

# ALASKA

ICONIC WILDLIFE  
& EXCLUSIVE 2019  
OPPORTUNITIES

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE,  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD | 2018 & 2019



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DEAR TRAVELER,

If you're on our email list, you'll be receiving our monthly newsletter, where you'll see that we're celebrating National Geographic's **Year of The Bird**, to honor a visionary piece of conservation legislation still in force today: the Migratory Bird Treaty Species Act passed by the U.S. House in 1918. This month's featured bird is the bald eagle. Perfect timing for turning your attention to Alaska, where bald eagles loom large among the many species, from breaching whales and foraging bears to otters, most travelers want to see.



Join us on an expedition and you'll have different opportunities to view eagles, a variety of other bird species and all manner of wildlife. Veteran naturalists, aka Bird Ambassadors, will be aboard select departures to enrich your experience. Join them on deck, or on the Bridge, along with the ship's captain and officers, for the fun of spotting and tallying the many species you'll see during your expedition. It's fun to do whether you consider yourself a birder or not. And chances are, once you get into the spirit of it, you will be.

And there's so much wildlife richness in Alaska. You'll discover an array of thriving, vibrant life. Bears, fresh from their dens in the early season or determinedly adding fat in full summer, foraging the shorelines, or fishing for salmon in the streams. Individual whales spectacularly breaching. And pods of whales collectively bubble-net feeding—in stunning displays of intelligence and strategy. You'll also explore a surprising and inspiring facet of Alaska—it's vivid undersea. Since an undersea specialist equipped to dive and record video, is an integral member of our expedition, you'll get a bird's eye view of the world beneath the ship. Our entire expedition team is committed to doing what it takes to ensure you an extraordinary experience—whether it means manning the spotting scopes from dawn to dusk, or waking you with a gentle 'wildlife or northern lights alert' and more, so you miss none of the wonders Alaska offers.

The photographs in this brochure do their best to show you why we have been drawn to exploring Alaska for over 35 years, but they can't compare to being there. I promise it will exceed your every expectation.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE SPECIAL OFFERS

- **Savings for families on all itineraries:**  
Take \$500 off the double occupancy rate for each child under the age of 18 on any Alaska expedition.
- **FREE AIRFARE**  
Free Round-trip or one-way airfare on select departures. See page 44 for details.

# OUR ALASKA: AWESOME, AUTHENTIC & EXCLUSIVE

Since the United States acquired ‘Seward’s Folly’ from Russia in 1867, this mythic landscape has drawn travelers like iron filings to a magnet. Thanks to our 50 years of expedition experience and 35+ years of Alaska expertise, we have earned the knowledge, and the privileges, that enable us to take you deep inside authentic Alaska. Special permits from the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service allow us to sail far into Glacier Bay National Park and remote wild regions of the Tongass National Forest. Our connections with welcoming locals and First Nations communities we visit in Alaska and British Columbia create moving and memorable encounters to take away.

Discover a maze of fjords lined in ancient forests framed by snowcapped mountains. Hear the thunderous crack of glaciers. Linger in calm bays with humpback whales. See foraging bears, hauled-out Steller sea lions, feeding puffins, and mountain goats picking their way along a rocky outcropping, and bald eagles perched in massive Sitka spruce trees.





*Clockwise from top: Exploring Ford's Terror Wilderness by expedition landing craft, Southeast Alaska; brown bear striding along the riverbank; guests walking through Sitka National Historic Park amid totem poles; Bald eagle, Sitka Alaska.*

# OBSERVING WHALES WITH EXPERTS HEIGHTENS THE THRILL



*The whale-watching experience we provide in Alaska is genuinely extraordinary, thanks to our staff and expert guests, like marine biologist and National Geographic expert **Flip Nicklin, one of the world's leading photographers of whales.** He travels frequently aboard our ships, sharing the adventure with guests on expedition cruises to Alaska, Baja, and beyond. To give you a taste of how enjoyable it is to share drinks or dinner on deck observing whales with him, we recently sat down with him to hear more about his career—and why he loves teaching our travelers about whales.*

## **You've devoted a large part of your career as a photographer to following humpback whales throughout their migration, and whales in general. How did that happen?**

My father was a diver and a naturalist, and he taught me to dive at a very young age. He actually rode a whale back in 1963. Photos of him with the whale caught the attention of photographer Bates Littlehales of National Geographic, who came to document the whales with our help. My dad was inspired to become a whale photographer because he'd met one. He shot both films and stills, and made an IMAX film. I helped with that, met researchers, got some good pictures, showed the Geographic and they got interested in another story. Through the following 30 years, I've followed those researchers and the whales. I still work with Jim Darling, the first scientist I worked with. And I'm still trying to find out why humpback whales sing.

*Humpback whales cooperatively bubble-net feeding in Iyoukeen Inlet off of Chichagof Island, Alaska.*



### What are some of the leading theories?

The whales have their affiliates, their team. The song may be part of how they coordinate the team. Does survival of the fittest mean the biggest, strongest, smartest? Or perhaps the most socially adept. If you have the most friends, perhaps your cooperation with them trumps other strengths.

### You divide your time between Alaska and Hawaii, with homes in each, and you spend time in Baja each year as well. What's that life been like?

My family migrates with the whales! It's pretty great. We've followed them for decades, and sometimes it feels like they're following us. We bought a home in Hawaii to support whale research 20 years ago, and we keep coming back to find out what's happening, to see what we'll learn next. Whether it's in Maui, in Baja, in Alaska, you might see great stuff, fascinating new behavior, at any time. Whales have become my addiction.

### Do you frequently see the same whales and feel as if you get to know them?

In Alaska, we see many of the same whales day after day. There may be 60 whales, and only nine or ten of them come to the boats each day. The first time scientists tagged whales in Hawaii, they discovered that within ten days, the whales had visited nearly all the islands. But here in Alaska, we see the same whales in the same places day after day for weeks.



### What are some of the most rewarding experiences you've had on our trips?

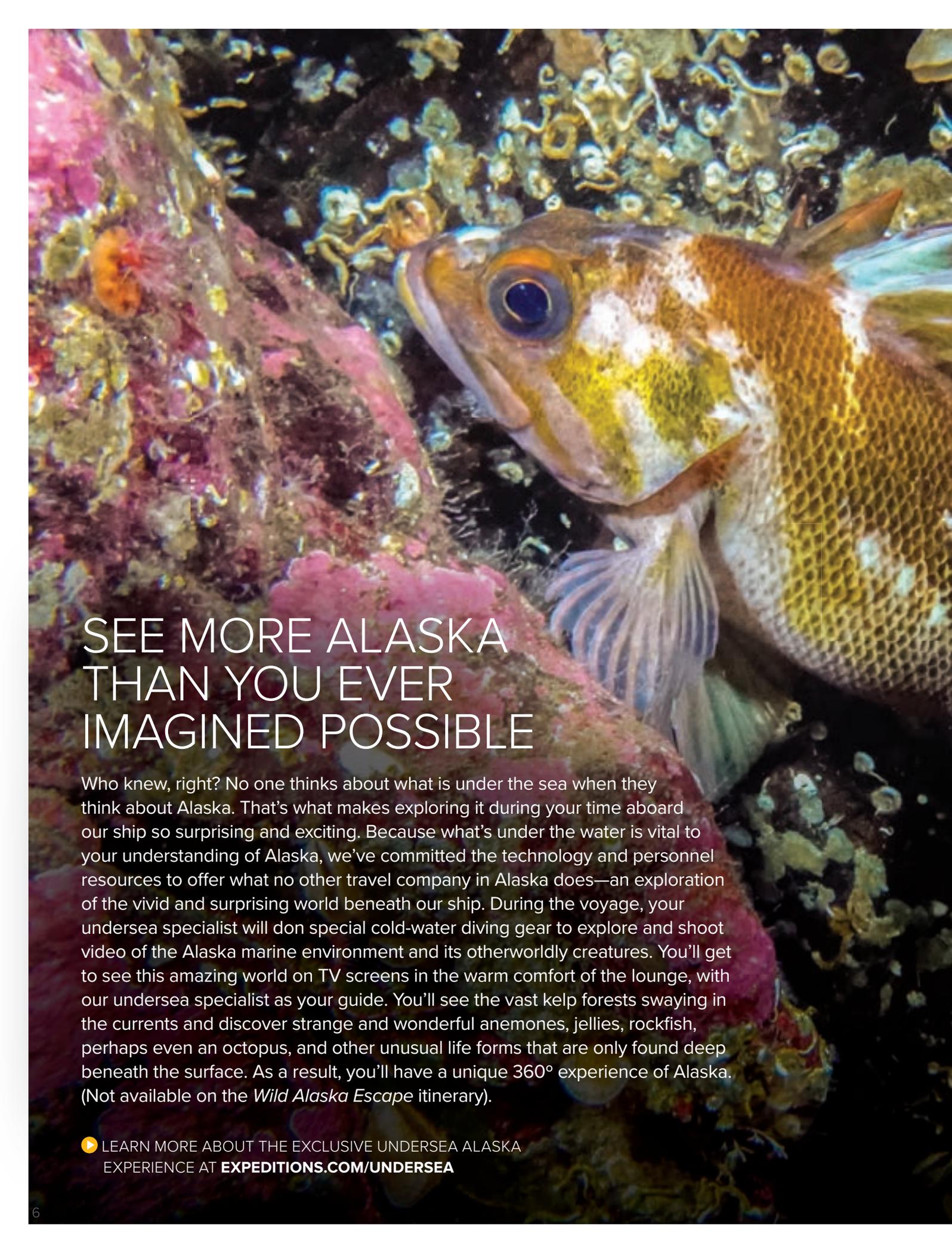
I love being around people as they make their own personal discoveries. On Lindblad-National Geographic expeditions, I meet friendly, thoughtful people who love the idea of whales. Bringing them up to speed on all we know today, answering their questions about the biology, the policy and politics, of these beautiful creatures—I get a big kick out of that.

In 2004, a singing whale came up to the boat, another followed, and they did a sensual dance around each other. I was shooting digital at the time. The technology was still new, and some of the photos didn't come out. But I saw it happen. I didn't see that behavior again until 2012. When I saw it then, I knew it, knew what it was, and I got it with my camera. When you've thought about a behavior for years and years and you finally get the image, that picture comes through—that's a very exciting moment. And that's happened multiple times for me.

### Is there anything else you'd say to someone who's considering an expedition to see the whales with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic?

Yes—come on out! Amazing things will happen, they'll happen up close, and you'll remember them for a long, long time.

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# SEE MORE ALASKA THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED POSSIBLE

Who knew, right? No one thinks about what is under the sea when they think about Alaska. That's what makes exploring it during your time aboard our ship so surprising and exciting. Because what's under the water is vital to your understanding of Alaska, we've committed the technology and personnel resources to offer what no other travel company in Alaska does—an exploration of the vivid and surprising world beneath our ship. During the voyage, your undersea specialist will don special cold-water diving gear to explore and shoot video of the Alaska marine environment and its otherworldly creatures. You'll get to see this amazing world on TV screens in the warm comfort of the lounge, with our undersea specialist as your guide. You'll see the vast kelp forests swaying in the currents and discover strange and wonderful anemones, jellies, rockfish, perhaps even an octopus, and other unusual life forms that are only found deep beneath the surface. As a result, you'll have a unique 360° experience of Alaska. (Not available on the *Wild Alaska Escape* itinerary).

▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EXCLUSIVE UNDERSEA ALASKA  
EXPERIENCE AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/UNDERSEA](https://www.expeditions.com/undersea)



Left: Copper Rockfish; Above: Anemone;  
Below: Giant Pacific Octopus.

*“We found ourselves in a forest of giant plumose anemones...among them hundreds of species of marine invertebrates—each more vibrant than the last. Hermit crabs whose shells had been fully engulfed by sponges, a rare butterfly crab, and six species of sea stars—including the largest on Earth. Sharing the images with everyone aboard brought excitement and shed light on the seldom-seen underwater world.”*

—JEFF LITTON, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST



▶ WATCH A FASCINATING PACIFIC OCTOPUS ENCOUNTER AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/OCTOPUS](https://www.expeditions.com/octopus)

# FAMILY ADVENTURE WITH MAGIC & MEANING



Leave the commutes, schedules, and screen-staring behind. Discover how a wild, beautiful land and uncommon adventure can unite a family in shared activities—kayak side-by-side through a quiet cove, hike the forest, draw safely near a thundering glacier, spot a bald eagle together, or watch humpback whales surge as they feed. Our expeditions ensure seamless family getaways where everything is taken care of—all you have to do is relax and enjoy the adventure.

## SPECIAL OFFER:

- **Savings for Families on all Alaska itineraries:** Take \$500 off the double occupancy rate for each child under the age of 18 on any Alaska expedition.

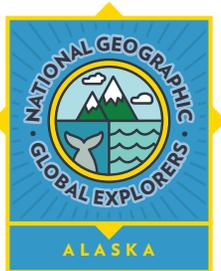
*Kids working on Global Explorers field notebook on the Lake Eva Trail in South East Alaska.*





*Left: Young guests exploring by Zodiac and each participant gets the opportunity to earn their Zodiac “driver’s license”; connecting with nature with a National Geographic certified field educator..*

## NEW FOR 2018: FIELD-TESTED, FAMILY APPROVED! NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GLOBAL EXPLORERS PROGRAM



Our exclusive family program debuted in Galápagos in 2017 to the acclaim of kids and parents. Developed in conjunction with National Geographic Education, this unique exploration-based program provides an unforgettable ‘smart fun’ experience for young explorers. A variety of optional activities, tailored by age, and outlined in their keepsake field notebook, engage kids with the Alaska experience.

Guests under 18 are invited to:

- ✓ **Have fun!** They’ll take part in all kinds of cool activities—like learning about glaciers by making ice cream sundaes, or using glacial ice to paint water colors
- ✓ **Benefit from National Geographic certified field educators:** They’ll optimize daily learning opportunities and fun for all ages
- ✓ **Connect with nature:** Kids and teens have direct contact with wildlife and wonders, on land and in the sea
- ✓ **Learn to be a storyteller:** Kids and teens will be encouraged to use their creativity—with photos, videos, music, writing, drawing and more, to tell stories about all they’ll see and do
- ✓ **Develop their observation skills:** Daily activities will prompt kids to watch out for specific wildlife, and record observations in their Field Notebook

▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GLOBAL EXPLORERS FAMILY PROGRAM AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGGE](https://www.expeditions.com/ngge)



## EXPERIENCE ALASKA WITH ALL YOUR SENSES

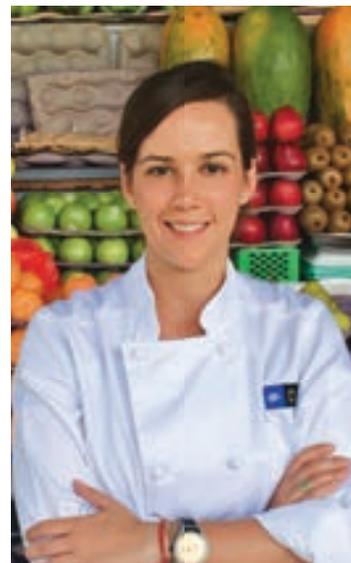
Whether it's satisfying your appetite kindled by active exploration in the exhilarating fresh air or keeping your spirit of anticipation whetted while aboard, the culinary side of our expedition team is equal to the challenge. Much of the food prepared is sourced locally whenever possible from sustainable providers, with ingredients and flavors that reflect Alaska's wild bounty. Both breakfast and lunch are served buffet-style with plenty of variety to choose from, while dinner is plated and served by our gracious waitstaff. And since seating is open, allowing you to choose where to dine, mealtimes are more than opportunities to eat well, they're also a chance to join naturalists, guest speakers, ship's officers and fellow guests to engage in stimulating conversation and gain deeper insight into the nature and culture of the region.



*Above: Head Chef Eric Seabury shows off fresh Dungeness crabs to be served for an all-you-can-eat dinner on board; Dungeness crab dinner.*

*“Alaska’s tonic air combined with the time we spend on deck or actively engaged in exploring works up a healthy appetite. And there’s no better place to satisfy it than in Alaska, where our commitment to sustainable seafood rewards us every day. Our chefs have their choice of local seasonal fish varieties, from day boat haddock and line-caught salmon to fresh lobster, all sourced from providers we’ve known and worked with for years. And they provision produce from sustainable local growers, too. Fresh bread is baked aboard for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as are breakfast pastries and desserts. Berry season is celebrated aboard, for sure! Our culinary focus and skill ensures you will experience Alaska with all your senses.”*

—ANA ESTEVES, DIRECTOR, HOTEL OPERATIONS, LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS



*This page, clockwise from left: Staff serving Alaskan Beer during “Crab Night”; Ana Esteves, Director, Hotel Operations; example of a delicious plated meal, all food served aboard is fresh, local and sustainable; a delicious dessert.*



# THE PERFECT PLATFORMS TO EXPLORE WILD ALASKA

The key to our expedition style is how we view our ships: they're tools for getting you to, and deeply into, the remarkable places we explore. In turn, all our ships—*National Geographic Sea Bird*, *Sea Lion*, *Quest*, and *Venture* are equally equipped with a roster of exploration tools. A fleet of expedition landing craft on each allows us to explore, and land, in pristine wild places where no infrastructure of docks and ports exist. A fleet of kayaks and paddleboards enable you to get out on personal adventures. In addition, ours are the only ships in Alaska with an undersea specialist and undersea video technology

aboard—to provide video presentations of the world beneath the ship for all to enjoy in brilliant HD from the comfort of the ship's lounge. *Quest* and *Venture* are equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths of up to 1,000 feet. Other advantages of our ships include: spacious decks ideal for fresh-air wildlife-watching with your naturalists; and generous windows that bring in the jaw-dropping scenery—to keep you constantly connected everywhere on board to the iconic Alaska you came to experience.



*On Quest's (shown above and at right) rear deck, twin marina platforms are used to disembark guests quickly and safely—get right to exploring!*



*This page, counter clockwise from top: Undersea specialist Paul North prepares to send a compact Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) out into the water. The ROV can go hundreds of feet deeper than a scuba diver and captures parts of the undersea that are as unexplored as the moon; guests on the bow get close enough to feel the waterfall's spray on their face (and their cameras!); take a flightseeing excursion for thrilling aerial views of the region's glaciers; kayakers spot a brown bear on shore.*

# OUR LARGE TEAM IS KEY TO MORE OPTIONS FOR YOU

Share the adventure with a team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an expedition leader, and a video chronicler, plus a captain, officers and a hotel staff dedicated to doing what it takes to ensure you the most memorable experience possible. Want a leisurely walk while others go bushwhacking? Want to linger photographing birds while others go kayaking or paddleboarding? No problem: with one staff member for every 10 guests, plus a fleet of expedition landing craft and other tools, you're sure to have diverse daily activity options. And since you're never assigned, you're able to gravitate toward individuals whose interests mirror your own—birds, whales, botany, the undersea, paddling, photography and more. Get all the advantages of esprit de corps, while enjoying the benefits of individual freedom, too.

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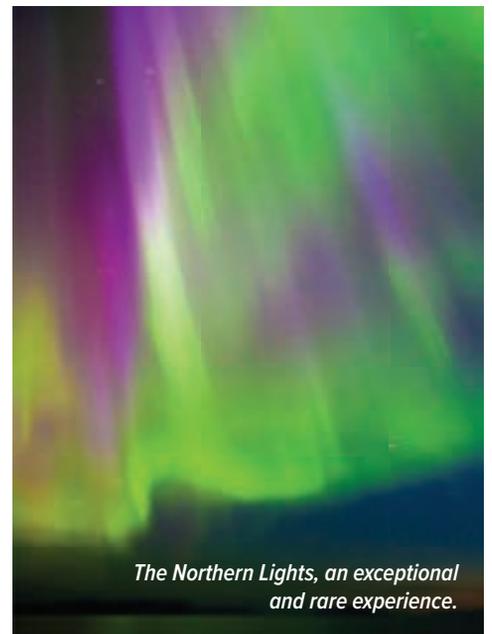
*At left, representing our expert team for the 2018 & 2019 season, clockwise from upper left: John Mitchell; Rab Cummings; Jarad Funderbunk; Paul North; Linda Burback.*



*Naturalist-led expedition landing craft ride through the Misty Fjords National Monument.*

*We were hanging out on deck with Expedition Leader John Mitchell after an amazing day, when he casually mentioned there was a chance we might have the opportunity to see a very rare experience, the Northern Lights that night. We all got excited and hopeful. John said he would stay up to keep an eye out. That night we were sound asleep when his gentle, nearly whispered 2 a.m. announcement came over the PA asking us to join him on deck for a wonderful opportunity. We threw parkas over our pjs, thinking we'd be the only ones excited enough to do it, and raced to the aft deck. To our surprise, everybody showed up! John went above and beyond, to give us the best experience possible—an awesome sky show that we would otherwise have missed.*

— ANGELA ROBINSON, GUEST,  
WILD ALASKA ESCAPE, 2017



*The Northern Lights, an exceptional and rare experience.*

# EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY: HELPS YOU TELL YOUR ALASKA STORY



Guests using their telephoto lenses on an Epic Alaska Photo Expedition.

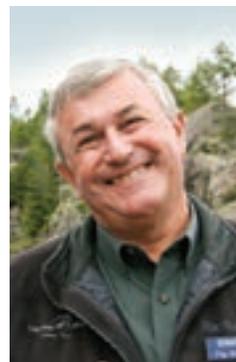
While you're discovering Alaska—from the ship, on land, or from an expedition landing craft—you'll have the benefit of a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI) at your side and at your service. He or she can help you with anything from camera settings and basics, to expert tips for advanced hobbyists. And our CPIs are also trained naturalists, so they'll help you understand wildlife behavior—that can lead to capturing great shots that tell the story of what you saw, did and even felt in Alaska. Depending on your departure date, you might also travel with a National Geographic photographer, too, for inspiration, tips and superb storytelling technique.



Choose a select departure and learn from these National Geographic photographers:



**RICH REID**  
**A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii**  
*National Geographic Sea Bird*  
Sep. 2, 2019  
See page 32



**FLIP NICKLIN**  
**Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska & British Columbia**  
*National Geographic Quest*  
May 12, 2019. See page 28  
**Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness**  
*National Geographic Quest*  
May 25, 2019.  
See page 20.



**JONATHAN KINGSTON**  
**Wild Alaska Escape**  
*National Geographic Sea Bird*  
Aug. 23 & 28, 2019  
See page 24



**DAN WESTERGREN**  
**Epic Alaska: Misty Fjords to the Lynn Canal**  
*National Geographic Sea Bird*  
Aug. 3, 2019  
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▶ FOR MORE ON EACH PHOTOGRAPHER, VISIT [WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/BIOS](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/BIOS)

# TRAVELING FOR GOOD

We are committed more than ever to making a positive impact in the regions we explore. Southeast Alaska's pristine natural beauty, iconic species, and indigenous cultures deserve protection, and through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic (LEX-NG) Fund, we're working—in tandem with our guests—to support projects that are crucial to preserving Alaska's wilderness and wildlife for generations to come. We hope you will choose to explore Alaska with us, and be inspired by efforts there.

## LEX-NG FUND GRANTEES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

- ✓ Sitka Conservation Society helped protect two million acres of Tongass National Forest
- ✓ Alaska Whale Foundation photo-identified 150 unique humpback whales to assess population dynamics
- ✓ Southeast Alaska Conservation Council added 302,400 temperature data points to a climate assessment using citizen scientists

▶ VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/CONSERVATION](https://www.lindblad.com/expeditions.com/conservation) TO LEARN MORE





*Mountain goat grazing with glacier in the background.*



# EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

For over 35 years our classic Alaska expedition itinerary has consistently delivered unparalleled experiences in this capital of wildness. We know the protected coves where sea otters congregate, the river rapids where bears fish for salmon, and the rich channels where whales feed. And now, we're able to offer the luxury of choice in exploring—sail aboard the new 50-cabin twin ships in our fleet, *National Geographic Quest* and *Venture*, or choose the 31-cabin *National Geographic Sea Lion*. All offer the same exploration into the breathtaking beauty and wildlife of Southeast Alaska. *Quest* and *Venture* offer more spacious cabins, while *Sea Lion* sails with a bit more intimate of a group. With more naturalists aboard *Quest* and *Venture* to accommodate more guests, you're able to explore with the benefit of more perspective and a wider breadth of expertise.

Orca whale sighting in the Inian Islands.



# EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST, AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

PRICES FROM: \$5,990 to \$11,430 (See pages 41 & 43 for complete prices.)

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike through lush forests to cascading waterfalls, and ride an expedition landing craft into secluded inlets to look for brown bears.
- ▶ Meet with our conservation partners from the Alaska Whale Foundation to learn about the local whale population, and get a first-hand perspective on Alaska's indigenous people from a Tlingit cultural interpreter.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.
- ▶ Explore Tongass National Forest: By special permit hike and kayak in the wild and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled 6-person expedition team aboard the *Sea Lion* or 10-person teams aboard the *Quest* and *Venture* are key to an in-depth experience. An expedition leader, 4 naturalists (depending on the ship), 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.

*A humpback whale breaches.*

### DAY 1: JUNEAU/EMBARK

Explore the newly constructed Alaska State Museum, with its sprawling collection of natural history and cultural artifacts, and explore downtown Juneau. 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 among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises and arctic terns. (B,L,D)



Petersburg.

### DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, true Alaskan fishing 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 flightseeing excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

Explore along the rugged coast seeking out humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. Expert staff will interpret their life histories and behaviors. Cruise the nutrient rich waters seeking out humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. Expert staff will interpret their behaviors. Later we will explore the shoreline by kayak or go ashore to explore the rainforest ecosystem. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Explore among the Inian Islands, where an

abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters reside. We'll search for marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Strait and choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike where sightings of bald eagles are very common. (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 possibly observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wilderness abounds—mountain goats roam the steep cliffs and brown bears patrol the shore; Steller sea lions and puffins live in the icy waters. A native Tlingit cultural 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

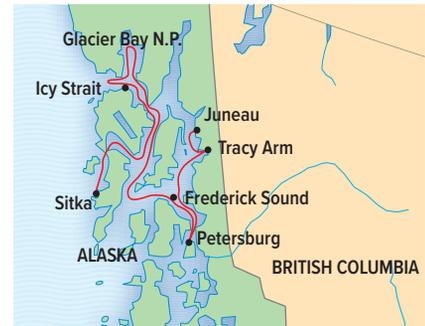
Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, or hike stunning forest trails, or see bear tracks worn into the soil while walking an isolated meadow. If conditions permit, we'll do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial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

### DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK

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 enjoy close-up views of bald eagles, owls and other species normally seen at a distance. (B)



Steller sea lions.



## EXPEDITION DETAILS

### DATES: 2018

*Sea Lion*: Aug. 5, 12\*, 19

*Quest*: Aug. 5\*, 12, 19\*, 26

### 2019

*Sea Lion*: May 18\*, 25; Jun. 1\*, 8, 15\*, 22, 29\*;

Jul. 6, 13\*, 20, 27\*; Aug. 3, 10\*, 17

*Quest*: May 25\*; Jun. 1, 8\*, 15, 22\*, 29;

Jul. 6\*, 13, 20\*, 27; Aug. 3\*, 10, 17\*, 24

*Venture*: May 19\*, 26; Jun. 2\*, 9, 16\*, 23, 30\*;

Jul. 7, 14\*, 21, 28\*; Aug. 4, 11\*, 18, 25\*; Sep. 1

\*These departures travel in the reverse order, from Sitka to Juneau, making all the same stops. Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximize your experience.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** between Seattle and Alaska on select May 2019 departures.



North Face Lodge

### ADD AN INLAND ADVENTURE—EXPLORE DENALI NATIONAL PARK FROM NORTH FACE LODGE

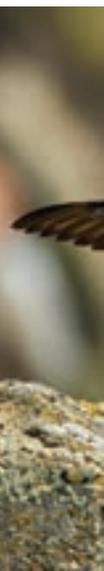
7-day pre- or post-voyage extension.

See pages 38-39.

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### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Phil Schermeister joins the May 18 & 25, 2019 departures on the *National Geographic Sea Lion* and Susan Seubert joins the Aug. 10, 2019 departure on the *National Geographic Quest*.





*Guests walking through Sitka National Historic Park coastal trail*

## WILD ALASKA ESCAPE

For some time now, travelers have communicated how much they wanted to explore Alaska with us—but needed a shorter time frame. We listened, and responded with this compact itinerary that packs the best of iconic Alaska into six days. Perfect for active travelers, especially families, this nonstop, high-energy expedition sets a keen pace. Grab a kayak or a SUP from our onboard fleet, head out in expedition landing craft to observe bears feeding up-close, or to land and hike old-growth forests. Bike against the backdrop of Alaskan wildness, or float a river through a preserve where bald eagles congregate. And get heart-stopping glacier views on a flightseeing adventure. You'll miss nothing—eagles, bears, leaping salmon, whales breaching and bubble-net feeding, plus the finest collection of Tlingit art—you'll see and do everything Alaska offers.

*Clockwise from left: Guests stand up paddleboarding in Dundas Bay; tufted puffin; young photographer captures the Eldred Rock Lighthouse near Haines; Zodiac cruise.*



# WILD ALASKA ESCAPE

**6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD**

PRICES FROM: \$4,290 to \$7,490 (See page 43 for complete prices.)

Explore wild Alaska on an active, exciting expedition to see the region's iconic wildlife and epic landscapes in the compact timeframe of one work week. Take long hikes on world-class trails through forests of towering trees, kayak deep into glacially carved fjords, stand-up paddleboard in calm bays, and raft from an ancient Alaska native village—all with our nimble expedition ship as your moving basecamp.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Paddle on long, naturalist-guided kayaking journeys into Alaska's dramatic bays.
- ▶ Explore Haines, the "adventure capital of Alaska," via raft, bicycle, or hiking boots.
- ▶ Board expedition landing crafts to view icebergs and the face of a glacier in Tracy or Endicott Arm.
- ▶ Choose optional flightseeing offering breathtaking aerial views of Glacier Bay National Park.

## 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, 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.*

*Explore by bike in Haines.*



**DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK**

Arrive in Sitka, Southeast Alaska’s only oceanfront town. Stretch your legs by walking the Totem Trail in Sitka National Historic Park or other local nature trails before stopping in at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center for an upclose look at Alaska’s birds of prey. Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird*. (L,D)

**DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND**

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Island’s countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through these mirror-calm waters. In the afternoon, learn the stories of this ancient rain forest on an adventurous hike with your naturalist guide. (B,L,D)



*Floating down the Chilkat River.*

**DAY 3: ICY STRAIT & THE INIAN ISLANDS**

Spend today searching for wildlife in these rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options include a Zodiac cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside, quiet kayaking in the outer waters of Glacier Bay or hikes in lush temperate rainforest. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: HAINES**

Haines is known as the “adventure capital of Alaska” for a very good reason. If you’re feeling extra adventurous, you can choose from one of many world class hikes, cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, or take an optional flightseeing excursion over Glacier Bay National Park. Or

you may also choose to raft down the Chilkat River, calling into the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation. The day is full of options. (B,L,D)



*Optional flightseeing.*

**DAY 5: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS**

Awake this morning in the stunningly beautiful Tracy Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness. Enter this glacially carved wilderness aboard our nimble ship, then set out to explore by expedition landing craft for a view of South Sawyer or Dawes Glaciers. If conditions permit, hop into one of our kayaks to paddle along fjord walls that soar straight from the sea, as you spot curious harbor seals trailing your wake. Cap off your adventurous voyage with the Captain’s farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE**  
Disembark in downtown Juneau. (B)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2018 Aug. 7, 12\*, 17, 22\*

**2019**

May 25, 30\*; Jun. 4, 9\*; Jul. 4, 9\*, 14, 19\*;  
Aug. 13, 18\*, 23, 28\*

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

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book now and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** between Seattle and Alaska on select 2019 departures. Subject to availability. New bookings only.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Travel with National Geographic photographer, **Trevor Frost** on the May 25 & 30, 2019 voyages.



*The grandeur of South Sawyer Glacier*

# TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE:



*Sea lions gather on a rock located in the Inian Islands.*

# ALASKA & BRITISH COLUMBIA



If there is such a thing as a charismatic coast, the one *National Geographic Quest* and *Venture* will trace would certainly be it. Or rather—them—since you'll explore not just one stunning coast but many on this expedition. Our nimble small ship threads the Inside Passage, tucks into straits and sounds, and weaves through island groups known for their charm: the San Juan Islands, Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. There is much to see, and even more to do—from scanning the horizon for signs of killer whales and wildlife sightings, to personal forays into nature by expedition landing craft, kayak or paddleboard, and active engagement with the culture and beauty of the First Nation lands, and cosmopolitan Victoria. In addition, we have curated exclusive opportunities for you—avoiding crowded locations in garden-rich Victoria, for example, to instead enjoy special access to 'secret gardens' with an expert docent, and a private cocktail reception at Robert Bateman's incredible museum in Victoria. Fall is the perfect time to explore.



Guests watch a performance in the big house in Alert Bay.

# TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE: ALASKA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST  
AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

PRICES FROM: \$9,990 to \$15,960 (See page 41 for complete prices.)

Board the newest ships in the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture*, on an in-depth exploration of the San Juan Islands, British Columbia, and Alaska. Linger in the temperate rain forests and wildlife-rich channels of British Columbia, and enjoy ample time to explore the breathtaking fjords and towering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. Plus, discover the cultural facets of this coast during captivating performances and interactions with the Kwakwaka'wakw people of Alert Bay.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the charming city of Victoria, British Columbia via custom curated tours and enjoy a private reception surrounded by incredible artwork at the Robert Bateman museum.
- ▶ Experience the wild and sublimely tranquil San Juan and Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Observe a moving Kwakwaka'wakw performance at the Big House at Alert Bay.
- ▶ By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park.
- ▶ Extend the adventure: consider our 7-day Denali extension which includes a stay at Denali's North Face Lodge on select departures. Visit [expeditions.com/denali](http://expeditions.com/denali) or call for details.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

**30+**  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 10-person team aboard the *Quest* and *Venture* is key to an in-depth experience. An expedition leader, four 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.

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*A small pod of orca whales, British Columbia.*



**DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK**

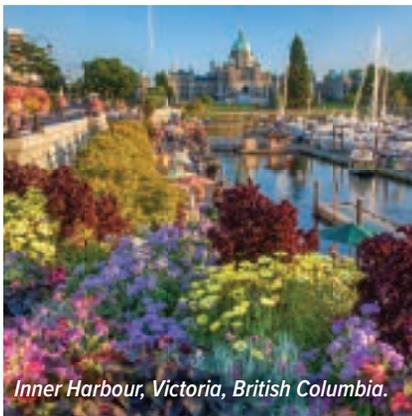
Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the *National Geographic Quest* or *National Geographic Venture*. (D)

**DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WASHINGTON**

Spend a full day exploring the San Juan Islands via naturalist-led hikes and by kayak. Search for killer whales. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, take a historical stroll through Old Town or peruse the collections at local art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Robert Bateman Centre while taking in the incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)



*Inner Harbour, Victoria, British Columbia.*

**DAY 4: GULF ISLANDS**

Located in the Strait of Georgia, between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands are a kayaker’s paradise. Explore the myriad islets and rocky coasts and keep an eye out for harbor seals and an array of sea birds, shore birds and birds of prey. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the Big House, and learn from the Kwakwaka’wakw people. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6 AND 7: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Head northward along the pristine coastline in

search of whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak among the many bays and inlets. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: MISTY FIORDS, ALASKA**

Cruise past glacially-carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fiords’ forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: PETERSBURG**

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Later, enjoy an evening crab feast. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: TRACY ARM-FORD’S 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 Zodiac cruise for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK**

Via special park permit, spend the entire day among the 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 cultural interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. Wilderness abounds! (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: INIAN ISLANDS / ICY STRAIT**

Cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND**

Spend a full day searching for humpback whales in the rich waters off Chichagof or Baranof Island, kayak, hike and enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: SITKA/DISEMBARK**

Visit Saint Michael’s Russian Orthodox Cathedral with its picturesque spire; walk through the Sitka National Historical Park, where totem poles line trails; and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. (B)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2018 *Quest*: Sep. 2\*

2019 *Venture*: May 6, Sep. 8\*

*Quest*: May 12; Aug. 31\*

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

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book now and receive **FREE ONE-WAY AIR** (Sitka/Seattle) on the May 6 & 12, 2019 departures. Subject to availability. New bookings only.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Flip Nicklin joins the May 12, 2019 departure.



*Sea otter eating urchins.*

# A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & 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 are legendary Pacific coast artists and artisans. We were granted permission to visit Haida

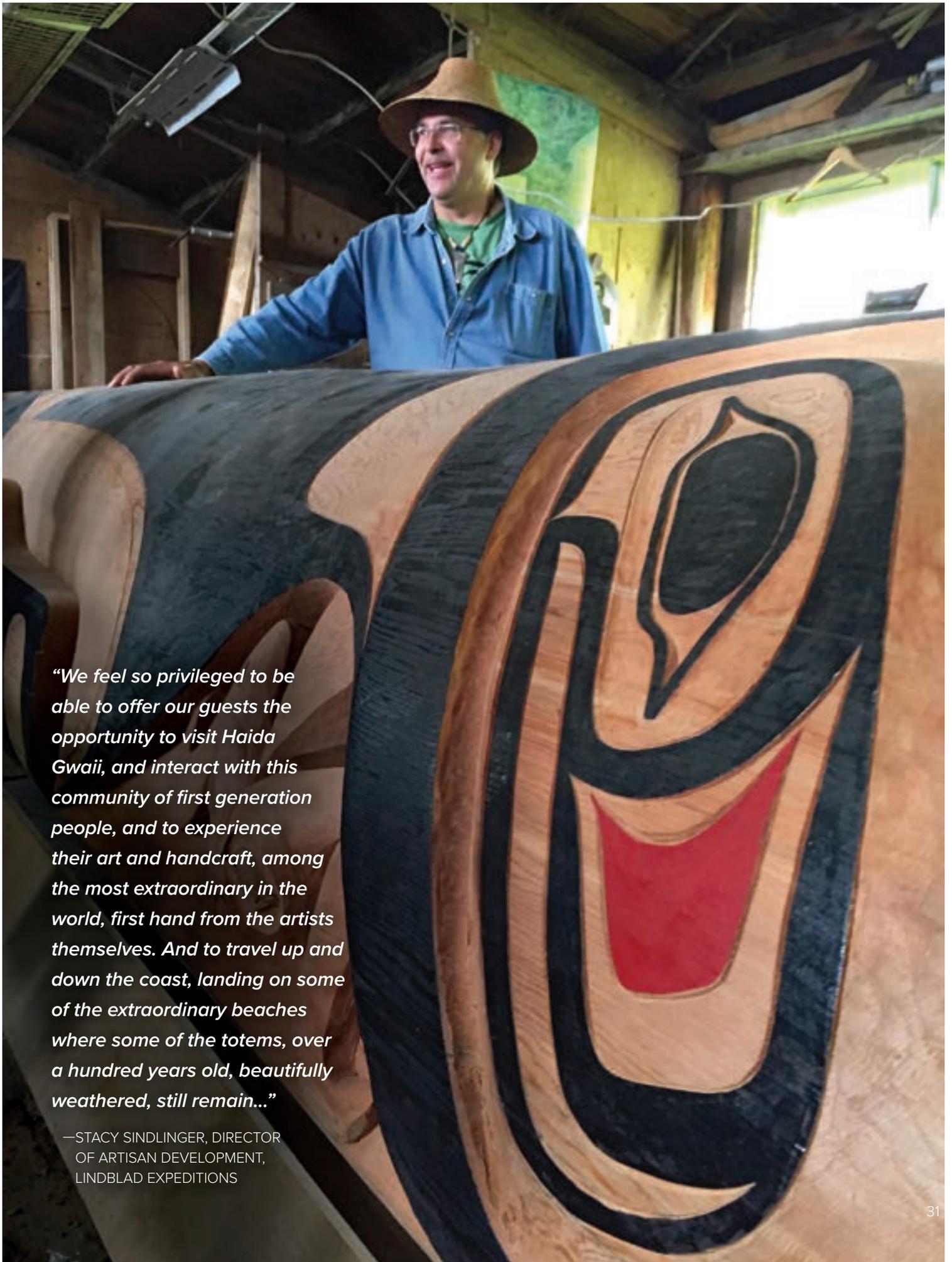
lands because of our commitment to artisans, evidenced by our Artisan Fund (financed by a percentage of sales from onboard Global Galleries) and the environment in which they create their works. To see their works, most strikingly the totems created by master carvers, and to hear the stories woven into the very fibers of Haida regalia, is indeed a privilege. Haida cultural interpreters will introduce us to a wealth of cultural objects—including the legendary site, S<sub>G</sub>ang Gwaay Llanagaay, where silvered totem poles some 150–200 years old, line the shore.

## Plus An In-Depth Southeast Alaska Exploration

Sail into mist-shrouded fjords and see the thundering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. See whales, bears, eagles—all of the region’s iconic wildlife—on an expedition to the state’s famed natural wonders as well as some out-of-the-way regions we’ve uncovered in our 35 years here. This long expedition gives us a richer opportunity for more wildlife observations.

*Clockwise from top left: Wood carver at work in Old Massett; masks created by world-renowned Haida artist in his home studio; Haida artist Christian White stands next to an unfinished totem pole he is carving; a traditional Haida dance performance.*





*“We feel so privileged to be able to offer our guests the opportunity to visit Haida Gwaii, and interact with this community of first generation people, and to experience their art and handcraft, among the most extraordinary in the world, first hand from the artists themselves. And to travel up and down the coast, landing on some of the extraordinary beaches where some of the totems, over a hundred years old, beautifully weathered, still remain...”*

—STACY SINDLINGER, DIRECTOR  
OF ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT,  
LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS

NEW! SPEND 4 DAYS IN  
HAIDA GWAI IN 2019!

# A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI

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

PRICES FROM: \$10,900 to \$19,860 (See page 43 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 history seldom-seen.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience ancestral Haida villages, see ancient totem poles, take part in a traditional dance performance, and much more.
- ▶ Explore glacially-carved fjords, Glacier Bay National Park, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak spectacular bays, see waterfalls cascading from glacially-carved walls, and hike old-growth forest where paw prints outnumber footprints.
- ▶ Extend the adventure: include a 6-day pre-voyage stay at Denali's North Face Lodge on select departures. See pages 38-39 for details.

## 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, Haida Cultural Interpreter, 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.

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*Standing totem pole at SGang Gwaay.*

### DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark *National Geographic Sea Bird* or *National Geographic Sea Lion*. (D)

### DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cruise amid the lush Gulf Islands in the Strait of Georgia—which runs between mainland British Columbia and Vancouver Island—and search for some of the many marine mammals that inhabit these waters. (B,L,D)

### 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 about the art and culture of the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 4 AND 5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sail northward along steep and rugged coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak the remote bays and inlets. (B,L,D)



Guests visit with carvers, Haida Gwaii.

### DAYS 6–9: HAIDA GWAII

With very special permission, we explore the islands of Haida Gwaii, including the incredible Gwaii Haanas National Park & Haida Heritage Site. We will be joined by two Haida Interpreters for our days among the islands, wildlife and cultural sites. In the Haida ancestral town of Old Massett, we'll join in a ceremonial potlatch celebration, meet Haida artists and see their workshops. Visit the Haida Heritage Center at K'aay Linagaay to learn about the incredible history of the Haida people and their renowned artwork, a spiritual endeavor. See the ancient totems at S'gaang

Gwaay (Ninstints), kayak and take Zodiacs around the incredibly biodiverse islands in Gwaii Haanas. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 10, 11, AND 12: ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

Spend three days encountering spectacular scenery and wildlife in Alaska's famed Inside Passage. Explore the forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument by kayak or expedition landing craft. Go ashore to visit the charming fishing village of Petersburg, and explore the surrounding area on a forest walk or on an optional bicycle ride or flightseeing excursion. Cruise and kayak past the glacially carved cliffs of Tracy or Endicott Arm—both spectacular fjords that harbor orcas, humpback whales, and Steller sea lions. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise on an expedition landing craft for unparalleled view of sculpted incandescent icebergs. B/L/D

### DAYS 13 AND 14: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK / INIAN ISLANDS / CHICHAGOF ISLAND

By special park permit, spend a full day among the enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. A national park ranger joins us to interpret the area geology and ecosystems, and a native Tlingit interpreter will share the lore and legend of the area. Then spend two days kayaking and hiking among incredible wildlife around the Inian Islands and Chichagof Island. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen for whale communications. Enjoy a farewell dinner on our final night. B/L/D Daily

### DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. (B)



### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES: 2019**

*Sea Lion*: May 4; Aug. 24\*

*Sea Bird*: May 11📷; Sep. 2\*📷

\*This departure travels in the reverse order, from Sitka to Seattle, making all the same stops.

📷 Photo Expedition

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximize your experience.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now and receive **FREE ONE-WAY AIR** (Sitka/Seattle) on the May 4 & 11, 2019 departures. Subject to availability. New bookings only.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**  
National Geographic Photographer **Rich Reid** joins the Sept. 2, 2019 departure.





# EPIC ALASKA: MISTY FIORDS TO THE LYNN CANAL

If the name of this itinerary suggests photography to you— you're right! Using your viewfinder as a route to exploring is ideal on this event-rich voyage. Explore the Inside Passage aboard the 31-cabin *National Geographic Sea Bird* as she sails from the glacially carved cliffs of the southern Misty Fiords all the way to the northernmost reach of the passage, Haines—Alaska's adventure capital. Spend a full day shooting legendary Glacier Bay National Park from the bow of our ship, getting photo tips and tricks from your onboard National Geographic photographer and two Lindblad-National Geographic photo instructors. Add photos of all of Alaska's incredible wildlife—whales, bears, eagles—to your portfolio. Shoot the mist-shrouded landscapes or early morning and snow-capped mountains glowing at dusk with outings specially timed to take advantage of lighting ops. Plus, enjoy all the same tools for exploration and insights from our natural history staff on every Alaska expedition we offer.



## TRAVEL WITH THESE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

**Jonathan Irish:** Jun. 14 & 24, 2019; **Katie Orlinsky:** Jul. 24, 2019;  
**Dan Westergren:** Aug. 3, 2019.



*Clockwise from far left: Humpback whale breaching near Pinta Point; pod of orca surfacing; brown bear fishing for pink salmon; bald eagle in flight; see an abundance of unique plant life; a century-old mortuary pole still stands at the ancestral village of SGang Gwaay Llanagyay.*

# EPIC ALASKA: MISTY FIORDS TO THE LYNN CANAL

**11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD**

PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$15,740 (See page 43 for complete prices.)

Sail aboard the *National Geographic Sea Bird* on this immersive, wide-ranging expedition through Alaska's famed Inside Passage. Experience the perfect mix of small-town life and the grand expanse of the wild landscape that surrounds it, from the northernmost limit of the Alaska's Inside Passage to the southernmost. Capture it with the help of a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Raft though the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, which boasts the largest congregation of bald eagles in the world.
- ▶ Explore Glacier Bay National Park, Misty Fiords National Monument, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak amid glacial ice, hike the Tongass National Forest and learn about the region's rich Tlingit heritage.
- ▶ **Explore Tongass National Forest:** By special permit hike and kayak in the wild and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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EXPERIENCE

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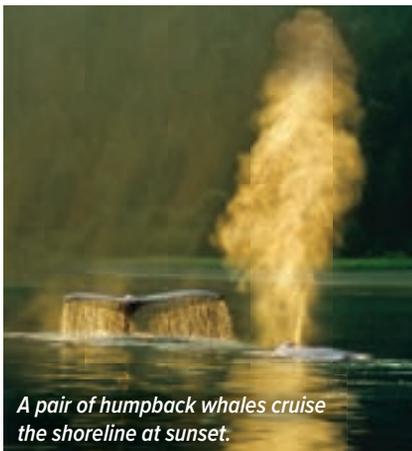
*Kayaking for the perfect shot.*

**DAY 1: KETCHIKAN/EMBARK**

Arrive in Ketchikan, view the priceless collection of 19th-century Tlingit totem poles at the Totem Heritage Center. Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird*. (D)

**DAY 2: MISTY FIORDS**

Wake amid the glacially-carved cliffs of Misty Fiords National Monument. Explore by expedition landing craft and kayak for a closer perspective. (B,L,D)



*A pair of humpback whales cruise the shoreline at sunset.*

**DAY 3: BEHM CANAL/CLARENCE STRAIT**

Explore the verdant Tongass National Forest. Cruise through steep-walled fiords in search of photogenic wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: THOMAS BAY/PETERSBURG**

Call at the quaint Alaskan town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. See a unique muskeg ecosystem with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Explore by bike or optional flightseeing. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS**

Navigate the spectacular Tracy or Endicott Arm fjords to South Sawyer or Dawes Glacier, and, if conditions permit, venture closer in our expedition landing craft for unparalleled photo opportunities. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: HAINES**

Explore Alaska's "adventure capital" on a world class hike or bike ride along the edge of a glacial lake. Or raft the Chilkat River to a bald eagle preserve, and call at the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan for a cultural interpretation. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: LYNN CANAL**

Hike and kayak where the mighty Chilkat River meets the sea, in the shadow of snow-capped peaks and at the northern limit of Alaska's Inside Passage. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK**

We spend the entire day amidst the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers, and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park. Search for mountain goats, harbor seals, Steller sea lions, and puffins. A native Tlingit cultural interpreter and a National Park Service Ranger join us to share the local legends of the area. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: ICY STRAIT/INIAN ISLANDS**

See an abundance of Steller sea lions. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in the rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLANDS**

Kayak, hike, and explore where conditions are best and wildlife is most active. Cap off the day with the Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: SITKA/DISEMBARK**

After breakfast, disembark to visit picturesque Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral then visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. (B)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES: 2019**

Jun. 14\* 📷, 24 📷; Jul. 24\* 📷 Aug. 3 📷

📷 Photo Expeditions

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

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximize your experience.

**TRAVEL WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Jonathan Irish: Jun. 14 & 24, 2019

Katie Orlinsky: Jul. 24, 2019

Dan Westergren: Aug. 3, 2019



*Brown bear fishing.*

# DON'T MISS DENALI! EXPERIENCE IT PRE-OR POST-VOYAGE

With the idyllic North Face Lodge as your base camp, you'll enjoy special access. North Face Lodge's relationship with the Park ensures exclusive opportunities for you to explore Denali's most pristine backcountry areas for prime hiking and wildlife viewing. Set deep in the heart of the Park, this unique wilderness retreat offers unparalleled views of Mt. Denali, a wide range of outdoor activities and nightly presentations that emphasize Denali's natural and cultural history, plus locally sourced cuisine.





# DENALI NATIONAL PARK FROM THE NORTH FACE LODGE

## PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION | 7 DAYS

Cost Per Person: \$6,350 double occupancy; \$8,750 single occupancy

### DAY 1: DISEMBARK / FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Arrive in Fairbanks, transfer to your hotel and settle into your river view room at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. This evening meet your leader and traveling companions at a welcome dinner. (D)

### DAY 2: FAIRBANKS / DENALI NATIONAL PARK / NORTH FACE LODGE

In the morning visit the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum featuring collections that represent over 11,000 years of cultural traditions in the North. In the late morning we depart on a wilderness drive to our temporary home located within the heart of the park, the North Face Lodge. We'll travel in the lodge's private bus, on the otherwise highly restricted Denali Park



North Face Lodge.

Road, in order to access prime wildlife viewing areas; a privilege extended to the owners of North Face Lodge and their guests. The seven-hour, 90-mile drive is rife with opportunities to look for Denali's famed wildlife: grizzlies, caribou, moose, Dall sheep, wolves, eagles, Arctic terns and more. We'll enjoy a hearty, picnic-style dinner, served at the midpoint of the drive alongside the East Fork River. Regular bathroom stops at National Park Service facilities provide additional chances to stretch your legs. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 3-5: DENALI NATIONAL PARK / NORTH FACE LODGE

Immerse yourself in the remote wildness and north country charm of the North Face Lodge, and become

one with nature. See Denali's rich wildlife, flora and fauna firsthand and learn about its natural history during the daily activities of your choice – hiking, canoeing, fishing and biking. Hiking is among guests' favorite activities, as the lodge offers exclusive opportunities to hike with trained naturalist guides in the protected wilderness backcountry of Denali National Park. Optional flightseeing offers breathtaking aerial views of Alaska and is available at an additional cost. Days wind down with nightly presentations by the fireplace that focus on various aspects of Denali's natural and cultural history, including birds, mammals, wildflowers, tundra ecology, geology, mountaineering, land use and natural resource issues. Sleep in well-appointed, comfortable rooms and enjoy delicious meals featuring fresh baked goods and locally-grown produce throughout your stay. (B,L,D daily)

### DAY 6: DENALI NATIONAL PARK / ANCHORAGE

This morning we depart the North Face Lodge and enjoy the scenic drive back out to the park entrance. Continue to experience the grandeur of Alaska aboard the Alaska Railroad, enjoying the first class, GoldStar Service en route to Anchorage. Lavishly appointed cars feature custom-designed interiors highlighted with original Alaska art and a private outdoor viewing deck. Dinner will be served on board the train. Overnight at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: ANCHORAGE / SITKA OR JUNEAU / HOME

This morning transfer to the airport for connecting flights home. (B)

Depending on your departure date, you may be responsible for one night on your own before or after joining the Denali extension. Please call for details.

▶ SEE A VIDEO OF A DAY IN DENALI VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/DENALINOW](https://www.expeditions.com/denalinow)

*Above: Wonder Lake reflects a stunning view of Mount McKinley as a canoeer contemplates the scene. Left: Denali National Park and Preserve tundra; dall sheep; grizzly bear.*



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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

**CAPACITY:** 50-cabins accommodating 100 guests  
**REGISTRY:** United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* (launching 2018) are the latest additions to our fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A., both ships will set a new standard in exploration and comfort.

**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 and lunch are wide selection buffets with chef action stations, while dinners are primarily served plated. 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, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, paddleboards, snorkeling gear for all guests (where applicable).

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler and undersea specialist.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.



*Insets clockwise from top: The lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Enjoy big views and regional fare in the inviting and informal dining room.*



Left to right: Category 5 cabin is our most spacious; Category 4 cabin with lower single beds (which can be converted to a Queen) and a private step-out balcony. Select cabins connect via an inside doorway.

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

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

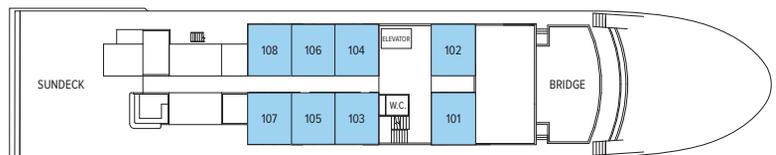
**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two large view windows.

**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.

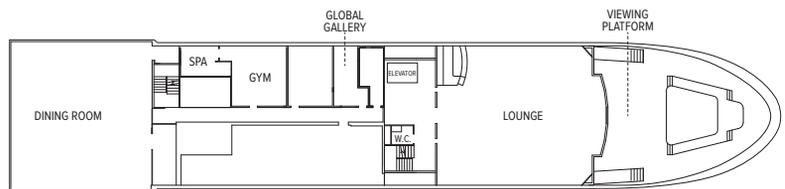
**CATEGORY 5 (SUITE):** Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

**NOTE:** Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins 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



OBSERVATION DECK



LOUNGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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

| ITINERARY  | YEAR    | CAT. 1  | CAT. 2   | CAT. 3   | CAT. 4   | CAT. 5 SUITE | CAT. 1 SOLO | CAT. 2 SOLO | ADVANCE PAYMENT | NOTE  |
|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness – Page 20                        | 2018/19 | \$6,590 | \$7,290  | \$7,790  | \$8,690  | \$9,590      | \$9,990     | \$10,600    | \$750           | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800. |
| Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska and British Columbia – Page 28 | 2018/19 | \$9,990 | \$10,640 | \$11,190 | \$11,990 | \$12,890     | \$14,990    | \$15,960    | \$1,000         | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$200; Business Class from \$620. |



## 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. Breakfasts are wide selection buffets and lunch is often served family style. Dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

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

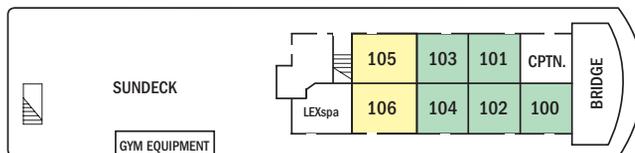
**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, fleet of paddleboards, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits in Baja and expedition landing craft.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access. A Lindblad-National Geographic photo instructor and a video chronicler are on board all voyages. An undersea specialist is on board on select Alaska departures.

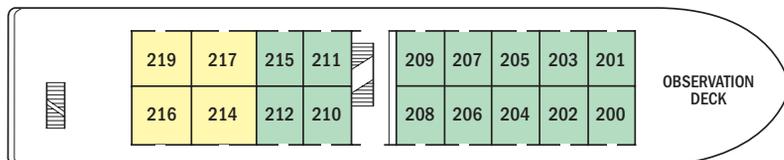
**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



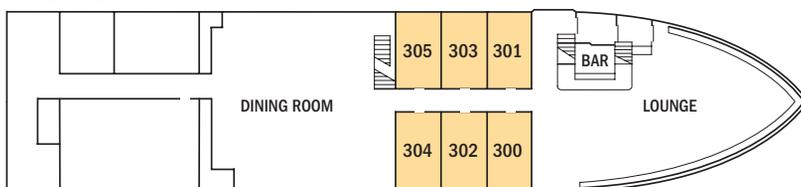
Guests enjoy the view of Glacier Bay National Park from the sun deck while exercising.



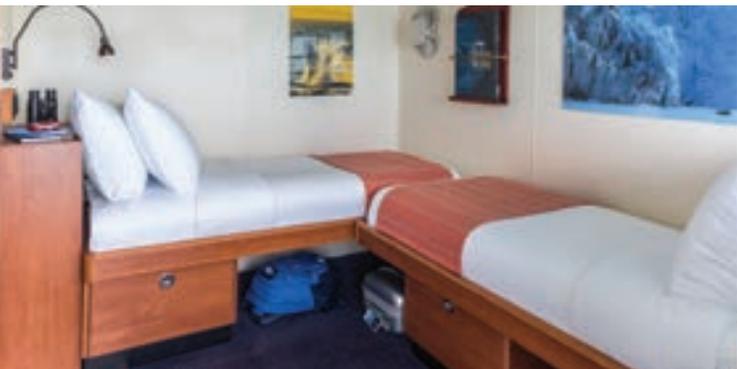
### BRIDGE DECK



### UPPER DECK



### MAIN DECK



**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.

**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.

*Photos (clockwise from left): 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; enjoy an assortment of wine selections while dining; a comfortable Category 2 cabin.*

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

| ITINERARY  | YEAR    | CAT. 1   | CAT. 2   | CAT. 3   | CAT. 1 SOLO | CAT. 2 SOLO | ADVANCE PAYMENT | NOTE   |
|--|---------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness – Page 20                          | 2018/19 | \$5,990  | \$6,890  | \$7,990  | \$8,990     | \$10,340    | \$750           | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800.    |
| Wild Alaska Escape – Page 24   | 2018/19 | \$4,290  | \$4,990  | \$5,990  | \$6,440     | \$7,490     | \$750           | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800.    |
| A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii – Page 32 | 2018/19 | \$10,900 | \$12,450 | \$14,530 | \$16,350    | \$19,860    | \$1,500         | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$200; Business Class from \$620.                                 |
| Epic Alaska: Misty Fiords to the Lynn Canal– Page 36                     | 2018/19 | \$8,990  | \$10,490 | \$11,890 | \$13,490    | \$15,740    | \$1,000         | Sample Airfares: Seattle/Ketchikan/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$360; Business Class from \$700. |

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