats out into the cove at high tide and set a long net inside the reef...after the tide went out, they walked the shallows with their children in tow, collecting trapped fish. They sat in the water to clean them while the children played. One small boy held a boxy green triggerfish in the air like a toy airplane, then put it in a pool and gave it a push. The fish moved its tail twice, then drifted. The boy laughed with delight.”

“We now know that the Southern Line Islands are close to being as pristine and undamaged as it gets on our planet. Without these rare treasures, these irreplaceable gems, the world would be much poorer. We must do all we can to protect them.”

—Enric Sala, National Geographic explorer-in-residence
Far left: A school of bluestreak fusilier fish swim above plate corals, both common in the Southern Line Islands. Above: Sharks circle in the lagoon at Millennium Atoll, a region surrounded by colorful coral canyons. Left: Acropora, a genus of small polyp stony coral, Fiji.

REEFS, LAGOONS AND VOLCANIC ISLES | FIJI TO TAHITI

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NOV. 16-18: U.S./NADI, FIJI/LAUTOKA
Depart the U.S., cross the international date line, and arrive in Nadi, Fiji. Transfer to Lautoka and board National Geographic Orion. More than 300 islands make up the remote, volcanic archipelago of Fiji. Sail turquoise seas past idyllic white-sand beaches edged with jungle. (D)

NOV. 19-21: FIJI/AT SEA
Our first stop is Taveuni, known as “The Garden Island,” rich with plant species found nowhere else. Discover the waterfalls of Bouma National Heritage Park and a panoramic view from 3,920-foot Des Voeux Peak. Dive or snorkel at Waitabu Marine Park, or search for birds such as orange fruit doves, endemic silktails, fantails, and parrots. Experience local culture in remote villages. Then during our day at sea, watch for marine life from the deck, study our route on the navigational charts, and attend talks by our experts. (B,L,D)

NOV. 22 AND 23: TONGA
In Neiafu, the capital of the Vava’u island group, venture into verdant hills to visit a vanilla plantation and browse the markets at the wharf. Kayak, snorkel, dive, or Zodiac into coastal limestone caves. The next day, witness daily life on Tonga’s most remote islands. Enjoy an introduction to Tongan music and dance, and attend a kava ceremony. On Tafahi, a volcanic cone rising out of the sea, snorkel and dive among volcanic rocks and submerged canyons and tunnels. (B,L,D)

NOV. 24-26: SAMOA/AT SEA
Enjoy spectacular beaches and lagoons, hidden waterfalls and lava-sculpted landscapes. Hike through rain forests, explore a swimming hole, snorkel or dive on the reef, and soak up the languid rhythms that drew Robert Louis Stevenson to these shores. Then enjoy life aboard Orion as we sail east. (B,L,D)

NOV. 27 AND 28: NORTHERN COOK ISLANDS
The 15 Cook Islands are scattered across some 750,000 square miles; visit the most remote of these, in the far north of the archipelago. These are low coral atolls with turquoise lagoons where black pearls are farmed. Visit island communities and discover vibrant marine life. (B,L,D)

NOV. 29-DEC. 2: AT SEA/SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS, KIRIBATI
A day at sea brings us to the Southern Line Islands, where you’ll snorkel or dive some of the most remote and pristine atolls on Earth. Uninhabited and rarely visited, they remain largely untouched by humans. Explore deeper via our ROV. Visit Caroline Island, renamed Millennium Atoll after becoming one of the first places to see the sun of the new millennium rise. Navigate the intricate channels of its lagoon by Zodiac or kayak, see nesting boobies and tropicbirds, and swim above fields of giant clams. (B,L,D)
DISCOVER FIJI TO TAHIITI WITH A TOP EXPEDITION TEAM

A 10-person expedition team of top photographers and undersea experts ensures you’ll get the most out of your time exploring these seldom-seen isles. Photo instructors Jack & Rikki Swenson are aboard to help photographers from point-and-shoot enthusiasts to semi-pros go home with amazing shots. Go with expedition leader Tim Soper; naturalists Tom Ritchie, Richard White, and David Cothran; undersea specialist Mike Greenfelder; divemasters Justin Hofman and Ian Strachan; and video chronicler Sarah Culler.

Clockwise from top left: Some team members on this voyage include Jack & Rikki Swenson, David Cothran, Mike Greenfelder, Tom Ritchie, and Justin Hofman.

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National Geographic photographer Flip Nicklin is a marine biologist and among the planet’s most successful and renowned marine mammal photographers. His photos, which have appeared in numerous National Geographic publications, are nearly as fantastic as his stories of working on assignment for the magazine over the decades.

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TAHITI TO EASTER ISLAND

Explore the coral-fringed atolls and ancient volcanic calderas of rare, seldom-visited islands east of French Polynesia, including Easter Island. Experience what R.L. Stevenson called “a virginity of sense,” as we explore Easter Island’s burial sites, ceremonial altars, and encounter the colossal moai, accompanied by archeologists to answer our questions about their origin and meaning.

Above: Polynesian dancers, Fakarava.
Left: Frangipani flower, Samoa.
“Easter Island is cloaked in mystery. From a sacred village on the heights of the spectacular sea cliffs to the just-abandoned disarray of the great quarry where the huge moai statues were cut, there are many questions and few easy answers, a place that quickly and completely enfolds visitors in its ancient mystery.”

—David Cothran, naturalist
“We observed extraordinary things, from the pristine reef at Ducie Atoll formed by pale blue corals looking like giant roses, to the sharks moving elegantly, like synchronized swimmers, over a sandy patch at Henderson Island. We found species never reported before for the Pitcairn Islands, including algae, corals, reef fishes, and some deep sea sharks that we still need to identify.”

—Enric Sala, National Geographic explorer-in-residence
DEC. 3 AND 4: U.S./PAPEETE, TAHIKI, FRENCH POLYNESIA
Depart for Papeete, arriving very early in the morning, and transfer to our hotel. The next day, take a guided tour of French Polynesia’s capital city, including the Musée de Tahiti et des Îles and the Paul Gauguin Museum. Stroll the waterfront before boarding the National Geographic Orion. (D)

DEC. 5: BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS
Jutting out from an aquamarine lagoon ringed with tiny islets, Bora Bora’s angular volcanic crags are a spectacular sight. Explore the island’s slopes and shores with the expedition team, or venture out to dive the island’s fringing reef. If you’re feeling energetic, you may choose to hike to the summit of Mt. Pahia for unparalleled views. (B,L,D)

DEC. 6 AND 7: MO’OREA/AT SEA
Join us on deck this morning, as we return to the Îles du Vent, and approach verdant Mo’orea. Playful dolphins and humpback whales can be seen, so bring binoculars. Sail into Cook’s Bay, arguably one of the most beautiful bays on Earth. Spend the morning touring the island, with a stop at the famous “Belvedere” for a stunning view of Mt. Rotui and Cook’s and Opunohu Bays. Then we’ll snorkel and swim, perhaps even with the resident Tahitian stingrays and blacktip reef sharks! (B,L,D)

DEC. 8-11: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO/AT SEA
Explore the “Dangerous Archipelago” at Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. After a festive welcome with traditional dancers, learn about the island’s pearl industry, and see historic sites, including a 19th-century church built out of coral. Snorkel among protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a drift-dive. Navigate jewel-like reefs and islets during a day at sea on our way to Pukarua, where we’ll be greeted by traditional dances and learn about the local people. (B,L,D)

DEC. 12 AND 13: MANGAREVA, GAMBIER ISLANDS/AT SEA
Famous for its black pearls, Mangareva is the largest of the Gambier Islands. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionary past. The next day is at sea. (B,L,D)
DEC. 14-18: PITCAIRN ISLANDS/AT SEA
Many of the mutineers of the legendary H.M.S. Bounty made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Visit this last remnant of the British Empire. Meet the locals and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of mutiny leader Fletcher Christian, and see the Bounty’s anchor, salvaged in 1957. Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. Discover the island’s four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology. Spend a day on Ducie Atoll, watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs. Set out on our final leg east, as we sail for two days toward Easter Island. (B,L,D)

DEC. 19-22: EASTER ISLAND/SANTIAGO, CHILE/U.S.
Disembark on Easter Island and check into our hotel for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal moai statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Explore on our final morning; fly to Santiago for flights home. (Dec. 19-20: B,L,D; Dec. 21: B)

DISCOVER THE SOUTH PACIFIC WITH A TOP EXPEDITION TEAM
Our A+ expedition team of 10 experts and photographers ensures you get the most out of your time among these seldom-visited islands. Birders will find David Cothran and Richard White invaluable allies in adding rare tropical birds to their life lists. Photo instructors Jack & Rikki Swenson are aboard to help photographers from point-and-shoot enthusiasts to semi-pros go home with amazing shots. Divemasters Justin Hofman and Ian Strachan and undersea specialist Mike Greenfelder maximize water time on incredible reefs. Clockwise from top left: Team members aboard this voyage include David Cothran, Ian Strachan, Mike Greenfelder, Richard White, and Jack & Rikki Swenson.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
National Geographic photographer Chris Rainier is among the leading documentary photographers working today. His life’s work is documenting disappearing cultures and tribes, which has put him on familiar terms with this remote region of the planet. Hear about his work and get photo tips from him in the field.

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These expeditions sail among some of the world’s most vibrant reefs and undersea sites, including two of the eight areas identified by National Geographic’s Pristine Seas program as the last wild places in the oceans. *National Geographic Orion* travels with an undersea specialist and two divemasters, undersea video technology, and a state-of-the-art ROV capable for depths of up to 1,000 feet, and a glass-bottom boat. *Orion* provides a seamless optic on Earth’s most unexplored realm. And she enables enriching personal exploration through scuba gear for up to 24 guests, and a full complement of snorkeling gear for all.

**THE BEST TOOLS TO EXPLORE THE UNDERSEA**

Left: Our undersea specialist deploys the ROV (remotely operated vehicle), giving guests views of vibrant marine life up to 1,000 feet below sea level. Right: Undersea specialist Justin Hofman dives with a floating sea star, capturing footage to share with guests on board.

Right: Scuba divers jump in for their descent into crystal clear South Pacific waters. Left: We provide complimentary gear for snorkelers on board, so no need to pack your own.
“The island nations of the tropical western Pacific cradle the riches coral life on our planet. These submarine archipelagos are bathed in the warmest of waters, and the designs of life are fashioned like tapestries.”

National Geographic Orion is a purpose-built expedition ship, designed for exploring the planet’s remote, wild places. She has been fully equipped with a roster of expedition tools, including fleets of 14 Zodiacs and 24 double kayaks, plus a glass-bottom boat, hydrophone, video microscope, and much more. You’ll find she is a more than comfortable place to end our active days, with spacious cabins, gracious sunlit decks, modern and luxurious amenities, and incredible dining.

THE PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORING THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Clockwise from left: Zodiacs deploy swiftly; guests ready their cameras for up close views aboard a Zodiac; Our “open bridge” policy encourages guests to visit the bridge, meet our captain and officers, and learn about navigation; Guests enjoy tandem kayaking.
National Geographic Orion

OUR NEWEST EXPEDITION SHIP

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 338 feet.

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, National Geographic Orion is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbors in the South Pacific.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, state-of-the-art lecture theater, 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, & crow’s nest camera.

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 center, LEXspa treatment room, and sauna are on board. A whirlpool hot tub on the Observation Deck doubles as a plunge pool in warm temperatures.

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 must have made a dive within the 12 months preceding the voyage.
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

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.

TRAVELING AS A GROUP: Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This savings is applicable to voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

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 $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 specialized 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 Center
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE
✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to and from group flights
✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

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

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Find key areas of interest like Destinations, Dates & Rates, Itineraries and more, easily. Plus, find stunning videos and slideshows, archived webinars, and Daily Expedition Reports (DERs) for an authentic look at what happens on our expeditions.
RESERVATION INFORMATION

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

Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, 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 $50 per person service fee.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined in our brochures, as well as on our website. Holiday departure dates and certain longer voyages may carry additional advance deposit requirements due to high demand for these voyages. 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. Payment schedules may vary for Holiday departures and certain longer voyages, due to high demand for these voyages. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/ interruption, 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.

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United States Tour Operators Association $1 Million Travelers Assistance Program

Lindblad Expeditions, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post $1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA $1 Million Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Lindblad Expeditions customers in the unlikely event of Lindblad Expeditions bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the $1 Million posted by Lindblad Expeditions may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Lindblad Expeditions. More details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 345 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1801, New York, New York 10001, or by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.

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. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket. Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees.

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our Group cancellation policies are listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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Selected Honors and Awards

- Condé Nast Traveler World Savers “Doing it All” Award, 2013
- Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Award—Top 25 Cruise Lines, 2013
- Virtuoso “Sustainable Tourism Leadership-Supplier” Award, 2013
- Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008
- Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009
- Conservation Achievement Award for Corporate Achievement from National Wildlife Federation, 2008
- Tourism for Tomorrow “Global Tourism Business” Award, 2007

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