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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.



DEAR TRAVELER,

Our twin expedition ships, the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *Sea Bird*- have been in continuous operation since they first sailed from Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in the Seattle area. They are perfect platforms for our style of expedition travel—with outward-facing cabins and expansive bows where the entire expedition community can share the adventure of observing phenomenon like bubble-net feeding whales, and benefit from our naturalists' commentary. Each ship is equipped with a fleet of expedition landing craft, kayaks, and this year—paddle boards—to enable you to enjoy personal forays into wildness and wonder.

It's a tribute to American boat building that these ships have served us so well for so many years and will continue to do so. However, this year we proudly add a new ship to our fleet, the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*, which makes its debut in June 2017 on a remarkable inaugural expedition (limited space still available, see pages 14-15) and repeats the same itinerary in September 2017. Also built by Nichols Brothers, *National Geographic Quest* is larger than our twin ships, with a slightly larger guest community, but she has been astutely customized to preserve a shallow draft, to venture safely into the intimate bays where big ships simply can't.

And what we find inside the intimate bays, slender fjords, and narrow passages our ships explore is the wildness and beauty of authentic Alaska—bears, breaching whales, bald eagles, plus old-growth forests, calving glaciers, gorgeous vistas, and charming roadless communities.

Our itineraries have been perfected over 35+ years of exploring the region and developing a network of knowledgeable insiders. This season we offer you several exceptional ways to experience Alaska. Treasures of the Inside Passage (pages 14-15) is our inaugural *National Geographic Quest* voyage, a deep steep in beauty, exploring British Columbia, the San Juan Islands and voyaging north to must-see Alert Bay. Our Remarkable Journey (pages 18-19) takes advantage of the rare access we've been given—to enter ancestral Haida lands for a rich and meaningful encounter with an extraordinary culture. Big Picture Alaska (pages 22-23), designed by photographers for photographers of all skill levels, is a photo expedition aimed at helping you maximize the photo ops Alaska is renowned for—with National Geographic photographers, and certified photo instructors onboard and at your service.

Alaska will reward your curiosity and interest in spades. And our itineraries make the most of your time and intelligence. So, on behalf of our dedicated expedition teams, we hope you'll choose to visit Alaska with us this coming season.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

THE KEY TO ALASKA'S GRANDEUR

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

Our 50 years of expedition heritage and 35 years of Alaska expertise is your key to the most in-depth, engaging encounter. Our nimble expedition ships and 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 we've been virtually alone exploring for decades. And our connections to welcoming locals and First Nations communities ensure that your visits to Alaska and British Columbia will create a personal connection for you.





Guests enjoy a cruise through glacial ice.

RICH ENCOUNTERS WITH WHALES & THE WILD UNDERSEA

With 35+ years of experience in the region and a top-notch team, we are uniquely equipped to encounter more of Alaska's marine life—from pods of humpback whales bubble-net feeding at the surface, to the surprising and strange creatures found below. Our small expedition ships enter deep into whale territory; and our team's knowledge enables us to position at just the right moment in the narrow, fast-moving channels where whales feed, guaranteeing more up-close observation and amazing photo ops. In addition, researchers from the Alaska Whale Foundation come aboard to illuminate the whale behaviors we may see, like tail-lobbing and lunge-feeding, while our naturalists may deploy a hydrophone to eavesdrop on the whales' communication. Most departures also include an undersea specialist who dons special diving gear to capture video of the rarely-seen species inhabiting Alaska's frigid waters. You'll see the seafloor unfold on the Lounge's TV screens: vast kelp forests, curious octopus, fried-egg jellyfish glowing in the light of the camera, and an array of crabs, anemones, sea stars, and other unusual life forms. An ROV aboard the new *National Geographic Quest* will explore depths of up to 1,000 feet, beyond a human diver's range. No other travel company offers this kind of look at Alaska's vivid undersea world.



“Watching humpback whales is a life-changing experience. Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has contributed to the knowledge base of this unique community of these findings with travelers in the depths of the Alaskan wilderness.”

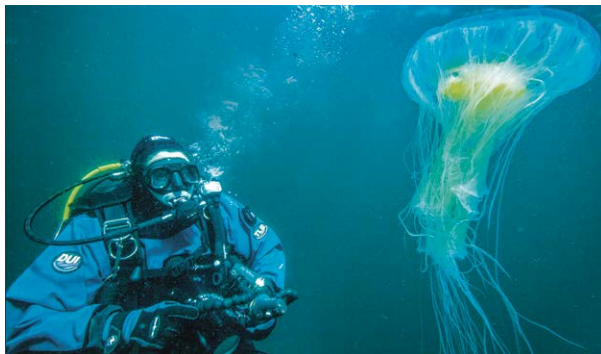
—DR. FRED SHARPE, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR,
ALASKA WHALE FOUNDATION



Dr. Fred Sharpe

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Clockwise: Humpback whale breaching in Chatham Strait in front of rainbow on summer evening; humpback whales cooperatively bubble net feeding in Iyoukeen Inlet off of Chichagof Island, Alaska; Close-up of a giant Pacific octopus; diver admires how the nutrient-rich water feeds the vibrant, seldom-seem undersea, including this fried-egg jellyfish.



“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)

THE PERFECT PLATFORM TO EXPLORE WILD ALASKA

Our CEO & Founder Sven Lindblad envisioned ship-based exploration as a moving safari camp capable of traveling among otherwise inaccessible wild areas—an inspiration shaped during his years as a photographer on the plains of East Africa. After 50 years of honing ship-based expedition travel, we now offer a fleet of three ships, purpose-built to explore Alaska's narrow, winding fjords and shallow, fast-moving channels. A fleet of onboard expedition landing craft ensure quick departures to shores untouched by tourist infrastructure. Single and tandem kayaks let you paddle in quiet coves or venture into wind- and water-carved caves. And now, for 2017 we are offering a chance for guests to try stand-up paddleboarding, something we have perfected in warmer waters and are now bringing to Alaska. Plus, enjoy the luxury of choice: a 100-guest vessel with larger cabins, or our smaller twin 62-guest ship that *National Geographic Traveler* writer, Andrew Evans, once compared to Cousteau's *Calypso*.



Clockwise from top right: Our ships are ideally suited to sail into shallow, fast-moving channels and fjords; there are plenty of photo opportunities to be had right from the comfort of the ship; crew from the National Geographic Sea Lion assist guest boarding a kayak in Misty Fjords National Monument; expedition landing craft allow access to intimate coves.







A. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the dining room ensure you never miss a wildlife sighting or view of the grand landscape. And two expedition landing craft loading platforms at the stern mean we get off the ship twice as quickly to get out exploring.



B. Private balconies are on 22 of the 50 cabins aboard, and all cabins have modern facilities, and are the most spacious accommodations in our Alaska fleet.





SAVE THE DATE! NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

We wanted to build the perfect ship to explore from the northern reaches of Alaska's Inside Passage, south to the tropical coasts of Costa Rica, Panama, and through the Canal to Belize. So, we turned to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, the company that built the beloved *National Geographic Sea Bird* (1981) and *National Geographic Sea Lion* (1982)—vessels that, with our regular maintenance schedule and recent refurbishment, have been operating successfully for decades. Nichols Brothers has been building boats on beautiful Whidbey Island since 1964—approximately the same time as Lars-Eric Lindblad pioneered expedition travel to Antarctica and the Galápagos. So, we entrusted the building of the *National Geographic Quest*, to them; it will be the first expedition ship of its kind to be built entirely in the U.S. So mark this date—June 26, 2017 for the *National Geographic Quest* inaugural!



In addition, Quest achieves some other firsts. She will be the first ship in our fleet voyaging in these geographies with step-out balconies (22 of the 50 cabins), plus 6 sets of connecting cabins for families and groups; and a designated mudroom for expedition gear. Carrying 100 guests, Quest is larger than the 62-guest Sea Bird/Sea Lion, but has the same draft depth, allowing us to navigate the same inner reaches to provide the same intimate experiences of the charismatic regions we explore.

C. The lounge includes a state-of-the-art presentation space, and the ship's open bow is designed with platforms to comfortably accommodate the entire expedition community for shared wildlife viewing.



THE BEST EXPEDITION TEAM IN ALASKA

With one staff member for every 10 guests, you'll share the adventure with a robust team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a wellness specialist, a video chronicler, and a veteran expedition leader. Given the diversity and size of our team, you're never assigned to a group, you're free to join the individuals whose interests mirror your own—photography, whales, botany, the undersea—to experience different perspectives daily. From the moment you step aboard, our experts will add insight to your expedition, providing you with a deeper understanding and appreciation of this exceptional destination.



At left, representing our expert team for the 2017 season: Jen Martin, expedition leader; Rab Cummings, expedition leader; Susan Mobeus, wellness specialist; Paul North, undersea specialist; Jennifer Davidson, naturalist & certified photo instructor; Pete and Gretchen Pederson, naturalists; and Carlos Navarro, undersea specialist.



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CAPTURE THE WILD WITH TOP PROS

Thanks to our exclusive Expedition Photography program you'll create some of the best shots of your life as you learn to "see" glaciers, whales, bears and eagles from a fresh perspective. There is a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard every departure specially trained to assist you with camera settings such as composition and lighting. Whether you use a smartphone, point & shoot, or big glass, their instruction and inspiration will set you up for the perfect shot every time. We also offer designated Photo Expeditions for deeper immersion into travel and wildlife photography. On these select departures you'll have the opportunity to shoot alongside and learn from top National Geographic photographers, plus at least two Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors. Onboard seminars, one-to-one critiques, and photo talks boost your confidence and competence, while outings are timed to take advantage of the best light. Choose one of the below Photo Expedition departures and take your photos to the next level:

TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE: ALASKA & BRITISH COLUMBIA—INAUGURAL VOYAGE

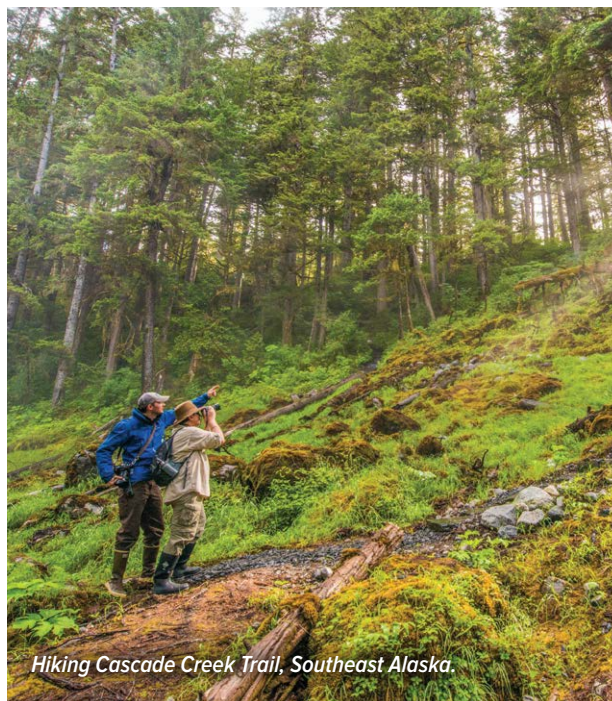
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BIG PICTURE ALASKA

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A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



FLIP NICKLIN

National Geographic photographer onboard *National Geographic Quest* for the June 26, 2017 Inaugural Voyage.



RALPH LEE HOPKINS

National Geographic photographer onboard *National Geographic Sea Bird* for the July 26 & August 5, 2017 Big Picture Alaska voyage.

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1 GREAT SHIP, 13 INCREDIBLE DAY



Killer whales surface in Alaska's Inside Passage.

S EXPLORING



On the lookout for wildlife.

The National Geographic Quest Inaugural

The orca-studded waters of the San Juan Islands. Alert Bay and the Kwakwaka'wakw people. Historic Johnstone Strait and British Columbia's Inside Passage. The glacier-carved cliffs of Misty Fiords, and thunderous ice calving into the sea at Glacier Bay. These are the magnets that pull adventurous travelers to Alaska—and are what *National Geographic Quest* was designed to discover. With a shallow draft and an onboard fleet of landing craft, kayaks, and paddleboards, she is the perfect platform for up-close and personal exploration. Larger than our other ships in the region, *Quest* carries 100 guests yet retains the intimate scale and warmth of the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *Sea Lion*. So, for those who love sharing the bow with our expedition team as we watch humpbacks or killer whales, it will feel exactly the same. But with more space and amenities, *Quest's* comforts enhance the entire expedition experience, from early morning outings to cocktail hour recaps.



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

NEW

TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE: ALASKA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

PRICES FROM: \$9,390 to \$14,835 (See page 25 for complete prices.)

Join the inaugural voyage of the newest ship in the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet 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 wild and sublimely tranquil San Juan and Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Observe a moving First Nations performance at the U'Mista Cultural Center.
- ▶ By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 10-person expedition team 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.

Mother bear and cub, Southeast Alaska.



DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the *National Geographic Quest*. (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: GULF ISLANDS

Sail into British Columbia to kayak among forested islands and along wildlife-rich shorelines. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre, and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)



First Nations performance in Alert Bay.

DAYS 5-6: 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 7: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

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

DAY 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 interpreter and a National Park Ranger will join us to share the lore and legend of the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: INIAN ISLANDS/ICY STRAIT

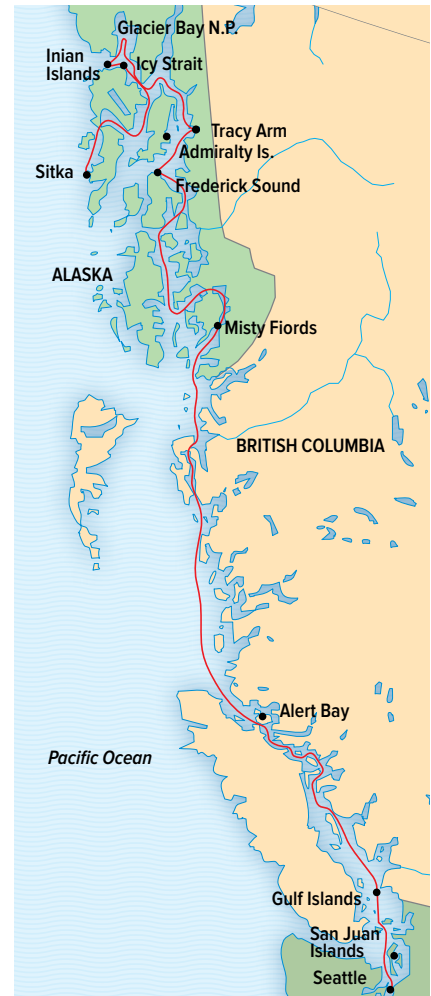
Cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLANDS

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

DAY 13: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

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 to Seattle. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Jun. 26, limited space left on our **Inaugural Voyage**. Act now to be part of "explorer firsts" like the dockside christening and an inaugural party; & Sep. 2*

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

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join Alaska resident and legendary marine mammal photographer, **Flip Nicklin** on the June 26, 2017 inaugural departure aboard the *National Geographic Quest*.



Exploring the calved icebergs.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI



Special Access to Mythic 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. So, we

were initially permitted 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, S̱Gang 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 30+ years here. This long expedition gives us a richer opportunity for more wildlife observations.

After traveling with us on our inaugural voyage in 2014, anthropologist and National Geographic Explorer-In-Residence Wade Davis penned an article entitled “The Magic of Haida Gwaii” that recalled his inspirational time with the Haida Gwaii people. Read his full experience at:

www.expeditions.com/haidamagic



Clockwise from far left: Wood carving at Old Massett; masks created by world-renowned Haida artist in his home studio in Old Massett; a Haida dancer in traditional dress before his performance in Old Massett, Haida Gwaii.



“Hospitality is a universal trait of culture at which the Haida excel. Jim Hart, arguably the greatest Haida artist still living, and his family welcomed us into their home where Jim shared with immense grace and warmth, his plans for a dozen new projects, each more monumental and ambitious than the last. A new pole to be carved, a story to be told of the residential schools, and a new era of hope, reconciliation, and forgiveness for all. To have been invited into his home, in the presence of his family, to watch as he carved, to hear how he honed his thoughts, each story as sharp as a knife, was a privilege I won’t soon forget.”

—ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER-IN-RESIDENCE WADE DAVIS

A Haida guide walks among the totems at SGang Gwaay in Haida Gwaii.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAII

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION

PRICES FROM: \$10,900 to \$19,860 (See page 27 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

- ▶ 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 foot prints.
- ▶ Explore ancestral Haida villages, see ancient totem poles, take part in a traditional dance performance, and much more.
- ▶ Be amongst endemic species in Haida Gwaii, considered the "Canadian Galápagos" for its wildlife-rich intertidal zone.

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Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Standing poles at SGang Gwaay.



DAY 1: SEATTLE/EMBARK

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

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Search for orca whales and sail north past forested islands. (B,L,D)



Naturalist describing forest ecology to guests.

DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

DAY 4-5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Head northward along the 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 GWAIL

With a shared respect for the natural world, explore the islands of Haida Gwaii. A Haida cultural interpreter will join us, first visiting the Haida Heritage Centre at Kay L'nagaay 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 SGang Gwaay (Ninstints) or K'una (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. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and visit the fishing village of Petersburg, known as "Alaska's Little Norway." Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

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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: 2017 Apr. 30 📷; May 13 📷;
Sep. 3* 📷, 4 📷*

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📷 Photo Expedition

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

National Geographic Photographer, **Phil**

Schermeister will join the May 13, 2017 departure. Legendary marine mammal photographer, **Flip Nicklin** joins the Sep. 4, 2017 departure.



SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by Mar. 31, 2017 and receive complimentary one-way air (Sitka/Seattle) on the April & May 2017 departures.





NEW! BIG PICTURE ALASKA

A Unique Photo Expedition Encompassing The Inside Passage

Explore the Inside Passage from top to bottom with ample time to focus on photography! This voyage aboard the 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* 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 as every Alaska expedition we offer.



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

NEW

BIG PICTURE ALASKA

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
PRICES FROM: \$8,990 to \$15,740 (See page 27 for complete prices.)

Sail aboard the *National Geographic Sea Bird* on this immersive, wide-ranging photo 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. Capture it all with the help of our Lindblad-National Geographic photo expedition team.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Raft through 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.

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Guest kayaking off George Island.



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)



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 interpreter and a National Park 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: 2017 Jun. 16* 📷, 26 📷;
Jul. 26* 📷; Aug. 5 📷

📷 All dates are Photo Expeditions

*Itinerary travels Sitka to Ketchikan making all the same stops.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Kristia Rossow will join the Jun. 16, 2017 departure.

Director of the Expedition Photography Program, Ralph

Lee Hopkins joins the Jul. 26 and Aug. 5 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.



NEW SHIP



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

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

The *National Geographic Quest* will be the latest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage, *National Geographic Quest* is able to explore the same remote locations we've sought out for decades while setting a new standard in comfort and style.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our "open bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet, lunch is served family-style, and enjoy deliciously served menu options for dinner. Menu emphasizes local fare.

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

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

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.



Inserts clockwise from top: (Artist's renderings): The lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; a spacious and open sun deck will provide unparalleled views.



Left to right: (Artist's renderings) Category 5 cabin is our most spacious. Category 4 cabin with lower single beds converted to a Queen and a private 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.

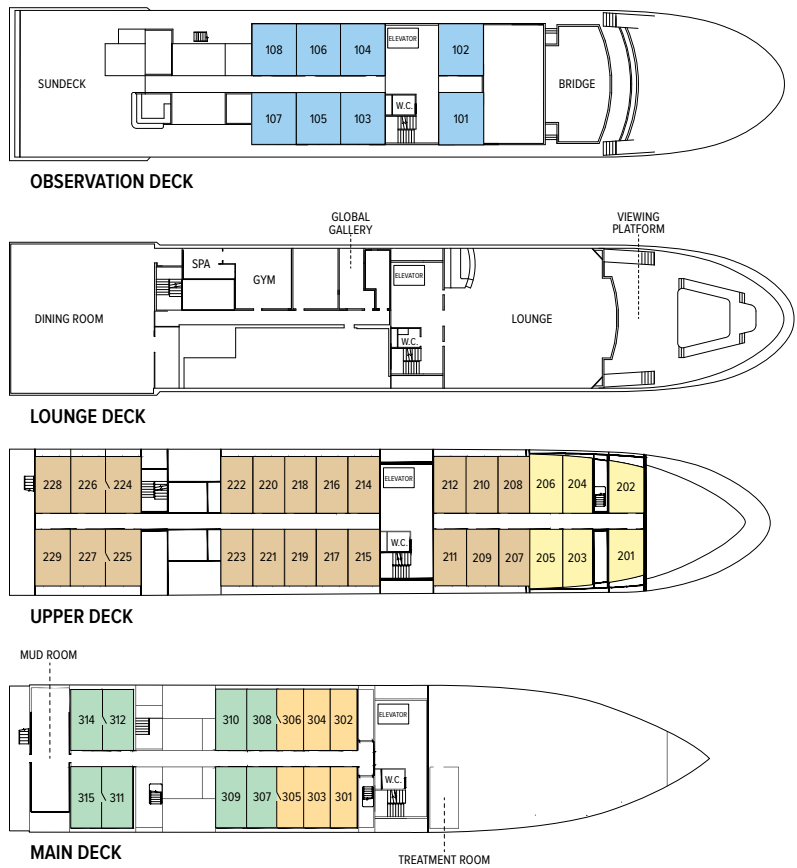
CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and a two large view windows.

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

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, two full window views, 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



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

ITINERARY	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5 SUITE	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska and British Columbia Jun. 26 & Sep. 2 - Page 14	\$9,390	\$9,990	\$10,590	\$11,490	\$12,400	\$13,990	\$14,835	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$200; Business Class from \$1,100.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & SEA LION

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

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

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

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

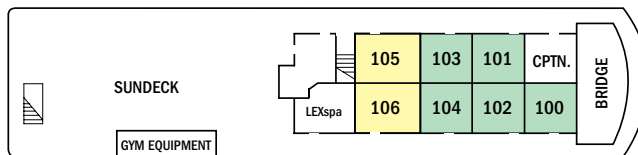
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A video chronicler and undersea specialist are on board all voyages.

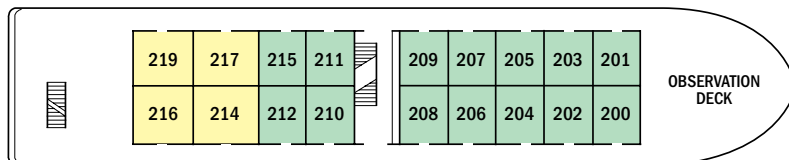
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



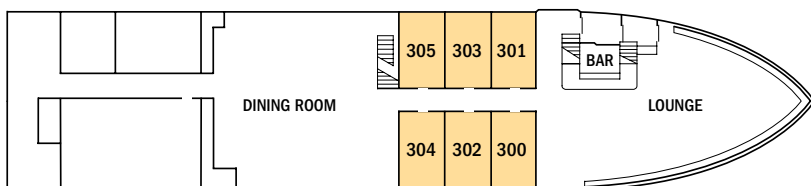
Guests enjoy the view of Glacier Bay National Park from the sundeck.



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



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 freshly redesigned.

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.

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
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii – Page 18	2017	\$10,900	\$12,450	\$14,530	\$16,350	\$19,860	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Sitka: Economy from \$210; Business Class from \$650.
Big Picture Alaska - Page 22	2017	\$8,990	\$10,490	\$11,890	\$13,490	\$15,740	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Ketchikan/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business Class from \$800.

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- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
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- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

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- ✓ Kayaking
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120 or more days	\$550
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