ALASKA & BEYOND

2 EXCEPTIONAL WAYS

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION, SEA BIRD, QUEST & VENTURE | 2017-18
DEAR TRAVELER,

Though we have been exploring Alaska and British Columbia for 35+ years, our expedition teams remain captivated by the region’s wildness and pristine beauty – from the sweeping majesty of Glacier Bay National Park to the strange wonderful undersea, which you’ll “virtually explore” with your onboard undersea specialist – and are passionate about sharing both Alaska’s and British Columbia’s wonders with you.

And thanks to our trio of nimble expedition ships, the 62-guest National Geographic Sea Lion and Sea Bird, and the brand-new 100-guest National Geographic Quest making its debut in June 2017, we’ll take you past the big cruise ships hovering in the deep water, to go far inside the slender fjords and passages. It’s here where you’ll discover authentic Alaska – the bears, the breaching whales and bald eagles, the old-growth forests, the calving glaciers, gorgeous vistas, and fascinating First Nations communities.

Both voyages offer an in-depth exploration of this dynamic environment. Treasures of the Inside Passage, our National Geographic Quest & Venture voyage, navigates through the San Juan Islands, the wildlife-rich channels of British Columbia, and the rugged coast of Southeast Alaska. While our Remarkable Journey includes all of the above, plus takes advantage of the rare access we’ve been given to enter ancestral Haida lands for a rich and meaningful encounter with an extraordinary culture. Whether this will be your first visit to Alaska or your fifteenth, these immersive itineraries will reward your curiosity and interest in spades – delivering everything you’ve come to see and do, plus so much more.

On behalf of our dedicated expedition teams, we hope you’ll choose to visit Alaska and British Columbia with us this coming season.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad
More than a century has passed since the grandeur of Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage first captivated naturalist John Muir; and the region’s beauty—from breathtaking fjords to translucent blue icebergs—continues to draw adventurous travelers like a magnet. It’s why we’ve been exploring there for 35+ years—and we’re returning once again—on our brand-new ship, National Geographic Quest for a wide-ranging expedition of the San Juan & Gulf Islands, British Columbia, iconic Southwest Alaska, and more. With Quest as our home base we’ll discover a dazzling array of abundant marine life, ancient forests, and moving First Nation traditions. Kayak in sublimely tranquil bays and inlets, and paddleboard along the verdant coastlines of remote islands. Take in the awe-inspiring landscapes, glaciers and mountains in Misty Fiords and legendary Glacier Bay National Park, which we’ll explore for a full day by special permit. Observe unique whale behavior as we search for feeding humpbacks and hunting orcas. Plus, in Alert Bay at the U’Mista Cultural Centre traditional performances by the Kwakwaka’wakw people offer a glimpse into the human communities of these incredible lands as they have existed for ages.

“...the glories of those months in the ice-world—the beautiful and terrible network of crevasses, the clustering pinnacles, the thousand streams ringing and gurgling in azure channels cut in the living body of the glacier, the glorious radiance of the sunbeams falling on crystal dale and hill, the rosy glow of the dawn and sunset, the march of the clouds on the mountains, and the mysterious splendor of the auroras when the nights grow long, etc., etc., etc. But this would require a volume, while here I have only space to add—Go to Alaska, go and see."

–John Muir, Travels in Alaska (1915)
ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA + A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HAIDA GWAI:

A THRILLING ARRAY OF WILDLIFE AND NATURAL WONDERS
On this in-depth exploration of Southeast Alaska sail into mist shrouded fjords, see thundering glaciers, and experience the surprisingly colorful undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist. The immersive itinerary gives us a richer opportunity to witness all of the iconic wildlife you came for—breaching humpback whales, brown bears stalking shores, majestic bald eagles soaring overhead—plus, explore the state’s famed natural wonders as well as some out-of-the-way regions we’ve uncovered over the years here.

AND SPECIAL ACCESS TO MYTHIC HAIDA GWAI:
Though Haida Gwaii, a spectacular archipelago off British Columbia, is known as the “islands at the edge of the world,” it is well within reach aboard National Geographic Sea Bird and Sea Lion—the only U.S. vessels permitted to visit these hallowed islands in over 20 years. The Haida First Nation people are legendary Pacific coast artists and artisans. So, we were initially permitted to visit Haida lands because of our commitment to artisans and the environment in which they create their works, as evidenced by our Artisan Fund (financed by a percentage of sales from onboard Global Galleries). It is indeed a privilege to see their artwork, most strikingly the totems created by master carvers, and to hear the stories woven into the very fibers of Haida regalia, and Haida cultural interpreters will introduce us to a wealth of cultural objects—including the silvered totem poles, some 150-200 years old, which line the shore of SGang Gwaay Llnagaay, a legendary UNESCO World Heritage site.

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A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS | DATES: 2017 APR. 30, MAY 13; SEP. 3*, 4*
2018: MAY 5*, 6; AUG. 26*, 27*—PRICES FROM: $10,900 to $19,860
*These voyages travel in reverse.

Aboard National Geographic Sea Bird and National Geographic Sea Lion

ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE
Day 1 Seattle, Washington/Embarlk
Day 2 San Juan Islands, Washington
Day 3 Gulf Islands
Day 4 Alert Bay And Johnstone Strait
Day 5-6 Inside Passage of British Columbia
Day 7 Misty Fiords, Alaska
Day 8 Petersburg
Day 9 Tracy Arm-Ford’s Terror Wilderness
Day 10 Glacier Bay National Park
Day 11 Inian Islands/Icy Strait
Day 12 Exploring Baranof or Chichagof Islands
Day 13 Sitka/Disembark/Seattle
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST & VENTURE

CAPACITY: 100 Guests in 50 cabins.
REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 238 feet.

The National Geographic Quest & Venture are the latest additions to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage, National Geographic Quest & Venture are able to explore the same remote locations we’ve sought out for decades while setting a new standard in comfort and style.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. 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 dinner is served family-style. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, video microscope, paddleboards.

NEW SHIP BOOK BY JUNE 1, 2017 TO GUARANTEE 2017 PRICES FOR 2018 DEPARTURES.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes. $9,930

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes. $9,990

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two large view windows. $10,590

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door, and small, private balcony. $11,490

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person. $12,400

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: $13,990

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: $14,835

Note: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 at one half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

Above from left to right: (Artist’s renderings): The lounge, with 270º views, is the hub of the expedition community; a spacious and open sun deck will provide unparalleled views.

OUR TEAM REPRESENTING US IN ALASKA THIS SEASON

Representing our expert team for the 2017 season: Rob Cummings, naturalist; Sharon Grainger, expedition leader; Paul North, undersea specialist; Alyssa Adler, undersea specialist.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
SEA BIRD & SEA LION

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: United States.
OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.
PUBLIC AREAS: Our ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sundeck 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 fare.
CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities, and climate controls.
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, Splash-Cam, paddleboards, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.
SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A video chronicler and undersea specialist are on board all voyages.
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa, and outdoor stretching area.

BOOK BY JUNE 1, 2017 TO GUARANTEE 2017 PRICES FOR 2018 DEPARTURES.

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

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 — Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, and a large view window. $10,900

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 — These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window. $12,450

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. $14,530

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: $16,350

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: $19,860

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.

For Reservations: Contact your travel advisor or Lindblad Expeditions
1.800.EXPEDITION (1.800.397.3348) WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Cost Includes: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees, use of kayaks (where available), special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, and services of our expedition staff.
Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyages DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.
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2016 World Tourism Award


Town & Country Cruise Awards: Best for Families and Onboard Activities, Expedition Cruises, 2016

Porthole Cruise Magazine Readers’ Choice Awards: Best Expedition Cruise Line, 2015

Tourism Cares Travel Philanthropy Awards: Legacy in Travel Philanthropy, 2015


Virtuoso “Sustainable Tourism Leadership-Supplier” Award, 2013


Climate Champion Award to Sven Lindblad by Clean Air-Cool Planet, 2009

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