

ALASKA

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



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DEAR TRAVELER,

Among the planet's most iconic destinations, Alaska is a must-see for those who love wild nature. And I think, if you choose to go there with us, you'll agree—you benefit greatly from the time we've spent exploring it and the dedication our team brings to making it especially meaningful and memorable for you.



As you know bald eagles loom large among the many species, from breaching whales and foraging bears to otters, that travelers want to see. You'll have different opportunities to view all manner of wildlife on our expeditions, including eagles. And they are one of the many reasons we're pleased to celebrate the **Year of the Bird** together with National Geographic, as it honors a visionary piece of conservation legislation still in force today: the Migratory Bird Treaty Species Act passed by the U.S. House in 1918, through the advocacy of National Geographic photographer and House representative, George Shiras and founder Henry Henshaw.

As part of our celebration, veteran naturalists will be aboard select departures as Bird Ambassadors to enrich your experience. Be sure to be on deck and to head to the Bridge (when not out exploring) to join them, our captain, and officers for the fun of spotting and tallying the many species you'll see during your expedition. We'll provide you with a Bird List so you can, if you choose to, record which you saw—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.

In Alaska, you'll discover an array of thriving, vibrant life like no other—on land, and as you'll see ahead, below the water's surface, as well. 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 pages 21-37)

OUR ALASKA: AWESOME, AUTHENTIC & EXCLUSIVE

Since the US 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—places our nimble ships have been navigating virtually alone for decades. And our connections to welcoming locals and First Nations communities ensure that your visits to Alaska and British Columbia’s communities will create moving and memorable encounters for you.

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, mountain goats picking their way along a rocky shore, and bald eagles perched in massive Sitka spruce trees.





Clockwise from top: Exploring Ford's Terror Wilderness by expedition landing craft, SE 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 **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, dinner or stretches 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.



Humpback whale at sunrise.



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.



Guests observing three transient Killer Whales from a zodiac in South Passage of Icy Strait in Southeast Alaska.

▶ SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/WHALES](https://www.expeditions.com/whales)

An underwater photograph showing a diver in the lower right corner, looking towards the camera. The water is a deep teal color. In the upper right, there is a large, vibrant orange jellyfish with long, thin, white tentacles that drift across the frame. The lighting is soft, with a bright spot of light filtering down from the surface.

SEE MORE ALASKA THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED POSSIBLE

Who knew, right? No one thinks about the under sea when they think about Alaska. That's what makes exploring it during your time aboard our ship so surprising and exciting. Because the undersea 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 uniquely 360° experience of Alaska. (Not available on Wild Alaska Escape itinerary).

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



Left: A diver admires how the nutrient-rich water feeds the vibrant, seldom-seen undersea, including this fried-egg jellyfish. 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



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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. Kids thrive in the sociable confines of the ship where they can exercise some autonomy, and our naturalists and Field Educators are excellent role models who ably embed learning in every fun activity. And options for activities—short, medium, or long hikes, or a peaceful cruise by expedition landing craft with minimal walking—ensure all fitness levels are accommodated. And since we believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience, we invite you to take advantage of savings: **\$500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under the age of 18.**

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Exploring the intertidal zone.



Young guests exploring by expedition landing craft.





Family expedition landing craft cruise.

“In this era of devices and seemingly limitless connectivity, it’s become far too easy for family members to spend more time with their phones and tablets than each other. Expedition travel, with its mix of fresh daily sights, wildlife, undersea wonders, and activities for every age and fitness level, is the perfect antidote—to disconnect your family from screens, and re-connect you with each other.”

—SVEN-OLOF LINDBLAD, CEO & FOUNDER
LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS



Clockwise from top: A young guest holds a chunk of glacier ice in Endicott Arm, Southeast Alaska; photographing interesting growth in the Alaskan forest; naturalist Julia Huggins shows an inquisitive Global Explorer what lichens look like under a microscope; as part of the Global Explorers program, kids and teens can earn their Zodiac "driver's license".

NEW FOR 2018: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GLOBAL EXPLORERS

With 35 years of experience exploring Alaska, we've learned it makes for an amazing family getaway—the wild places in this region offer boundless opportunities for kids and teens of all ages to engage in rewarding activities that help them develop the attitudes, skills, and knowledge of an explorer. Our exclusive family program, which debuted in Galápagos in 2017, is available aboard all Alaska expeditions starting in Summer 2018. Developed in conjunction with National Geographic Education, this unique exploration-based program provides an unforgettable 'smart fun' experience for any young explorer who chooses to participate.

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.

And more rewarding news for families: Our brand-new ships, the *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture*, are ideal for family travel. They offer ample room for kids to explore and feel a sense of autonomy while remaining safe within the secure confines of the ships. Connecting cabins in Categories 1, 2 and 3 make keeping the clan together simple and satisfying.



“This program gives them a great opportunity to learn everything about the web of life, the importance of the ocean, the importance of interconnections between organisms, and they’re doing all that while having fun!”

—MICHELE M, PARENT

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 exists. 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 with no idle waiting.



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 stride out to trek? Want to linger photographing otters 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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Naturalist-led expedition landing craft ride through the Misty Fjords National Monument.

At left: Crew from the National Geographic Sea Lion assist guests boarding a kayak in the Misty Fjords National Monument; naturalist and certified photo instructor, Michael Nolan.

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



EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY: HELPS YOU TELL YOUR ALASKA STORY



The big guns, telephoto lenses, Wild 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 top National Geographic photographer, too, for inspiration, tips and superb storytelling technique.



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



RICH REID

Epic Alaska: Misty Fiords to the Lynn Canal

National Geographic Sea Bird

July 18 & July 28, 2018

See page 36

A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii

National Geographic Sea Bird

September 2, 2019. See page 32



FLIP NICKLIN

Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska & British Columbia

National Geographic Quest

April 30, & Sept. 2, 2018

See page 28

Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness

National Geographic Quest

Jul. 8, 2017. See page 20.



KRISTA ROSSOW

Wild Alaska Escape

National Geographic Sea Bird

May 29 & June 3, 2018

See page 24



KEN GARRETT

A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii

National Geographic Sea Bird

Aug. 27, 2018

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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE BIRD

The year 2018 has been designated the **Year of the Bird** by National Geographic in partnership with the National Audubon Society to honor the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Species Act in 1918—a visionary act of legislation pushed through by National Geographic founder Henry Henshaw and pioneering photographer George Shiras, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives. One of the first federal conservation laws of environmental protection, it mandated the protection of nearly 1,000 species of migratory birds, many in danger of extinction from commercial exploitation at the time of its passage. The law is still in force today. It was used to prosecute poachers and then industries that needlessly kill birds. The global Year of the Bird campaign, a partnership with the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and BirdLife International, addresses threats birds face today.

*Above: Tufted Puffin, *Fratercula cirrhata*, floating on the ocean in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska. Below: Bald Eagle soaring overhead, Lake Eva State Park, Alaska.*



We invite you to celebrate the Year of the Bird with us by taking advantage of exclusive onboard opportunities:

YEAR OF THE BIRD AMBASSADORS

Veteran Lindblad naturalists to enrich your experience; plus, fun on deck and on the bridge, too, as captain, officers and naturalists get you involved in spotting birds

LINDBLAD-NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Bird Lists containing all regional species will be provided to guests who wish to track and record their sightings

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Harbor seals hauled out on icebergs in South Sawyer Glacier in Tracy Arm.



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 100-guest twin ships in our fleet, *National Geographic Quest* and *Venture*, or choose the 62-guest *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.
- ▶ 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 for extension info.

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: SEATTLE/JUNEAU/EMBARK

Fly from Seattle to Juneau. 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. Later we'll explore the coast by kayak or go ashore to explore bear trails and salmon streams learning about the rainforest ecosystem as we go. (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/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 enjoy close-up views of bald eagles, owls and other species normally seen at a distance. Drive to the airport for our afternoon flight to Seattle. (B)



Steller sea lions.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 May 20*, 27; Jun. 3*, 10, 17*, 24; Jul. 1*, 8, 15*, 22, 29*; Aug. 5, 12*, 19 (*Sea Lion*) May 13*, 20, 27*; Jun. 3, 10*, 17, 24*; Jul. 1, 8*, 15, 22*, 29; Aug. 5*, 12, 19*, 26 (*Quest*) 2019 May 18*, 25; Jun. 1*, 8, 15*, 22, 29*; Jul. 6, 13*, 20, 27*; Aug. 3, 10*, 17 (*Sea Lion*) May 25*; Jun. 1, 8*, 15, 22*, 29; Jul. 6*, 13, 20*, 27; Aug. 3*, 10, 17*, 24 (*Quest*) May 19*, 26; Jun. 2*, 9, 16*, 23, 30*; Jul. 7, 14*, 21, 28*; Aug. 4, 11*, 18, 25*; Sep. 1 (*Venture*)

*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:

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

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join Alaska resident and marine mammal photographer **Flip Nicklin** on the Jun. 3 & 10, 2018 voyages aboard the *National Geographic Quest*.





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.



Guests walking through Sitka National Historic Park coastal trail

Alaska's waters are perfect for adventurous kayakers.

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 to 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 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.

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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 up close 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 and transfer to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 May 19, 24*, 29; Jun. 3*, 28; Jul. 3*, 8, 13*; 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 May 2018 & 2019 departures.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with National Geographic photographer, **Krista Rossow** on the May 29 & Jun. 3, 2018 voyages.



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 sighting, 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 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.

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

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/HOME

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. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Apr. 30; Sep. 2* (*Quest*)
2019 May 12; Aug. 31* (*Quest*)
May 6, Sep. 8* (*Venture*)

*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 Apr. 30 & Sep. 2, 2018 and the May 6 & 12, 2019 departures. Subject to availability. New bookings only.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Flip Nicklin joins the Sep. 2, 2018 departure.



Sea otter eating urchins.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII



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

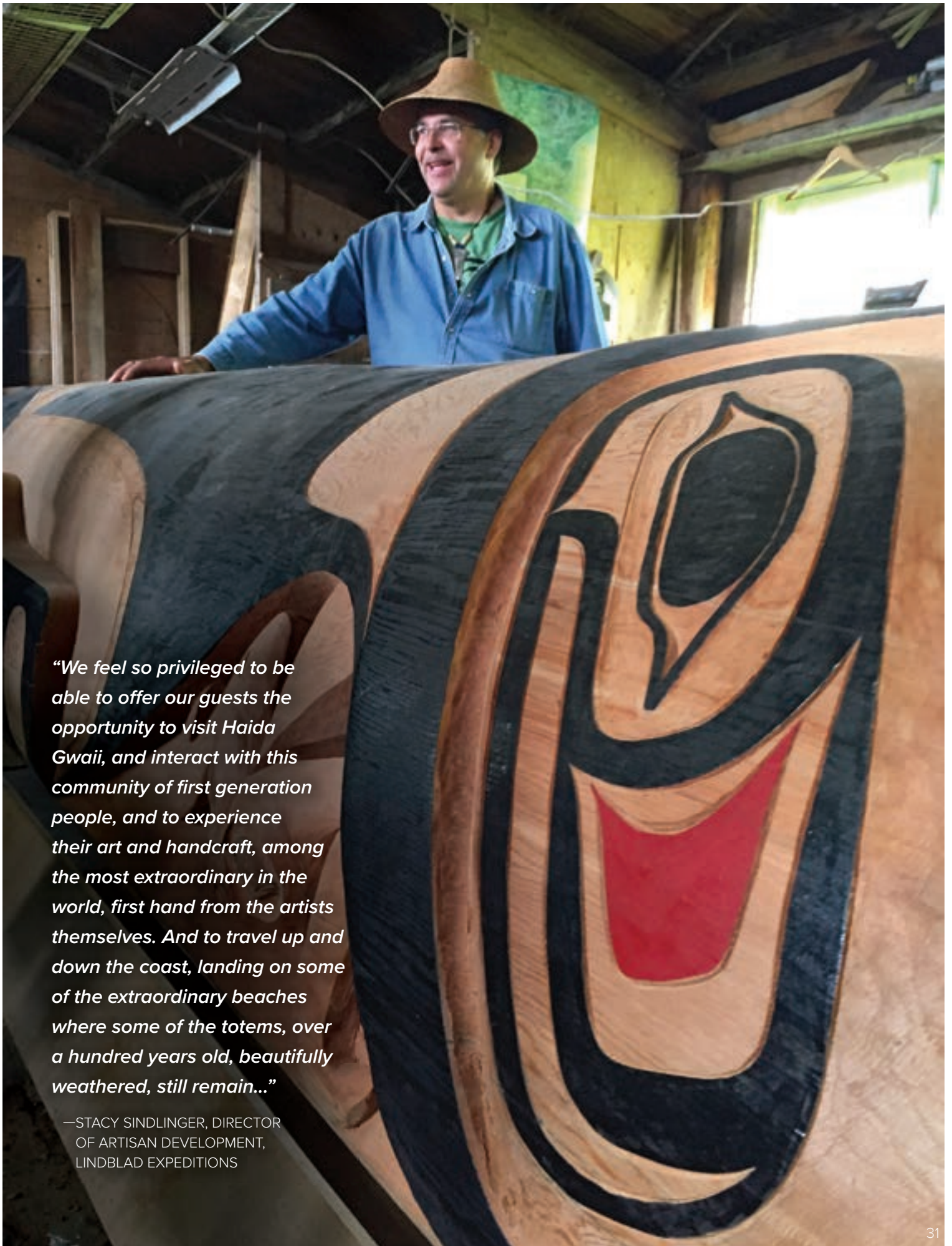
lands because of our commitment to artisans, evidenced by our Artisan Fund (financed by a percentage of sales from onboard Global Galleries) and the environment in which they create their works. To see their works, most strikingly the totems created by master carvers, and to hear the stories woven into 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, SḠang Gwaay Llnagaay, 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

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

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. Visit expeditions.com/denali or call for details.

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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

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

Search for marine mammals and sail north past forested islands. (B,L,D)



Guests visit with carvers, Haida Gwaii.

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)

DAYS 6-8: HAIDA GWAI

Explore the westernmost islands in Canada and the home of the Haida people. A Haida cultural interpreter will join us, first visiting the Haida Heritage Centre at Kay Llnagaay 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. By special permit, see the ancient totems at the UNESCO World Heritage site of SGang Gwaay (Ninstints) or K'uná (Skedans). Take expedition landing craft around the incredibly biodiverse islands where endemic species thrive. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

Cruise past glacially carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fjords' 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. Visit the fishing village of Petersburg, known as "Alaska's Little Norway." Explore by foot, by bike or take an optional flightseeing tour over the glaciers. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

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DAY 12: 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 13: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

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. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen in on the whales' communication. (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/SEATTLE

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: 2018 May 5 📷; Aug. 27 📷* (*Sea Bird*)
May 6; Aug. 26* (*Sea Lion*)
2019 May 4; Aug. 24* (*Sea Lion*)
May 11 📷; Sep. 2* 📷 (*Sea Bird*)

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

📷 Photo Expedition

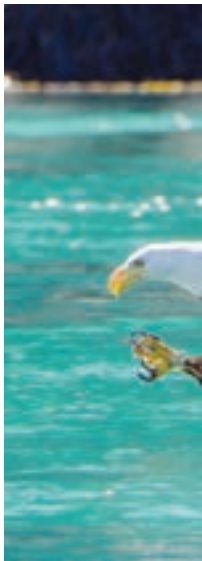
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SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now and receive **FREE ONE-WAY AIR** (Sitka/Seattle) on the May 5 & 6 2018 and the May 4 & 11 2019 departures..

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

National Geographic Photographer **Max Lowe** joins the May 5, 2018 departure and **Ken Garrett** joins the Aug. 27, 2018 departure. In 2019, **Rich Reid** joins the Sept. 2, 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 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* as she sails from the glacially carved cliffs of the southern Misty Fjords 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.



Clockwise from far left: Humpback whale breaching near Pinta Point; pod of orca surfacing; brown bear fishing for pink salmon; group photo of guests on board the National Geographic Sea Lion; 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 Lnagaay.



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.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

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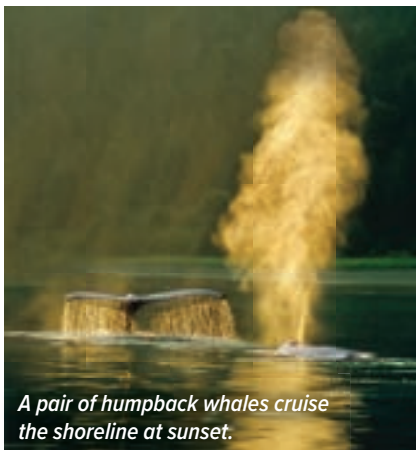
Kayaking for the perfect shot.

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 most active. Cap off the day with the Captain’s farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

After breakfast, disembark to visit picturesque Saint Michael’s Russian Orthodox Cathedral then visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center before transferring to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Jun. 8*, 18; Jul. 18* 📷, 28 📷
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.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with National Geographic photographer Rich Reid on the Jul. 18 & Jul. 28, 2018 voyages.

EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL PARK

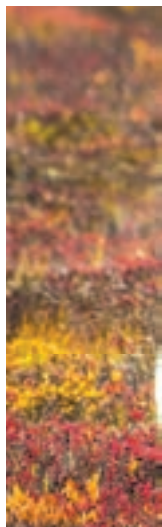
Our Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables you to hike and kayak in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.



Brown bear fishing.



Above: Wonder Lake reflects a stunning view of Mount McKinley as a canoer contemplates the scene. Right: Dall sheep and grizzly bears are just some of the wildlife which make Denali National Park and Preserve their home.





North Face Lodge, Denali National Park.

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

Discover the wildness at the heart of Alaska by adding an inland exploration of Denali National Park to your *Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness* expedition. Choose from two ways to explore this grand National Park—both capped with rail rides on the historic Alaska Railroad through scenic countryside that is otherwise inaccessible.

DENALI NATIONAL PARK FROM NORTH FACE LODGE

PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION | 7 DAYS

Cost Per Person: \$6,190 double occupancy; \$8,590 single occupancy

Begin and end your days at the idyllic North Face Lodge, located 89 miles into the heart of the Park. With unparalleled access to prime hiking and wildlife viewing, the lodge is a quiet retreat, accessible only to guests and staff. Dine on delicious, locally sourced cuisine, and enjoy nightly presentations that tell the story of Denali's natural and cultural history. Explore via private vehicles, or if you prefer a more personal exploration, you can hike a trail near the lodge, canoe on Wonder Lake, bike, or even spend an afternoon fishing.

▶ VISIT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/DENALI FOR
FULL DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARIES.



NEW SHIPS



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

CAPACITY: 100 Guests in 50 cabins.
REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.
Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* (launching 2019) will be 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; a spacious and open sun deck will provide unparalleled views (artist’s rendering).



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.

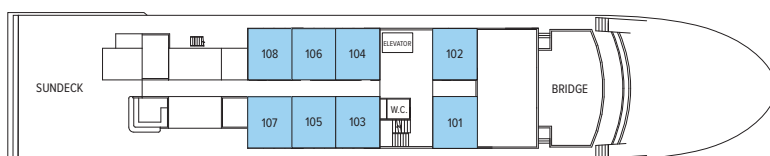
CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two large view windows.

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.

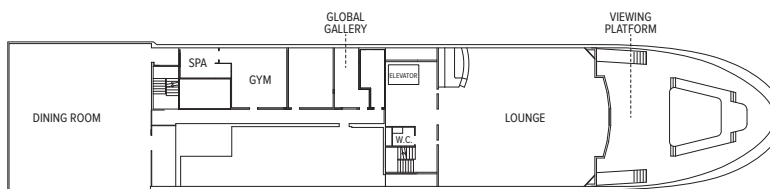
CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

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



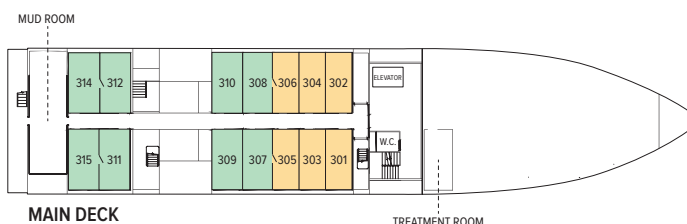
OBSERVATION DECK



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.

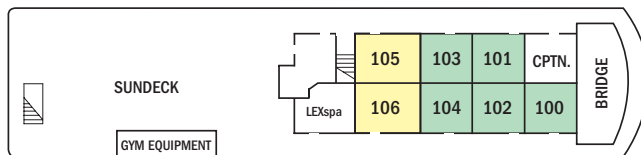
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, fleet of paddleboards, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits in Baja and expedition landing craft.

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.

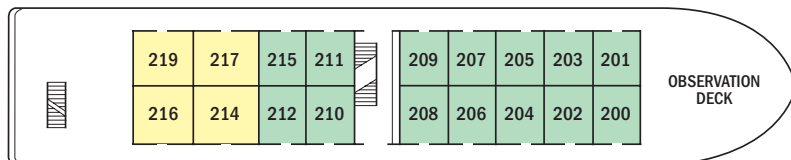
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



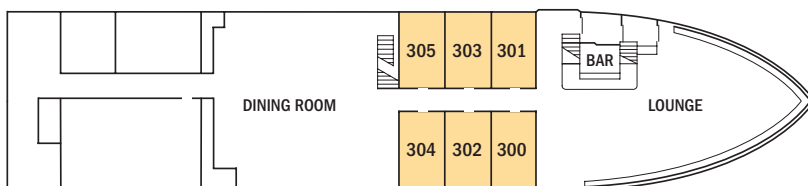
Guests enjoy the view of Glacier Bay National Park from the sundeck.



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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BOOK BY APRIL 30, 2018: Offers are available on select departures, and based on availability at the time of booking. On voyages with complimentary air offers, airfare is based on economy group flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that Lindblad's group or charter flights are no longer available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue a credit. All offers are valid for new bookings only, subject to availability at the time of booking, and may not be combined with other offers and pre- and post-extensions. Call for details.

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ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals and nonalcoholic beverages
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea and soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during nightly Recap
- ✓ Environmentally-friendly refillable water bottle
- ✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist
- ✓ Fitness equipment
- ✓ Access to reference books and board games in the library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

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- ✓ Kayaking
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Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, internet, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

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Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are

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CANCELLATION POLICY	
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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Our group cancellation policy is listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

For Denali Extensions	
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119–90 days	60% of Denali cost
89–0 days	100% of Denali cost

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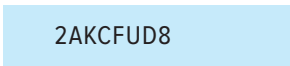
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