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Dear Traveler,

When I look at this cover, I can't help but think about my own children and how nature has played such a large role in their lives—and I smile.

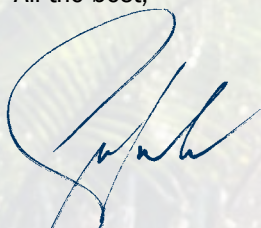
At the same time, we might think about the role of nature and wildness in all of our lives. Is it an important component? Is it something you want or, perhaps, even need?

What is the value of an encounter with polar bears wild and free on the Arctic pack ice? Or seeing the biggest-ever smile on your child's face when she emerges from the sea after her first encounter with a curious sea lion?

Of course, what's contained in these pages is not just about nature. There's the history and culture of exotic places like Zanzibar and Sri Lanka. There are fresh looks at the more familiar geographies of Europe. And there are islands scattered across the Indian Ocean that are so romantic and beautiful that no photograph can do them justice.

So, if you have a spare week, two or three, we would very much like to have you in our company as we explore the world with all its wonder and its mystery.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

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THE NORTH LANDS

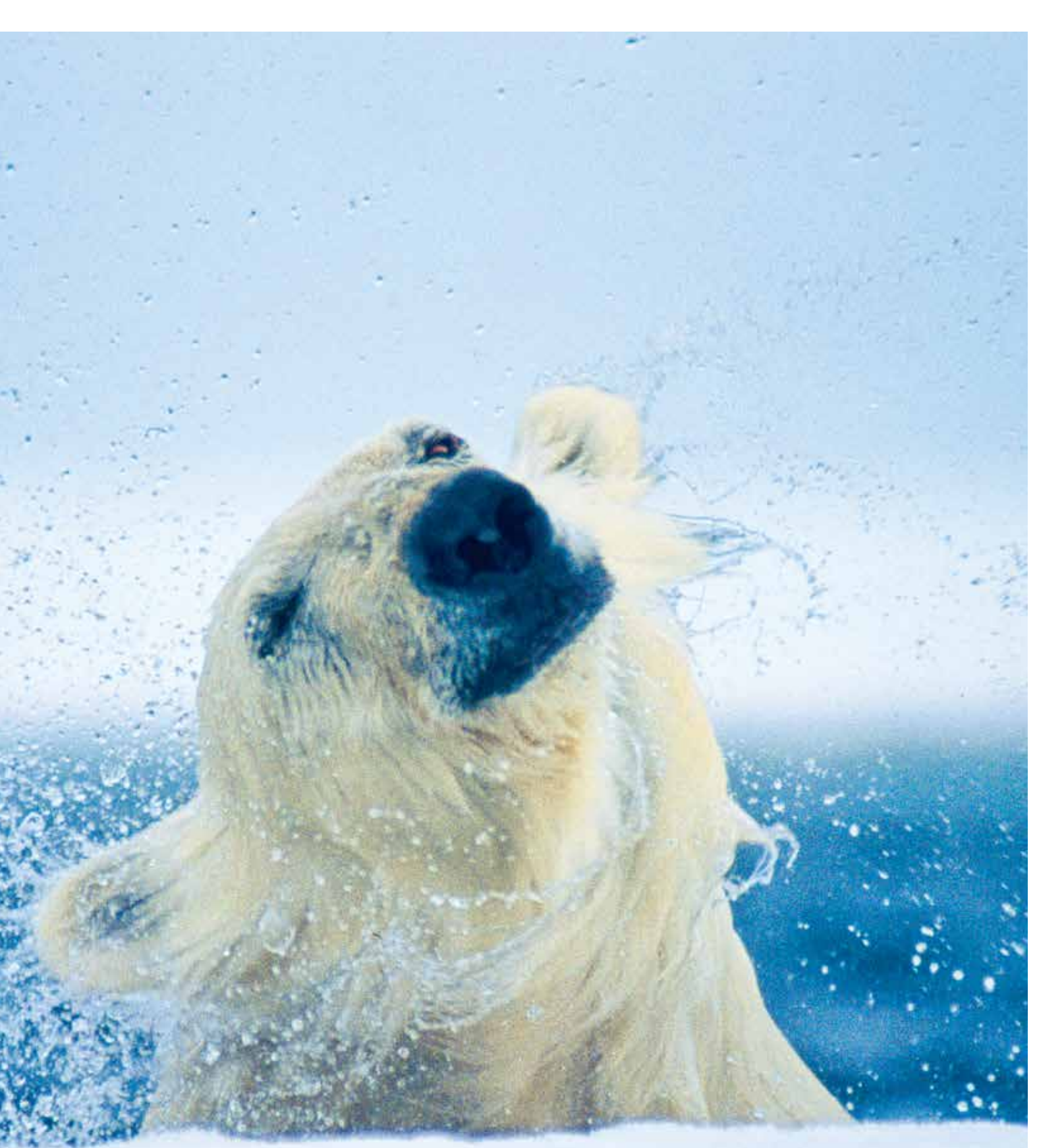
The Arctic merits our curiosity and understanding—and it rewards both. There is no more beautiful region on earth. The poetry of the ice in all its forms and the charismatic creatures that thrive there exhilarate and inspire.

On **Land Of The Ice Bears: An In-Depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard** we navigate familiar waters. Our expedition teams consistently deliver the thrill of polar bear encounters for you—from young curious males to mother's calmly resting on floes in full view of us while their cubs tumble and roll. **Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard** adds Norway's slender, high-walled, utterly beautiful fjords and charming coastal villages to the pulse-quickenning wildness of Svalbard's scenery and wildlife. Choose **Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland's East Coast** and we'll follow the ice leads to exciting discoveries in three iconic Arctic regions. Count on wildlife; virtually animate icebergs and glaciers; intriguing native villages; and a soak in Reykjavik's Blue Lagoon as a finale.

Riveted by The History Channel's *Vikings* series, the sagas, or the annals of exploration? Then **Along The Viking Trail: From Iceland To Greenland** is your expedition, as we visit fascinating Viking sites and settlements, and explore the immense Láttrabjarg cliffs on Iceland's wild western coast and eastern Greenland's ice-thronged fjords.

What yearning draws explorers inexorably north? Discover for yourself on **Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic** as we venture deep into the rugged fjords of Greenland to navigate the mouth of the Northwest Passage and speculate. Or join us on our ambitious new **Epic 80° N expedition** where we aim to go where few have: the furthest north yet.





See polar bears from the safety of our ship, thanks to our naturalists, who are simply the best in the industry at spotting bears.

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

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$9,440 to \$17,460 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

A high Arctic archipelago situated between Norway and the North Pole, Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, massive sheets of ice, and magnificent polar bears. Travel under the midnight sun aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*, and experience nature in its purest form.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—the polar bear—and observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
- ▶ Take naturalist-led walks, and cruise among beautiful icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.
- ▶ Experience the legendary midnight sun: the ethereal light of the northern summer, when the sun never sets.
- ▶ Watch for walruses, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Ace spotters, our veteran expedition leader and 8 naturalists are your best assurance of seeing polar bears in their native habitat,

on the ice. Our undersea specialist will reveal the deep, and the National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard will see to it that you get your shots, while the video chronicler creates a lasting record of your voyage.

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

A mother polar bear with her two cubs.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Depart on an overnight flight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the Thon Hotel Bristol (or similar). Explore this charming city, stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen.

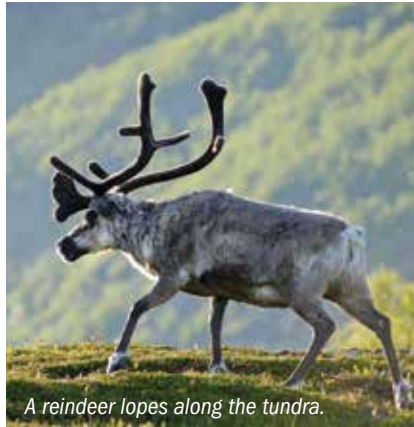
DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of discovery, and our travel in the archipelago is exploratory by design. In a region ruled not by humans, but by polar bears, we let nature guide our course. Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer midnight sun never sets. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe the ice in search of wildlife; our exact day-to-day itinerary remains flexible, depending on local ice and weather conditions. Zodiacs and kayaks take us closer to experience the region's geologic features and the wildlife that flourishes during the summer months. With our National Geographic photographer and a seasoned naturalist staff, venture to

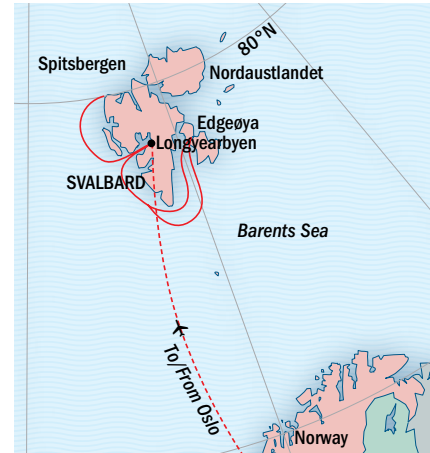
the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; and search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walrus, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. (B,L,D)



A reindeer lopes along the tundra.

DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

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

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

DATES: 2015 Jun. 1, 8, 15

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to [Norway's Fjords](#), or a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland](#). Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

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

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with award-winning nature photographer and filmmaker [Rich Reid](#), Jun. 8 & 15, 2015. [Learn more at \[expeditions.com/photo\]\(http://expeditions.com/photo\)](#)



Guests observe walrus.



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Kayakers off Svalbard's pristine coast.

NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

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

PRICES FROM: \$15,170 TO \$27,750 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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*National Geographic Explorer
in Trollfjord, Norway.*

MAY 19 AND 20: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)/EMBARK

Fly overnight to the Hanseatic town of Bergen, the gateway to the fjordlands. Stroll Bryggens Wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage site, before embarkation. (May 20: L,D)

MAY 21: NORDFJORD

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



Nordfjord.

MAY 22: SMØLA

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

MAY 23 AND 24: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

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

MAY 25: LOFOTEN ISLANDS

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

MAY 26: TYSFJORDEN

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

MAY 27: TROMSØ

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

MAY 28: BEAR ISLAND

Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, guillemots and gulls. (B,L,D)

MAY 29-JUN. 2: EXPLORING SVALBARD

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



Mother and cub.

JUN. 3: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

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

JUN. 4: OSLO/U.S. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 May 19

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Captain Alfred S. McLaren "has probably spent more time than anyone else beneath the earth's northern ice, measuring its thickness, investigating its life and mapping the plains, crags and fissure of its seabed," reads *The New York Times*.



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SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

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

PRICES FROM: \$13,820 to \$25,230 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

A walrus flicks his huge tusks.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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

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

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



JUN. 22 AND 23: U.S. FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSLO, NORWAY

Fly overnight to Oslo. On arrival, check into the Thon Hotel Bristol (or similar) and explore this charming city. Stroll amid Oslo's famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian polar explorers Nansen and Amundsen.

JUN. 24: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

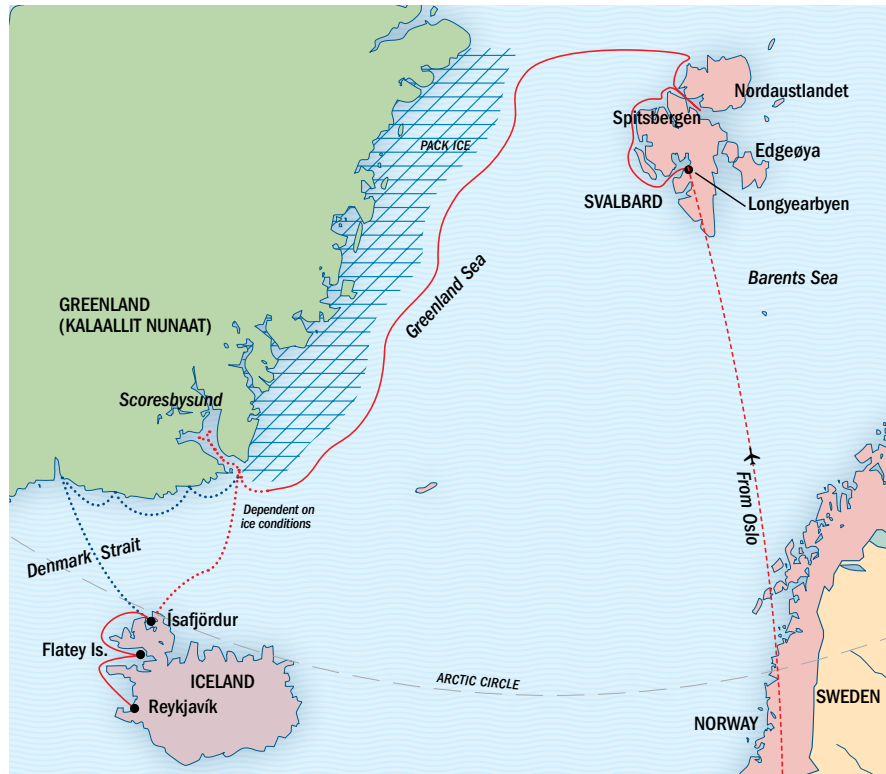
JUN. 25-JUL. 7: EXPLORING SVALBARD, GREENLAND & ICELAND

Our itinerary, in keeping with the nature of an expedition, will be a thoughtfully considered framework based on our experience in this dynamic arctic region. We'll take advantage of our 'human resources'—our experienced captain, expedition leader and naturalists—as well as our technological resources. Armed with the latest satellite imagery, we'll chart where the ice is impenetrable, and where there are leads guiding us to exciting discoveries. We have an ice-strengthened hull and forward-searching sonar, plus agile Zodiacs and kayaks, allowing us to make forays among the icebergs. The undersea specialist will deploy the ROV, bringing back imagery few, if any, have ever seen. And with unforgettable days in the ice, and two professional photographers on board, you'll get your best photos ever.



Polar bear.

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



Svalbard's wonders are a prelude to discoveries on unknown shores, following the ice's edge. Our quest is to discover the Arctic's grand wilderness. Be on deck as our captain navigates between icebergs that drift from the calving glaciers. And if the ice yields, we'll aim for Scoresbysund, on the east coast of Greenland, awakening from winter's icy grip. If the ice is unrelenting, we'll explore a bit further south where there are spectacular fjords reliably ice-free at this time of year, as well as intriguing native villages such as Tasiilaq where Lars-Eric Lindblad took intrepid travelers dog-sledding 40 years ago.

Our journey ends on the west coast of Iceland: the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills; Flatey Island, a former trading post; and Ísafjörður, a picture postcard of Icelandic life. (B,L,D)

JUL. 8: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

We'll see Iceland's capital, Reykjavik for a guided overview of the old town, visit the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths, and have lunch prior to our flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Jun. 22

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Mar. 31, 2015** to receive complimentary charter airfare (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a five-day pre-voyage extension to the [Norwegian Fjords](#), a four-day post-voyage to [Iceland](#), or a one-day post-voyage extension to [Reykjavik's Golden Circle](#). Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

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



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

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ALONG THE VIKING TRAIL: FROM ICELAND TO GREENLAND

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$10,580 to \$19,550 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

Centuries ago, Erik the Red became the first European to visit Greenland. In 1972 Lars-Eric Lindblad pioneered expeditions to the icy country. Feel the stir of your inner Viking aboard *National Geographic Explorer* as we follow in the wake of the legendary explorer, discovering the dramatic landscapes and rich traditions of Greenland and Iceland. Explore Iceland's western fjords by Zodiac; kayak among the magnificent icebergs of East Greenland; and hike amid charming Scandinavian hamlets. Immerse yourself in Nordic history on visits with our experts to fascinating Viking sites and settlements.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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A puffin on the clifftops.

JUL. 19 AND 20: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, located just south of the Arctic Circle. On a walking tour of the old town, visit Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral and delve into Viking history at the National Museum, with its Viking treasures. Embark our ship. (Jul. 20: L,D)

JUL. 21: THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

National Geographic Explorer navigates Iceland's wild western frontier, sailing past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to Flatey Island, a trading post for centuries, for walks in the village and explorations of the coast by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

JUL. 22: CROSSING THE DENMARK STRAIT

Crossing to Greenland, *National Geographic Explorer* follows in the wake of Eric the Red and Brendan the Navigator. Watch for whales as we cross. (B,L,D)

JUL. 23: EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND

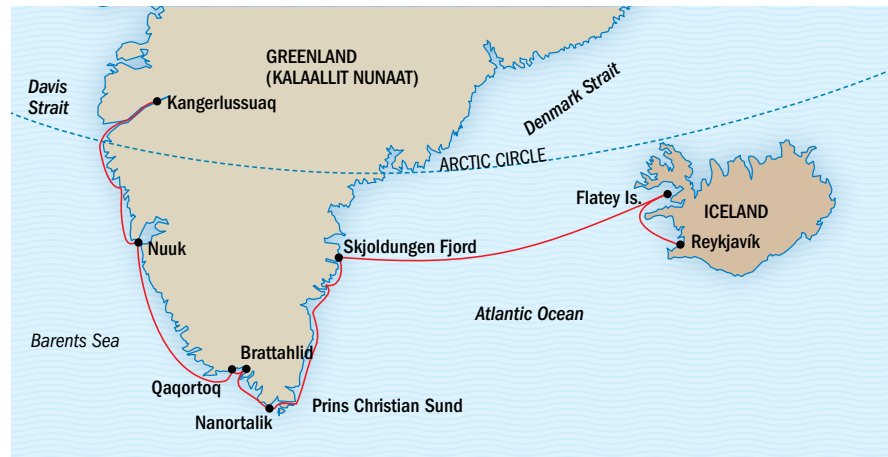
The Greenland Ice Sheet is the second largest ice body in the world, after the Antarctic ice sheet, roughly 80% of the surface of Greenland. The high arctic-like climate is dominated by ice floes. Among the options for exploration are landings at Skjoldungen fjord or Napasorsuaq fjord. We'll use our tools for exploration to the fullest, taking Zodiac or kayak forays among the icebergs and deploying our ROV. (B,L,D)

JUL. 24: PRINS CHRISTIAN SUND & NANORTALIK

Prins Christian Sund is a fjord on the southern coast of Greenland. Surrounded by mountain pinnacles and glaciers, the decks are perfect for viewing this landscape. Anchor off Nanortalik, Greenland's most southerly town. Go ashore to the picturesque town. (B,L,D)

JUL. 25: HVALSEY RUINS (QAQORTUKULOQ) & QAQORTOQ

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



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

JUL. 26: BRATTAHLID/ERIKSFORD

Eriksfjord is the area that Erik the Red chose for his farm when he settled here in 982 AD. You'll explore Brattahlid, site of the first Christian church in the western hemisphere, built by Erik's wife, Tjodhilde. This region is also the starting point of the first voyages to North America by his son, Leif Eriksson, 500 years before Columbus. (B,L,D)

JUL. 27: NUUK

Nuuk is the world's smallest capital city with 15,000 inhabitants. Visit the National Museum with its famous 15th-century Qilakitsoq mummies, found near Uumannaq and the subject of a *National Geographic* cover story. (B,L,D)

JUL. 28: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Today is for exploration. Take a Zodiac cruise, kayak, or hike across the tundra. Our undersea specialist may launch the ROV to see the marine life inhabiting the fjord floor. (B,L,D)

JUL. 29 AND 30: KANGERLUSSUAQ/ DISEMBARK/FLY TO OTTAWA/U.S.

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and fly to Ottawa via chartered aircraft. Overnight at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, or similar, and fly home. (Jul. 29: B,L; Jul. 30: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Jul. 19

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Mar. 31, 2015** to receive complimentary charter airfare (Kangerlussuaq to Ottawa)—a \$1,200 value. Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a 3-day pre-voyage extension [Iceland's Wonders](#), or a 1-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#). See our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Westergren, Director of Photography for *National Geographic Traveler*.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Dennis Dimick, Executive Editor of *National Geographic*, oversees reporting of the effects of climate change.



NEW

EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

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

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 TO \$24,790 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Arctic, a land where polar bears roam, walruses loll, and hardy Inuit communities maintain their traditional way of life. Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, trace the rugged fjords of Greenland and navigate the mouth of Canada's legendary Northwest Passage. Spot polar bears on the pack ice, watch for a wide variety of whales—from minke and bowhead whales to the rare narwhal. Get up close to massive glaciers, and hike the wild islands that dot Canada's northern shores.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- ▶ Discover the incredible wildlife and landscapes of the Canadian High Arctic.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, walruses, ringed seals and, with luck, narwhals in their natural habitat.

An inquisitive polar bear.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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

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DAY 1: U.S./OTTAWA, CANADA

Arrive in Ottawa and check into the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. (D)

DAY 2: OTTAWA/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK

Fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark *National Geographic Explorer* at the head of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, a picturesque waterway that stretches 100 miles. (B,L,D)

Bethel church in Sisimiut.

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

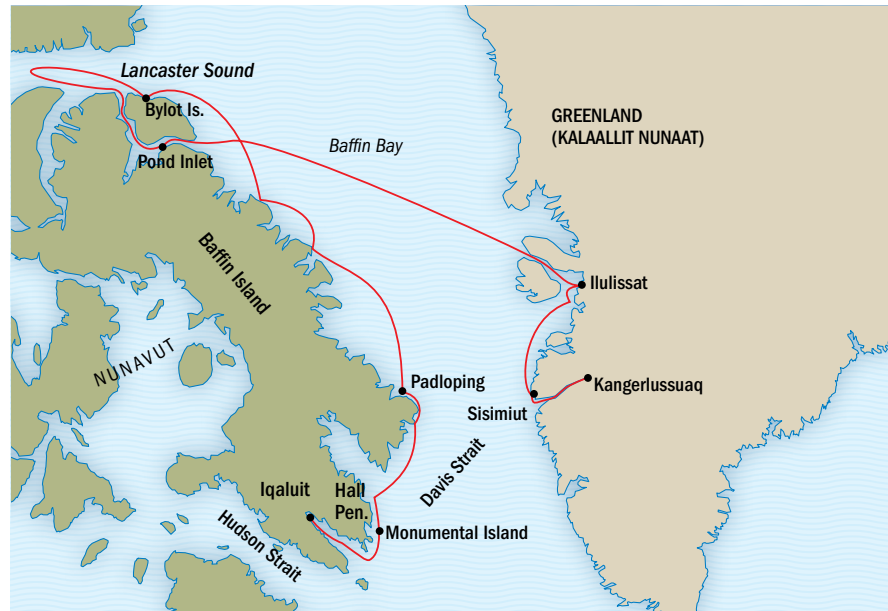
Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. Trace this ragged coastline, and search for humpback and minke whales. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings.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

DAY 4: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among towering icebergs. Explore the archaeological Inuit fishing village of Sermermiut, and view the Jakobshavn Icefjord and its immense, calving glacier. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY (B,L,D)**DAYS 6-8: EXPLORING THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC**

Carved by Ice Age glaciers, Lancaster Sound is the eastern gateway to the Arctic Archipelago. European explorers like William Baffin first ventured here in the 15th century to search for the Northwest Passage. The sound has been a favorite Inuit hunting and fishing location for hundreds of years. Our days here will be spent searching for ringed seals, arctic



foxes, walrus, and polar bears, as well as beluga and bowhead whales. We may even see the elusive narwhal, an arctic whale known for the long, spiraling tooth that projects up to ten feet from its upper jaw. (B,L,D)



Bowhead whale.

DAYS 9-11: EASTERN BAFFIN ISLAND

Using our years of experience in judging ice conditions, we make the most of the eastern Baffin shores. Hike the tundra in search of caribou and arctic foxes, or follow our botanist to learn more about the hardy arctic plants. We'll cruise the coastline in search of walrus and other icons of the Canadian North. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 AND 13: DISEMBARK IQALUIT, NUNAVUT/FLY TO OTTAWA, CANADA/U.S.

DiseMBark in Iqaluit and fly to Ottawa, Canada by chartered aircraft. Overnight in Ottawa at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, or similar. (Day 12: B,L; Day 13: B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jul. 28; Aug. 7*

**This voyage travels from Iqaluit to Kangerlussuaq.*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER:

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



Guests explore the ice via kayak.

NEW

EPIC 80°N: EXPLORING GREENLAND, BAFFIN & ELLESMERE ISLANDS

23 DAYS/22 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$23,990 TO \$45,680 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

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

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

A Zodiac ride amid the big ice of Philpots Island.

AUG. 17: U.S./OTTAWA, CANADA

Arrive in Ottawa and check into the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. (D)

AUG. 18: OTTAWA/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND

Fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

AUG. 19: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT/AT SEA

Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers much of the country. We search for humpback and minke whales, and at Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. (B,L,D)

AUG. 20-22: BAFFIN ISLAND

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

AUG. 23-25: THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

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

AUG. 26: DEVON ISLAND:

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

AUG 27 AND 28: ELLESMERE ISLAND

Head north up the beautiful and remote east coast of Ellesmere Island, where *Explorer* first

ventured last season. Cruise along scenic Smith Bay bordered by steep mountains and tumbling glacial ice. Search for polar bears on the ice from the ship's deck and go ashore to hike or kayak in picturesque surroundings. Explore Skraeling Island, an important archaeological find that shows the Norse once traded with the native Inuit here at Ellesmere. Last season we also discovered unexpectedly the remains of a Thule encampment. (B,L,D)

AUG. 29 AND 30: FARTHER NORTH

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

AUG. 31-SEP. 3: NORTHWEST GREENLAND

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

SEP. 4: UUMMANNAQ

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



Polar bear.

**SEP. 5: ILULISSAT**

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

SEP. 6: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Our final day in the scenic fjords north of Sondre Stromfjord offers Zodiac cruising, kayaking, or a hike across the tundra. (B,L,D)

SEP. 7: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, and fly by charter to Reykjavik for stunning views over the Greenland icecap. Check in to the Natura Hotel or the Hilton Nordica. (B,L,D)

SEP. 8: REYKJAVÍK/U.S.

Have a guided view of Iceland's lively capital city, Reykjavik. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon's thermal baths prior to flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: Aug. 17, 2015

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a 3-day post-voyage to [Iceland](#), or a one-day-post-voyage extension to [Reykjavik's Golden Circle](#). Visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

The National Geographic photographer is available to give advice and inspire guests.

Learn more at expeditions.com/photo

ICONIC WILDNESS

Wildness. It's a quality of un-dominion, of the unfettered freedom and native sovereignty of the natural kingdom. And contact with wildness is vitalizing to the human spirit.

Travel with us to **Galápagos** where the dramatic landscape sets the stage for the spectacle of animal life, played out with a thrilling disregard for us, the human audience. Instead of keeping a distance, the animals simply carry on: granting us permission to be curious, up-close, and respectfully marveling. Take advantage of your proximity to add **Machu Picchu** to your Galápagos expedition and see what an ancient race masterfully carved out of wild jungle.

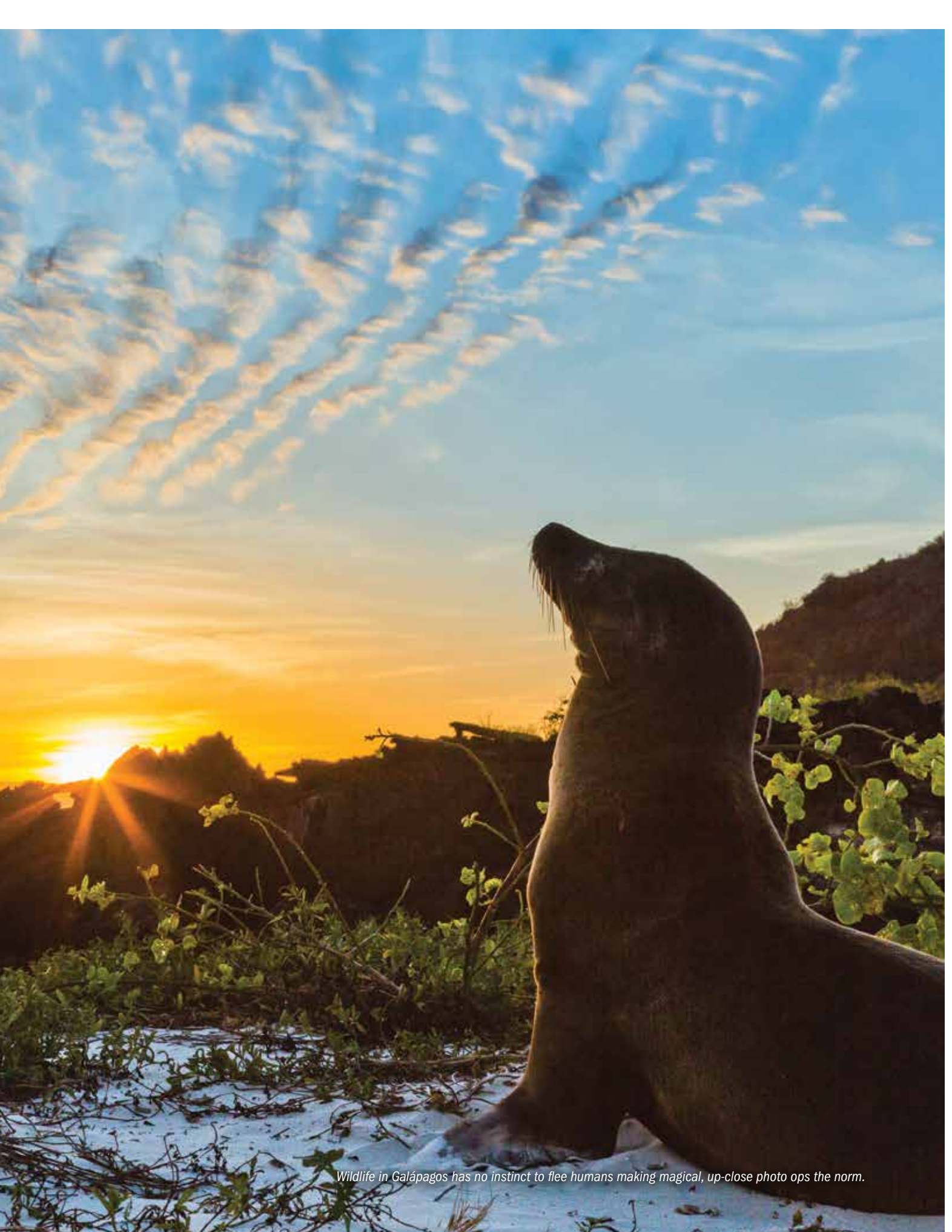
Choose to explore **Alaska** with us, and you'll experience the pure power of primal wilderness: crystalline water shattering with breaching humpbacks, blue-veined glaciers thunderously calving, and brown bears foraging shorelines. Venture farther to visit the ancient homeland of the Haida people **Haida Gwaii** with its long houses, and mystical silvered totems.

The jungle parts its veil of mystery as our intimate river ship enters the cathedral of green that is the **Upper Amazon**, deep within Peru's Pacaya-Samiria reserve.

The **Kimberley** has the second slot, right after Brazil, on Lonely Planet's recent Top 10 list of regions to visit in 2014 but few Americans have yet discovered its red rocks, colossal waterfalls, and haunting cave drawings. Or get the best of two worlds: our **Kimberley with the Spice Islands** expedition adds the opportunity to dive at legendary Rowley Shoals, komodo dragons, giant manta rays and rare birds of paradise to the pantheon of adventurous possibilities.

FAMILY NOTE: Families can heed the call of the wild together on all our expeditions. Our Galápagos and Alaska expeditions, however, feature a specific kids' program capable of transforming young lives, through learning layered on to the shared fun.





Wildlife in Galápagos has no instinct to flee humans making magical, up-close photo ops the norm.

GALÁPAGOS

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

PRICES FROM: \$6,290 to \$12,850 (See pages 62-63 for complete prices.)

It's different in Galápagos, *"a little world within itself,"* as Darwin described it, where magical encounters with animals—curious, or sublimely indifferent to our presence—happen like nowhere else on earth. Each island is different. The undersea offers you a remarkable experience. And when you explore with us you experience it all, in a different, more in-depth way than any other company can offer.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Snorkel amid shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions.
- ▶ Cruise to pristine islands, and walk among colonies of wildlife and birds unfazed by your presence.
- ▶ Observe rare giant tortoises in the wild.
- ▶ Explore the waters of the Galápagos by kayak, glass-bottom boat, or Zodiac.

Galápagos giant tortoise.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

40+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

In the nearly 50 years we've been exploring Galápagos, we've introduced generations of travelers to its magic and mystery.

We're committed to Galápagos; and have raised millions, along with our guests, for its conservation. And we're fully invested, too; the only U.S. company that owns and operates two ships, based there year round. An expedition leader, our team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, wellness specialist and video chronicler all contribute to your experience of the wonders of Galápagos.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.



DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Depart for Guayaquil and upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Hilton Colón.

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board *National Geographic Endeavour* or *National Geographic Islander*. After lunch, we begin our exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

Listed below is a sample of the islands we may visit during our expedition.* (B,L,D Daily)

ISLA BARTOLOMÉ

Walk to the top of Bartolomé’s volcanic cone for a stunning view of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding golden sand beaches. After the hike, immerse yourself among schools of multicolored reef fish. You may also have the opportunity to swim with Galápagos penguins.

ISLA SANTIAGO

Follow a path along a series of tide pools and underwater caverns in search of Galápagos fur seals, marine iguanas, sea lions, shore birds and Sally Lightfoot crabs.

ISLA SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz is home to the Charles Darwin Research station; learn about the science done here and visit the neighboring captive breeding program for endangered species of Galápagos giant tortoises, by their partners in conservation, the Galápagos National Park Service. Later, travel into the highlands where wild tortoises forage to observe and photograph these tortoises in the wild.

ISLA ISABELA

Explore the largest island in the group, home to enormous marine iguanas, abundant sea turtles, the only species of flightless cormorant in the world and the only penguin species that inhabits the equator. Cruise by Zodiac and hike against the backdrop of giant shield volcanoes, and snorkel in the cool, rich waters that often draw whales and dolphins to the area.

ISLA FLOREANA

At Champion Islet, snorkel among sea lions, or peer into an underwater world in a glass-bottom boat while keeping an eye out for the endangered Floreana mockingbird. Those interested can visit Post Office Bay, founded by whalers in the 18th century—if you see a letter addressed to someone who lives near you, the tradition is to deliver it by hand.



Blue-footed boobies.

ISLA FERNANDINA

Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza as we hike over lava flows. Galápagos hawks, sea lion nurseries and the rare Galápagos flightless cormorant will be found as we explore this island.

ISLA ESPAÑOLA

See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, boobies, and waved albatross on this birder’s paradise. Walk among vivid green and red marine iguanas and unique lava lizards, and observe sea lions up close on a pristine white-sand beach.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Guayaquil. The evening is at your leisure at the Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/U.S.

Depart Guayaquil this morning, arriving home the same day. (B)

* Please note: Itineraries vary slightly from week to week, subject to the Galápagos National Park regulations. Each itinerary will include Isla Santa Cruz and a selection of the other stops listed on these pages.



Routing is always subject to Galápagos National Park approval.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015: Expeditions depart every Friday on the *National Geographic Endeavour* and every Saturday on the *National Geographic Islander*.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Mar. 31, 2015 and receive free round-trip air from NYC or Miami to Galápagos on select 2015 departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour* and *National Geographic Islander*. Subject to availability; new bookings only.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Galápagos expedition with a voyage to the **Upper Amazon** or **Machu Picchu & Peru’s Land of the Inca**. Or make the most of your time in the region by combining all three expeditions. Visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with National Geographic photographer **Becky Hale** on Feb. 20

& 27, 2015 departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour*.



Kirsta Rossow will be traveling on June 5 & 12, 2015 departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour*.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Galápagos** video.

GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR* AND *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER*

PRICES FROM: \$11,280 to \$19,140 (See pages 60-61 for complete prices.)

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from a historical and archaeological perspective. Take advantage of Peru's proximity to the Galápagos and journey from the islands to Lima. Then expert guides join you for an exploration of the Sacred Valley of the Inca, the majesty of Machu Picchu and the winding colonial streets of Cusco.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk and snorkel among the abundant and fearless wildlife of Galápagos.
- ▶ See daybreak over the ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate.
- ▶ Discover Cusco's varied influences and visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



This expedition has been developed with the insight and depth we've obtained from decades in the region, and the quality of our veteran

Galápagos staff extends into our Machu Picchu & Peru program. Your Peruvian expedition team will be of the same caliber as those on our ships—a team of local experts with in-depth knowledge of Peru's rich Inca heritage, unique cuisine, and distinct geography.

The Inca city of Machu Picchu.



DAYS 1-8: AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 16-17.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the conveniently located Costa del Sol Ramada hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to Awanacancha, a farm where South American llamas and alpacas are bred. Enjoy an afternoon lecture by Peter Frost. Check into the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Peter Frost will join us as we visit the massive Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. Then attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. Enjoy an outdoor lunch with a Paso horse demonstration. Visit to a local pottery studio, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. After dinner, enjoy a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Continue from the valley to Machu Picchu for a guided visit. Overnight at the historic 31-room

Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (formerly the Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge). The lodge's grounds are home to a great variety of the region's colorful flowers and birds. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Early morning, hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu, and watch daybreak over the quiet ruins. The morning is free to explore. After a train and bus ride we arrive in Cusco in the late afternoon for two nights at the Belmond Monasterio Hotel (formerly the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel). (B,L,D)

DAY 14: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the city. Relax, shop or visit one of the museums or convents including the magnificent 17th-century cathedral and convent of Koricancha. Dinner is on your own. This evening, experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. (B,L)

DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

DAY 16: LIMA/U.S. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: Year-round, weekly departures following Galápagos aboard *National Geographic Endeavour* and *National Geographic Islander*.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Take advantage of your proximity—extend this [Galápagos + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca](#) journey with the [Upper Amazon](#) expedition. See our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT:

Spend time with National Geographic historian **Peter Frost** on our 2015 departures.



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Cathedral at Plaza de Armas square, Cusco.

UPPER AMAZON

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD *DELFIN II*

PRICES FROM: \$6,390 to \$7,460 (See page 65 for complete prices.)

Voyage to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon in the heart of Peru's rain forest aboard the elegant riverboat *Delfin II*. Slip through an intricate network of jungle waterways in a skiff or kayak, spotting various types of bird species, as well as caimans, tamarins, and sloths. Skim past massive lily pads, peer up at towering ceiba trees, and witness glorious sunsets on the still waters of the Amazon River basin.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the lakes of the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced naturalists.
- ▶ Spot legendary wildlife of the Amazon, including pink and gray dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- ▶ Get acquainted with native ribereños on a visit to a community at the river's edge.
- ▶ Gaze at the wilderness from the comfort of the *Delfin II*, and enjoy delicious, local meals prepared by our onboard chef.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



We have conducted numerous Amazon expeditions in our history, and launched our first voyage aboard the beautiful, 28-guest *Delfin II* in August

2010. In order to provide expedition leadership in this pristine region, we tapped our tenured expedition leaders to lead our Amazon voyages, providing our guests with the same in-depth interpretation they find on our other expeditions. Our veteran team is highly knowledgeable about this locale, and trained to illuminate all the discoveries you'll make.

Blue & yellow macaw in flight.



DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima in the late evening and transfer to our conveniently located hotel, Costa del Sol Ramada.

DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA

Enjoy a morning tour of Lima, then fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—stretching more than five million acres, and harboring some of the Amazon’s most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by their glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, hikes on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to

parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive paiche fish, the Amazon’s largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve’s interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then look for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.

Pay a visit to one of the communities on the reserve’s edge and get to know the ribereños, those who live on the riverbanks, and their age-old traditions. Enjoy watching them make jewelry and other local handicrafts. Learn how local subsistence farmers cultivate wild plants and trees to earn income. Hear about how the locals find edible fruits and indigenous plants with medicinal properties hidden in the jungle. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 9: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta, and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima. Overnight at the Costa Del Sol Ramada. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/U.S.

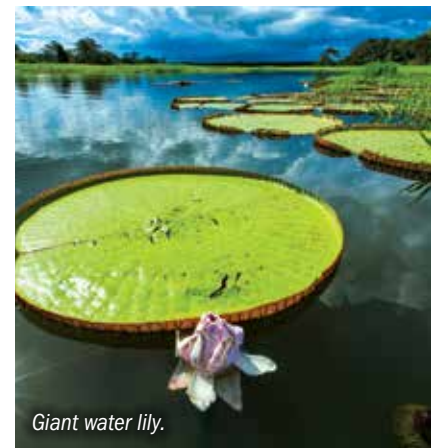
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015: Jul. 18; Aug. 22, 29; Sep. 5, 12, 19; Nov. 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Amazon expedition with a voyage to the [Galápagos](#); [Machu Picchu & the Land of the Inca](#). See pages 24-25; visit our website or call for details.



Giant water lily.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GUEST SPEAKER:

Kitty Coley is a geologist, naturalist, and avid birder who serves as a consultant to *National Geographic Magazine*. As a professional geologist, she has worked in remote rain forests and rugged landscapes around the world. Kitty will join a diverse group of naturalists on our November 14 & 21, 2015 departures.



Delfin II



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UPPER AMAZON & GALÁPAGOS

20 DAYS/19 NIGHTS

DEPARTURE: Combine a Galápagos expedition with Upper Amazon on a number of our 2015 departures. Please call for details. See page 65 for pricing information.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk and snorkel among the abundant, iconic Galápagos wildlife that is unfazed by your presence.
- ▶ Hike pristine islands, kayak their peaceful shorelines, and explore the Galápagos undersea.
- ▶ In the Amazon, discover an entirely different kind of biodiversity—macaws, monkeys, sloths, and more, plus meet the ribereños—inhabitants of the jungle we explore.

DAYS 1-8: PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 30-31.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

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Guests exploring by skiff in the Amazon.

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Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve's interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then look for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.



A monk saki monkey, perched high in a tree.

Pay a visit to one of the communities on the reserve's edge and get to know the ribereños, those who live on the riverbanks, and their age-old traditions. Enjoy watching them make jewelry and other handicrafts. Learn how local subsistence farmers cultivate wild plants and trees to earn income. Hear about how the locals find edible fruits and indigenous plants with medicinal properties hidden in the jungle. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 19: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta, and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima, and overnight at the Costa del Sol Ramada. (B,L)

DAY 20: LIMA/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

This Upper Amazon + Galápagos expedition can also be combined with the [Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca](#) program. Please call for details.

UPPER AMAZON + MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS

PRICES FROM: \$11,380 to \$12,450 (See ship page 65 for complete prices.)

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ See daybreak over the magnificent ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate.
- ▶ Discover Cusco, capital of the Inca empire, and the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress.
- ▶ Balance your archeological and cultural expedition with a wildlife and nature expedition into the green heart of the Amazon jungle.

DAYS 1-9: AS PER AMAZON ITINERARY ON PAGES 36-37.

DAY 10: IQUITOS/LIMA, PERU

Fly from Iquitos to Lima. Overnight at the conveniently located Ramada Costa Del Sol. (B,L)

DAY 11: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to Awanacancha, a farm where llamas and alpacas are bred. Enjoy a talk by Peter Frost in the afternoon. Check into the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Peter Frost joins us as we visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. Then attend a traditional weaving demonstration by National Geographic grantee Nilda Callañaupa. Enjoy an outdoor lunch with a Peruvian Paso horse demonstration. Join a visit to a local pottery studio, featuring ceramics made with ancient Peruvian techniques and designs. After dinner, enjoy a folkloric dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU

Continue from the valley to Machu Picchu for a guided visit. Overnight at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge (formerly the Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge). The lodge's grounds are home to a great variety of the region's colorful flowers and birds. (B,L,D)

Peruvian woman.



DAY 14: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

In the early morning, hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu, and watch day break over the quiet ruins. The morning is free to explore. After a train and bus ride we arrive in Cusco in the late afternoon for two nights at the Belmond Monasterio Hotel (formerly the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel). (B,L,D)

DAY 15: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the city.



Machu Picchu's terraced fields.

Relax, shop or visit one of the museums or convents including the magnificent 17th-century cathedral and convent of Koricancha. Dinner is on your own. This evening, experience the music of the Andes at a presentation of indigenous instruments. (B,L)

DAY 16: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Miraflores Park Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 17: LIMA/U.S. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015: On our Amazon departures, Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca is available as either a pre- or post-voyage extension. Please call for details.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca expedition with a voyage to the [Galápagos](#). Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GUEST SPEAKER

Lecture by National Geographic writer and historian **Peter Frost** on our 2015 Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca departures.

EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*
AND *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$6,290 to \$11,010 (See page 64 for complete prices.)

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Sea Bird* or *National Geographic Sea Lion* into a land of mist-shrouded fjords, tidewater glaciers, and islands teeming with wildlife. Search for orcas and humpback whales, kayak amid glacial ice, spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park, and learn about Alaska's rich Tlingit heritage.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Kayak into protected coves and look for sea otters, seabirds, and harbor seals.
- ▶ Hike through lush forests to cascading waterfalls, and ride an expedition landing craft into coves to look for brown bears.
- ▶ Meet members of the Alaska Whale Foundation to learn about the local whale population, and get a firsthand perspective on Alaska's indigenous people from a Tlingit cultural interpreter.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.

A veil of water cascades off of a breaching humpback whale.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

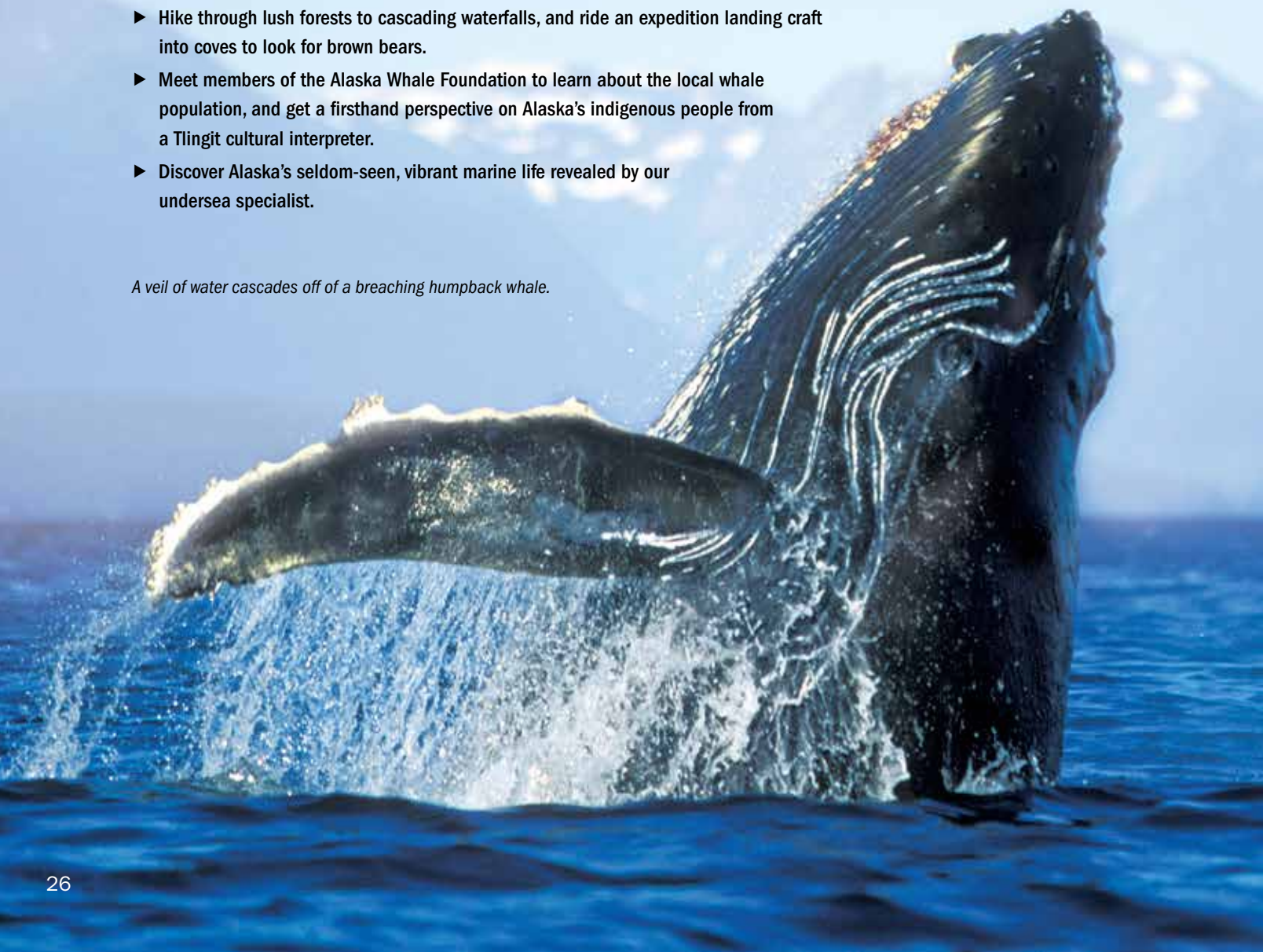
30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 6-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience.

An expedition leader, three naturalists, a Lindblad-

National Geographic certified photo instructor and undersea specialist, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, all contribute to your understanding of Alaska's wonders. Certain departures will feature a National Geographic photographer or expert.

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



DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK

Fly from Seattle to Juneau. Meet your naturalists and visit Mendenhall Glacier, set in the dramatic Mendenhall Valley. Settle into your cabin before dinner. Later, explore the port of Juneau on your own. (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise in an expedition landing craft for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, porpoises and arctic terns. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, true Alaskan town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity for bike riding and an optional floatplane excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)



Petersburg.

DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

With luck, we'll see whales breaching, tail-slapping and feeding. We'll explore spectacular bays and inlets, following bear trails and salmon streams. Later, hike or kayak for up close exploration. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Hike and kayak among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters reside. We'll search for whales in the rich waters of Icy Strait and, conditions permitting, lower the ship's hydrophone to listen in on the whales' communication. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

By special permit, we explore Glacier Bay, a not-to-be-missed gem of Alaska. See glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wildness abounds—mountain goats and brown bears patrol the shore; harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins live in these icy waters. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS AND FJORDS

Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, and hike stunning forest trails, or see bear tracks worn into the soil while walking an isolated meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are very common. If conditions permit, we'll do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Visit the onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Center, we have close views of species normally seen at a distance. Drive to the airport for our afternoon flight to Seattle. (B)



Alaska's still waters are perfect for kayaking.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015: May 16*, 17*, 23, 24, 30*, 31*; Jun. 6, 7, 13*📷, 14*, 20📷, 21, 27*, 28*; Jul. 4, 5, 11*, 12*, 18, 19, 25*, 26*; Aug. 1, 2, 8*, 9*, 15, 16, 22*, 23*, 29📷, 30📷

*Indicates itineraries in the reverse order, from Sitka to Juneau.

📷 *Photo Expedition.* These departures are for passionate photographers with hands-on instruction from our Photo Expedition team.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

National Geographic TV host and bear expert **Casey Anderson** will be aboard May 16 and 23. Join award winning National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** on June 13 and 20. Or, join conservationist and expert on indigenous communities **Jon Waterhouse** on June 27. Also, National Geographic photographers **Flip Nicklin** and **Susan Seubert** will be aboard Aug. 29 and Aug. 30 departures.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Mar. 31, 2015** and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on select May and June, 2015 departures.

EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Our Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables you to hike and kayak in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.



Use your smartphone to watch our **in-depth Alaska** video.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION*

PRICES FROM: \$10,390 to \$17,790 (See page 64 for complete prices.)

Join a unique expedition in Alaska's Inside Passage and British Columbia including Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) off the coast of British Columbia. We are the only company with ships carrying more than 22 guests permitted to visit Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage site in over two decades. Here, you'll see the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay (Ninstints), a UNESCO World Heritage site and meet with local artisans, in a region rich with seldom-seen endemic species.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore glacially-carved fjords, Glacier Bay National Park, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak among glacial ice, see waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls, and hike old-growth forest where paw prints outnumber foot prints.
- ▶ Explore ancestral Haida villages, see ancient totem poles, take part in a traditional dance performance, and much more.
- ▶ Be amongst endemic species in Haida Gwaii, considered the "Canadian Galápagos" for its wildlife-rich intertidal zone.

Standing poles at SGang Gwaay.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 6-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience. An expedition leader and five naturalists, including a certified photo instructor and undersea specialist, contribute to your understanding of Alaska's wonders, in addition to a wellness specialist and video chronicler. National Geographic experts and photographers will add more learning on each departure.

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



DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the ship. (D)

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Search for orca whales and cruise around forested islands. (B,L,D)



Cultural dance performance.

DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Visit the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, where we'll watch traditional First Nations performances and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Head northward along the untouched coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak the many bays and inlets. (B,L,D Daily)

DAYS 6-8: HAIDA GWAI

With a shared respect for the natural world, explore the islands of Haida Gwaii. A Haida cultural interpreter will join us, first visiting the Haida Heritage Center at Kay Lnagaay to learn about the incredible history of the Haida people and the meaning behind their renowned artwork. In the ancestral town of Old Massett, join in a traditional dance performance and feast, and meet local artisans. Explore the Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage Site. See the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay (Ninstints) or K'una (Skedans). Kayak and take expedition landing craft around the

incredibly biodiverse islands where endemic species thrive. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 9: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

Cruise past glacially carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fiord's forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: FREDERICK SOUND AND PETERSBURG

Join naturalists on deck and search for orcas, humpback whales, and Steller sea lions. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and visit the fishing village of Petersburg, known as "Alaska's Little Norway." Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise in an expedition landing craft for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: JUNEAU

Visit Mendenhall Glacier and observe the ever-changing landscape and ice-carved valley up close. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Spend the entire day among enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. A National Park Service Ranger will join us as well. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS AND FJORDS

Kayak and hike among forested islands on our final exploration of Southeast Alaska. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/HOME

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center before transferring to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 May 2 📷, 3 📷; Sep. 5* 📷, 6* 📷

*These departures travel in the reverse order, from Sitka to Seattle, making all the same stops.

📷 Photo Expedition

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS

Travel with National Geographic photographer **Rich Reid** on the May 2 departure or **Macduff Everton** on May 3. Join marine mammal photographer **Flip Nicklin** on Sep. 5. National Geographic photographer **Susan Seubert** will be aboard on Sep. 6 departure.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Mar. 31, 2015** and receive complimentary one-way air (Sitka/Seattle) on the May 2 or May 3, 2015 departures.

KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION: AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST

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

PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$18,910 (See pages 60-61 for complete prices.)

Ask any Australian about the Kimberley, and you'll get an awed response. Australians hold it in the same kind of reverence that Americans hold the great parks of the American West. The land represents a symbol of wildness, a place they yearn to go. It's so old that vast tracts predate the existence of fossils. Geological forces have buckled the earth, leaving soaring red cliffs, cooling pools, towering waterfalls, isolated islands, secluded beaches and river inlets—and waters famous for their wildlife. Its secrets include 40,000-year-old rock art. And *National Geographic Orion* is the best way to experience this vibrant wilderness in full.

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



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

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

King George River, The Kimberley.



DAYS 1-3: U.S./DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA/EMBARK

Depart for Darwin, cross the international date line, embark *National Geographic Orion*. (Day 3: D)

DAYS 4 AND 5: COM/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 Com. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: 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 historic Durack homestead. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: 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 8: VANSITTART BAY

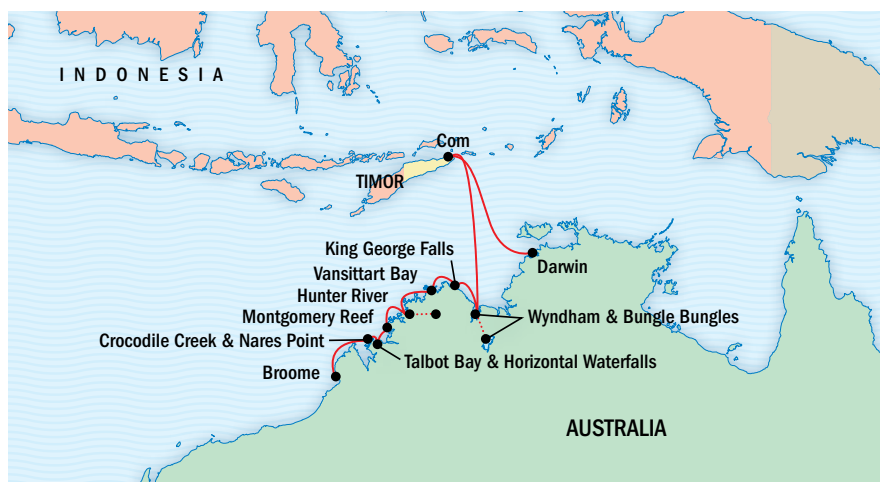
See 40,000-year-old Gwion Gwion Aboriginal rock paintings. Visit the wreck of a DC-3, a WWII remnant. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: HUNTER RIVER (AND OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TO MITCHELL FALLS)

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

DAY 10: 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)



Short-eared rock wallaby.

DAY 11: TALBOT BAY/HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS

The Horizontal Waterfalls in the Buccaneer Archipelago are created by the rapid tidal fall between oceanside cliffs. When tidal conditions are right, a 'waterfall' ten feet 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 12: 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)

DAYS 13 AND 14: BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark for your flight home. (Day 13: B)



Guests see humpback whales in July and August.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jun. 15*, 25; Jul. 5*, 15, 25*; Aug. 4

*These departures travel from Broome to Darwin.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with and learn from **Ira Block** on Jun. 15 and 25, **Susan Seubert** on Jul. 5 and 15, or **Massimo Bassano** on Jul. 25 and Aug. 4. See our website for full bios of each photographer.



King George Falls.

KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION WITH THE SPICE ISLANDS

18 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*
PRICES FROM: \$12,640 to \$26,390 (See pages 60-61 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 among untouched coral gardens. 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 colonizers.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 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, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to go in search of the legendary Komodo dragons.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive remote reefs with galaxies of colorful fish in the Spice Islands, and pristine Rowley Shoals in Australia.

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 ten feet long and weigh 300 pounds.



AUG. 14-16: U.S./BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA/EMBARK

Depart U.S., cross the international date line and arrive in Broome. Embark *National Geographic Orion* and set sail. (Aug. 16: D)

AUG. 17: 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)

AUG. 18: AT SEA (B,L,D)

AUG. 19: 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)

AUG. 20: HUNTER RIVER (AND OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TO MITCHELL FALLS)

This is one of the most scenic parts of the Kimberley coast, lined with green rain forest, mangroves and soaring red cliffs. Anchor at Naturalists Island, the proper name of which is "Wunumpurramarra"—a stunning backdrop for the day's explorations. The Hunter River has many crocodiles and you may be lucky enough to see them on a Zodiac foray through the mangroves. The distance from Naturalists Island to renowned Mitchell Falls and Plateau is about 30 miles; choose an optional helicopter excursion over spectacular terrain in the vast interior. (B,L,D)

AUG. 21: BIGGE ISLAND

Aboard Zodiacs, visit this rocky island which juts out of vividly colored 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)

AUG. 22: 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)

AUG. 23 AND 24: WYNDHAM/AT SEA

Take a boat trip up the Ord River from Wyndham, then spend the next day sailing north to East Timor. (B,L,D)

AUG. 25 AND 26: JACO ISLAND & DILI, EAST TIMOR

Search for endemic bird species, and swim, snorkel, and dive from white sand beaches in 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 harbor. Visit the local craft market and see the colorful local woven fabrics called *tais*. (B,L,D)

AUG. 27: LARANTUKA, INDONESIA

In the 1600s, Flores was an important Portuguese trade center. 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 residents and learn their history and customs. (B,L,D)

AUG. 28: KOMODO

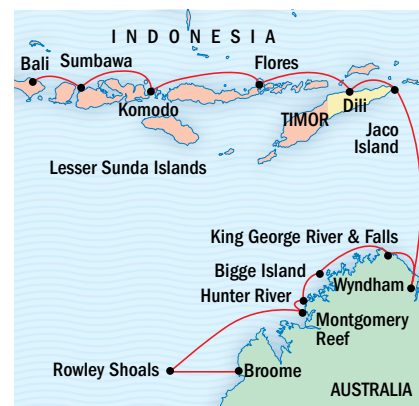
At renowned Komodo National Park, search for the world's largest living lizard: the Komodo dragon. These prehistoric creatures can grow up to ten feet long and weigh 300 pounds. Later, swim, dive, or kayak at one of Komodo National Park's beautiful beaches. (B,L,D)

AUG. 29: BADAS, SUMBAWA

Experience the culture of the Pamulung villagers with an elaborate display of a traditional mock wedding ceremony, and a buffalo race. (B,L,D)

AUG. 30 AND 31: BALI, INDONESIA/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive in Bali and transfer to the airport for your flight home on Aug. 30, then arrive the next day. (Aug. 30: B)



Badas, Pamulung Village, Indonesia.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Aug. 14

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day post-voyage extension in **Bali**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer Bob Krist works on assignment for *National Geographic Traveler*, *Smithsonian*, *Islands*, and *Outdoor Photographer*. He 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.



Dive and snorkel pristine reefs in Australia and the Spice Islands.

HISTORY & CULTURE

Geography: Integral to every civilization that has ever existed on Earth. What can we learn from islands that developed free from influence for so long? What insight can we glean from people who choose to live close to their ancestral traditions? And how can the 'lens' of history transform the familiar into something new? These expeditions answer these intriguing questions.

Discover unique cultures on wildly different island expeditions. Explore some of the tiny dots of green along the Atlantic Ridge including the **Azores**, Europe's wildest part, and **Madeira**, the garden isle set like a jewel in the vast ocean. Voyage along the Iberian peninsula, experiencing Spain and Portugal through the looking glass of the Moorish diaspora, tracing their sublime influence on art, architecture, society and history. Visit **Holland & Belgium** and discover the wildness of the Waddenzee, plus expedition-style explorations of iconic cities, including Zodiac forays through the heart of Amsterdam, and a voyage finale in the shadow of London's Tower Bridge. Or venture north to the green heart of **Scotland** by transiting the Caledonian Canal before exploring its outer islands on the uniquely adapted *Lord of The Glen*.

See how history, wildness and pastoral beauty converge, learning in the bargain how civilizations get shaped by their surrounding nature as you voyage in excellent company.





Alhambra, the palace and fortress of Moorish monarchs in Spain.

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AZORES TO SEVILLA: ISLAND WONDERS AND FABLED SHORES

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,150 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

In the heart of the Atlantic Ocean are lush, mountainous archipelagos that combine the breathtaking landscapes of Hawaii with the charm and culture of old-world Europe. There is plenty to lure us. The Portuguese archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira were starting points for the bold explorers heading west to the New World. You'll drink in the islands' seafaring ways, view the natural wonders and spectacular geology of these volcanic isles. And while the islands are the expedition's focus, the surrounding seas often yield exhilarating whale sightings. And we'll conclude our explorations in romantic Sevilla, Spain where all the images of Andalusia, from orange trees and flamenco to lace fans and *mantillas*, come alive before our eyes and ears.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience a rare visit to remote islands with a deep-seated history, seafaring traditions, and ancestral cultures of food, wine and music.
- ▶ Walk in Madeira's lush laurel forests (a UNESCO site) and explore the Azores' spectacular geology: an active volcano and hot springs.
- ▶ Search for whales in the waters around the Azores, with the possibility of sperm, fin and other whales.
- ▶ Step ashore in romantic Sevilla, Spain, visiting the Alcázar palace (a UNESCO World Heritage site) where the king and queen of Spain greeted Columbus.

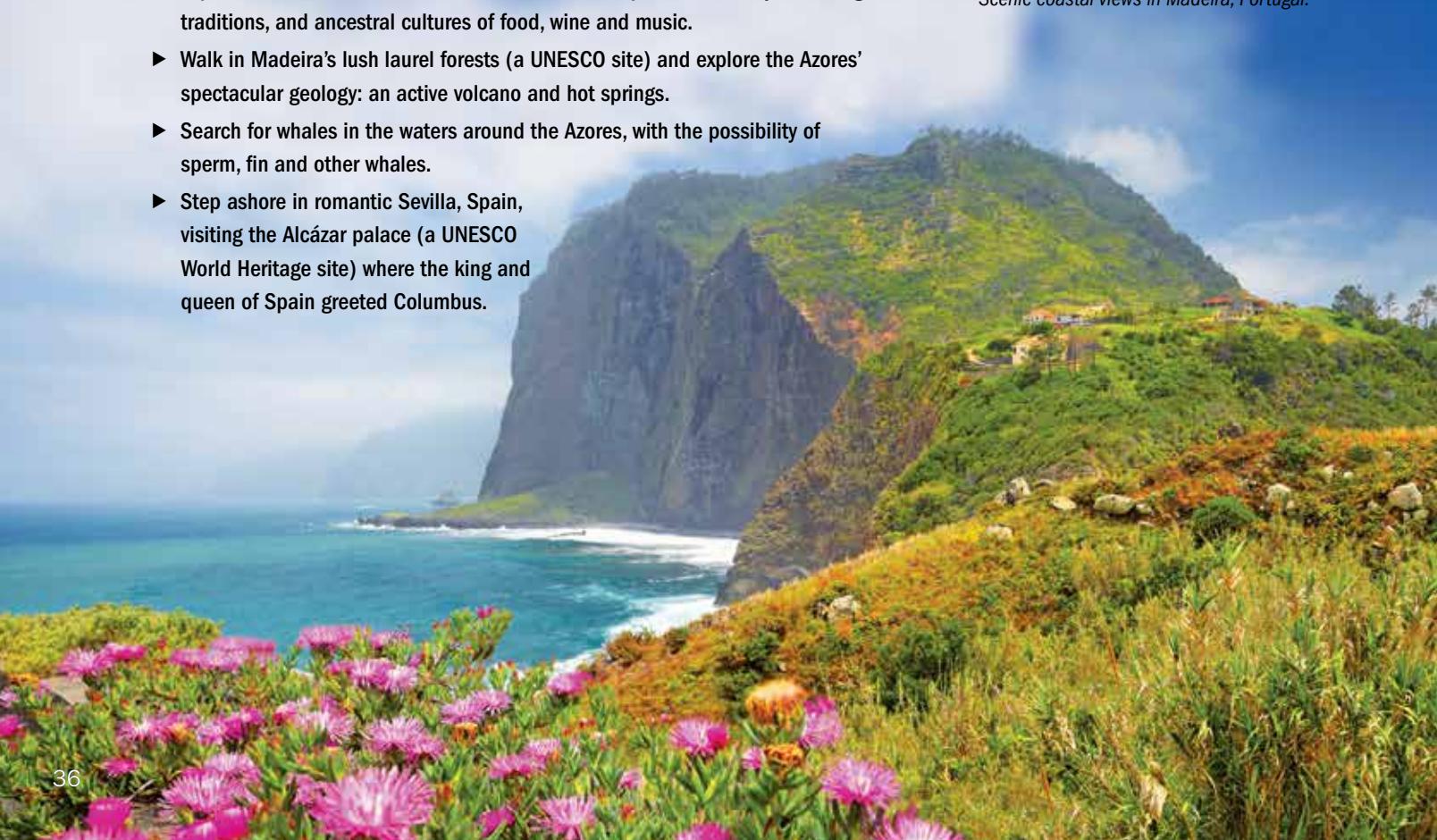
EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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Scenic coastal views in Madeira, Portugal.



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

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

MAR. 29: HORTA, FAIAL, AZORES

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

MAR. 30: SANTA MARIA, AZORES

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

MAR. 31-APR. 2: AT SEA/MADEIRA

A day at sea brings us to the beautiful island of Madeira, often referred to as the 'floating garden of the Atlantic' for the incredible breadth of its plant life. Keep an eye out for dolphins, porpoises, and sperm whales. On shore, go for a walk in Madeira's Laurisilva Forest, the largest surviving area of laurel forest in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Wander along former irrigation channels, or *levadas*, that network the island, and delve into maritime history at the whaling museum. Sample Madeira's famed seafood and wines and listen to the evocative strains of *fado*, Portugal's folk music. Later, choose to ride one of the island's traditional wicker-sided toboggans down the steep streets of Monte, or

hike along the windswept headland of Ponta de São Lourenço at the eastern tip of the island. (B,L,D)

APR. 3: AT SEA

Watch for whales and seabirds, enjoy the ship's amenities, and attend talks by our experts as we sail east to Spain. (B,L,D)

APR. 4: CÁDIZ, SPAIN/SEVILLA

From the port city of Cádiz, we head through Spain's southern province of Andalucía, famous for flamenco dancing. The provincial capital of Sevilla blends the vibrant culture of today with centuries of history and old-world charm. We observe the diversity of cultures found so often in Spain—the beauty of the Moorish legacy and the might of the Catholic kings. We explore the Old City, visiting Sevilla's impressive Gothic cathedral, one of the world's most beautiful, see its renowned Giralda bell tower (once the minaret of a mosque during Sevilla's Moorish days), and the tomb of explorer Christopher Columbus. A highlight is our visit to the Alcázar, the charming Mudéjar Palace and fortress of Spanish kings for almost seven centuries. Return to the ship in Cádiz. (B,L,D)

APR. 5: CÁDIZ/DISEMBARK/SEVILLA

This morning transfer to the airport in Sevilla for your return flight.(B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Mar. 27

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explore with Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson.

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**MUSICOLOGIST JACOB EDGAR**

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

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by March 31, 2015 and receive a \$1,100 air credit per person. New bookings only. Call for full details.



Exploring the Botanical Garden, Madeira.

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SPAIN AND PORTUGAL: LEGACY OF THE MOORS

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$8,790 to \$16,150 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

This short but extraordinary adventure through Spain and Portugal encompasses two countries, spans centuries and cuts huge swaths through culture. Woven neatly together by our expert expedition team, the narrative is thoughtfully constructed to be a connected whole exploring the diversity of cultures found here—from the beauty of the Moorish legacy to the might of the Catholic kings. We'll hit the high notes, exploring five key UNESCO World Heritage sites and other wonders, including the iconic Rock of Gibraltar.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Make a pilgrimage to magnificent Santiago de Compostela—one of the five UNESCO World Heritage sites we'll visit.
- ▶ Explore and photograph the monolithic Rock of Gibraltar with its friendly Barbary macaques (apes) ubiquitous to the area.
- ▶ Savor regional cuisines: port wines in Oporto, Spanish *tapas*, dine in historic *paradores* and have an elegant Galician lunch at the illustrious Hostal de los Reyes Católicos.

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Port barges on the Douro River, Oporto.



APR. 3 TO 5: SEVILLA, SPAIN/CÁDIZ/EMBARK

Arrive in Sevilla, the sunny capital of Andalusia. After lunch, transfer to the Melia Seville Hotel and have the afternoon at leisure. The next day we explore the Old City, seeing the Giralda Tower from Moorish times and the Alcázar, the royal palace and gardens where the King and Queen of Spain greeted Columbus on his return from the new world. Late afternoon, drive through the Andalusian countryside to Cádiz, where we embark our ship. (Apr. 4: L, D; Apr. 5: B,L,D)



The Rock of Gibraltar.

APR. 6: MOTRIL, SPAIN/GRANADA: ALHAMBRA PALACE

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

APR. 7: GIBRALTAR, U.K.

This morning we arrive in Gibraltar, one of the few places in the world where you can see two continents at once. Since 1702, Gibraltar has been a subject of controversy between Britain and Spain, but today this four-square-mile island remains part of the British Commonwealth. Explore The Rock by minibus and spend some time with the famous Barbary apes, probably originally brought over from Africa by the Moors. Visit the magnificent St. Michael's Cave with its huge stalagmites and stalactites. This evening we exit the Mediterranean Sea, passing between the Pillars of Hercules and through the Strait of Gibraltar. (B,L,D)

APR. 8: PORTIMÃO, ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

The pastoral hills of the Algarve are a delightful blend of present-day farmlands

and remnants of Moorish culture that once dominated the region. From Portimão, we drive north, through orange groves and almond orchards to Silves, one of the oldest and typical villages on the Algarve. Visit the dramatic 12th-century sandstone castle and fortress built by the Moors, and walk along its ramparts for expansive views. (B,L,D)

APR. 9: LISBON, PORTUGAL

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

APR. 10: OPORTO

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

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

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

APR. 12: AT SEA/BILBAO, SPAIN

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

APR. 13: BILBAO/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Apr. 3

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

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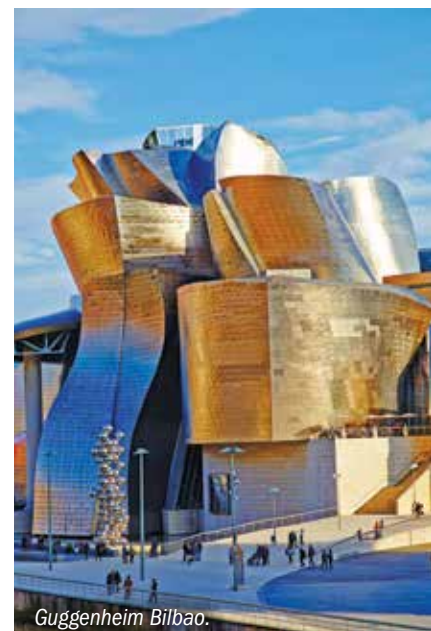
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Guggenheim Bilbao.

EXPLORING THE LOW COUNTRIES: HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

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

PRICES FROM: \$7,690 to \$14,120 (See pages 58-59 for complete prices.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

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



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Hamburg. After a panoramic overview of this Hanseatic city, transfer to the port city of Bremerhaven and embark our ship. (Apr. 30: L,D)

MAY 1: HARLINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

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



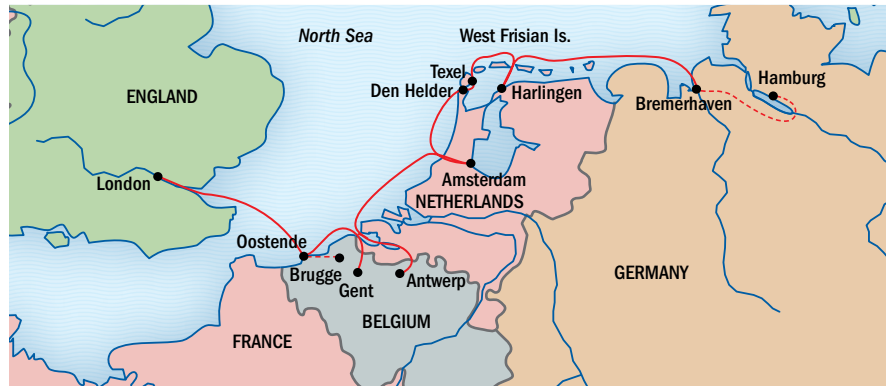
Tulips in market.

MAY 2: EXPLORING THE FRISIAN ISLANDS

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

MAY 3: AMSTERDAM

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



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

MAY 4: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

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

MAY 5: GENT

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

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

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

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

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Apr. 29

BACK TO BACK SAVINGS:

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May 6-20, 2015

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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE GUEST SPEAKER

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



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS



Photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson have collectively photographed more than 60 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines. They have spent most of their careers working in Europe.

MUSICOLOGIST JACOB EDGAR

Ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar will help us gain insight into the musical roots of these cultures through live performances.



SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS— EXPLORING IN DEPTH

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *LORD OF THE GLENS*

PRICES FROM: \$6,990 to \$9,990 (See page 66 for complete prices.)

On a voyage through Scotland's famed lochs and inland waterways aboard the *Lord of the Glens*, experience mystical landscapes dotted with medieval castles and churches. Trace Scotland's compelling history on visits to battlefields, fortresses, and ancient tombs. Cruise Loch Ness; descend through the intricate lock system of Neptune's Staircase; and explore serene hills and harbor villages on the picturesque islands of Mull, Iona, Eigg, and Skye.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Kayak on Loch Ness, and wander through the charming seaside town of Tobermory.
- ▶ Stroll across the battlefields at Culloden where Bonnie Prince Charlie was dramatically defeated.
- ▶ Hike through stunning scenery on the Isle of Skye, and learn about the tiny community on the remote island of Eigg.
- ▶ Discover Scotland from the prehistoric Clava Cairns to contemporary communities where traditions live on.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



2014 will mark Lindblad's eleventh summer aboard *Lord of the Glens*, and we've been exploring Scotland since the 1980s. On this journey, our expedition staff will include a historian, a naturalist/Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an expert on Scotland's cultures—and skilled, witty local guides as well. This expedition has been noted by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine as a 'trip of a lifetime.'

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

A view of Eilean Donan Castle, near the Isle of Skye, Scotland.



DAY 1 AND 2: U.S./INVERNESS, SCOTLAND/EMBARK

Depart for Inverness, arriving Day 2 midday. Board *Lord of the Glens* to the strains of a highland piper and settle into your cabin. Gather for a reception and dinner on board tonight. (Day 2: D)

DAY 3: CULLODEN/CLAVA CAIRNS/LOCH NESS

Visit Culloden, the infamous battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces were defeated in 1746. See the prehistoric standing stones and passage tombs of Clava Cairns. This afternoon, set sail on the Caledonian Canal and enter Loch Ness, where we'll learn about the legendary monster said to inhabit the loch. Moor at Fort Augustus and set out on a kayak excursion or a hike. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: LAGGAN LOCKS/BANAVIE/GLENFINNAN

Ascend an impressive flight of locks that runs through the heart of Fort Augustus. Glide down the tree-lined canal known as Laggan Avenue, or hike or bike along the towpath. Sail into Loch Lochy and follow the canal to the town of Banavie. Drive to Glenfinnan, a village nestled within the mountains, and enjoy an afternoon walk. This evening, welcome local musicians on board for a lively performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: LOCH LINNHE/OBAN

Today descend Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks, and continue through Loch Linnhe to the town of Oban, set on a picturesque bay on the Firth of Lorn. There is time to explore this lively town on foot, visiting a whisky distillery and McCaig's Folly, a monument on a hill overlooking the town and bay that was inspired by the Roman Colosseum. (B, L, D)



Highland cattle have long horns and thick coats.

DAY 6: SOUND OF MULL/DUART CASTLE/IONA/TOBERMORY

Sail to the Isle of Mull, in the Inner Hebrides. Visit photogenic Duart Castle, an impressive fortress (with a dungeon!). Drive across Mull, then cross to Iona by ferry to explore this picturesque island. Visit the medieval abbey ruins and the rebuilt abbey church. Stroll through St. Oran's Chapel and the royal graveyard where Scottish kings are buried, and enjoy a brief walking tour of Iona. Continue on to the picturesque town of Tobermory. (B, L, D)



The colorful harbor at Tobermory.

DAY 7: TOBERMORY/ISLE OF EGG OR ISLE OF RUM/INVERIE

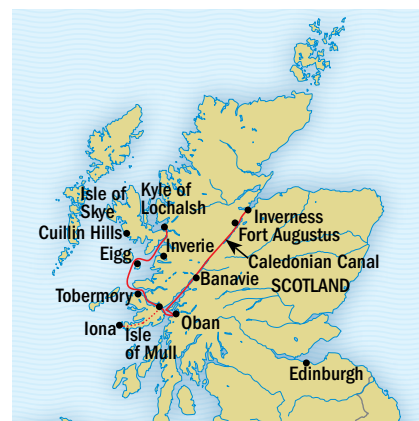
Explore Tobermory, then sail north to tiny Eigg and see what life is like for the roughly 90 people who live on this island community. Look for marine animals and birdlife, including Atlantic seals, minke whales, dolphins, porpoises and a variety of seabirds. Alternatively, we may visit the Isle of Rum, renowned for spectacular Kinloch Castle. Then sail to Inverie, where you can have a drink at the most remote pub in the British Isles. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: ISLE OF SKYE

Continue north to the Isle of Skye. At the Museum of the Isles, trace the legacy of the 1,300-year-old Clan Donald, who once ruled the west coast of Scotland, and walk through the woodlands of Armadale. Take a guided walk in the Cuillin Hills (weather permitting), or explore Eilean Donan Castle and the quaint village of Plockton. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: KYLE OF LOCHALSH/INVERNESS/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Kyle of Lochalsh and drive through the highlands to Inverness. Then transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jul. 26, Aug. 2*, 9, 16*, 23, 30*

*These departures travel from Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness.



Edinburgh.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a 2-day exploration of enchanting **Edinburgh** to your voyage. Discover Edinburgh Castle, examine Scotland's crown jewels. Stroll the Royal Mile to St. Giles Cathedral in the footsteps of kings and queens, and see the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Note: The Military Tattoo is not included on the July 26 pre-voyage extension.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Catherine Karnow first traveled across Scotland to illustrate a book on the Scotch whisky trail. She's been drawn back since, and recently led a workshop in Scotland. She captured rare images of Prince Charles for the May 2006 National Geographic magazine feature "Not Your Typical Radical." Join her on the July 26 departure.

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IDYLLIC ISLANDS

*What is it about islands? Something so compelling it merits a name, **Islomania**, a love of islands. Magnets for travelers seeking untrammelled nature, steeped in history and ancestral cultures, these exotic outposts offer the same alluring welcomes they have since human exploration of the vast oceans began.*

Head off from Capetown's bush country on our **South Africa, Mozambique & Madagascar** voyage and discover extraordinary coasts, peerless wildlife and cultures. Highlights include lemurs, baobab trees and more. From the Swahili culture to the rare birds, giant tortoises and iconic granite-rock beaches, our **Zanzibar & the Seychelles** reveals tropical nature at its most exuberant. Explore further and in addition to the charms of the Seychelles, our **Seychelles, Maldives & Sri Lanka** adds world-class snorkeling and diving in the legendary Maldives, plus the UNESCO world heritage site Galle, tea plantations, the elaborate Buddhist temple of Kelaniya and more, to your list of peak life experiences. Our **Sri Lanka, Borneo & the Andaman Sea** expedition includes game drive searches for leopards or elephants, an exploration of Sabang, at the western end of Indonesia, and a visit with the orangutans at Dr. Biruté Galdikas' Camp Leakey. Plus, you'll be among the few who can claim a visit to the rare Andaman Islands. On our **Borneo to Bali** expedition, snorkel coral reefs off the pristine Natuna and Anambas archipelagos, and spend time with Dr. Biruté Galdikas at her research station and orangutan rescue and rehabilitation center in Tanjung Puting National Park. The **Singapore to Raja Ampat** expedition exposes you to the wild charms of Indonesia and introduces you to its charismatic citizens, the orangutans (orang-utan means 'man of the forest') at Dr. Biruté Galdikas' renowned Camp Leakey. You'll encounter the fearsome dragon-lizards in Komodo National Park, visit the epicenter of the exotic Dutch West Indies spice trade in the Moluccas, and snorkel or dive Raja Ampat, a mecca for the world's top divers and one of the richest marine systems on the planet.





The coral-fringed islands of the Maldives offer incredible snorkeling and diving.

NEW

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 60-61 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.

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Ring-tailed lemurs sunning, Madagascar.



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: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK

Search for the "big five" (rhinoceros, elephant, lion, leopard, and buffalo), plus giraffe, antelopes, cheetah, and outstanding birdlife. (B,L,D)

MAR. 30: 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. 31 AND APR. 1: 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)

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)



Baobab trees.

APR. 6: AT SEA (B,L,D)**APR. 7: 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)

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/ DISEMBARK/U.S. (APR. 10: B,L)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 Mar. 20

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 post-extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). Visit our website or call for details.

SPECIAL OFFER:

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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.

**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; **Dr. Andrea Marshall**, who discovered two new species of manta rays and who founded the Marine Megafauna Foundation; and leading Madagascar conservationist **Serge Rajaobelina**.

NEW

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 60-61 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



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.

Giant tortoise, Aldabra, Seychelles.

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

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 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: MAHE/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

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a five-day pre-extension in [Northern Tanzania](#). Visit our website or call for details.

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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.



Vallée de Mai forest reserve, Praslin.

NEW

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 60-61 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.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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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

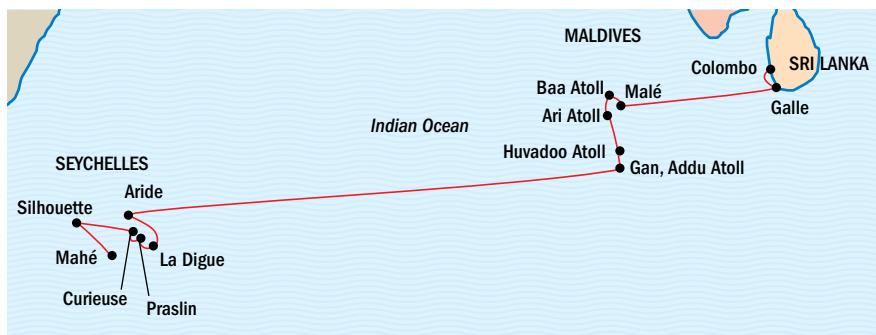
Aride has important seabird breeding grounds, with large populations of shearwaters, lesser noddies, white (or "fairy") terns, roseate terns, sooty terns, tropicbirds, and more, including the endangered Seychelles magpie-robin. Zodiac to the beach and hike a trail with great views. Then sail to the Maldives.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

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2015 Apr. 18

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day post-voyage extension in **Sri Lanka**. Visit our website or call for details.

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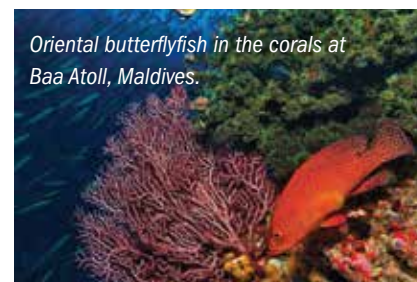
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

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.

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS**

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. Explore the undersea with pioneering undersea photographer and filmmaker, **Valerie Taylor**.



Oriental butterflyfish in the corals at Baa Atoll, Maldives.

NEW

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

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

PRICES FROM: \$21,040 to \$43,410 (See pages 60-61 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.

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



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See elephants on a game drive in Sri Lanka.

MAY 4-6: 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)

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 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. Disembark the following morning and transfer to the airport. (May 24: B,L,D; May 25: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2015 May 4

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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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](#).



Fabric merchant, Port Blair, Andaman Islands.

WILD ENCOUNTERS FROM BORNEO TO BALI

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

PRICES FROM: \$9,550 to \$19,990 (See pages 60-61 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 center founded by National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas—one of the “Trimates,” along with Dian Fossey and Jane Goodall.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Meet with National Geographic grantee Biruté Galdikas on a visit to Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation center 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 a rehabilitation center.
- ▶ 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.

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Orangutan at Camp Leakey.

DAYS 1-3: U.S./SINGAPORE/EMBARK

Depart for Singapore, crossing the international date line. Explore Singapore's diverse neighborhoods, then embark *National Geographic Orion*. Hear naturalist talks as we sail the South China Sea. (Day 3: D)

DAY 4: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO

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

DAY 5: 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)

DAY 6: BAKO NATIONAL PARK, SARAWAK, BORNEO

Hike dense rain forests and enjoy secluded beaches along a coast of carved sea arches and colorful sea stacks. The park harbors 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)

DAY 7: KUCHING

Visit Kuching, the capital of the Malaysian state of Sarawak. At the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre learn about ongoing research on orangutan behavior 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. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8 AND 9: EXPLORING/AT SEA

We'll make a spontaneous stop at a remote island for exploration and discovery via swimming and beachcombing. Then, it's time for a respite to enjoy life aboard *Orion*, with talks and hands-on instruction by our onboard photographers. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10 AND 11: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

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DAYS 12 AND 13: AT SEA/DENPASAR, BALI/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Cross the Java Sea to Bali. Disembark the following morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (Day 12: B,L,D; Day 13: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2015 May 23*; Jun. 2; Aug. 28*

*These departures travel from Bali to Singapore.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension in **Bali**. Visit our website or call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join **Ralph Lee Hopkins**, left, on May 23 and Jun. 2. Ralph is an inspiring teacher whose work is published by National Geographic.



Learn from **Jeff Mauritzen**, right, on the Aug. 28 and Sep. 7 departures. Jeff has shot in nearly 50 countries around the world.



Look for birds such as the stork-billed kingfisher at Bako National Park.

NEW

SINGAPORE TO RAJA AMPAT: EXOTIC INDONESIA

20 DAYS/18 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$16,340 to \$33,950 (See pages 60-61 for complete prices.)

From colorful Singapore to stunning Raja Ampat, this voyage takes us to Borneo and into the heart of the Coral Triangle. This biologically rich region is known as the global center of marine biodiversity, with more than 500 species of corals and nearly 2,000 species of fish, and is a mecca for snorkelers and scuba divers. Above sea level, the region is equally fascinating, from the orangutans of Tanjung Puting National Park to the giant lizards of Komodo Island, and the intricate *ikat* textile weavings of Flores Island.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Meet with National Geographic grantee Dr. Biruté Galdikas at Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation center she established in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.
- ▶ Skim through the jungles of Tanjung Puting National Park on a local boat, and interact with orangutans at rehabilitation centers.
- ▶ Search for Komodo dragons, the world's largest lizards, in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Snorkel and dive colorful reefs at Raja Ampat, a pink beach at Komodo National Park, and the Badas and Banda Islands.
- ▶ Spot rare red birds-of-paradise on an early morning walk.
- ▶ Watch skilled weavers create intricate *ikat* textiles on Flores Island.

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An expanse of cabbage coral attached to the slope of a seamount near Raja Ampat, Indonesia.

SEP. 7-9: U.S./SINGAPORE/EMBARK

Depart for Singapore, crossing the international date line. Upon arrival, tour Singapore, including the National Orchid Gardens and enjoy the view from Mount Faber. Board brightly painted "bumboats" for a ride along the Singapore River. Embark our ship. (Sep. 9: D)

SEP. 10: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO, INDONESIA

Snorkel the unspoiled reefs surrounding Pulau Lintang in the Anambas Archipelago. End with a beach barbecue. (B,L,D)

SEP. 11 AND 12: BADAS ISLANDS/AT SEA

The remote Badas Islands offer excellent beaches and corals. Explore above and beneath the sea via kayak, Zodiac, glass-bottom boat, snorkeling, diving, and beachcombing. The next day, enjoy presentations as we sail south. (B,L,D)

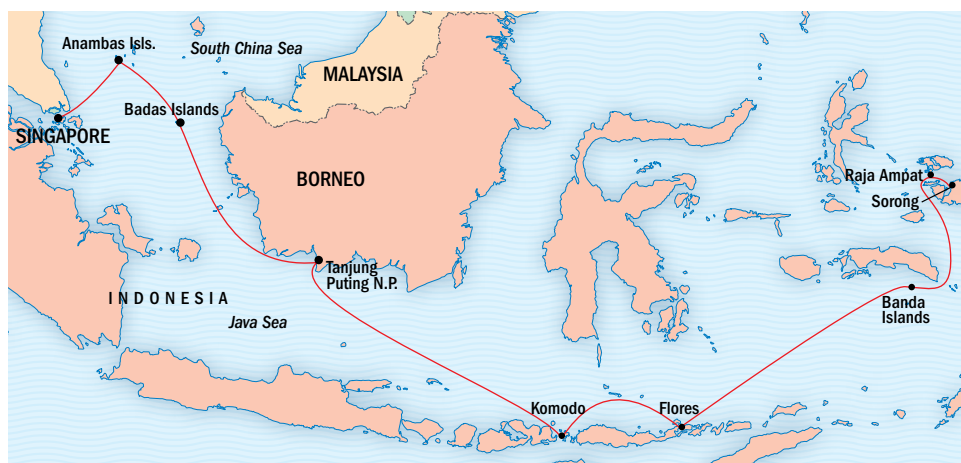
SEP. 13 AND 14: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Tanjung Puting National Park is a trove of rare wildlife and diverse habitats with 220 bird species; numerous monkey species and its famous endangered orangutans. Board local boats for an excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels on the lookout for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps proboscis monkeys.

Explore 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. Visit forest feeding stations where we hope to observe these creatures at close range. The following day, see the OFI's wildlife rehabilitation center to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B,L,D)

SEP. 15 AND 16: AT SEA (B,L,D)**SEP. 17: KOMODO NATIONAL PARK**

Komodo dragons can grow up to ten feet long and weigh 300 lbs. Join park rangers in searching for them in the wild and learn about conservation efforts. Then spend the afternoon swimming, snorkeling, and scuba



diving from one of Komodo National Park's beautiful beaches. (B,L,D)

SEP. 18 AND 19: FLORES ISLAND/AT SEA

Meet the people of Flores, once an important Portuguese trading center. See *ikat* weavings, the world's finest, and visit the village of Watublapi, where weavers use the traditional, handspun yarn made out of local cotton, as well as local natural dyes. (B,L,D)

SEP. 20: BANDA ISLANDS, MOLUCCAS

Sail into the heart of the Moluccas, the Banda Islands, with a *kora kora*, or traditional war canoe, escort to Banda Neira, once the center of the Spice Island trade and a hub of the Dutch East India Company. See Dutch architecture and visit Fort Belgica, built to protect the spice trade. Swim and snorkel the crystal-clear waters at the base of Gunung Api, the island's nearly conical volcanic peak. (B,L,D)

SEP. 21: AT SEA (B,L,D)**SEP. 22-24: EXPLORING RAJA AMPAT, INDONESIA**

Snorkel and dive one of the world's richest marine regions. On land explore the lush islands, towering limestone pinnacles, and hidden white-sand coves. Join a pre-dawn walk to search for the red bird-of-paradise. (B,L,D)

SEP. 25 AND 26: SORONG, WEST PAPUA/ DISEMBARK/BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND/U.S.

Disembark in Sorong, West Papua. After a brief tour, board charter flight to Brisbane, Australia, and connect to flights home, arriving the next day. (Sep. 25: B, L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Sep. 7

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Mauritzen has photographed vivid landscapes and dramatic situations in nearly 50 countries. His work expresses an unwavering passion, respect, curiosity, and awe for the natural world. An avid explorer, Jeff has lived in Venezuela and Ireland, as well as at sea aboard seven different ships.



Orangutan mother and child.



THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

National Geographic Explorer

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

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

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the newest addition to the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, rated Ice-1A Super on the forward hull, enabling it to navigate remote passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

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

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

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

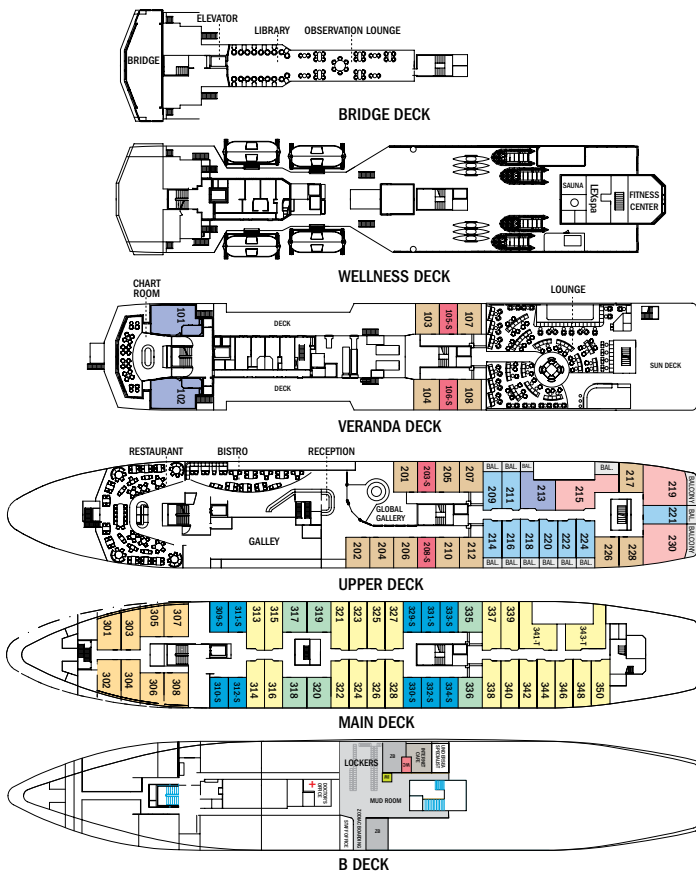

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear.

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

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

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6
Land of the Ice Bears – Page 4.	2015	\$9,440	\$10,070	\$10,460	\$11,090	\$13,090	\$15,280
Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard – Page 6	2015	\$15,170	\$15,990	\$16,820	\$18,120	\$20,690	\$24,150
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast – Page 8	2015	\$13,820	\$14,590	\$15,290	\$16,470	\$18,820	\$21,960
Along the Viking Trail – Page 10	2015	\$10,580	\$11,290	\$11,700	\$12,410	\$14,670	\$17,100
Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic – Page 12	2015	\$12,990	\$13,990	\$14,430	\$15,550	\$18,680	\$21,290
Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin & Ellesmere Islands - Page 14	2015	\$23,990	\$25,750	\$26,570	\$28,640	\$34,480	\$39,300
Azores to Sevilla: Island Wonders and Fabled Shores – Page 36	2015	\$8,790	\$9,320	\$9,690	\$10,250	\$11,990	\$14,100
Spain and Portugal: Legacy of the Moors – Page 38	2015	\$8,790	\$9,320	\$9,690	\$10,250	\$11,990	\$14,100
Exploring the Low Countries: Holland and Belgium – Page 40	2015	\$7,690	\$8,150	\$8,450	\$8,970	\$10,570	\$12,340

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343
SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

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CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$17,460	\$12,590	\$13,080	\$1,000	Includes two hotel nights. Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: \$1,100; Business from \$3,700. Charter Airfare: \$725 (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$27,750	\$19,990	\$21,020	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark: Economy from: \$1,000; Business from \$3,900. Charter airfare: \$360 (Longyearbyen/Oslo).
\$25,230	\$18,240	\$19,110	\$1,000	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. Economy from \$1,100; Business from \$2,700; Charter Airfare: \$360 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).
\$19,550	\$14,110	\$14,630	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night Ottawa. Sample Airfares: New York/Reykjavik, Ottawa/New York: Economy from \$600; Business from \$1,500; Charter airfare: \$1,225 (Kangerlussuaq/Ottawa).
\$24,790	\$17,490	\$18,040	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights Ottawa. Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Ottawa: Economy from \$670; please call for Business airfares; Charter airfare: \$1,750 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Iqaluit/Ottawa, or vice versa).
\$45,680	\$32,190	\$33,220	\$3,000	Includes one hotel night in Ottawa and one hotel night in Reykjavik. Sample Airfares: Newark/Ottawa, Keflavik/Newark: Economy from \$610; Charter airfare: \$1,950 (Ottawa/Kangerlussuaq, Kangerlussuaq/Keflavik).
\$16,150	\$11,650	\$12,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Boston/Azores, Sevilla/JFK; Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$4,000.
\$16,150	\$11,650	\$12,110	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: JFK/Sevilla, Bilbao/JFK: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$4,000.
\$14,120	\$10,170	\$10,570	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Newark/Hamburg, London/Newark: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$3,900.



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 Borneo, Indonesia, and the Indian Ocean.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, library, global gallery, marina platform, mud room, and theater. 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, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, a video microscope, and a crow’s nest camera on Kimberley voyages. Plus kayaks, snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24 guests, a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), and a glass-bottom boat on all Indian Ocean, Indonesia, and the Kimberley with Spice voyages. All expedition equipment except for scuba diving is offered on Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali.

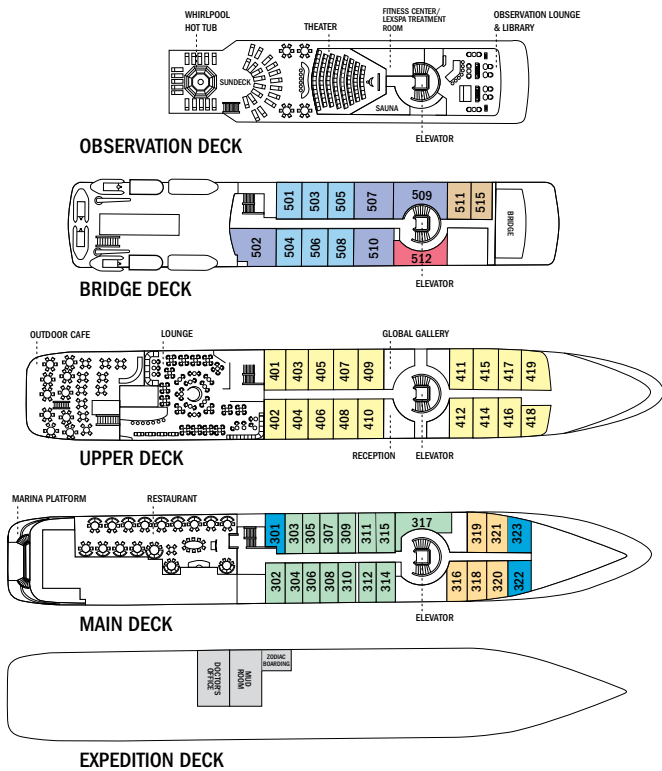
SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists, divemasters on voyages where scuba diving is offered, and Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages.

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 climates.

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.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6
Kimberley Expedition: Australia’s Wild Northwest – Page 30	2015	\$8,990	\$10,380	\$12,450	\$13,630	\$16,270	\$18,910
Kimberley Expedition with the Spice Islands – Page 32	2015	\$12,640	\$14,670	\$17,430	\$19,080	\$22,780	\$26,390
Wildlife and Cultures of South Africa, Mozambique, & Madagascar –Page 46	2015	\$25,940	\$27,880	\$30,920	\$37,100	\$42,500	\$49,480
Treasures of the Indian Ocean: Zanzibar and the Seychelles – Page 48	2015	\$13,290	\$15,390	\$18,200	\$19,920	\$23,710	\$27,420
Indian Ocean Odyssey: Seychelles, Maldives, and Sri Lanka – Page 50	2015	\$19,930	\$23,090	\$27,290	\$29,870	\$35,560	\$41,120
Wild Islands of Sri Lanka, Borneo, and the Andaman Sea – Page 52	2015	\$21,040	\$24,370	\$28,810	\$31,530	\$37,540	\$43,410
Wild Encounters from Borneo to Bali – Page 54	2015	\$9,550	\$11,090	\$13,170	\$14,420	\$17,210	\$19,990
Singapore to Raja Ampat: Exotic Indonesia – Page 56	2015	\$16,340	\$18,930	\$22,430	\$24,560	\$29,270	\$33,950



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.



Above: Category 1 & 2 cabin; Category 6 owner's suite with balcony; award-winning Sydney chef Serge Dansereau creates menus that reflect the region's flavors.

CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
\$13,550	\$18,680	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Darwin, Broome/Los Angeles or vice-versa: Economy from \$1,700; Business from \$8,500.
\$18,950	\$26,150	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Broome, Bali/Los Angeles: Economy from \$2,300; Business from \$9,000.
\$38,900	\$46,360	\$2,000	Visa fees not included. Includes one hotel night in Cape Town. Sample Airfares: New York/Cape Town, Dar es Salaam/New York: Economy from \$1,550; Business from \$8,790.
\$19,930	\$27,290	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Includes one hotel night in Dar es Salaam and hotel room on departure date from Seychelles. Sample Airfares: New York/Dar es Salaam, Mahé/New York: Economy from \$1,610; Business from \$5,980.
\$29,890	\$40,940	\$1,800	Visa fees not included. Includes hotel nights: one night in Mahé and one night in Colombo. Sample Airfares: New York/Mahé, Colombo/New York: Economy from \$1,450; Business from \$5,940.
\$31,560	\$43,210	\$1,800	Visa fees not included. Includes one hotel night in Colombo. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Colombo, Bali/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,430; Business from \$6,850.
\$14,290	\$19,740	\$1,000	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: San Francisco/Singapore, Bali/San Francisco or vice-versa: Economy from \$1,210; Business from \$6,200.
\$24,510	\$33,650	\$2,500	Visa fees not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Singapore, Brisbane/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,710; Business from \$9,580. Charter airfare from Sorong/Brisbane \$950 per person.

National Geographic Endeavour

CAPACITY: 96 guests in 56 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 295 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness center; LEXspa; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films and presentations; sauna and small swimming pool; and sun deck. Our Ecuadorian captain welcomes guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu is international with Ecuadorian flair.

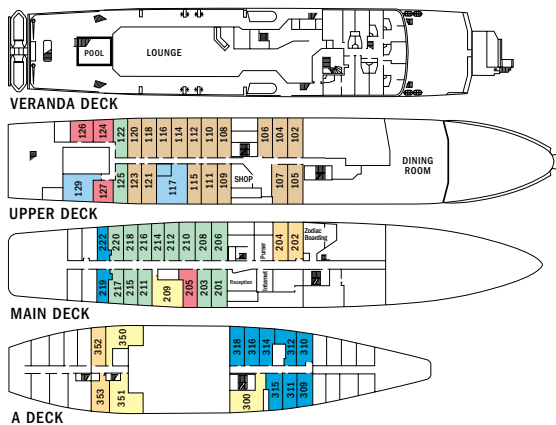
CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes. Each has private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Kayaks, glass-bottom boat, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, and Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, laundry service, floating massage platform, and wellness program. Ship's doctor and video chronicler are also on board.



Left to right: Guests enjoy one of the suites aboard Endeavour; Dining room.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #202, 204, A Deck #352, 353—All cabins feature two lower single beds, a writing desk and a porthole.

CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck # 122, 125; Main Deck #201, 203, 206, 208, 210-212, 214-218, 220—Cabins have two lower single beds and a writing desk. Upper Deck Cabins feature large windows & Main Deck cabins have two portholes.

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck # 209; A Deck #300, 350, 351—These spacious cabins accommodate two or three people, all with two lower beds, a sitting chair, a writing desk, and two portholes. Each has a separate sleeping and sitting area.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #102, 104-112, 114-116, 118, 120, 121, 123—Conveniently located cabins feature two lower single beds and a writing desk.

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck #117, 129—The finest accommodations on board. Suites have separate sleeping and sitting areas, a large view window, and a convertible sofa to accommodate a third person.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck # 219, 222; A Deck #309-312, 314-316, 318

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #124, 126, 127; Main Deck #205

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 and have one lower single bed and one porthole.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: We will make arrangements for shared accommodations at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2. Third person rates are available in designated cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

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

2015 GALÁPAGOS: ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR-PAGE 18	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$495 Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Jan. 1-Dec. 17	\$6,290	\$6,990	\$7,650	\$8,290	\$10,280	\$7,860	\$8,730	\$750	
Holiday: Dec. 18, 25	\$7,120	\$7,990	\$8,590	\$9,290	\$11,320	\$8,940	\$9,990	\$750	
2015 GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA-PAGE 20	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Jan. 1-Dec. 17	\$11,280	\$11,980	\$12,640	\$13,280	\$15,270	\$14,150	\$15,020	\$1,000	
Holiday: Dec. 18	\$12,110	\$12,980	\$13,580	\$14,280	\$16,310	\$15,230	\$16,280	\$1,000	
2015 EPIC GALÁPAGOS PHOTO EXPEDITION ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Nov. 27-Dec. 13	\$12,580	\$13,980	\$15,300	\$16,580	\$20,560	\$15,720	\$17,460	\$1,500	

National Geographic Islander

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness center; global market; LEXspa; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, and presentations; and sky deck. our Ecuadorian captain welcomes guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, meals are informal. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities and climate controls.

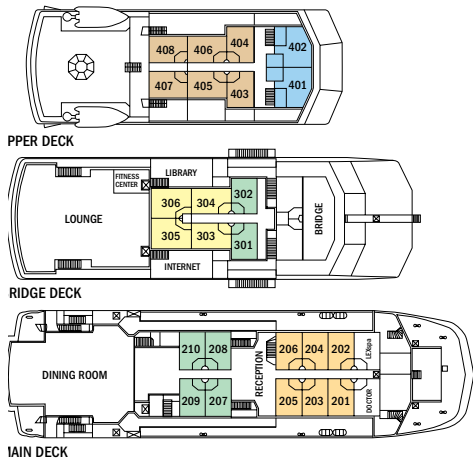
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Kayaks, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Internet access, laundry service, ship's doctor, wellness specialist, and video chronicler.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment and outdoor stretching area.



Left to right: Category 5 cabin; the ship's Lounge.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck # 201-206—Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302—Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #303-306—Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Cabins 305 & 306 can accommodate a third person.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #403-408—Spacious cabins feature two lower single beds which can convert to a lower double bed. All cabins feature a window and outside glassed-in terraces with seating. There are large windows in the top half of the terrace doors. Note: The single beds in cabins 403 & 404 convert to double beds.

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck #401 and 402—These are the largest cabins on board. They feature wrap around windows and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Both have a desk, chairs, and table. They also feature outside glassed in terraces with seating.

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

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

2015 GALÁPAGOS: ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER-PAGE 18	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	International and internal Ecuador tickets must be issued separately for all Galápagos voyages. Sample International Airfares: round-trip Miami/Guayaquil: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,600. Sample Internal Airfares: Guayaquil/Galápagos: Adult from \$495 Children (Under 12) from \$250. Call for sample Peru airfare.
Jan. 1-Dec. 18	\$6,760	\$7,590	\$8,270	\$8,750	\$10,650	\$10,140	\$11,390	\$750	
Holiday: Dec. 19 & 26	\$7,660	\$8,570	\$9,190	\$9,750	\$11,720	\$11,490	\$12,850	\$750	
2015 GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & THE LAND OF THE INCA-PAGE 20	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	
Jan. 1-Dec. 18	\$11,750	\$12,580	\$13,260	\$13,740	\$15,640	\$16,430	\$17,680	\$1,000	
Holiday: Dec. 26	\$12,650	\$13,560	\$14,180	\$14,740	\$16,710	\$17,780	\$19,140	\$1,000	

National Geographic Sea Bird & Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; Observation Deck; partially covered Sun Deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and lunch is often served family style. Menu emphasizes local flair.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities, and climate controls.

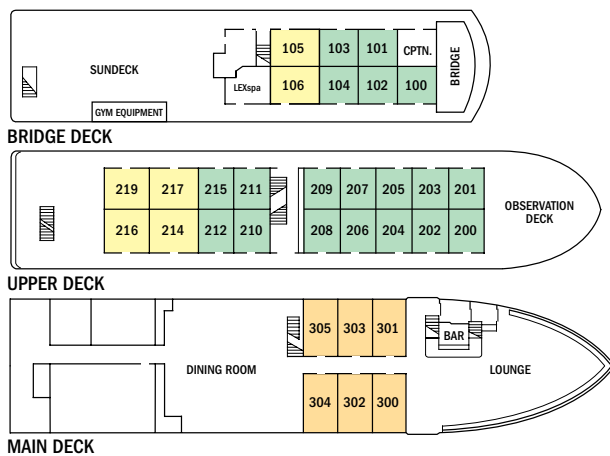
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A video chronicler on board all voyages. An undersea specialist is on board in Alaska.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa, and outdoor stretching area.



Insets clockwise from top: Expedition ship National Geographic Sea Bird can access hard to reach locations; twin beds can be pushed together to form a double bed in Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck; a comfortable Category 2 cabin.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305—Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk, and a large view window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215—These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219—These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

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ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness - Page 26	2015	\$6,290	\$7,340	\$8,390	\$9,440	\$11,010	\$750	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/=Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$570; Business Class from \$990.
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii - Page 28	2015	\$10,390	\$11,860	\$13,830	\$15,590	\$17,790	\$900	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$280; Business Class from \$600.

Delfin II

CAPACITY: 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

REGISTRY: Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 120 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: An enclosed, air conditioned lounge. Outdoor areas include the well-designed, comfortable Top Deck and bar. There is a small reference library and the bridge, where you are welcome to meet the captain and officers.

MEALS: The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

SUITES: Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone. Enjoy complimentary organic sun block with insect repellent, body lotion, shampoo and conditioner.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: 10-person skiffs – with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided before an excursion if deemed necessary.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guests may swim directly from the skiffs using the convenient swim ladder, weather & location permitting.

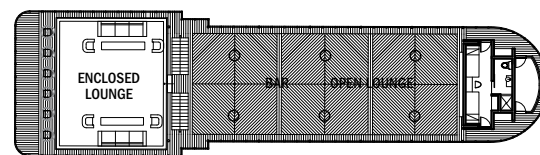
SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 – Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.

MASTER SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 – The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90 degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king, and Upper Deck Master Suites have king beds only.

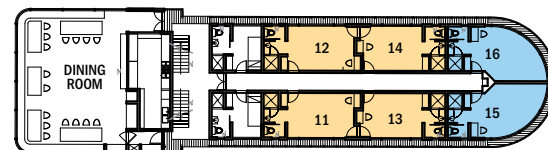
SOLE OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Due to the limited number of cabins available, sole occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.



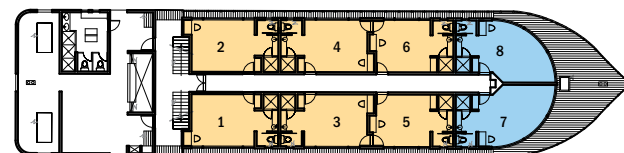
Insets clockwise from top left: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious master suites offer comfort and panoramic views.



TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

ITINERARY	YEAR	SUITE	MASTER SUITE	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve – Page 22	2015	\$6,390	\$7,460	\$500	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$700; Business from \$1,800. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos/Lima: From \$425.
Upper Amazon & Galápagos – Page 24	2015	Back-to-back expeditions combining Galápagos + Upper Amazon are available on a number of 2015 dates. Please call for specific dates & rates.			
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca – Page 25	2015	\$11,380	\$12,450	\$1,000	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$800; Business from \$3,000. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Cusco/Lima: From \$425. Lima/Iquitos/Lima From \$425.

Lord of the Glens

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 26 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Great Britain. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 150 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: With exterior teak decks, hardwood finished interiors, and fine fabrics, the *Lord of the Glens* offers a stylish and relaxing ambiance. The two lounges and two open-air viewing areas are social hubs aboard ship. There is a bar, and space to read books from the well-stocked library.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling, meals focus on healthy cuisine including fresh Scottish poultry, salmon, trout, and other options.

CABINS: Cabins are tasteful, comfortable, and amply sized, with outside views. Most cabins have picture windows (three have two large portholes high in the cabin). Facilities include a private bathroom with shower, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, satellite television, music system, hair dryer, telephone, safety deposit box, bathrobes, and toiletries.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Bicycles and kayaks are on board. There is complimentary Internet access at a computer in the reception area. *Lord of the Glens* is the only ship of its kind able both to navigate the locks of the Caledonian Canal and sail among the islands of the Inner Hebrides. She offers us the unique ability to explore both the Highlands and the fabled Scottish isles.

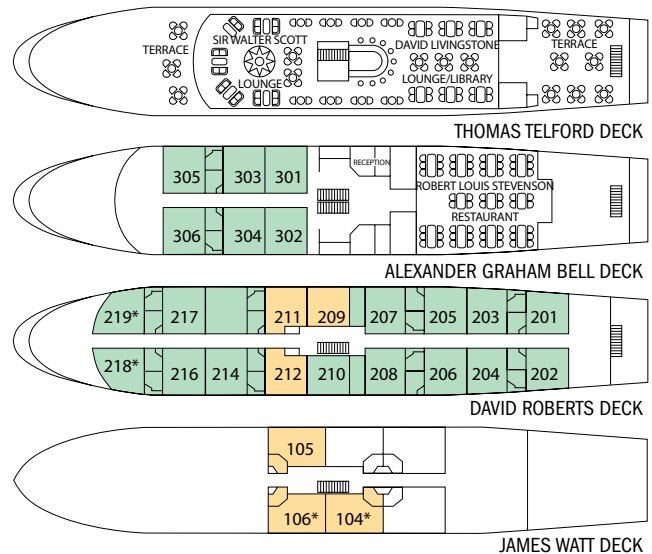


Inset clockwise from left: Lord of the Glens; the gracious dining room; a Category 2 cabin; tea on deck; the ship's lounge where evening recaps are held.

CATEGORY 1: James Watt Deck #105 (2 lower beds, 2 portholes); James Watt Deck Sole Occupancy #104*, 106* (1 double bed, 2 portholes); David Roberts Deck #209 (2 lower beds) 211-212 (1 double bed, picture window).

CATEGORY 2: David Roberts Deck #201-208, 210, 214, 216-217 (2 lower beds, picture window); Sole Occupancy #218*-219* (1 double bed, picture window) Alexander Graham Bell Deck #301-306 (2 lower beds, large picture window).

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.



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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Scotland's Highlands and Islands - Exploring in Depth - Page 42	2015	\$6,990	\$7,990	\$8,740	\$9,990	\$800	Sample Airfare: Round-trip NY/Inverness: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$4,750.

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- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Sauna (on some ships)
- ✓ Fitness Center (except on *Sea Cloud*)
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

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- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
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- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

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Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350*
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of total fare
59-45 days	50% of total fare
44-0 days	No refund

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180 or more days	\$750*
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89-60 days	50% of total fare
59-0 days	No Refund

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