



### DEAR TRAVELER,

Last year we celebrated our 50th Anniversary, and my father's, Lars-Eric Lindblad, achievement in pioneering citizen expedition travel to Antarctica. Most importantly, we celebrated his motivation: my father believed that seeing the planet's remote wild places with one's own eyes would make each visitor an advocate for preserving and protecting. His conviction earned him the designation of 'father of eco-tourism.' And it left the legacy that we honor and sustain today in our deep commitment to conservation through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund.

Last season we looked backward, this season we're looking forward—toward what we can collectively accomplish through the simple act of traveling to Antarctica, and seeing it with our own eyes. Thanks to technology, we can accomplish quite a bit, individually and collectively. Our company has supported a number of projects, most recently James Balog's Extreme Ice Survey, by helping him place cameras to measure the retreat of Antarctica's glaciers. And our expedition teams have aided and abetted the work of many polar researchers and scientists over the years. Mark Phillips, reporter for CBS This Morning and CBS News with Scott Pelley, recently traveled with us aboard National Geographic Explorer to cover these stories, and others relating to climate change in Antarctica—and its implications for the rest of the world. To see these important and well-told CBS segments, please use the link at the bottom of my letter.

### **REASON TO BOOK EARLY**

Book any 2018/19 season departure by June 1, 2017 & you're guaranteed 2017/18 season prices.

### **FREE AIRFARE**

Book by July 31, 2017 on select departures for economy group airfare. See page 48 or call for details.

And speaking of visual storytelling—National Geographic photographers, flanked by Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors are on every Antarctic departure, to inspire and assist you. With their help you will return home with your best photos ever. You can share these photos with friends and family, archive them to help you always remember your personal achievement in exploring one of the planet's most remote reaches, or do more. You could upload your photos to Google Earth, helping Google's 21st-century cartographers further depict Earth—for all the students, teachers, artists and scientists who seek to learn more.

Whether you choose to engage in photography or to simply be mindful and observant in Antarctica, we promise you will have a most absorbing and rewarding time. And, if you're passionate about wild places, we encourage you to make the most of your travel time, to explore further—South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. These are two of the most spectacular wildlife destinations—and for me, that's saying a lot, since I spent my formative years in Africa.

So, if you believe in meaningful and memorable travel, I hope you'll choose to explore the far reaches of the Southern Ocean with us this year. You can trust in our 50 years of experience to ensure both your safety and the best possible return on your investment of time and curiosity.

All the best,

Sven-Ølof Lindblad

## 50 YEARS OF EXPEDITION HERITAGE

Lars-Eric Lindblad led the first citizen explorer expedition to Antarctica in 1966, and to Galápagos in 1967, and Lindblad Expeditions has been bringing intelligent, curious and adventurous travelers into the world ever since. In 2004 Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic joined forces to bring individuals to the planet's most interesting places—and positively impact them through grants made by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Joint Fund. *National Geographic Explorer*, completely renovated and inaugurated in 2008, is the embodiment of this partnership, and the product of our respective heritages—built to provide our guests with opportunities no other ship can offer. In 2014 we welcomed *National Geographic Orion*, built in 2004, into the fleet as a sister ship to *Explorer*. She was equipped with the complete set of expedition tools, and public space enhancements that distinguish Lindblad Expeditions. Two different personalities, same ultimate Antarctic experience.



### **OUR HALLMARKS**

### **AUTHENTIC EXPEDITIONS.**

It's a phenomenon: As soon as speed is measured in knots, life slows to just the right pace for looking around, seeing more and experiencing more. That's what an expedition is all about: subjecting yourself to



the alchemy of wind, wave, motion, the momentum of discovery—and the company of people who can help you see, understand and feel the bloom of satisfaction fresh knowledge always brings.

SMART FUN is our expedition gestalt—engaging, knowledgeable, amiable, inclusive and thrilled to be there. Our staff create a climate, enhanced by shared adventures, that kindles sociability and feeds the desire to observe and learn. The people drawn to the National Geographic Society and our style of travel have a built-in likemindedness that's an excellent basis for camaraderie and

lasting friendships.

**COLLECTIVE, BUT INDIVIDUAL.** Our immersive expeditions are not merely about where you go, but the process of getting there. And once arrived, your sense of place will be enriched by our knowledgeable expedition teams who help you see with an insider's eye.

**EXPERT ITINERARIES.** It is a privilege to visit Antarctica, and our expedition teams' subtle,

able logistics ensure not only your safety, but also the luxury of exploring the Peninsula's coves and bays in a two-person kayak, or by Zodiac with a naturalist and fellow guests. You'll have the opportunity to savor



the slow, nearly reverent passage through the Lemaire Channel. And to steep yourself in the almost unimaginable wonder of Antarctica's vastness and silence—out there actively exploring, from the ships' expansive decks, or the Observation Lounge.

Our signature Antarctica parka is a functional blend of vintage expedition style and modern hightech fabrication. Collectible and covetable, this season's parka comes with our 50th Anniversary commemorative patch. Find other additional collectible patches featuring Antarctic wildlife in the Global Gallery, and turn yours into a lasting keepsake.

# PERFECT PLATFORMS FOR EXPLORATION

National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion are genuine expedition ships, not cruise ships masquerading as one. Therefore, they are uniquely equipped to facilitate our

brand of keen seeing and experiencing—with state-of-the-art tools for exploration. Unparalleled bases for discovery, they each enable the fullest expression of our expedition style: an intimate, authentic, learning-oriented environment. As you see here, both ships have virtually identical features and abilities, and provide equal safety features and an equally excellent Antarctic experience. Which ship to choose depends on the polar itinerary and departure you favor—find our three itineraries on pages 30-31 and 38-41.



Only the early season enables this unique thrill! During November-December, conditions permitting, our ice masters may "park" our ships in the ice. Guests can then disembark onto a frozen sea—to hike, cross-country ski, or snowshoe.





### TOOLS, TECHNOLOGY & EXPEDITION BENEFITS ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION



**DNV ICE-1A Class rating** on the hull of each ship, enabling us to navigate the ice safely

A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet

A Remote-controlled Crow's Nest Camera with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin

An Electronic Chart System that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins

A Chart Room with nautical maps & a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station (NG Explorer); Chart cabinetry in section of Observation lounge (NG Orion) with 24-hr coffee, tea, cocoa station



Open Invitation to Visit the Bridge

**An Observation Lounge**, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations, supply of binoculars

Large fleet of Zodiacs and internal boarding mechanism

for swift, effortless disembarkation of all guests

Large fleet of Double Kayaks that allow personal exploring in pristine Antarctic environments

Daily choice of activities with same time allotted for each on both ships; no waiting, no missing out on opportunities



Generous 1:1.5 staff-to-guest ratio on each ship

A Professional Video Chronicler to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase.

# ACTIVELY EXPLORE EVERY DAY, IN MANY WAYS

National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion Antarctic itineraries are crafted by explorers, and every itinerary point features opportunities to head out and discover, in one dynamic way or another. You can begin each day with a morning stretch class, or a pre-breakfast coffee at the 24/7 coffee/tea stations on each ship. And you can look forward to brisk walks or strolls, Zodiac tours or landings and opportunities to kayak, cross-country ski or snowshoe depending on the season, location and conditions. Our fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, plus our teams' swiftness in deploying, ensures that you will spend no time wistfully awaiting a turn—the entire expedition community can be accommodated. For those whose fitness requirements demand it—the Fitness Centers are open at any time of day or night, particularly useful in Antarctica, where the midnight sun blurs distinction!

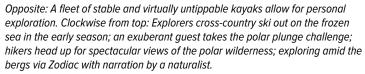










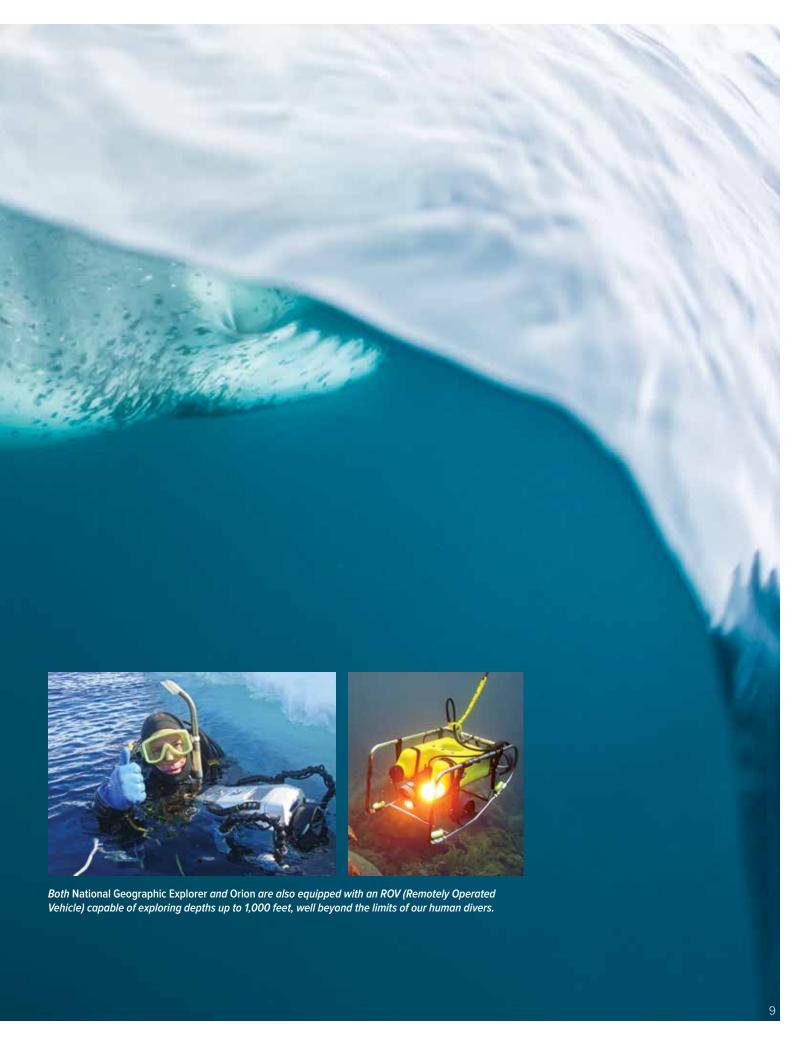






Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Sylvia Earle, Enric Sala and other National Geographic explorers, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* are the only expedition ships that travel with Undersea Specialists who dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the ships' Lounges—perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d'oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be pioneering. In Antarctica, the footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.

SEE AN AMAZING UP-CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A LEOPARD SEAL AT **EXPEDITIONS.COM/SEAL** 



# THE PENGUINS OF ANTARCTICA TO KNOW



### THEM IS TO LOVE THEM

The penguin experience in Antarctica is another thing entirely: it's incredible, less seeing than being—since they move freely about, interweaving among us, and generally delighting us with their behavior. It's hard to resist the tendency to anthropomorphize as explorer Apsley Cherry-Garrard, author of "The Worst Journey In The World," so famously did: 'They are extraordinarily like children, these little people of the Antarctic world, either like children, or like old men, full of their own importance and late for dinner, in their black tailcoats and white shirt-fronts—and rather portly withal.' Each different species has their signature look and traits to observe and photograph. Visit during the Antarctic spring of November and December, and you'll get to see intriguing courting and nesting rituals, too. In addition, there's the penguins' natural predator, the deceptively genial looking leopard seal; Weddell and fur seals; plus the plethora of seabirds that thrive in the Southern Ocean to observe and admire—amid the spectacular landscape of the legendary ice.

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### A+ EXPEDITION TEAMS

Our Expedition Leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, are outstanding leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, biologists, marine biologists, zoologists and undersea specialists who return each year, like migratory creatures, to the Southern Ocean aboard *Explorer* and *Orion*—to share the Antarctic ice with you and your fellow guests. Collectively, these specialists have hundreds of years of experience guiding travelers to the most interesting places in the world.

The captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet have spent decades in the ice. They have each navigated over 100 Antarctic expeditions, ensuring that they have the crucial knowledge we demand—ice master status. An ice master is not only familiar with the unique wind, weather and current dynamics in polar waters, he or she is also intimately familiar with all the forms of ice and the unique challenges each form presents. Their seasoned ships' officers are also polar veterans, handpicked and well-trained to act without hesitation in any severe condition.







Here is a partial list of staff during our Antarctic season: clockwise from left: polar naturalist Carl Erik Kilander, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor Michael Nolan, naturalist and birder Brent Stephenson, veteran polar naturalist Tom Ritchie, marine biologist Andy Szabo, undersea specialist Alyssa Adler.





PLEASE VISIT **EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXPERTBIOS** AND SELECT YOUR ITINERARY TO LEARN WHICH STAFF IS TRAVELING ON YOUR DEPARTURE



## SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH ENGAGING GLOBAL PERSPEC

Our Global Perspectives guest speaker program aboard *National Geographic Explorer* pairs engaging and knowledgeable experts with our expedition team's expertise to enrich your experience, and add extra levels of relevant insight. Join us aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, and you'll share adventures, drinks, dinner, and deck time with these intriguing individuals.

LEE BERGER A world-renowned paleoanthropologist, physical anthropologist, and archaeologist, *TIME* magazine called Lee Berger one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2016. He has received the National Geographic Society's Prize for Research and Exploration.

Antarctica, Jan. 25, 2018

### **ROBERT LEE HOTZ**

The science columnist for the Wall Street Journal, Robert writes about cutting-edge research on climate change, cosmology, molecular medicine, the human brain and much more. He has traveled three times to the South Pole.

Antarctica, Dec. 26, 2017; Jan. 5, 2019

#### **GREGG TREINISH**

A National Geographic Emerging Explorer and 2008 Adventurer of the Year, Gregg founded Adventurers and Scientists for Conservation, a nonprofit organization connecting outdoor adventurers with scientists in need of data from the field.

Antarctica, Dec. 6, 2017

### MIKE LIBECKI

A 2013 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, Mike has planned and succeeded on 60 expeditions and established multiple first ascents. His ten-day climb to Bertha's Tower in Antarctica's Queen Maud Land was featured on the National Geographic Live! Film series.

Antarctica, Dec. 16, 2017



#### **ANDREW CLARKE**

An ecologist, Andy has spent 40 years working in the polar regions. Retired from the British Antarctic Survey, his work took him to McMurdo, Palmer and Svalbard. He has a special interest in the evolutionary history and biological diversity of the Antarctic marine fauna.

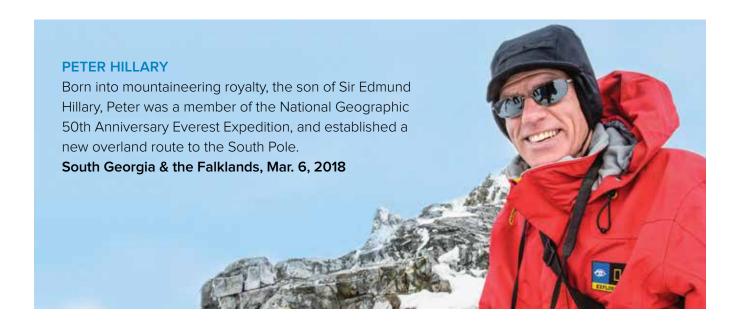
Antarctica, Jan. 15, 2018

### **DYAN DENAPOLI**

Author of *The Great Penguin Rescue*, Dyan is both a penguin expert and educator. AKA The Penguin Lady, she has worked with penguins at Boston's New England Aquarium. Recently, she participated in the Homeward Bound project, the largest all-female scientific expedition to Antarctica.

Antarctica, Feb. 4, 2018

### TIVES GUEST SPEAKERS



### **KEN TAYLOR**

Ken is a professor and scientist leading the effort to recover and analyze the ice core to help predict future climate and sea levels.

Antarctica, Feb. 5, 2017
Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 15, 2017



### FRANCES ULMER

Frances is the Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission appointed by President Obama in 2011. In 2014, Secretary Kerry asked her to serve as a Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy.



Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Nov. 6, 2017

### DR. JOE MCCONNELL

An environmental and climate researcher, Joe is Director of the Ultra-Trace Ice Core Chemistry Lab at Nevada's Desert Research Institute. He studies ancient air trapped in ice to map human climate impact.



### **DR. JOE MACINNIS**

Oceanographer Joe MacInnis is the first person to explore the ocean beneath the North Pole. His teams built the world's first undersea polar station.

Antarctica, Jan. 5, 2018



Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 14, 2018

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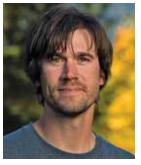
### CAPTURE THE ADVENTURE—



### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion are the only expedition ships exploring Antarctica with National Geographic photographers aboard every departure. These photographers, many with significant careers to their credit, have inspired countless professional and amateur photographers, and accompany our ships to inspire and assist you. And, they are flanked by Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors, naturalists trained by National Geographic photographers, to assist you with your camera settings, the basics of composition, observation, and more to equip you with skills.

Now, every guest—from iPhone camera users to semi-pro shooters—can stand side-by-side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and take great photos. And you'll want to—Antarctica provides a photo op a minute and a once-in-a-lifetime experience to capture. So no worries, you don't have to consider yourself a photographer to participate in the fun and rewards of "aim & create." You'll return home with your best photos ever, and a lifelong skill.















Here is a partial list of National Geographic photographers traveling with us: Clockwise: Keith Ladzinski, Erika Larsen, David Doubilet, Jay Dickman, Jonathan Irish, Dan Westergren, Massimo Bassano.



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### TAKE GREAT PHOTOS

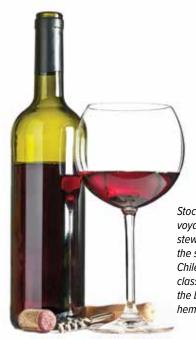


Smart gear recommendations. Stellar shipping and customer service. The latest in gear to try out on location. These and more reasons are why Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has teamed up with renowned retailer B&H Photo Video for our Expedition Photography program. Check out teaching videos from our 4-day photography event with B&H at <a href="https://www.optic2016.com">www.optic2016.com</a>. As a guest, be sure to access special gear recommendations and packages. Call an expedition specialist for more details.





### EXCEPTIONAL HOTEL STAFF



Stocking for our Antarctic voyages is a joy for our wine steward, since we provision the ships in Argentina and Chile, producers of world-class wines. Prepare to taste the best of the southern hemisphere.

National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion, sister flagships of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet share matching appetites for adventure, and dining excellence. Serge Dansereau, the head chef and owner of the iconic Bathers' Pavilion Café in



Sydney, Australia, is a multi-award winning chef, renowned internationally, and considered 'the father of the fresh food movement.' He designs the menus and trains the staff aboard both ships. His menu concepts are brought to life daily by each ship's Executive Chef. Count on them to keep your expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak, and for daily diversity and regional flavors.









Dining rooms on both ships, like
Orion's shown here, are inviting and
informal. No assigned seating makes
for easy mingling with congenial
fellow guests, expedition staffers,
and special guests. Breakfast and
lunches are often buffet-style;
dinners are artfully plated and
served. Save room for dessert—
extraordinary daily!

"Discovering sustainable local growers and fisheries on our itineraries to ensure that our guests 'taste' the regions they're exploring is rewarding work. We provision for Antarctica in Argentina with fresh produce and sustainably produced meat and poultry. Unlike cruise companies which mandate a food program across the fleet, our chefs have the freedom to execute Serge's smartly conceived dishes while taking advantage of what's at hand. When a local fishing boat hails our ship with line-caught fish, for example, the chef can say yes! And when our ship is in the Falklands, we can obtain fresh vegetables from a hydroponic grower we know, and fresh lamb from an island rancher we've known for years. Our goal is for our guests to experience the geography through the food served aboard wherever possible. And to always dine extraordinarily well."

—Ana Esteves, Manager Hotel Operations, Lindblad Expeditions



### AN AUTHENTIC EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE STARTS HERE



Every individual who joins our expeditions is there for his or her own reasons: to learn about the region, to see how others live, to have personal encounters and experiences, and to see and observe wildlife. But what proves most satisfying ultimately is the *esprit du corps* of our expedition community. It's a deeply rewarding

phenomenon. And our sister ships, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* enhance this experience-sharing. Our ships' lounges feature 'the circle of truth,' where talks, presentations, and the daily ritual of Recap, a hallmark of our expeditions, take place. In addition, both ships offer fully-stocked libraries, genial spaces where guests can look up any topic or creature that interests them, or just hole up with a good book. Observation lounges on both ships are lavishly windowed, for a constant connection to the world outside. And on both ships, guests have an open invitation to visit the Bridge—to watch the captain and his officers navigate, and to hang out with the naturalists endlessly on alert for marine animal and bird sightings while we're underway. Every inch of each ship presents a fresh vantage point for observation, for capturing an image, or for a quiet talk with a new-found friend. You will remember the satisfactions of life aboard long after you leave.







Far left: Explorer's Observation
Lounge is flooded with light and
non-stop views; the Library (left) is
stocked with all manner of reference,
geography-relevant and other books,
plus cards, games, and an everready stock of binoculars.



Clockwise from top: Sven Lindblad conducts a presentation from the 'circle of truth,' a hallmark of our expeditions and the design of our ships' lounges; expansive decks invite you outdoors to relax, read and observe the vistas; Captain Kreuss, a guest and the Expedition Leader review nautical charts on the Bridge, open to all during the voyage; Explorer's Bistro Bar is a lively alternative to the main dining room for meals and socializing.











Orion's observation lounge and library provide a welcome to readers, card players, and sailors who love to review the nautical charts on display. At right, Orion's main lounge is the center of shared life aboard; expansive windows invite in scenic views, and the reflective ceiling mirrors the ocean in a sublimely relaxing way.









From left: Explorer's fitness center offers a panoramic view instead of the usual gym TV screens. A classic Swedish sauna makes the Wellness Spa at the top of the ship a perfect place to end an active day. Massages and body treatments are the ideal counterpoint to walking, hiking, kayaking or a good workout—and a perfect way to take advantage of transit time at sea.









### PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS

National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic
Orion offer private spaces as inviting as their public ones.
Explorer's 81 outside cabins, including 4 suites with balconies,
9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins, are decorated
in a contemporary palette of relaxing earth tones. Orion's 53
outside cabins, including 9 suites with balconies, and 4 solo
cabins, are traditional in style with rich jewel-toned fabrics and
furniture. Both ships provide deluxe bedding—our signature
feather duvet—and thick terry robes. All cabins feature flat screen TVs
with news and movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting

with news and movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from our remote-controlled crow's nest camera, and our electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with ethernet and wifi connections, and USB ports for mobile devices.

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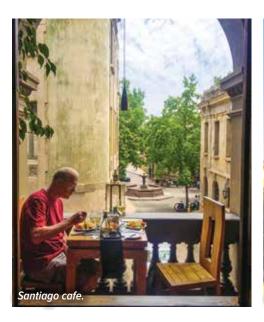






Clockwise from top left: Explorer upper deck cabin with balcony. Every cabin has a National Geographic atlas. Category 2 cabin aboard Orion. Explorer bathroom; a Category 6 balcony suite aboard Orion.

### INCLUSIVE PRICING MEANS





Travel to the Antarctic region is a major decision, and, rightfully the focus of all your thoughts and planning until the moment you embark ship. However, our expeditions offer the travel equivalent of an amuse bouche to anticipate and savor. If you're aboard National Geographic Explorer, you'll spend time before embarkation in Buenos Aires, a warm, cosmopolitan counterbalance to the icy beauty of Antarctica. From the elegant interior of your hotel, the Sofitel Buenos Aires, and its strollable environs, to the tawdry glamour of tango in La Boca, and the fascinating Recoleta necropolis, the time you spend here will be highly gratifying, filled with discoveries. (The urbane flower shop across the street from the hotel? It's a speakeasy. Walk in and see how cool it is behind the walk-in cooler's door...) And if aboard

National Geographic Orion, Santiago will welcome you to the south with sun-splashed ochre walls, waving palms and breathtaking mountains ringing the city. Enjoy the highly walkable city, on your own or on the informative tour we provide, head out into the surrounding countryside, or opt to savor the warmth poolside in the elegant garden of your graciously-appointed hotel, Santiago's Grand Hyatt.



King penguins.

### VALUE PLUS EXPERIENCES

### **REASON TO BOOK EARLY**

Book any 2018/19 season departure by June 1, 2017 & you're guaranteed 2017/18 season prices.

### FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE ON SELECT DEPARTURES

See page 48 or call for details.

### FREE BAR TAB AND CREW GRATUITIES

Your bar tab and gratuities for the crew are complimentary on all departures of *Explorer* and *Orion*. Call for details.

### COMPLIMENTARY LIMITED EDITION 50TH ANNIVERSARY ANTARCTICA PARKA

#### NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ACTIVITIES—EVER

All the daily activities—from city explorations at the beginning and end of the expedition, to Zodiac, kayaking, or hiking explorations—are included in the price.

### **INCLUDED ON ALL OFFSHORE EXCURSIONS:**

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ One night hotel accommodation at the excellent Sofitel Buenos Aires (or similar) or Grand Hyatt Santiago (or similar) & city overview
- ✓ Guided overview in Ushuaia and hotel VIP lounge pre-airport with refreshments

#### NO CHARGE FOR EXPERTISE

The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff, plus all lectures and presentations, and our fully stocked onboard library, are open to all and included in the price.

### AND FREELY ENJOY THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room
- ✓ All non-alcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, latte, coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages, excepting certain super-premium brands of alcohol
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Tea time with pastries; all-day fruit, cookies
- ✓ Fitness Center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
- ✓ Traditional Swedish Sauna
- ✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card & Internet access
- ✓ Access to the B+H Photo locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- ✓ Access to the ship's Bridge for optimal observation and to watch navigation
- ✓ Crew gratuities.



## "COME FOR THE PENGUINS,



### COME BACK FOR THE ICE"

This phrase has talismanic powers for Antarctic travelers. Talk to anyone who has experienced the White Continent, and you'll hear it immediately. And for anyone who has yet to visit Antarctica, it has the solemn power of a prophesy.

Choose to visit during the Antarctic spring of November and December, and you'll see the penguins you've come for starting to nest, beginning the intriguing courtship rituals that



will keep them together and allow them to raise a healthy chick. And you'll experience *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion's* unique capabilities in the early ice—as our captains guide them through floes, looking for wildlife, and if nature allows, driving into the fast ice to allow us to disembark for a walk on a frozen sea. And throughout the season, the legendary ice—the ice you'll come back for, larger than



you ever dreamed possible, bergs of impossible beauty, each with its own shape and color—studs the passages, bays, and inlets we'll explore in wonder. Our expedition team will take advantage of the 20 hours of austral daylight to show you every facet of Antarctica, in every way possible: by Zodiac, kayak, or on hikes to ridges for views of towering mountains and cascading glaciers.

Antarctica will touch the deepest part of your soul. The things you'll see there will tattoo themselves on your heart. And if you get engaged in "aim & create" with the photographers aboard—you'll capture and keep it.

## JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

### 14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$13,760 to \$28,340 (See pages 44-45 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see pages 46-47 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

Book by June 1, 2017 to guarantee 2017/18 prices for 2018/19 departures.

raveling aboard the state-of-the-art National Geographic Explorer or National Geographic Orion, encounter the spectacular Antarctic
Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous icebergs by Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak in complete tranquility.

### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists celebrating Lindblad's 50-year heritage in Antarctica.
- ▶ View magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and huge glaciers that make up the dramatic Antarctic landscape.
- ► Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of wildlife.
- Kayak in protected waters, paddling as penguins swim nearby.
- ▶ On shore observe thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Our dedicated staff is key to your experience. Representing diverse expertise, our knowledgeable expedition team allows

for more activities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders. And a Global Perspectives guest speaker adds relevant insight (*Explorer* only).

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

A pair of gentoo penguins welcome guests.



### DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (*EXPLORER*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION*)

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Grand Hyatt Hotel (or similar) before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

## DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise

most city in the world. Join a catamaran cruis of the Beagle Channel before embarking Explorer or Orion. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 4:** AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 5-10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales at play off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out

on an extra landing. We anticipate offering opportunities each day to hike, kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to thousands of Adélie and chinstrap penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn, see and experience more. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA

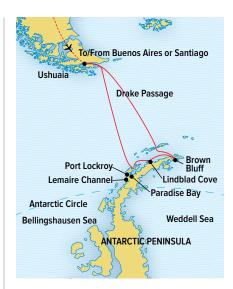
Enjoy the ship's amenities as the Antarctica coast disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 13 AND 14: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (FXPI ORFR) OR SANTIAGO, CHILF

(EXPLORER) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)





### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES** (*Explorer*): **2017** Nov. 26; Dec. 6, 16<sup>+</sup>, 26<sup>+</sup> **2018** Jan. 5, 15, 25; Feb. 4; Nov. 26; Dec. 16<sup>+</sup>, 26<sup>+</sup>; **2019** Jan. 5, 15, 25; Feb. 4 **DATES** (*Orion*): **2018** Nov. 25; Dec. 5, 15, 25 **2019** Jan. 4, 14, 24; Feb. 3 *Orion* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.

\*For holiday rates, see pages 45 and 47.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by Jul. 31, 2017 on select dates for FREE ROUND-TRIP economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires or Santiago; ask about other U.S. gateways. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 48 or call for details.

### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in Buenos Aires (Explorer) or two days in Santiago (Orion). Add a four-day post-voyage extension to Easter Island (both ships), or three days post-voyage at Iguazú Falls (Explorer only). Call for details, or see page 42.

### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Adventurers Gregg Treinish, Dec. 6, 2017; and Mike Libecki, Dec. 16, 2017; Robert Lee Hotz, science writer, Dec. 26, 2017; oceanographer Dr. Joe MacInnis, Jan. 5, 2018; scientists Andrew Clarke, Jan. 15, 2018; and Lee Berger, Jan. 25, 2018; penguin specialist Dyan deNapoli, Feb. 4, 2018.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All *Explorer* and *Orion* voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer. To date: *Orion*: Massimo Bassano, Dec. 17 & 27, 2017; *Explorer*: Erika Larsen, Jan. 15 & 25, 2018.

Massive king penguin colonies, as splendid a sight as this world offers, can be found in a special place: South Georgia. A remote island in the Southern Ocean some 750 nautical miles from Antarctica, South Georgia is the new frontier—where savvy travelers with a passion for wild places can experience the genuine sovereignty and majesty of a last wild kingdom.

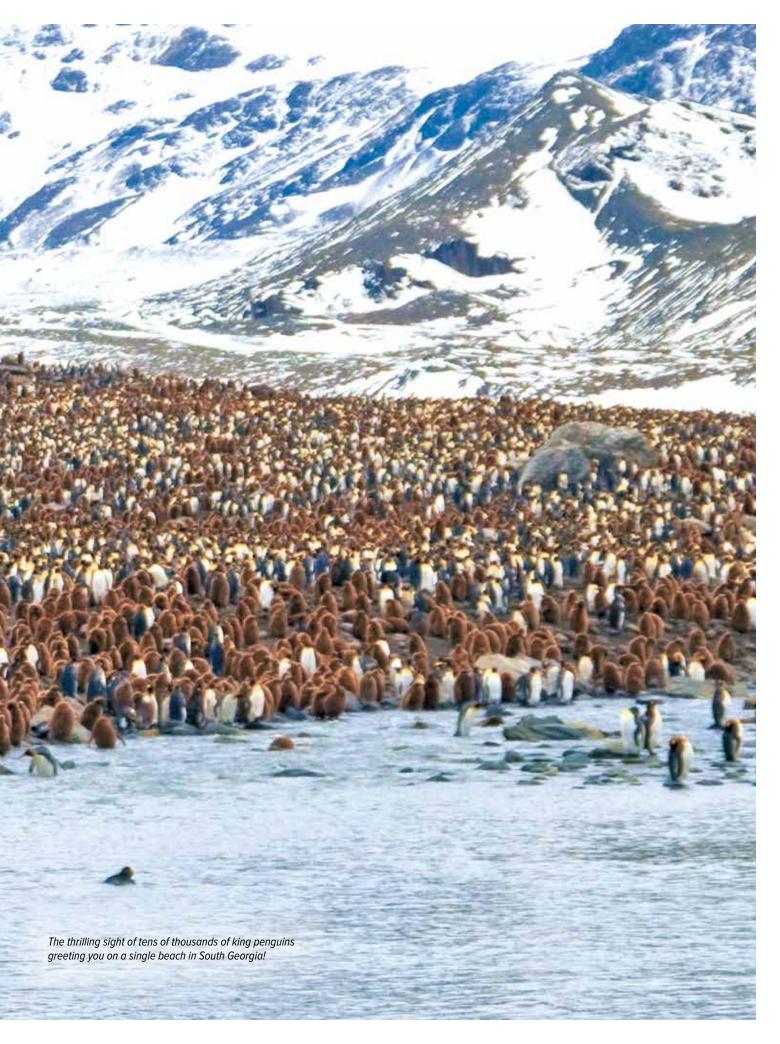




In addition to the colossal king penguin colonies, South Georgia is also home to thriving fur seal populations, elephant seals, gentoo and macaroni penguins, skuas, and the tiny but mighty South Georgia pippit, the only songbird below the polar front. We have the luxury of time here—to fully absorb the wonder of it: an island that grants us a vision of the primeval world in which animals have dominion, and live their lives in full.









And the Falkland Islands, a geography few of even the most knowledgeable travelers know, rivals South Georgia in its gasp-inducing pristine beauty and wildness. While the Falklands boasts a human population (3,000 people in total; 2,500 of whom live in the capital, Stanley) the animals—specifically albatross, rockhopper penguins, fur seals and more—vastly outnumber them and constitute a major draw for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers.

# SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

#### 19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS-ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$16,990 to \$32,880 (See pages 44-45 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices.)

Book by June 1, 2017 to guarantee 2017/18 prices for 2018/19 departures.

teeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: gentoo and macaroni penguins, enormous elephant seals and a thriving fur seal population. Here on South Georgia you can observe one of the world's great wildlife spectacles: literally tens of thousands of stately king penguins on a single beach. Add the human side of the region in the Falklands, reminiscent of Great Britain, with grazing sheep, tea and crumpets. And in this privileged place, the albatross reveal the beauty of their mysterious lives.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Hike in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fated Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition aboard *Endurance*.
- ▶ See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- ► Observe magnificent black-browed albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- ▶ Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and Zodiac cruise South Georgia's isolated bays.
- ► Compare camera settings side-by-side with a National Geographic photographer.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Our dedicated staff is key to your experience. Representing diverse expertise, our knowledgeable expedition team allows

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

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

King penguins as far as the eye can see, South Georgia.



# DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

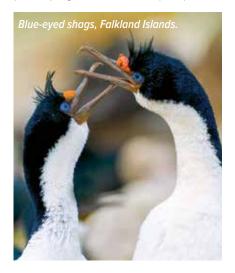
Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

# DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking *Explorer*. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare for the wildness in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the bridge, scanning for petrels, penguins and albatross. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 5:** FALKLAND ISLANDS

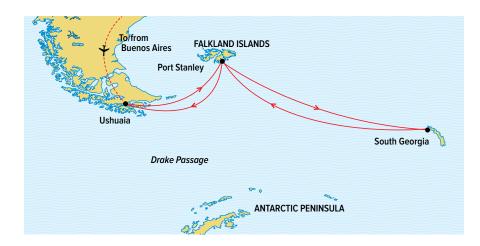
Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a few at a local pub, and stroll this remote Victorian town. (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 6 AND 7: AT SEA**

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna and geology of South Georgia. Our naturalists help identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 8-12: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

Explore the spectacular coastline of South



Georgia Island. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking and Zodiac excursions. Sailing along the coast, we plan to offer activities every day including Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Harbour, where Shackleton, Tom Crean and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. And, on a single beach, you will see thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 13 AND 14: AT SEA

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the bridge. Or spend the day enjoying the ship's spa, fitness center, library, and observation deck. (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 15 AND 16: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as fur seals. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 17: AT SEA

One last chance to catch up on your reading in the library and send emails home saying "Don't want this to end." (B,L,D)

# DAYS 18 AND 19: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/FLY TO

BUENOS AIRES

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by private charter to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 18: B,L)

#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2017 Oct. 23\*

**2018** Mar. 6; Oct. 22; **2019** Mar. 6 \*This departure is 18 days and priced accordingly. See pages 44-45, or visit our website.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by Jul. 31, 2017 to receive complimentary round-trip airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia). Plus, we'll cover your bar tab and crew tips. Call for details.



#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires**. Add a four-day post-voyage extension
to **Easter Island**, or three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls**. Visit our website or see page 42.

#### **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER**

Travel with adventurer & mountaineer Peter Hillary, Mar. 6, 2018. Learn more at expeditions.com/experts

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with **Keith Ladzinski**, Oct. 23, 2017. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo** 

# ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

# 24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$23,790 to \$45,880 (See pages 44-45 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see pages 46-47 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

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his voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland's amazing bird colonies. Traveling aboard one of our ice-class expedition ships *National Geographic Explorer* or



National Geographic Orion, spend five days discovering the Antarctic Peninsula. Stroll through lively crowds of penguins in stunning South Georgia, and hike the shores of the Falkland Islands. Experience boundless wildlife and captivating beauty as you venture into some of the planet's most unspoiled landscapes.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Trace the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fateful journey aboard *Endurance*, and toast at his gravesite in South Georgia.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 50 years of experience here.
- ▶ Glide in a kayak or explore in a Zodiac past massive icebergs.
- ▶ Observe tens of thousands of king penguins on a single beach.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Our experienced expedition leader and team of naturalists are your conduit to an extraordinary experience. And the National Geographic

photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board, ours exclusively, are key to capturing the incredible wildlife. Our video chronicler will record the entire voyage. The undersea specialist will reveal the deep, while our wellness specialist helps you feel the "tonic of wildness." And a Global Perspectives guest speaker adds relevant insight (*Explorer* only).

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

Chinstrap penguin sighting via Zodiac.



#### DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (*EXPLORER*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION*)

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Grand Hyatt Hotel (or similar) before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

#### **DAY 3:** FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: AT SEA

Settle in to shipboard life as we sail to Antarctica. Keep a lookout for albatross that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 5-10: ANTARCTICA**

With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We'll sail through the incomparable Lemaire Channel (weather permitting) and spend these days on the "White Continent," exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 11 AND 12:** AT SEA (B,L,D)

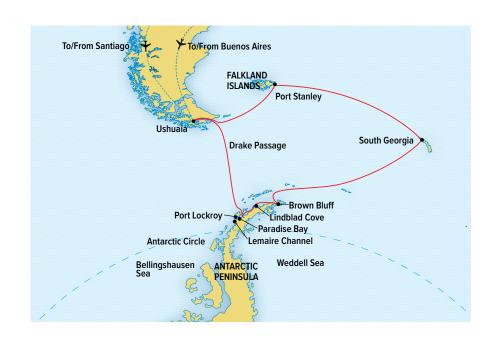
#### **DAYS 13-17: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and we'll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 18 AND 19:** AT SEA (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 20 AND 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

The Falklands boast albatross, king cormorants, nesting rockhopper penguins, and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic Victorianstyle town of Port Stanley and visit the evocative Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

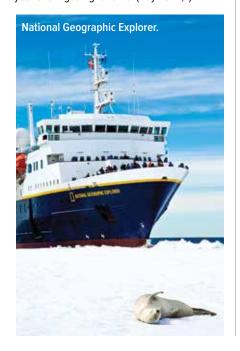


#### DAY 22: AT SEA

On our final day at sea, enjoy one last chance to view the marine life of these southern waters. Toast our epic voyage at a festive farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

# DAYS 23 AND 24: DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (EXPLORER) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 23: B,L)



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES (*Explorer*): 2017 Nov. 6\*
2018 Feb. 14; Nov. 6\*; 2019 Feb. 14
DATES (*Orion*): 2017 Nov, 7\*, 27\*
2018 Jan. 26; Feb. 15; Nov. 5\*; 2019 Feb. 13
\*These voyages travel in reverse.
Note: *Orion* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book select departures by **Jul. 31, 2017** for free round-trip economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires (or Santiago); ask about other U.S. gateways. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 48 or call for details.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires** (*Explorer*) or two days in **Santiago**(*Orion*). Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** (both ships), or three days post-voyage at **Iguazú Falls** (*Explorer* only). Visit our website or see page 42.

#### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with polar experts, **Fran Ulmer**, Nov. 6, 2017; or **Joe McConnell**, Feb. 14, 2018.

#### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Explorer: Tyrone Turner, Nov. 6, 2017; David Doubilet, Feb. 14, 2018. *Orion*: Dan Westergren, Nov. 7, 2017; Jonathan Irish, Jan. 26, 2018; Macduff Everton, Feb. 15, 2018.

# EXTEND YOUR EXPEDITION



## **ADD BUENOS AIRES**

#### PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2017/18\*: \$1,890 per person, double occupancy.

Explore vibrant Buenos Aires on a curated two-day extension that showcases the beguiling personality of one of the world's greatest cities. Add it before *Explorer* voyages only of **Antarctica**; **Antarctica**, **South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**.



# ADD SANTIAGO CITY, WINE & CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

#### PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2017/18\*: \$1,990 per person, double occupancy.

Get a taste for Santiago's world famous cuisine at premier restaurants and venture into wine country for private tours and tastings at Chile's top wineries. Available for *Orion* voyages only on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica**, **South Georgia** & the Falklands.



# ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

#### POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2017/18\*: \$2,790 per person, double occupancy.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon—an incredible display of raw power. Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park. Available for *National Geographic Explorer* voyages only on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica**, **South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**.

Note: On all extensions airfare is not included; additional cost applies



### **ADD EASTER ISLAND**

#### POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2017/18\*: \$4,390 per person, double occupancy.

Visit one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island, home to more than 600 giant *moai* or stone statues carved by the ancient Rapa Nui. Add it after select departures of **Antarctica**; **Antarctica**, **South Georgia & the Falklands**.

<sup>†</sup>Note: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Buenos Aires (Explorer) or Santiago (Orion); additional cost applies.

# EXPEDITIONS BY PRIVATE CHARTER

In the last several years the 148-guest *National Geographic Explorer* has served as the platform for a major climate awareness summit in the Arctic; and the 102-guest *National Geographic Orion* has hosted a TED conference in the South Pacific. Both ships are available for charters to Antarctica in season, from a corporate incentive or meeting, to a special event with friends and family, and provide you with unparalleled possibilities for a transformative experience.







# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

**CAPACITY**: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins. **REGISTRY**: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH**: 367 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CABINS**: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Equipped with ethernet and wifi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

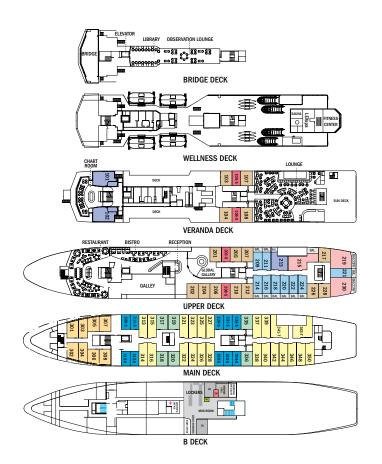
**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT**: Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 36 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote controlled camera and video microscope.

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

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

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

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343 SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2. NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219, and 230 can accommodate a third person.









From top: Category 3 cabin; a standard bathroom; example of a spacious solo cabin with window.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Journey to Antarctica — Page 30	2017/18 2018/19*	\$13,760	\$14,790	\$15,230	\$16,390	\$19,720	\$22,540	\$26,240	\$18,490	\$19,040	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare 2017/ from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/ Ushuaia).
Journey to Antarctica – Holiday departures – Page 30	2017/18 2018/19*	\$14,860	\$15,970	\$16,450	\$17,690	\$21,290	\$24,340	\$28,340	\$19,960	\$20,560	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
South Georgia and the Falklands – Page 38	Oct. 2017	\$15,930	\$16,990	\$17,930	\$18,990	\$22,990	\$26,580	\$30,830	\$21,240	\$22,410	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).
	Mar. 2018 Oct. 2018* Mar. 2019*	\$16,990	\$18,130	\$19,130	\$20,350	\$24,580	\$28,350	\$32,880	\$22,660	\$23,910		
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands – Page 40	2017/18 2018/19*	\$23,790	\$25,490	\$26,690	\$27,940	\$34,290	\$39,570	\$45,880	\$31,860	\$33,360	\$3,000	Includes one hotel night. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,400. Charter airfare from \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia).

<sup>\*2017/18</sup> season prices guaranteed for 2018/19 season departures if booked by June 1, 2017. After June 1, 2017, call or visit expeditions.com for new 2018/19 season prices.



# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

**CAPACITY**: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins. **REGISTRY**: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH**: 338 feet.

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* (built in 2004) joined the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet in 2014. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with a steel reinforced forward hull, it enables us to navigate polar passages in exceptional comfort.

**PUBLIC AREAS**: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, marina platform, and mudroom. Our "open bridge" allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation.

**MEALS**: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419

CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511. 515

CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508

**CABINS**: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV with DVD/CD player. Equipped with ethernet and wifi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies. Single cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT**: Zodiac landing craft, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, crow's nest camera, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).

SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus an undersea specialist.

**WELLNESS**: A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.

**CATEGORY 6:** Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with French balcony #502, 507, 509\*, 510

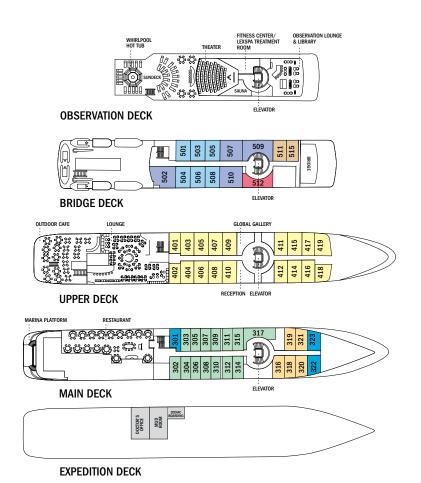
\*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.









Nautical chart table in the observation lounge and library; main lounge and bar; Category 3 suite.

#### TAKE A VIRTUAL VIDEO TOUR OF THE SHIP AT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGORION

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Journey to Antarctica – Page 30	2017/18 2018/19*	\$13,760	\$14,790	\$16,390	\$19,720	\$22,540	\$26,240	\$20,640	\$24,590	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,000; Business from \$4,700. Charter Airfare from \$990 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
Journey to Antarctica – Holiday departures – Page 30	2017/18 2018/19*	\$14,860	\$15,970	\$17,690	\$21,290	\$24,340	\$28,340	\$22,290	\$26,530	\$1,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,000; Business from \$4,700. Charter Airfare from \$990 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands – Page 40	2017/18 2018/19*	\$23,790	\$25,490	\$27,940	\$34,290	\$39,570	\$45,880	\$35,690	\$41,910	\$3,000	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,000; Business from \$4,700. Charter Airfare from \$990 (round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia).

<sup>\*2017/18</sup> season prices guaranteed for 2018/19 season departures if booked by June 1, 2017. After June 1, 2017, call or visit expeditions.com for new 2018/19 season prices.

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**COMPLIMENTARY BAR TAB & CREW GRATUITIES:** On all *NG Explorer* and *NG Orion* voyages, we will cover your crew gratuities and bar tab (excepting certain superpremium brands of alcohol.)

**BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS:** Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion.*This saving is applicable on voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare.

**TRAVELING AS A GROUP:** Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This saving is applicable to voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

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

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**Reservations:** To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation, and is outlined on pages 45 and 47. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention.

Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and more.

**Final Payment:** Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment schedules may vary for certain holiday voyages, due to high demand for these voyages. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**Travel Protection Plan:** We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/ interruption, medical assistance, and damaged or lost baggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

**Smoking Policy:** Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other provisions concerning, 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 also available on our website at www. expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

**Note:** Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change. Under normal conditions, the total expedition cost is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the published price is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event we determine that current costs create an unsustainable financial model, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to pass on these costs to you, to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide a transparent accounting of the reason for such an increase in costs.

CANCELLATION POLICY							
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee						
180 or more days	\$750*						
179–120 days	Advance payment cost						
119–90 days	25% of trip cost						
89-60 days	50% of trip cost						
59_0 days	No refund						

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The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket.

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Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our Group cancellation policies are 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.

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- » Virtuoso "Best VAST Partner" Award, 2016
- » Cruise Critic Editor's Pick Awards "Best for Adventure," 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
- » 2016 World Tourism Award
- » Andrew Harper's Reader Choice Awards: Best Cruise Lines, 2016
- » Town & Country Cruise Awards: Best for Families and Onboard Activities, Expedition Cruises, 2016
- » Porthole Cruise Magazine Readers' Choice Awards: Best Expedition Cruise Line, 2015

- » Tourism Cares Travel Philanthropy Awards: Legacy in Travel Philanthropy, 2015
- » Condé Nast Traveler's "Gold List," 2013, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
- » Virtuoso "Sustainable Tourism Leadership-Supplier" Award, 2013
- » Travel + Leisure "World's Best" Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
- » Travel + Leisure "World's Best for Families" Award for Small-Ship Cruise Lines, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
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