



THE BEST OF THE ARCTIC

SVALBARD
GREENLAND
ICELAND & THE
CANADIAN MARITIMES

NEW!
THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION | 2018-19



We've been heading to parts unknown in the Arctic for more than 30 years, and I am thrilled that in 2019 we'll continue to blaze trails up north—this time in the remote Russian Far East. Jen was among those responsible for developing this expedition. She is, therefore, the perfect person to describe its raison d'être and some of the highlights. I can assure you that these well-crafted itineraries will provide you with remarkable memories.



DEAR EXPLORER,

When we speak of the Arctic, we are speaking about a vast and varied place, filled with diverse peoples and landscapes, and defined by varying periods of cold and darkness and warmth and light. Lindblad Expeditions has been exploring the far reaches of the Arctic for many years, in places like Svalbard, Greenland, and eastern Arctic Canada—all of which are extraordinary destinations. In 2019, that reach will expand even farther to the phenomenal Russian Far East and the Bering Sea, some of my favorite destinations in the world.



I first visited the region in 2004 and immediately fell in love with its rugged landscape, abundant wildlife, and charming people of many cultures. The Bering Sea is defined by the waters stretching between the coast of the Russian Far East and that of western Alaska, bordered by the Aleutian Islands to the south and the Bering Strait to the north. These waters are intensely productive, and as such boast tremendous populations of wildlife. I have strong memories of my first visit to the islands of the Bering Sea. We arrived by Zodiac under the cover of tens of thousands of seabirds going to and from their burrows to feed in the nutrient-rich waters. On some islands, the beaches teem with northern fur seals or walrus, while incredible Wrangel Island is home to one of the greatest marine mammals of them all—the polar bear. In Alaska's Katmai National Park and the Russian Kamchatka Peninsula, you'll find some of the biggest coastal brown bears in the world. Over several years of voyages in this region, the wildlife never became commonplace for me—it was spectacular every time.

In addition, the human element is one of the richest aspects of visiting the Arctic, and the Bering Sea and Russian Far East are no exception to this. Communities of Siberian Yup'ik people still follow traditional methods of hunting seals and whales, while the coastal Koryak and Chukchi people of Russia have developed into incredible reindeer herders, living off the land. Visiting these communities is a humbling and vastly rewarding part of any visit and some of my favorite memories are from spending time with these warm and welcoming people.

Each of the three itineraries offered will give a different glimpse into life in the remote Arctic, and very few travelers leave this place, unchanged. I'm immensely excited, as for me it's a return to a part of the world that I absolutely love. I hope you'll join us onboard and I look forward to sharing the adventure with you!

All the best,



Jen Martin



NEW FOR 2019! THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC

WRANGEL ISLAND A UNESCO World Heritage site located well above the Arctic Circle, Wrangel Island is a haven for wildlife. Walrus, polar bears, Arctic foxes and incredible bird life, in a stunning pristine landscape.



THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS Mountains, marine mammals, and an unmatched experience for fans of WWII history.



KAMCHATKA PENINSULA Incredible opportunities to observe brown bears, Steller's sea eagles, Koryak reindeer herders, and for the geology aficionados—volcanoes.

COMMANDER ISLAND Ranking high in the annals of exploration, explorer Vitus Bering—for whom a Strait and a Sea are named—is buried here.

BERING STRAIT On par with the crossing of the Equator, a chance to be at the closest point between the East & West.



CHUKCHI SEA The summer feeding ground for gray whales, these waters also offer the chance to sight multiple whale species; plus, walrus, fur seals, Steller sea lions, and sea bird colonies, including puffins in spectacular numbers.

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ELLESMERE ISLAND

80° NORTH

GREENLAND (KALAALLIT NUNAAT)

ELLESMERE ISLAND

Cape York

DEVON ISLAND

Baffin Bay

Bylot Island



Lancaster Sound

Pond Inlet

ILULISSAT & DISKO BAY

Qilakitsoq

Ilulissat



KAYAKING CANADA

Kangerlussuaq

Sisimiut

Davis Strait



SISIMIUT

Hudson Strait

Labrador Sea



NEWFOUNDLAND

CANADA

LABRADOR PENINSULA

L'Anse aux Meadows

Gros Morne Nat'l Park

St. John's

Îles de la Madeleine

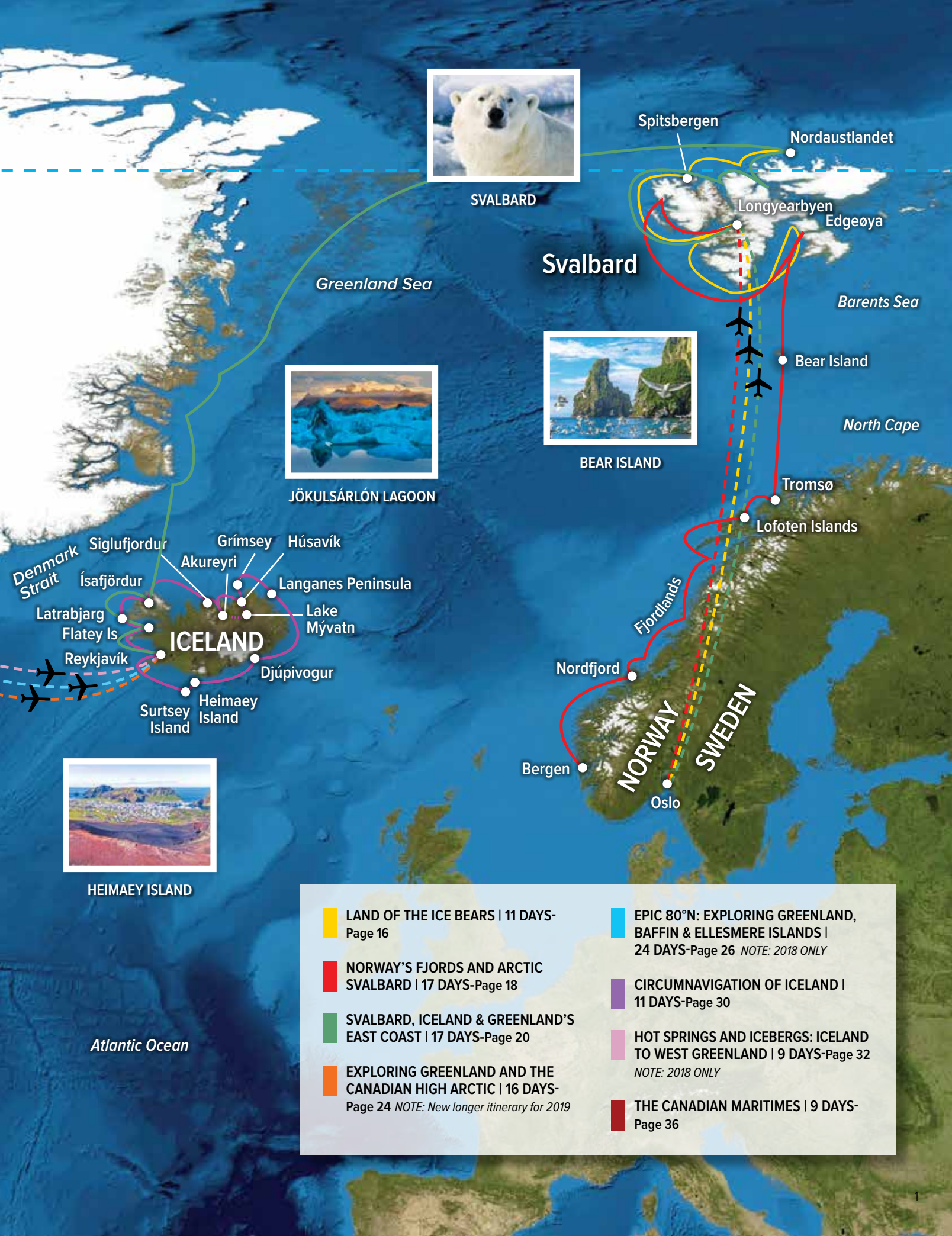
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SVALBARD



JÖKULSÁRLÓN LAGOON



BEAR ISLAND



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UNLOCKING THE UNCHARTED FOR THREE DECADES

Like the bold adventurers who came before—the early Vikings, countless Northwest Passage seekers, and North Pole explorers—our connection and contribution to the Arctic runs deep. Not only have we been bringing citizen explorers up north since the 80s, but we have been instrumental in working to uncover the tantalizingly blank spots of this vast geography. When you go with us you go with the best and most knowledgeable expedition team in the region, exemplified by people like Captain Leif Skog, Lindblad VP of Marine Operations and Master of *National Geographic Explorer* since 2008. He has been creating detailed mud maps of the sea floor for more than 35 years, using sonar to identify safe, new passageways throughout the Arctic. This pioneering work eventually led Captain Skog, along with longtime Lindblad expedition leader and naturalist Bud Lehnhausen, to help co-found AECO (Assn. of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators), a governing body which sets the standards for responsible,



Captain Leif Skog.



Bud Lehnhausen.

environmentally friendly and, above all, safe travel in Arctic waters. There is still much to be mapped—from the east coast of Svalbard up into the ice-choked waters of the Canadian High Arctic and beyond—and today twenty vessels now crowdsource this critical work, adding their ‘soundings’ to a growing collection. Our expert teams keep us on the forefront of polar exploration, creating unequalled opportunities for you to venture safely into the Arctic’s wildest reaches.



TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM



Above, from left to right: Some expedition team members aboard National Geographic Explorer include expedition leader Lucho Verdesoto, naturalist Carl Erik Kilander, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor/naturalist Michael S. Nolan, undersea specialist Alyssa Adler.

The comment cards we receive from guests after every voyage consistently express the same sentiments: “Outstanding expedition staff.” Discover the Arctic with a veteran expedition leader, an assistant expedition leader, and a team of seven naturalists/cultural specialists well-versed in the region’s flora, fauna, and human history. An undersea specialist will share their expertise and passion for the incredible undersea, while a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and a video chronicler aboard will ensure you go home with amazing shots and a DVD that captures the story of your voyage. Plus, a wellness specialist will help enhance the relaxing and revitalizing benefits of life aboard.

WELCOME TO THE BRIDGE



The teamwork between our expedition leaders and captains plays a vital role in the flexibility and spontaneity that is a hallmark of our expeditions. Our captains are nearly as keenly interested in spotting wildlife and stopping for observations as our naturalists. And our captains and officers take great pleasure in our guests’ fascination with their navigation work, and welcome you to the Bridge most any time to observe the calm, steady business of guiding the ship through the ice.



Zodiac cruise through basalt rock formations, Greenland.



Clockwise from above: Guests prepare to embark on kayaks at Spitsbergen Island. An undersea specialist deploys an ROV from a Zodiac. These marine experts who accompany each voyage also go on regular dives, taking video footage of their discoveries that you can watch in vivid HD from the comfort of the ship.



PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORATION

National Geographic Explorer and *National Geographic Orion* are genuine expedition ships, equipped to facilitate our brand of keen seeing and experiencing—with state-of-the-art tools for exploration. An unparalleled base for discovery, each ship enables the fullest expression of our expedition style: an intimate, authentic, learning-oriented environment that puts you right in nature.

COOL TOOLS ENSURE EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

✓ **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can explore down to 1,000 feet to reveal the fascinating depths of the polar ocean

✓ **Remote-controlled crow's nest camera** with real-time footage which broadcasts on high definition LCD video screens in each cabin

✓ **Electronic chart system** which broadcasts as a channel in the cabins

✓ **Professional video chronicler** who captures every facet of your unique adventure, creating an edited DVD that will be available for purchase

✓ **Chart room** with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, and hot cocoa station

✓ **Open invitation to visit the ship's bridge** and observe navigation firsthand

✓ **Observation lounge** that provides panoramic vistas

✓ **Large fleet of MK-5 Zodiacs**, the finest expedition landing craft in the world

✓ **Fleet of double kayaks (36 on Explorer, 24 on Orion)** and a specially designed kayak launch platform that enables easy kayak deployment



A PANOPLY OF WILDLIFE, ABOVE & BELOW THE ICE



"...We're up in the Arctic and it's been amazing. I mean, stepping on to shores where you see bear footprints ... and moving across the landscape. And I think amongst all of us, you had this feeling we were eavesdropping in on one of these beautiful scenes of Nature. And how much we all wanted to remain here...it's a very special part of coming on a journey like this."

*- Peter Hillary, past
Global Perspectives Guest Speaker*



"Most guests come for the bears but are surprised how beautiful and dramatic the scenery. It's getting out on the tundra. It's like walking on clouds it's so soft and so beautiful. Coming face to face with a Svalbard reindeer or seeing an Arctic fox or meeting all the birds that are now breeding in the northern austral summertime."

*- Michael S. Nolan,
Lindblad-National Geographic
certified photo instructor*



Clockwise from top: A humpback whale fluking up near a huge iceberg, Ilulissat, western Greenland; an arctic fox on an ice floe, Spitsbergen, Svalbard; Atlantic puffins on the Látrabjarg Cliffs, Iceland; a bearded seal, Svalbard, Norway; an adult bull Svalbard reindeer; walrus close-up, Svalbard, Norway.



AND BENEFIT FROM EXTRA INSIGHTS

Our Global Perspectives guest speaker program pairs engaging and knowledgeable experts with fascinating Arctic geographies to enrich your experience, and add extra levels of insight to our expedition team's expertise. Join us aboard *National Geographic Explorer* this season to adventure with:

PREMIER EVA AARIAK



Premier Eva Qamaniq Aariak is a Canadian politician and was the second Premier of Nunavut. Her background as Languages Commissioner in Nunavut provides connection and insight into the local language and culture. She is aboard **Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic**, Aug. 6, 2018.

ALEQA HAMMOND



Aleqa Hammond is the former prime minister of Greenland and the first female to hold the position. She has extensive tourism experience and was the commissioner of the Inuit Circumpolar Council. She is aboard **Hot Springs and Icebergs: Iceland to West Greenland** Sep. 5 and 9, 2018.

JARED DIAMOND



Jared Diamond is a Pulitzer-prize-winning author of five best-selling books, professor of geography at UCLA and Director of WWF U.S. and of Conservation International. He is aboard **Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic**, Aug. 23, 2019.

SUSAN GOLDBERG

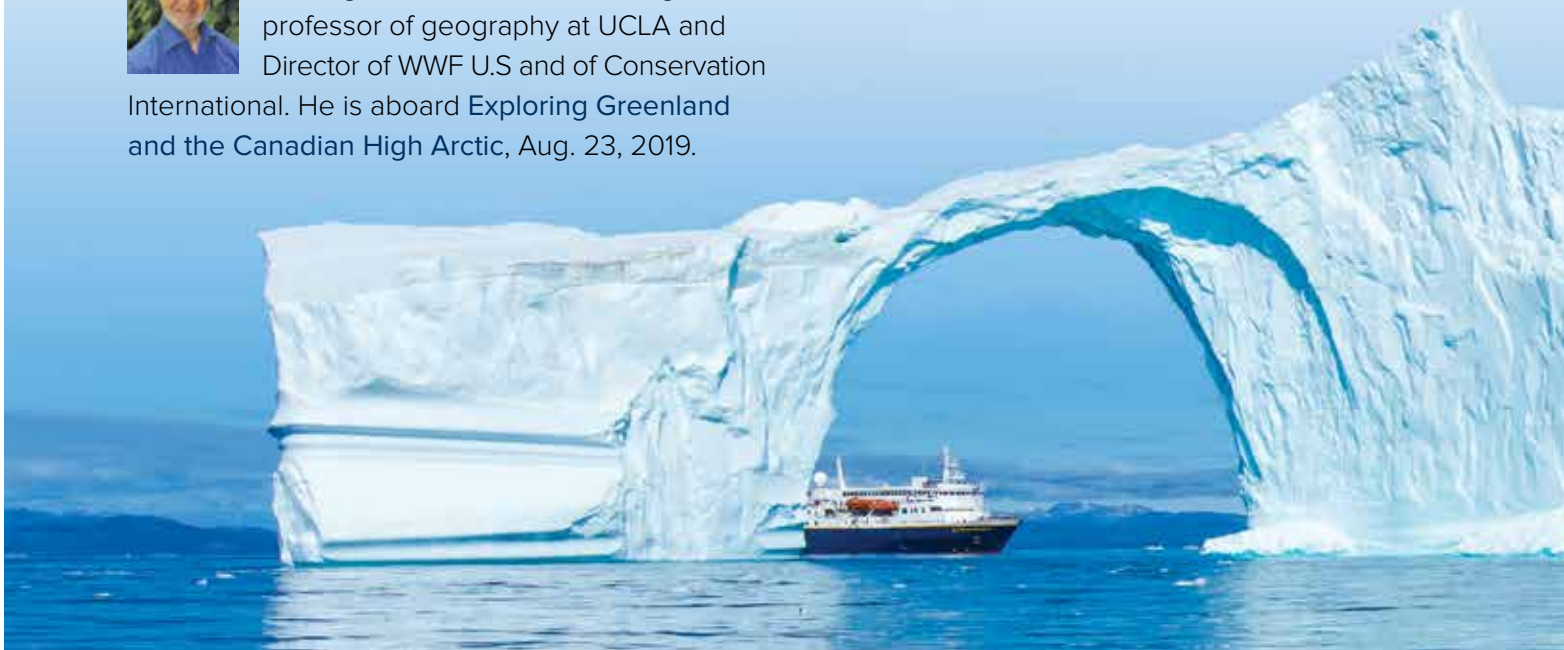


Susan Goldberg is Editorial Director of National Geographic Partners and Editor In Chief of *National Geographic* magazine. She is the 10th editor of the magazine since it was first published in October 1888. Most recently, she has been named one of Washington's most powerful women in the October 2017 issue of *Washingtonian*. She is aboard **Land of the Ice Bears**, May 16, 2018.

DR. KATHRYN SULLIVAN



Dr. Kathryn Sullivan was confirmed by the Senate as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator in 2014, having previously served as Acting NOAA Administrator. She is a distinguished scientist, renowned astronaut and intrepid explorer. She will be aboard **Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic**, Aug. 6, 2018 and **Epic 80°N**, Aug. 17, 2018.



DR. IAN STIRLING



Dr. Ian Stirling is a Research Scientist Emeritus with Environment Canada and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton. He has done research on polar bears and polar seals for 50 years. He will be aboard [Land of the Ice Bears](#), May 30, 2018 and [Epic 80°N](#), Aug. 17, 2018.

TONY WHEELER



Tony Wheeler is the co-founder of the Lonely Planet guidebooks and director of the Global Heritage Fund. He has collaborated with the Planet Wheeler Foundation's work on 50+ projects in the developing world. He will be aboard [Land of the Ice Bears](#), May 23, 2018.

DR. ROBERT BINDSCHADLER



Dr. Robert Bindshadler's career spanned more than 30 years at NASA. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and comments on glaciological impacts of the climate on the world's ice sheets and glaciers. He will be aboard [Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland's East Coast](#), Jun. 13, 2018.

ARI TRAUSTI GUÐMUNDSSON



Geophysicist and Icelandic Parliament member, Ari Trausti Guðmundsson is an award-winning writer, lecturer, and consultant specializing in geology, volcanology, glaciology, astronomy, environmental science, mountaineering, and the Arctic. He will be aboard [Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast](#), Jun. 13, 2018.





TAKE AN ARCTIC EXPEDITION & YOUR BEST PHOTOS EVER



There is a top National Geographic photographer aboard every Arctic departure—glean tips, advice and more from top pros with significant careers. In addition, get camera or smartphone assistance and instruction in the basics from our Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Our exclusive

Expedition Photography program puts these experts at your side and at your service. So, whether you think of yourself as a photographer or simply want to capture the moments, you'll have a remarkably good time making and sharing images, and go home with great photos.

▶ LEARN MORE AT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PHOTO AND FIND BIOS FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS AT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGPS

ONBOARD GEAR LOCKER

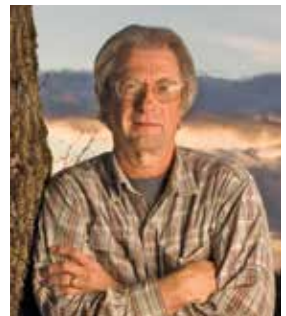
Another unique component to our Expedition Photography program is the gear locker aboard both ships, stocked with the latest by B&H Photo Video, and yours to try with our compliments.



Field test new glass, camera bodies and more during your expedition. And to get you ready you'll have access to special gear recommendations and packages, plus booked guest discounts. And check out teaching videos from our annual photography event with B&H at

www.optic2017.com.

Ask your expedition specialist for details.





Guests photographing polar bears in Lancaster Sound, Nunavut.



A sample of National Geographic photographers that will be joining you (left to right): Dan Westergren, Jasper Doest, Erika Larsen, Susan Seubert, Mark Thiessen, Ralph Lee Hopkins, Phil Schermeister, David Doublet/Jen Hayes, Ronan Donovan, Karen Kasmauski.

INCLUSIVE PRICING MEANS VALUE PLUS EXPERIENCES



FREE CHARTER AIRFARE ON SELECT DEPARTURES

See page 56 or call for details.

FREE BAR TAB AND CREW TIPS

Bar tab and tips for the crew are complimentary on all departures of *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*.

NO CHARGE FOR IN-DEPTH ARCTIC EXPERTISE

The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff, our Global Perspectives guest speakers (*Explorer* only), plus all lectures and presentations, and our fully stocked onboard library, are open to all and included in the price.

NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ACTIVITIES

All the daily activities—from city explorations to Zodiac, kayaking, or hiking—are included in the price.

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in the itineraries
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ Hotel accommodations where relevant, as indicated in the itineraries.
- ✓ Guided overviews pre- and/or post expedition as indicated in the itinerary



AND FREELY ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ABOARD SHIP:

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room
- ✓ All beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, latte, coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Included beer, wine & cocktails
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during evening 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 ship's Bridge for optimal observation and to watch navigation
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle

National Geographic Explorer *and* National Geographic Orion
together in Tysfjorden, Norway 2017.

HEAD TO THE PLANET'S POLAR BEAR HQ

The Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard, with its deep fjords, snowy mountains and vast tidewater glaciers, is one of the best places on Earth to see polar bears—wild, majestic and charismatic creatures with expressive eyes, massive bodies and improbably graceful movements among ice sheets and floes.



Spotting a polar bear in the wild, a life-list item for many, is a chance for guests of all ages to experience, on a visceral level, the magnitude and singularity of the Arctic. To see frolicking cubs, or an adult stalking a seal or eyeing our ship with its

trademark curiosity, makes an indelible impression, and provides an emotional context to the real fact that Arctic sea ice, the polar bear's vital habitat, is diminishing at an alarming rate. Over our three decades of Arctic exploration, we have learned an enormous amount about where to best find polar bears (as well as walruses, seals, reindeer and arctic foxes). Our ace spotters know how to approach the animals for optimum sightings, while maintaining both the animals' comfort and our guests' safety. On [Land of the Ice Bears](#), go deep into their frozen territory and see for yourself.

Our [Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard](#) itinerary adds the green, fjord-carved coast to the ice for the perfect balance between the charmingly scenic and the spectacularly wild. Or if you're eager to venture beyond to explore three quintessential Arctic locations, opt for [Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast](#). Prepare to see iconic wildlife, along with stunning geography, and a bit of enduring Arctic culture. Hike, kayak and Zodiac cruise along Iceland's dramatic west coast. Travel confidently along the ice shelf of Greenland's epic east coast aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, the ultimate ice ship. We'll follow in the wake of Viking explorers as we watch for creatures of the ice, including gyrfalcons and some other 60 species of birds. All three itineraries provide unparalleled experiences of the authentic Arctic.





Clockwise: Guests aboard the National Geographic Explorer observing a polar bear resting on pack ice, Svalbard; polar bear responding to our ship with curiosity, Ellesmere Island; polar bear surveying for prey; polar bear leaping onto an ice floe, Svalbard.

LAND OF THE ICE BEARS: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$10,430 to \$20,100 (See pages 52-53 for complete prices.)

A High Arctic archipelago situated between Norway and the North Pole, Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, massive sheets of ice, and magnificent polar bears. Travel under the midnight sun aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, and experience nature in its purest form.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—polar bears—and observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
- ▶ Take naturalist-led walks, and cruise among beautiful icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.
- ▶ Experience the legendary midnight sun: the ethereal light of the northern summer, when the sun never sets.
- ▶ Watch for walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.
- ▶ Spend 5 days in Norway's Fjords before, or 4 days amid Iceland's wonders after your Arctic adventure. Check out our extensions at expeditions.com/bearxt

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

SUSAN GOLDBERG

The Editorial Director of National Geographic Partners and Editor In Chief of *National Geographic* magazine is aboard May 16, 2018.



DR. IAN STIRLING

A Canadian research scientist and professor who has studied polar bears for 50 years. He is aboard May 30, 2018.



TONY WHEELER

A co-founder of Lonely Planet and collaborator on 50+ projects in the developing world with the Planet Wheeler Foundation is aboard May 23, 2018.



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

Polar bear on an ice floe.

“Having this intimacy with an animal that you’ve heard so much about and then to be face-to-face with it, it just felt deeply personal.”

Guest feedback

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. In the afternoon, explore this charming city. Stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced Frogner Park. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. (Day 2: L,D)



Close-up of an Arctic fox.

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/ EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, visit the Svalbard Museum to learn the history of Svalbard and its context in Norway and the Arctic, from 17th-century whaling to modern mining, research and tourism. Then tour the Gallery Svalbard to view the permanent art and cultural collections as well as studios of local artists. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)

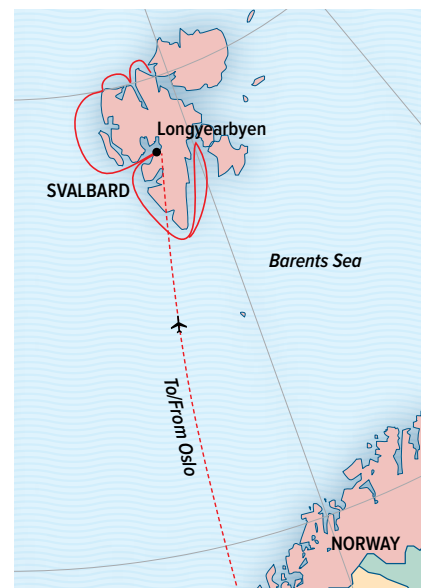
DAYS 4–9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of

discovery, and our travel in the archipelago is exploratory by design. In a region ruled not by humans but by polar bears, we let nature guide our course. Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer midnight sun never sets. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe the ice in search of wildlife; our exact day-to-day itinerary remains flexible, depending on local ice and weather conditions. Zodiacs and kayaks take us closer to experience the region's geologic features and the wildlife that flourishes during the summer months. With our National Geographic photographer and a seasoned naturalist staff, venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walrus and seals; and spot reindeer and arctic foxes on land. Svalbard is one of the best places on the planet to observe majestic polar bears in their natural habitat. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/ OSLO

Disembark in Longyearbyen take a short bus ride to Camp Barentz in the nearby Advent Valley for a taste of Arctic culture. Here, you'll discover a unique collection of buildings including an authentic *gamme*, a traditional round building with an open fire in the center, and a *lavvo*, the traditional tent of the Sami people. Enjoy refreshments and meet some of the friendly, sled dogs that reside at camp. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 11: OSLO/U.S. (B)**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2018 May 16, 23, 30

2019 Jun. 2, 9, 16, 23

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to [Norway's Fjords](#), or a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). See page 47 or our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join **Jasper Doest** May 16, 2018; **Erika Larsen** on May 23 and 30, 2018; **Nick Cobbing** Jun. 2 and 9, 2019; and **Matthias Breiter** Jun. 16 and 23, 2019. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)



Scenic Svalbard.

NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
PRICES FROM: \$17,840 to \$33,400 (See pages 52-53 for complete pricing.)

Meander along Norway's glacially carved coast, from the Hanseatic town of Bergen, north of the North Cape to the ice and wildlife of the Svalbard Archipelago, only 600 miles from the North Pole. Visit tiny fishing hamlets, kayak narrow inlets between towering peaks, and hike wildflower-strewn islands. Then search for the polar bears of Svalbard and other Arctic wildlife.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Actively explore: hike, walk, Zodiac-cruise, and kayak amid stunning fjord scenery, soaring icebergs, and island communities.
- ▶ Explore the High Arctic of Svalbard, and watch for polar bears, walruses, reindeer, whales, and rich birdlife.
- ▶ Balance your Arctic ice adventure with geothermal fire; see wild wonders on a 4-day post-voyage Iceland sojourn. Visit expeditions.com/capeext for more.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Our Global Perspectives guest speaker program aboard *National Geographic Explorer* pairs engaging and renowned experts with our expedition team's expertise to further enrich your experience.



"We do a zodiac cruise on the southern shore of Bear Island that has to be one of the top 3 zodiac cruises in the world. The bird life is phenomenal. You have tens of thousands of birds teeming around you."

*-Michael S. Nolan, naturalist/
certified photo instructor*

Lofoten, Norway.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY/EMBARK

Fly overnight to Bergen and, in the early afternoon, have a walking or panoramic tour of the city. Board our ship and set sail in the late afternoon. (Day 2: D)

DAY 3: NORDFJORD

Today, we enter the “gateway to the glaciers,” Nordfjord where we explore the Loen Valley’s jagged mountains and turquoise-colored lake. (B,L,D)



Guests explore by Zodiac.

DAY 4: SMØLA

Spend time today exploring the wetlands, fishing villages, and rugged coasts of the island of Smøla, by special permission. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5 AND 6: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

Amid the rugged, mountainous islands and steep-walled fjords we explore a variety of activities: Zodiac along vertical rock faces, paddle a kayak in a deep fjord surrounded by cascading waterfalls, or hike with our naturalists. Over the years, we’ve discovered special places, including Melfjord, a narrow channel surrounded by high granite cliffs. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: LOFOTEN ISLANDS

The Lofoten Archipelago is an enchanting area of picturesque villages by the sea, backed with jagged peaks. By Zodiac, view Atlantic puffins, razorbills, and murre. Go ashore at the island of Værøy, and be on deck as we cruise into dramatic Trollfjord, one of Norway’s most famous fjords. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TYSFJORDEN

Enter the long Tysfjorden, where only a few small villages cling to rocky shores. Explore the U-shaped valley of Hellemobotn, whose fjord reaches far inland, ending just a few miles from the border of Sweden. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TROMSØ

Tromsø is known as the “gateway to the Arctic” because so many Arctic expeditions originated here. Visit the Polar Museum and the Arctic Cathedral, where the unique architecture evokes icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: BEAR ISLAND

Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, murre, and gulls. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11–15: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Arctic Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, and massive ice sheets. Our focus is the search for walrus, seals, reindeer, arctic foxes, and polar bears. Svalbard is one of the best places on the planet to observe majestic polar bears in their natural habitat. With our stabilized, ice-class ship, a flexible itinerary, and years of experience here, we are able to venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, hike the tundra, and explore fjords that split the coastline. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: LONGYEARBYEN/ DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Longyearbyen and visit the Svalbard Art Gallery and Museum before boarding our charter flight to Oslo. Check-in to the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 17: OSLO/U.S. (B)



Polar bear.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2019 May 20

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* on any departure and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland’s Natural Wonders](#). See page 47.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Erika Larsen will join a team of expert staff in 2019. [Learn more at \[expeditions.com/photo\]\(http://expeditions.com/photo\)](#)



Blue Lagoon.

SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$15,650 to \$29,470 (See pages 52-53 for complete prices.)

Explore three iconic and stunningly beautiful Arctic regions: the Svalbard Archipelago of Norway, and the island nations of Iceland and Greenland. Go aboard the world's ultimate expedition ship, and rely on the planet's best ice team as you probe the ice edge to search for wildlife, including polar bears and walrus, and explore the Arctic tundra to find reindeer and Arctic foxes. This is an authentic expedition aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, a ship perfectly suited to the ever-changing ice. Like the brave sailors of the golden age of exploration who set out with no set itinerary—seeking adventure, knowledge, and the unknown—we are completely dependent on ice, wildlife, and weather conditions, allowing nature to guide us to her wonderful surprises.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Arctic Svalbard, one of the best places on the planet to observe majestic polar bears in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
- ▶ Navigate the Arctic wilderness of the Greenland Sea to Iceland's wild western coast, with expert naturalists and a fully equipped expedition ship—making multiple stops en route completely dependent on ice, wildlife, and weather conditions. Explore via ship, Zodiac, or kayak.
- ▶ Watch for walrus, whales, and reindeer, and spot rich birdlife.
- ▶ Don't leave yet—spend 1 day exploring the Golden Circle, 4 days amid Iceland's wonders or 3 days heli-hiking. Choose your extension at expeditions.com/svalbardext

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. ROBERT BINDSCHADLER

Dr. Bindschadler's career spanned more than 30 years at NASA where he retired in 2010 as the Chief Scientist of NASA's Hydrospheric and Biospheric Sciences Laboratory and a Senior Fellow of the Goddard Space Flight Center. He is aboard in 2018.



ARI TRAUSTI GUÐMUNDSSON

An award-winning writer, lecturer and current member of Icelandic Parliament. He is aboard in 2018.



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



Cruise among the big ice of Scoresbysund.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. In the afternoon, drive in by coach and explore this charming city. Stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in Frogner Park. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. (Day 2: B,D)

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/ EMBARK

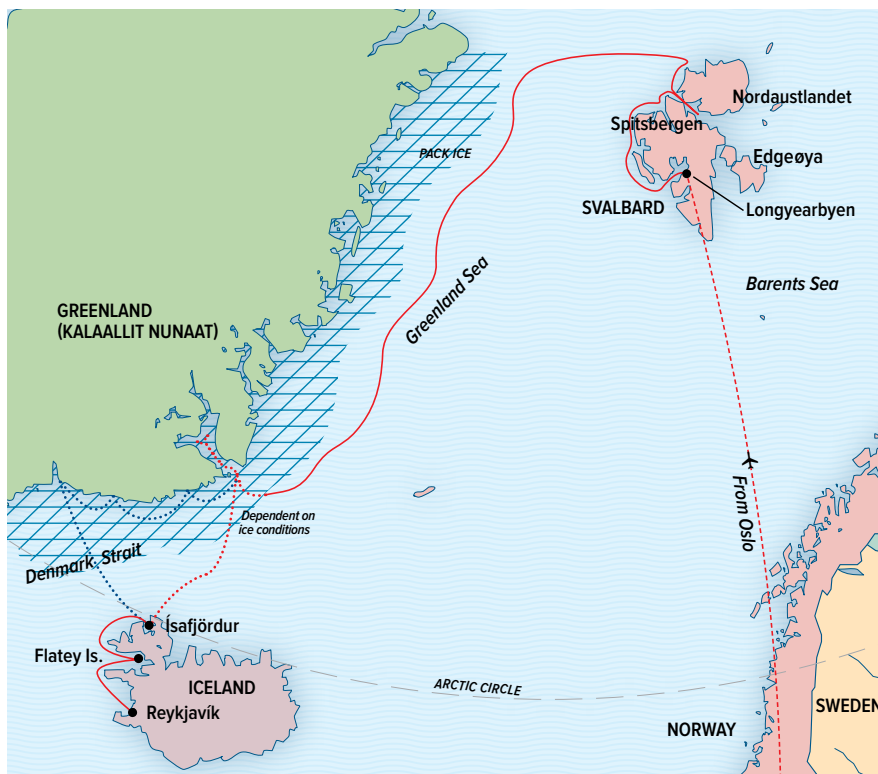
Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, we will visit its Museum and Art Gallery and then embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)



Polar bear and cub.

DAY 4–16: EXPLORING SVALBARD, GREENLAND & ICELAND

Our itinerary, in keeping with the nature of an expedition, will be a thoughtfully considered framework based on our experience in this dynamic Arctic region. We'll take advantage of our 'human resources'—our experienced captain, expedition leader and naturalists—as well as our technological resources. Armed with the latest satellite imagery, we'll chart where the ice is impenetrable, and where there are leads guiding us to exciting discoveries. We have an ice-strengthened hull and forward-searching sonar, plus agile Zodiacs and kayaks, allowing us to make forays among the ice. The undersea specialist will deploy the ROV and cameras, bringing back imagery few, if any, have ever seen. And with unforgettable days in the ice, and two professional photographers on board, you'll get your best photos ever. Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, massive ice sheets, and one of the best places on the planet to



observe majestic polar bears in their natural habitat. Venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, hike the tundra, and explore fjords that split the coastline.

Svalbard's wonders are a prelude to discoveries on unknown shores, following the ice's edge. Our quest is to discover the Arctic's grand wilderness. Be on deck as our captain navigates between icebergs that drift from the calving glaciers. And if the ice yields, we'll aim to explore some of the fjords on the east coast of Greenland, awakening from winter's icy grip. If the ice is unrelenting, we'll explore a bit further south down the coast. And if the ice is completely unrelenting, we will head to Iceland.

Our journey ends on the west coast of Iceland: Ísafjörður, a picture postcard of Icelandic life; the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills; and Flatey Island, a former trading post. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 17: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

We'll see Iceland's capital, Reykjavík, for a guided overview of the old town, visit the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths, and have lunch prior to our flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Jun. 13 2019 Jun. 30

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now to receive **COMPLIMENTARY CHARTER AIRFARE** (one-way Oslo/Longyearbyen). Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a four-day post-voyage to [Iceland](#), a one-day post-voyage extension to [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#), or a new three-day post-voyage extension [Glacier Heli-Hiking in Iceland](#). See pages 46-47 or our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with [Dan Westergren](#) in 2018 and [Nick Cobbing](#) in 2019. [Learn more at \[expeditions.com/photo\]\(http://expeditions.com/photo\)](#)



Walrus close-up.





HIGH IN THE ARCTIC, HIGH ON THE THRILL OF EXPLORING THE ICE



For a fascinating holistic view of this vital region we head far north into mythic meridians where extraordinary wildlife, local encounters, glaciology, epic geology, and more all factor into each day's discoveries. Here, furry, finned, and feathered Arctic denizens co-exist alongside human communities who for generations have thrived in the extreme conditions. Not only will we

meet them but we'll delve deep into the culture, history, and customs that connect them to this land. And given that much of this geography is yet to be mapped there's also rare opportunity to roam into uncharted territory as we search for new passageways and landings.

On our [Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic](#) expedition, we'll venture deep into the land where polar bears roam, walrus loll, and the Inuit maintain their traditional lifestyles—to navigate the mouth of the fabled Northwest Passage. On [Epic 80°N](#) we'll go beyond—to trace the gorgeous coast of Ellesmere Island, heading as far north as the ice allows. This is expedition adventure at its finest, filled with spontaneity and flexibility—watching wind, wave, ice and weather, and “braking” for all the marvels that occur along the way.



Clockwise from left: Zodiac cruising near big ice near the territory of Nunavut; over four million people live in the Arctic, meet some and learn their stories; navigating the pack ice, Baffin Island.

EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$13,990 to \$32,400 (See pages 52-53 for complete prices.)

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Arctic, a land where polar bears roam, whales congregate, and hardy Inuit communities maintain their traditional way of life. Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, trace the rugged fjords of Greenland and navigate the mouth of Canada's legendary Northwest Passage. Spot polar bears on the pack ice, watch for a variety of whales—from minke and fin whales to the rare narwhal. Get up close to massive glaciers, and hike the wild islands that dot Canada's northern shores.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- ▶ Discover the incredible wildlife and landscapes of the Canadian High Arctic.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, whales, ringed seals and, with much luck, narwhal in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Visit Inuit communities in Greenland and Canada, whose way of life is inextricably linked to the land and sea around them.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

DR. KATHRYN SULLIVAN

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan is a renowned astronaut, distinguished scientist, and intrepid explorer. She is aboard Aug. 6, 2018.



PREMIER EVA AARIAK

Premier Eva Qamaniq Aariak is a Canadian politician and was the second Premier of Nunavut. She is aboard Aug. 6, 2018.



JARED DIAMOND

Jared Diamond is a Pulitzer-prize-winning author of five best-selling books, professor of geography at UCLA and Director of WWF U.S. He is aboard Aug. 23, 2019.



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

AS WE GO TO PRESS: We've decided to add two days to the 2019 version of this itinerary to enable guests to further explore—to discover the southern coast of Ellesmere Island and polar bears on the high latitude ice. Exciting! To review the new itinerary, call for details.

Woman with umbrella traverses the Sermermiut Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK

Overnight flight to Keflavík. Transfer to Reykjavík and take a guided, panoramic tour of the city. Following lunch, check into the Grand Hotel. (Day 2: L,D)

DAY 3: KEFLAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK

Fly by chartered aircraft to Kangerlussuaq and embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SISIMIUT, GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Cruise down the length of Kangerlussuaq Fjord en route to Sisimiut. Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. There are several walking options to explore in and around town. (B,L,D)



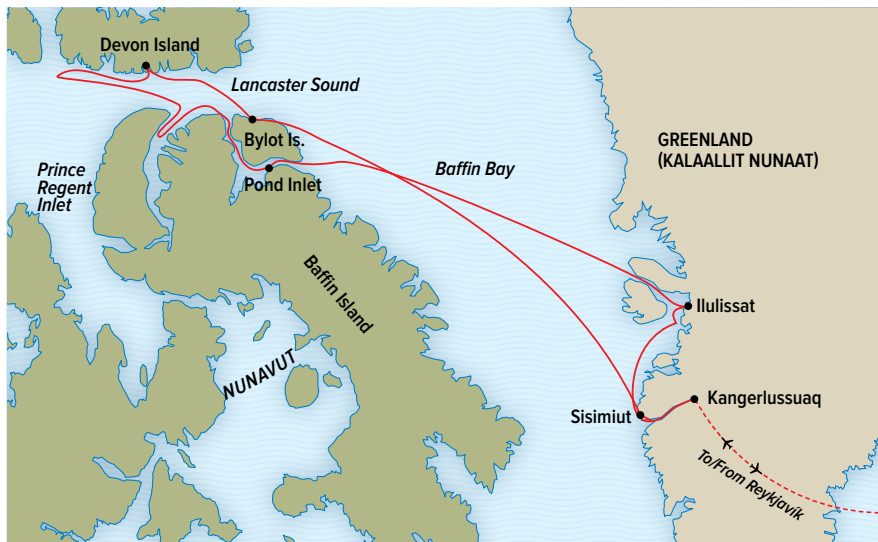
Walrus, Canadian High Arctic.

DAY 5: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY

A relaxing day at sea allows for time to hear talks from our staff about the wildlife and geology of the region. Go up to the bridge to watch for whales. Head up to the library. Enjoy the sauna or have a rigorous workout in the fitness center, with its "million dollar views." Or simply relax in the Observation Lounge. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6–10: EXPLORING THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

We begin our exploration of the Canadian High Arctic with a visit to the small Inuit community of Pond Inlet, Nunavut. We will explore some of the beautiful bays and inlets along Baffin Island's



northern coast and Lancaster Sound. European explorers like William Baffin first ventured here in the 15th century to search for the Northwest Passage. Our days here will be spent searching for ringed seals, arctic foxes, walrus, and polar bears, as well as beluga whales and narwhal. Visit Devon Island and walk with our ship's archaeologist to learn about the Thule people that once inhabited this region and were the ancestors of all modern Inuit. Go ashore at Dundas Harbor for a chance to hike on the tundra and search for interesting flora and fauna, including extensive moss beds with interspersed flowering vascular plants. Look for gyrfalcons, nesting above the sod and stone dwellings once inhabited by the Thule people. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AT SEA IN BAFFIN BAY

We make our way back across Baffin Bay towards the coast of West Greenland. A relaxing day at sea allows for time to hear talks from our staff about the fascinating history of polar exploration and to look for wildlife from the Bridge. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among the towering icebergs of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ilulissat Icefjord. Visit the town of Ilulissat and take a hike to the archaeological site in the Sermermiut Valley. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: EXPLORING WEST GREENLAND

Our final day exploring will be spent in Greenland's beautiful, scenic fjords. Take a

Zodiac cruise or kayak some of the picturesque waterways. Our undersea specialist may launch the ROV to see the marine life inhabiting the fjord floor. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14–16: KANGERLUSSUAQ/ DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and take a charter flight to Reykjavik where we will stay two nights at the Grand Hotel. The next day features either a full-day tour of the Golden Circle or choose a walking or city-by-bike tour of Reykjavik. Our final day in Reykjavik you have your choice of options: a soak in the Blue Lagoon; a tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula; or a visit to the hot springs, geothermal power plant and horse farm. After lunch, transfer to the airport in Keflavík for flights home. (Days 14 and 15: B,L,D; Day 16: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Aug. 6

2019 Aug. 23*

*This departure will be two days longer exploring the Canadian High Arctic.

See website for full itinerary.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Phil Schermeister in 2018 and Matthias Breiter in 201 [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)

EPIC 80°N: EXPLORING GREENLAND, BAFFIN & ELLESMERE ISLANDS

24 DAYS/22 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$25,990 to \$49,640 (See pages 52-53 for complete prices.)

Adventure and the unexpected star on this epic voyage to vast and wild shores. Our recent extraordinary experiences aboard *Explorer* at remote Ellesmere Island made us excited to return. We'll explore familiar and new parts of Baffin Island and Lancaster Sound, then make our way up the beautiful coast of Ellesmere Island, which reaches farther north than any other land, except for Greenland. Here, we allow time to go as far north as the ice permits—a bold exploration of this area very few ships even attempt. We then trace the rarely explored coast of northwest Greenland, going places we've never been—where tidewater glaciers of extreme beauty dominate.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience unbridled 21st-century exploration, as we venture deep into the far reaches of the ice to Zodiac cruise, kayak, and hike the tundra.
- ▶ Encounter hardy Inuit communities, and learn the legacy of the ancient Thule and Dorset at remote archaeological sites, some marvelously preserved.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, musk oxen, and perhaps elusive narwhals.
- ▶ Enjoy the afterglow—wind down in Iceland. Choose a 1-day post-voyage Golden Circle extension, or 4-day wild sojourn. Visit expeditions.com/epicext for more.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

DR. KATHRYN SULLIVAN

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan is a renowned astronaut, distinguished scientist, and intrepid explorer. She is aboard Aug. 6, 2018.



DR. IAN STIRLING

A Research Scientist Emeritus with Environment Canada and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at University of Alberta, Edmonton, he has done research on polar bears and polar seals for 50 years.



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

“We have travelled a lot, including seven or eight Lindblad - National Geographic trips. All have been good. This beats every trip we've taken.”

-Guest feedback

A Zodiac ride amid the big ice of Philpots Island.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK

Overnight flight to Keflavík. Upon arrival, choose to explore the Blue Lagoon and soak in the geothermal waters or visit the hot springs, the geothermal power plant and a horse farm. After lunch, check-into the Grand Hotel. (Day 2: L,D)

DAY 3: REYKJAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK

This morning take a guided tour of the old town, including Hallgrímskirkja Church and the Museum. After lunch, fly by chartered aircraft to Greenland. Embark *National Geographic Explorer* at the head of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, a picturesque waterway that stretches 100 miles. Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers much of the country. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SISIMIUT, GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum and wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings. (B,L,D)



Inuit family "selfie."

DAYS 5–11: THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

After crossing Baffin Bay, we begin our exploration of the Canadian High Arctic with a visit to the small Inuit community of Pond Inlet, Nunavut. We will explore some of the beautiful bays and inlets along Baffin Island's northern coast and Lancaster Sound. We search for ringed seals, arctic foxes, and polar bears, as well as beluga. Perhaps even see the elusive narwhal, known for the long, spiraling tooth that projects up to ten feet. Possible stops may include Beechey Island and the remains of the Franklin expedition's winter quarters and Lancaster Sound for polar bears on ice.

At the entrance to the Northwest Passage, we encounter Devon Island. Walk with our ship's archaeologist to learn about the Thule people that once inhabited this region and were the ancestors of all modern Inuit. At Dundas Harbor, we hike the tundra and search for wildlife, perhaps including musk oxen. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 AND 13: ELLESMERE ISLAND

Depending on ice and weather, head north up the beautiful and remote east coast of Ellesmere Island, where *Explorer* first ventured in 2014. Cruise along scenic Smith Bay bordered by steep mountains and tumbling glacial ice. Search for polar bears from the ship or hike and kayak in picturesque surroundings. Our flexible itinerary may include a stop at any number of inlets along the southeastern coastline, or perhaps a Zodiac cruise in Makinson Inlet, where tidewater glaciers tumble down to the sea. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14 AND 15: FARTHER NORTH

We'll aim to explore to 80°N if the ice allows. Our experienced captain and expedition team as well as our technological resources chart where the ice is penetrable. (B,L,D)

DAYS 16–19: NORTHWEST GREENLAND

The remote coast of Northwest Greenland is terra incognita with a history of expeditions: Peary, Hall and more. *Explorer* will be in true expedition mode: take a Zodiac cruise amongst grounded icebergs, explore vast colonies of sea birds and walk ashore, perhaps stopping at Cape York to see beautiful, pink feldspar hills and the distant, granite monument memorializing Robert Peary.

DAY 20: QILAKITSOQ

Today we are back in familiar waters, stopping at Qilakitsoq, where a collection of mummies dating back to 1475 was discovered in 1972 and featured on the cover of *National Geographic* magazine. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among the towering icebergs of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ilulissat Icefjord. Visit the town of Ilulissat and walk to the archaeological site in the Sermermiut Valley. (B,L,D)



DAY 22: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Our final day in the scenic fjords. Zodiac cruise or kayak some of the picturesque waterways. (B,L,D)

DAY 23: KANGERLUSSUAQ/ DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, and after a tour of the city, fly by charter to Reykjavík for stunning views over the Greenland icecap. Check into the Grand Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 24: REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.

Have a guided tour of Reykjanes Peninsula. Transfer to Keflavík for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2018 Aug. 17

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Take a 3-day post-voyage extension to [Iceland](#) or a 1-day post-voyage extension to [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#). See page 46 or visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with David Doubilet and Jen Hayes in 2018.

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ICELAND ILLUMINATED



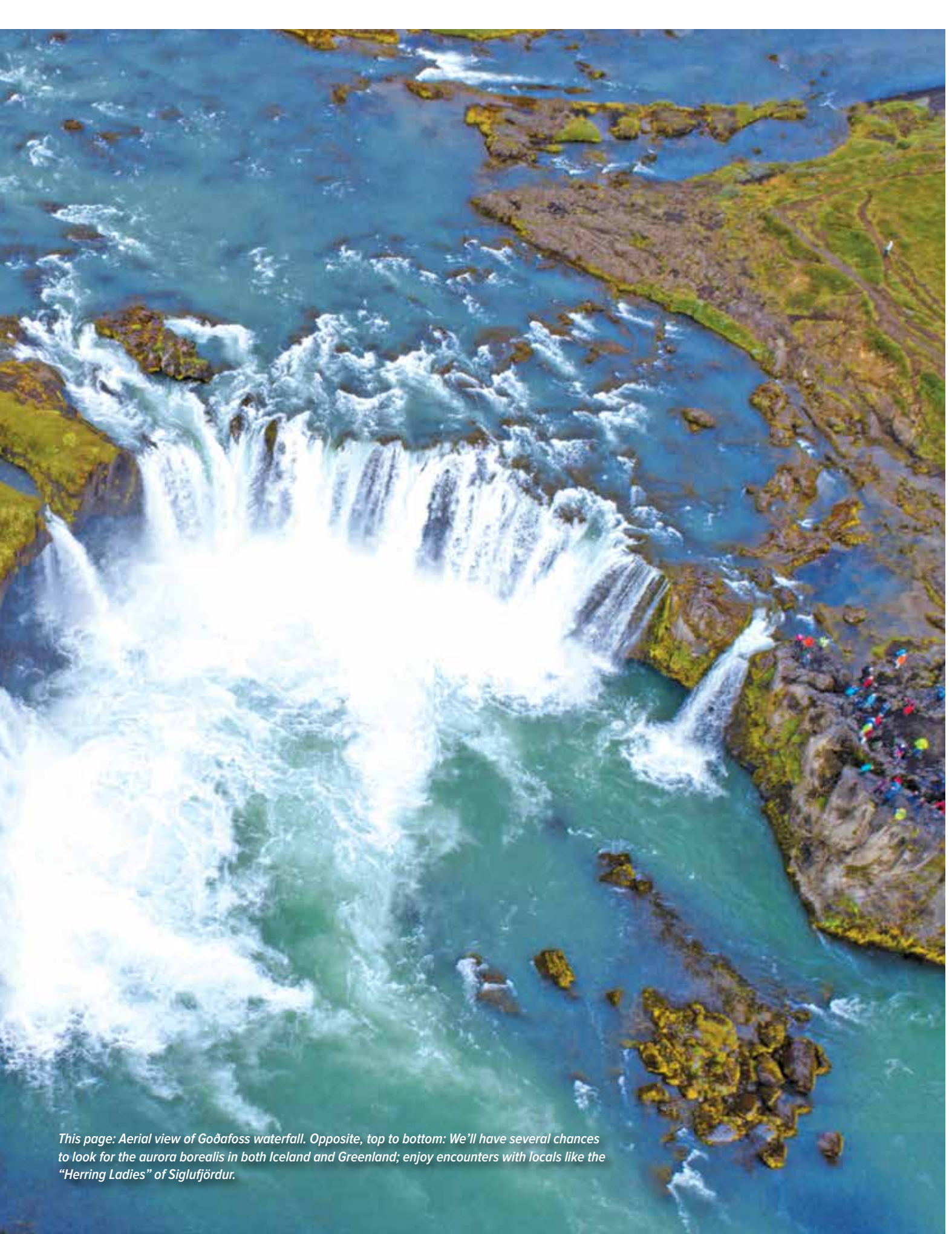
With her unearthly beauty, world-class national character and some of the most awe-inspiring geology on the planet (it's home to more than 100 volcanoes and more extreme geothermal activity than any other country!), the far-flung land of fire and

ice is beckoning seasoned and novice travelers alike. Choose either our circumnavigation or our land, sea, and air expedition to encounter this subarctic wonder as an explorer, not a tourist—for a fresh perspective and deeper understanding of its exhilarating allure.

On our *Circumnavigation of Iceland*, wind your way along shores and surrounding isles to witness the region's geology in all its manifestations—glaciers, thundering waterfalls, immense cliffs, boiling mud pits and stark lavascapes. Experience the highlights and travel off-the-beaten path to discover the unexpected. Plus, meet Iceland's people, get insight into their unique cultural heritage, the island's geography and its birdlife. Seeing it all in one 360° expedition is an irresistible idea.

Or discover a thrilling introduction to Iceland and West Greenland on our *Hot Springs and Icebergs* itinerary. Feel the extreme contrasts of fire and ice, from Iceland's thermal baths to the icy edge of Greenland's glaciers. Get a spectacular view of this massive landscape on our charter flights over Greenland's ice cap. Actively explore the deep fjords via Zodiac and kayak, opt to ride Icelandic horses, and revel in several opportunities to see the legendary Northern Lights and their beautiful cascades of color. This shorter trip is long on adventure and euphoria.





This page: Aerial view of Goðafoss waterfall. Opposite, top to bottom: We'll have several chances to look for the aurora borealis in both Iceland and Greenland; enjoy encounters with locals like the "Herring Ladies" of Siglufjörður.

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$10,270 to \$22,200 (See pages 52-53 for complete pricing.)

Experience an enchanting land of geological extremes on a circumnavigation of Iceland. Encounter vast volcanic landscapes and one of the world's youngest islands, walk on lava fields and ice sheets, and feel the power of gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls. Cruise among magnificent icebergs in Jökulsárlón, and spend time on the Arctic Circle spotting nesting puffins. Kayak into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast. Cap off the adventure with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Europe's second largest ice cap, Vatnajökull, and cruise the blue ice of Jökulsárlón.
- ▶ Sail into dramatic fjords; see a volcanic island that formed in 1963; marvel at the thundering Goðafoss Waterfall and the bubbling mud pools at Mývatn.
- ▶ Experience traditional Icelandic life from the herring industry to eiderdown production.
- ▶ Don't miss a moment: take a day before to tour the Golden Circle, or cap your voyage with 3-days heli-hiking in Iceland. Details on expeditions.com/icelandext

SPECIAL MUSIC EXPERIENCES

Each departure will travel with a special on-board musicologist, who has arranged entertaining performances, on and off-ship, by leading Icelandic musicians.



Visit our website to read staff bios for these expeditions.

"The thing that is so impressive about Iceland is that you travel 15 minutes and the whole environment changes...it goes from being dry to incredibly green to very rocky."

-Guest feedback

Take a boat ride through the blue ice of the Jökulsárlón ice lagoon.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Have a guided overview of the Old Town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral with its 210-foot tower, and visit the National Museum, home to Viking treasures and artifacts, and unusual whalebone carvings. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (Day 2: L,D)

DAY 3: FLATEY ISLAND/LÁTRABJARG

Explore Iceland's western frontier, visiting Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries, for walks around the charming little hamlet that grew here, and take a Zodiac cruise along the coast. Sail past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. The cliffs are an area once famous for egg collecting; the men were tied to ropes and lowered like spiders down onto the ledges. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: EXPLORING NORTHWESTERN ICELAND

Explore the beautiful and peaceful Westfjords region of Iceland. Perhaps take a hike to a remote waterfall or a Zodiac cruise alongside bird-covered cliffs. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and land at Vigur Island to visit the Eider Farm and view the down cleaning process. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ÍSAFJÖRÐUR

Located in the Westfjords, Ísafjörður is surrounded by water on three sides, sculpted by glaciers. Explore by Zodiac and hike ashore to view the local landscape and photograph flowering plants. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: SIGLUFJÖRÐUR AND AKUREYRI

At Siglufjörður, once the center of Iceland's once-thriving herring industry, visit the Herring Museum for a re-enactment and a tasting. At picturesque Akureyri explore the old town, with its beautifully maintained period houses, or visit the Akureyri Botanic Garden. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: LAKE MÝVATN AND HÚSAVÍK

Begin the day by visiting an unforgettable sight: Goðafoss, the waterfall of the gods. Next, drive to Mývatn, the most geologically active area in Iceland. See the boiling mud pools at Hverarönd, and at the Krafla geothermal area see the explosion crater at Viti. After lunch ashore, meet the ship in Húsavík, and watch for whales as we sail north to the land of the midnight sun. Take Zodiacs ashore to the tiny island of Grimsey on the Arctic Circle and celebrate your official arrival to the Arctic. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORING NORTHEAST ICELAND

Today, explore Iceland's rugged eastern coast. This day is left to exploration and we may visit one of several locations. Perhaps we will go for a Zodiac cruise to view the sea stacks near Raudanes. We may hike along a stretch of the Langanes Peninsula or make our way even further down the coast. We will keep it flexible to be able to choose the best option for the day. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DJÚPIVOGUR

Dock in Djúpivogur to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. Via small boat, get up close



and personal with the deep blue icebergs of the large ice lagoon of Jökulsárlón. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: ISLANDS OF HEIMAËY & SURTSEY, WESTMAN ISLANDS

In 1963, the world witnessed the birth of a new island, Surtsey, whose volcanic eruption was caught on film. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, we will cruise past its shores. Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbor. Visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and have amazing views of areas that had been engulfed by lava. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Today we disembark in Reykjavík with options to visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or the hot springs, geothermal power plant and a horse farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Jun. 28; Jul. 7, 16, 25

2019 Jul. 15, 24; Aug. 2, 11

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#), or a new three-day post-voyage extension [Glacier Heli-Hiking in Iceland](#). See page 46, or visit our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with **Susan Seubert** Jun. 28 and Jul. 7, 2018; **Mark Thiessen** Jul. 16, 2018; **Karen Kasmauski** Jul. 25, 2018; and **Jenny Adler** Aug. 2, 2019. [Learn more at **expeditions.com/photo**](#)



Zodiac ride by basalt columns at Raudanes.

HOT SPRINGS AND ICEBERGS: ICELAND TO WEST GREENLAND

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM \$6,990 to \$13,950 (See pages 52-53 for complete prices.)

Discover the true natures of fiery Iceland and icy Greenland on a wide-ranging adventure in a compact timeframe. Over just a week, you'll soak in the heat of Iceland's thermal baths, feel the spray of its thunderous falls, and explore the cool urban capital of Reykjavík. By air, see Greenland's epic ice cap that covers 80% of the country, then sail along its ice edge with glaciers that can stretch over 100 miles and calve some of the largest icebergs on Earth. Venture into Greenland's long fjords choked with massive bergs and call at small communities to meet the hardy inhabitants. Throughout our exploration, we'll hope to see the legendary Northern Lights and their cascades of color.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Feel the extreme contrasts of fire and ice from the warmth of the Blue Lagoon's outdoor thermal baths to a Zodiac ride amid shimmering glacial ice.
- ▶ See the towering ice edge of Greenland up close and sail among massive icebergs.
- ▶ Actively explore: hike, swim, horseback ride, and Zodiac cruise.
- ▶ Enjoy an exclusive dinner accompanied by acclaimed local musicians.
- ▶ Conditions permitting, take in opportunities to view the Northern Lights in both Iceland and Greenland.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

ALEQA HAMMOND

Former prime minister of Greenland, she is the first female to hold the position. She has extensive tourism experience and was the commissioner of the Inuit Circumpolar Council. She is aboard in 2018.



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

“Greenland is the perfect country to visit because in many ways it is still undiscovered. It has a fantastic story to tell in ice, nature and our environment.”

-Aleqa Hammond, Former Prime Minister of Greenland Ataneq Fjord, Greenland Aug. 28, 2017 - National Geographic Explorer

Northern lights, Greenland.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Choose an excursion to swim in the thermal baths of the Blue Lagoon or learn about the hot springs and volcanic activity at the geothermal power plant and experience an Icelandic horse show at the Eldhestar Farm and Riding Centre. Arrive and check into Grand Hotel. Join us for a welcome cocktail reception at the hotel this evening. (Day 2: L)

DAY 3: REYKJAVÍK

Today you may choose from several active options. Go hiking across the rolling scrublands just outside the city, ride an Icelandic horse through the Hafnarfjörður lava field, or join a cooking class at the Salt Kitchen. Or take a full day's excursion around the Golden Circle. Tonight, a special treat: an exclusive dinner and musical performance. (B,L,D)



Zodiac tour of an iceberg near Ilulissat.

DAY 4: REYKJAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK

Choose a walking or biking tour of Reykjavík in the morning followed by a chartered flight to Greenland, where you'll taken in stunning views over the Greenland ice cap. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT

Dozens of deep fjords carve into Greenland's west coast, many with glaciers fed by the ice cap that covers 80% of the country. Trace this ragged coastline, and search for humpback and minke whales. At Sisimiut, a former whaling port, visit the museum, wander amid a jumble of wooden 18th-century buildings, and welcome aboard students (*at above right*) studying the arts of making Greenlandic national clothing—a cornerstone of the traditional culture. (B,L,D)



DAY 6: DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Sail into Disko Bay and set out to explore a tongue of the Greenland ice cap. Take an extraordinary cruise among the towering icebergs of the UNESCO World Heritage designated Ilulissat Icefjord. Visit the town of Ilulissat and walk to the archaeological site in the Sermermiut Valley. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORING GREENLAND'S WEST COAST

Visit one of numerous fjords cutting into the coast of Greenland. Hike on the magnificent tundra or perhaps take a Zodiac cruise along the beautiful and varied coastline. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq, fly by charter for the second time over the Greenland ice cap to Reykjavík and settle into the Grand Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.

Have a guided tour of Reykjanes Peninsula, learn first-hand about the country's innovative approach to geothermal energy, or if you haven't yet experienced the Blue Lagoon, now's your chance! Transfer to Keflavík for flights home. (B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Sep. 5, 9

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and receive **COMPLIMENTARY CHARTER ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** between Reykjavík and Kangerlussuaq. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

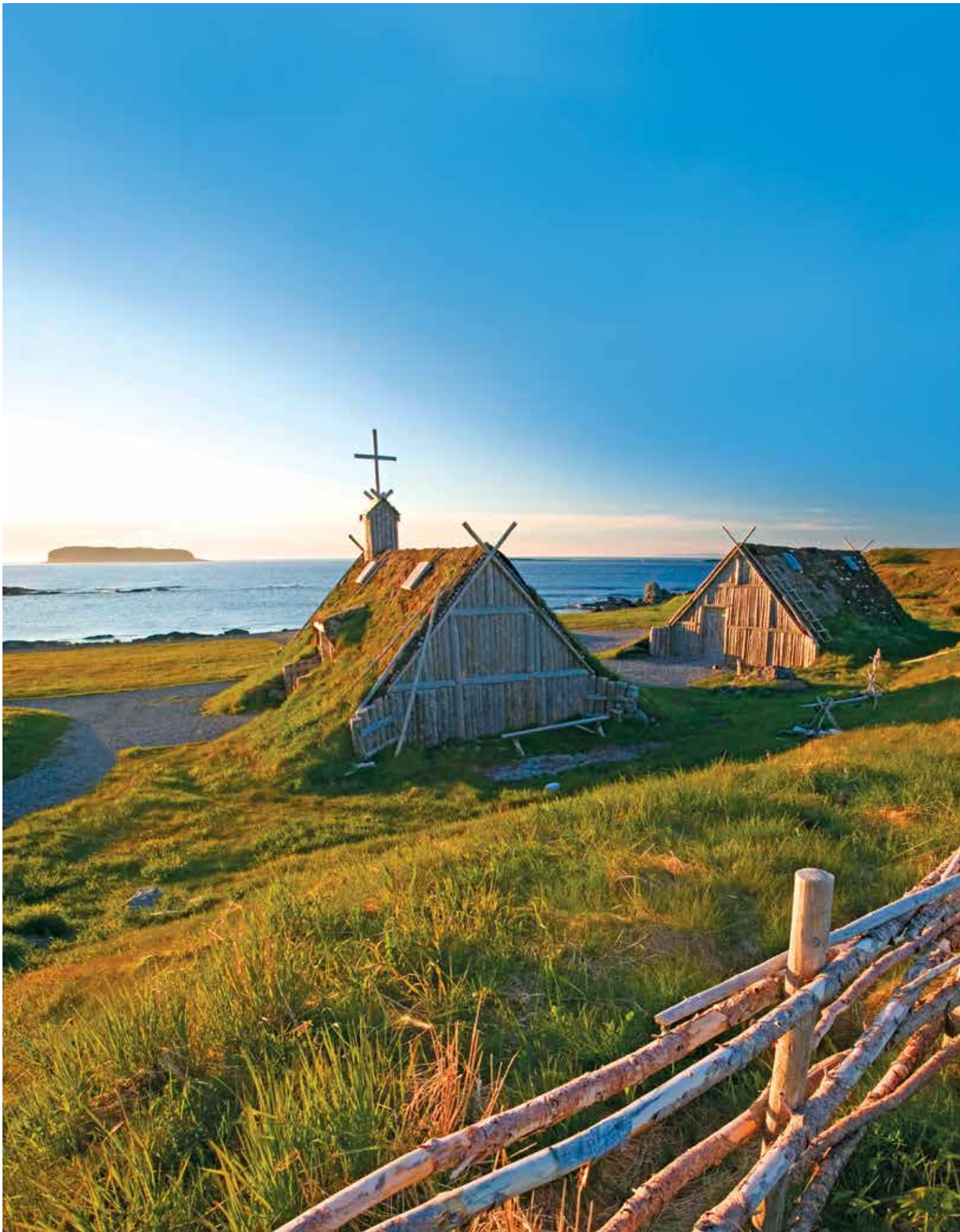
Travel with **Ronan Donovan** in 2018. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)



Students at the National School for Greenlandic Clothing.



A guest photographing Kerid volcanic crater, Iceland.





A LAND WHERE PAST IS ALWAYS PRESENT

As *National Geographic Explorer* navigates the rugged and beautiful Canadian Maritimes, history and geology will come alive among wild landscapes and island outposts. It is fascinating to visit these islands and see lives inextricably tied to the sea, and to ancient human history.

Along the way we'll explore two captivating UNESCO World Heritage sites. The first, the ancient Viking settlement of L'Anse aux Meadows, changed our understanding of Norse history when it was uncovered in 1960 by archeologist Helge Ingstad. We'll walk the grounds of the Norse base he unearthed and see the artifacts recovered from the site—remnants from a culture that leave no doubt as to a Viking presence in the Americas. In the second, Gros Morne National Park, we'll witness the breathtaking effects of plate tectonics amid the cliffs, fjords and sweeping alpine plateau—this spectacular landscape was once part of an ancient ocean, pushed up onto land as two continents collided almost half a billion years ago. On the Îles de la Madeleine we'll learn about the enduring Acadian culture and marvel at the red sandstone cliffs, sculpted by time and the elements into intriguing shapes. We'll do it all and more, including a visit to the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site.

To experience this exquisite part of the world by sea is a gift in itself; and to enjoy it aboard a National Geographic ship, and in the company of National Geographic photographers and a stellar expedition team, is a deeper, richer experience indeed.

Clockwise from left: L'Anse aux Meadows, the site of the first Viking settlement in North America; an inuksuk, a marking used by First Nations in the Arctic.



THE CANADIAN MARITIMES AND NEWFOUNDLAND

9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$9,520 to \$17,800 (See pages 52-53 for complete prices.)

This expedition circumnavigates Newfoundland and visits Labrador, the islands of Cape Breton, St.-Pierre (France) and Îles de la Madeleine. We'll sail through The Narrows of St. John's, Newfoundland—along rugged coastlines, the isles of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Special highlights include hiking on the nature trails of Gros Morne National Park, known for its unique geological features; learning the saga of the Vikings at L'Anse aux Meadows; and exploring the life of Alexander Graham Bell, National Geographic Society's second president, at the Bell Museum at Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, the site of his summer home.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover coastal villages and small islands, like Cape Breton.
- ▶ Explore two UNESCO sites: Gros Morne National Park and the 11th-century Viking village at L'Anse aux Meadows.
- ▶ Discover the dunes, sandstone cliffs, and Acadian culture of the Îles de la Madeleine.
- ▶ Discover the rewards of lingering after at Newfoundland's gorgeous, gracious Fogo Island Inn, a NG Unique Lodge of The World. Visit expeditions.com/fogoinn.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Our Global Perspectives guest speaker program aboard *National Geographic Explorer* pairs engaging and renowned experts with our expedition team's expertise to further enrich your experience.



"I love the combination of learning and traveling."

-Guest feedback

Explore Gros Morne National Park, Newfoundland, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAY 1: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, CANADA/EMBARK

Arrive in St. John's, the picturesque capital city of Newfoundland and Labrador. Settle into *National Geographic Explorer* and take to the sea. (D)

DAY 2: ST.-PIERRE, FRANCE

Our first landfall is St.-Pierre, France's oldest remaining overseas territory. Explore this picturesque French fishing enclave where we will stop at a scenic whale watching lookout and a French-style graveyard. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: LOUISBOURG & BADDECK, CAPE BRETON ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA

Today we visit the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg, an 18th-century fort where the British and French fought. Later, we visit the village of Baddeck, where Alexander Graham Bell built his summer home, now the centerpiece of a beautiful park and museum. Explore the life of Bell and enjoy a tour of the Bell Museum and have the opportunity to view historic artifacts. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE, QUEBEC

A cluster of wispy islands isolated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Îles de la Madeleine are home to miles of dunes, grassy hills, and dazzling red sandstone cliffs. Local experts will guide us across this landscape of caves and sea arches, stopping along the way in colorful fishing villages as we learn about Acadian culture. Weather permitting, you may explore on a bike with local operators. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: EXPLORING COASTAL LABRADOR

Today we'll touch the beautiful and wild coast of Labrador Peninsula, exploring by Zodiac and on foot. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

Graced by cliffs, fjords, and a sweeping alpine plateau, Gros Morne National Park has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its spectacular geology. Go on a variety of walks with our naturalists along marine inlets and forested trails. Learn about the forces that shaped this land and the ancient serpentine rock that illustrates the phenomenon of plate tectonics. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

In the World Heritage site of L'Anse aux Meadows, walk among 11th-century Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America—nearly 500 years before Columbus arrived. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

Wild, rugged, and often accessible only by sea, Newfoundland's east coast is dotted with tiny fishing villages tucked into coves. Explore these stunning shores and, back aboard, you'll gain insights from our experts into the island's people and wildlife. (B,L,D)



Fishing village outside St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

DAY 9: ST. JOHN'S/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Sail through The Narrows in the early morning as our ship approaches St. John's, the picturesque capital city of Newfoundland and the most easterly point of North America. Visit the colorful waterfront and historic Signal Hill or the Rooms Museum before you transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



Red sandstone cliffs, Îles de la Madeleine.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2019 Sep. 12

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, **Fogo Island Inn**. See page 46, or visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Alison Wright will join a team of expert staff in 2019. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions.com/photo)

SPECIAL OFFER:

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This page: Polar bear (Ursus maritimus) female with cubs, Wrangel Island. Opposite, top to bottom: Chukchi reindeer herd gathered on the tundra, Chukotka Autonomous District, Wrangel Island; Pacific walrus haul-out on an ice floe, Chukotka.



ONE OF THE MOST RUGGED & WILDLIFE RICH REGIONS ON EARTH



Not to mention: remote. Our cultural shorthand for this kind of faraway is “Siberia.” Siberians’ shorthand is “Wrangel Island”—the marquee name at the heart of the third of our Russian Arctic itineraries.

Kamchatka and the Pribilof Islands are the other two, names that make actual hearts—of wildlife fans, birders, nature photographers and adventurous explorers—beat faster. Spectacular wildlife and intriguing native culture, arresting mysteries, and world-class exploration history abound on all three, as does a heady blending of today, tomorrow and yesterday on each expedition’s dateline crossings.

Across the Bering Sea: From Katmai to Kamchatka, a near circumnavigation of the Bering Sea, traverses almost 4,000 miles of ocean over 22 days—revealing a dizzying wealth of wildlife. Imagine cliffs teeming with seabirds, bears in avid summer feeding mode, whales, including the grays familiar to many from Baja’s nursery lagoons, in astonishing quantity. WWII buffs will relish the opportunity to visit rare sites like Attu, where the war landed on American soil. ***Life and Legend in the Bering Sea*** is one of our two shorter expeditions. It features, among many natural wonders, the Pribilof Islands’ massive array of northern fur seals in the world’s largest rookery, and seabirds in the millions. Katmai National Park and Kodiak Island present the spectacles of brown bear and native Alutiiq life respectively, plus little-known aspects of Russian-American history, and more. The third itinerary, ***Exploring Russia’s Far East & Wrangel Island***, opens another ‘vault’ of wildlife wealth, from the highest density of polar bear dens, and the largest number of Pacific walrus, to an astonishing botanical array. In addition, experience cultural exchanges with native people; and learn about the Stefansson expedition that rivals Shackleton’s for soul-stirring valor, but with a more unlikely hero at its core.



NEW

ACROSS THE BERING SEA: FROM KATMAI TO KAMCHATKA

22 DAYS/21 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$25,850 to \$49,990 (See pages 54-55 for complete prices.)

Covering more than 3,800 nautical miles, and nearly circumnavigating the Bering Sea, this wide-ranging voyage explores one of the most rugged and wildlife-rich regions of the planet. Spot coastal brown bears from Katmai National Park to the Kamchatka Peninsula, search for Steller's sea eagles along the scenically stunning Zhupanova River and be awed by the abundance and variety of marine mammals and seabirds from the Aleutians to the Commander Islands.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Observe an array of marine mammals: Pacific walrus, northern fur seals, gray, humpback, and sperm whales, sea otters and Steller sea lions.
- ▶ Marvel at cliffs crowded with millions of seabirds—from horned and tufted puffins to murrelets and rare whiskered auklets.
- ▶ Explore the wild and pristine Zhupanova River, the legendary flagship waterway of Kamchatka, as you search for Steller's sea eagles and their nests.
- ▶ Watch brown bears digging for clams or fishing for salmon in Katmai National Park.
- ▶ Visit a Koryak village in northern Kamchatka, and Vitus Bering's gravesite in the Commander Islands.

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, 5-8 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.

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Koryaksky volcano, Kamchatka.



DAY 1: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./ SEWARD/EMBARK

Arrive in Anchorage and transfer to Seward, Alaska to embark *National Geographic Orion* in the late afternoon. (D)

DAYS 2 & 3: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK

Spend two days exploring the shorelines and waters of coastal Katmai National Park & Preserve, observing and photographing its abundant brown bear population. Explore Geographic or Hidden Harbors and Kukak Bay by ship, Zodiac, or, conditions permitting, kayak. (B,L,D Daily)



Commercial workers unload King Crab, Dutch Harbor, Unalaska.

DAYS 4 & 5: AT SEA/UNALASKA

Watch from deck as *Orion* transits Baby Pass en route to the Baby Islands, just to the east of Unalaska. Dynamic tides here offer exciting potential to spot sea otters and fur seals, as well as rare seabirds. Arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world's most important fishing ports. (B,L,D Daily)

DAYS 6–10: EXPLORING THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

These rugged and remote volcanic islands, which separate the North Pacific from the Bering Sea, support vast colonies of seabirds, and marine mammals such as northern fur seals, Steller sea lions, and a variety of whales. WWII history buffs will recognize names like Attu and Kiska, islands we'll explore during these days. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 11: PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

After crossing the international date line, sail into the protected waters of Avacha Bay, and dock at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, the gateway to Kamchatka. Be on deck for the approach, as Koryaksky, Avachinsky,



and Kozelsky volcanoes provide a stunning backdrop to this port city. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: ZHUPANOVA RIVER

Just north of Petropavlovsk, this 100-mile long immaculate waterway in Kamchatka is teeming with enormous rainbow trout, salmon and char. Explore the lower river by Zodiac, in search of one of the world's largest raptors, plus numerous wading birds, other waterfowl, and spotted seals hauled out on sandbars. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 & 14: COMMANDER ISLANDS

Watch for whales, large rafts of sea otters, and countless nesting seabirds which inhabit the rich waters surrounding the Commander Islands. On land, visit the gravesite of Danish explorer Vitus Bering. Weather permitting, take Zodiacs to the fur seal rookery at Cape Severo-Zapadnyi. (B,L,D Daily)



Tufted puffin colony, Commander Islands.

DAYS 15–19: EXPLORING THE KORYAK AND CHUKOTKA COASTS

There's much to explore as we make our way up the seldom-visited east coasts of Kamchatka and Chukotka, the remote Russian Far East. Hike from one bay to the next, surrounded by volcanic mountains and tundra plants. Photograph brown bears, walrus feeding, and three species of seals

in rookeries onshore. Learn about Koryak reindeer-herding culture in either Tymlat or Ossora village. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 20: PROVIDENIYA

At the western limit of the rich transboundary area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often called "The Gateway to the Arctic". It's also the administrative center where we will conduct our outbound clearance from Russia. Visit the excellent museum, and witness a traditional Yupik dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: AT SEA, CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT

Spend the final day at sea, crossing one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet. Linger on deck with binoculars in hand—the chances are high to spot whales and rare seabirds. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: NOME, ALASKA, U.S./ DISEMBARK/ANCHORAGE/HOME

Arrive in Nome this morning, transfer to the airport for flights to Anchorage and onward. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Jun. 18; Jul. 21

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with **Erika Larsen** Jun. 18 and **Michael Melford** Jul. 21, 2019. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/photo)

NEW

LIFE & LEGEND ON THE BERING SEA

13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION
PRICES FROM: \$16,230 to \$31,250 (See pages 54-55 for complete prices.)

Traverse the depth and breadth of the iconic Bering Sea and venture deep into the two distinct worlds it joins. Encounter the rich culture of Provideniya, “the Gateway to the Arctic,” before exploring the Pribilof Islands, a naturalist’s paradise sometimes referred to as “the Galápagos of the North.” From those lively breeding grounds continue on to explore the dynamic history, culture, and natural wonders of the remote islands along Alaska’s rugged coast. A visit to Katmai National Park, one of the premier brown bear viewing areas in the world and a unique petrified forest round out this immersive expedition.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Cross the iconic Bering Strait and the length of the Bering Sea.
- ▶ In the Pribilof Islands, witness the largest breeding rookery of northern fur seals, comprising about half the world’s fur seal population.
- ▶ Spot rafts of sea otters in the Baby Islands.
- ▶ Walk among a forest of petrified sequoia stumps scattered along the shores of Unga Island.
- ▶ Observe brown bears digging for clams or fishing for salmon in Katmai National Park.

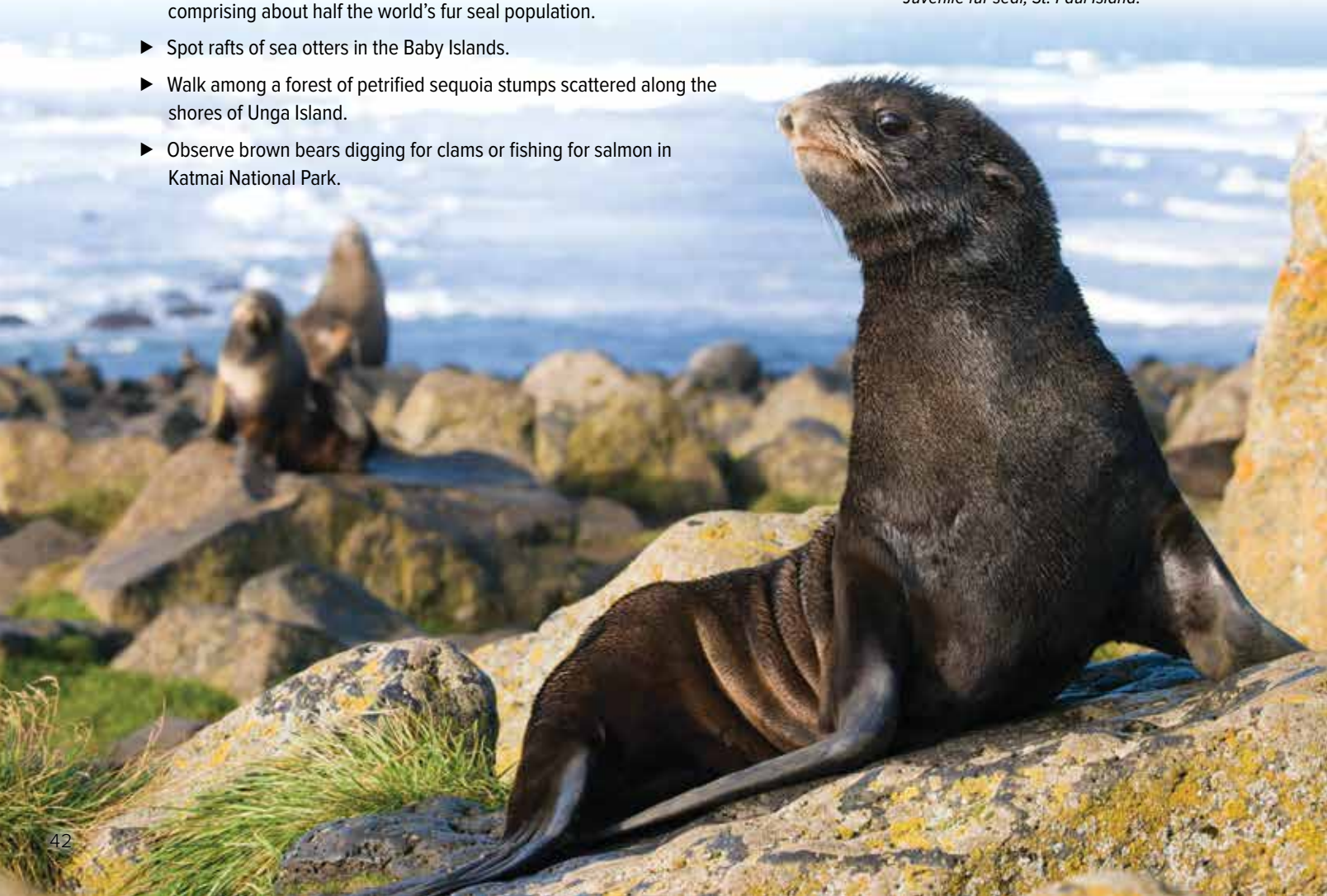
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Juvenile fur seal, St. Paul Island.



DAY 1: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./ NOME/EMBARK

Arrive in Anchorage and fly to Nome, Alaska. Embark *National Geographic Orion* in the afternoon. (D)

DAY 2: AT SEA/CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT

Spend the first day at sea crossing one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet. If conditions permit, we may stop at the very remote Little Diomed Island, in the center of the Strait. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

At the western limit of the rich transboundary area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often called “The Gateway to the Arctic”. It’s also the administrative center where we will conduct our clearance in Russia. Visit the excellent museum, and witness a traditional Yupik dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–6: AT SEA/PRIBILOF ISLANDS, U.S.

A naturalist’s paradise, the Pribilof Islands welcome three million seabirds and a million marine mammals each summer as they arrive to breed. Go ashore at St. Paul to explore on land, at St. George go by Zodiac to view puffins, kittiwakes and red-faced cormorants, as well as a northern fur seal rookery. (B,L,D Daily)

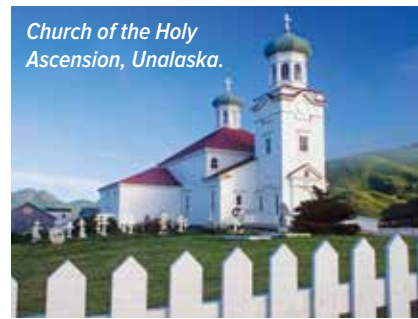
DAYS 7 & 8: UNALASKA/ALASKA PENINSULA

This morning, arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world’s most important fishing ports. Continue to the

Baby Islands, just east of Unalaska, where dynamic tides offer exciting potential to spot sea otters and fur seals, as well as rare seabirds, both from the ship’s deck and from Zodiacs. Continue along the eastern shore of the Alaska Peninsula, with time for exploration and wildlife watching. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 9: SHUMAGIN ISLANDS

Go ashore on Unga Island to explore incredible tundra and a unique petrified forest of sequoia trees that were buried in a volcanic mudslide nearly 25 million years ago. These fascinating and colorful stumps and logs have washed out of the sediment at the rocky shoreline, with some only visible at low tide. (B,L,D)



Church of the Holy Ascension, Unalaska.

DAY 10: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK

Spend today exploring the shorelines and waters of coastal Katmai National Park & Preserve, known for its abundant brown bear population, this area provides countless opportunities to watch and photograph bears digging for clams at low tide, or fishing for salmon in the creeks. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: KODIAK ISLAND

The second largest island in the U.S., Kodiak is best known for its brown bears and its fishing



industry. Less well known is its unique mix of Native Alutiiq and Russian-American history. Join your Undersea Specialist for a “dock walk” among the commercial fishing boats in Kodiak’s inner harbor. Photograph the beautiful Holy Resurrection Church on a photo walk, or peruse native art and artifacts at the Alutiiq Museum. Later, explore one of the island’s outer bays by Zodiac. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: EXPLORING THE KENAI PENINSULA

Nearly 40 glaciers flow out of the Kenai’s Harding Icefield, so the opportunities for exploration abound. Cruise one of the ice-scoured fjords to the face of a tidewater glacier, while searching for wildlife along the way. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: SEWARD/DISEMBARK/ ANCHORAGE/HOME

Arrive in Seward this morning, transfer to the airport in Anchorage for flights home or onward. (B)



Red-legged and black-legged kittiwakes, Pribilof Islands.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Jul. 9; Sep. 4

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with award-winning photographer **Ralph Lee Hopkins** on the July 9 departure.

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NEW

EXPLORING RUSSIA'S FAR EAST & WRANGEL ISLAND

13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$16,230 to \$31,250 (See pages 54-55 for complete prices.)

This fascinating exploration of the remote Russian Far East promises rich culture and an astounding wealth of wildlife. Meet indigenous artists known for their intricate walrus ivory carvings, take in dramatic bird cliffs teeming with auklets and guillemots, then forge farther north, well above the Arctic Circle to Wrangel Island Reserve. Spend several days in this pristine landscape that's home to the highest density of ancestral polar bear dens, the world's largest population of Pacific walrus, and an astonishing variety of plant life. And before this expedition comes to an end witness one more site few get to see—an ancient, mysterious display of whale bones and skulls erected on Yttygran Island.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Observe majestic polar bears at Wrangel Island Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage site dubbed the “polar bear nursery” for the high number of dens found here.
- ▶ See gray whales in their northern feeding grounds in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.
- ▶ Watch and photograph iconic wildlife such as Pacific walrus, polar bears, puffins and more.
- ▶ Visit the evocative site known as Whale Bone Alley on the northern tip of remote Yttygran Island.
- ▶ Experience meaningful cultural exchanges across the entire breadth of Beringia.

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Pacific walrus haul out on sea ice.



DAY 1: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./ NOME/EMBARK

Arrive in Anchorage and fly to Nome. Embark *National Geographic Orion* in the afternoon and cross the Bering Strait. (D)

DAY 2: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

At the western limit of the rich transboundary area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often called “The Gateway to the Arctic.” It’s also the administrative center where we will conduct our clearance into Russia. Visit the excellent museum, and witness a traditional Yupik dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: CAPE DEZHNEV/UELEN VILLAGE

Round Cape Dezhnev, the easternmost point of the Eurasian continent and if conditions permit, make a landing and hike to the lighthouse. Then continue to the nearby Chukchi and Yupik village of Uelen, a major artistic center of the region known for its exquisite walrus ivory carving. (B,L,D)



Walrus ivory carving, Uelen.

DAY 4: KOLYUCHIN ISLAND & KOLYUCHIN BAY

Located on the northern Chukotka coast, Kolyuchin Inlet is an enormous tidal estuary that offers excellent hiking and birding opportunities. Nearby on Kolyuchin Island find nesting puffins and guillemots, and occasionally Pacific walrus hauled-out. Explore the area by Zodiac and, conditions permitting, go ashore. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–8: WRANGEL ISLAND

This UNESCO World Heritage site has the highest level of biodiversity in the High Arctic. Spend four fascinating days discovering the island’s abundant plant life and searching for polar bears, Pacific walrus, musk oxen, Arctic fox, gray whales, and 100 migratory bird species. You may also spot the bones and tusks of woolly mammoths jutting out from gravelly

riverbeds—Wrangel Island was the last refuge for these ancient beasts. (B,L,D Daily)

DAYS 9 & 10: AT SEA/LORINO VILLAGE

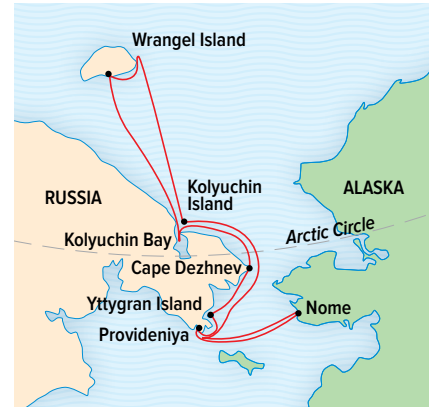
Head back south from Wrangel Island and take advantage of the time at sea to attend informative talks, sort your photos, visit the Bridge to learn about navigation, or just relax and let the memories of the previous days soak in. At Lorino, the largest indigenous village in Chukotka, witness a dance performance and learn about traditional fishing, hunting and reindeer herding. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 11: YTTYGRAN ISLAND/ PROVIDENIYA

Originally created around 600 years ago, Yttygran is thought to have been a communal or ceremonial Yupik site. Here, visit the fascinating place known as Whale Bone Alley, a mysterious and haunting boneyard erected alongside a rugged and remote shoreline. In Provideniya we’ll conduct our clearance formalities before heading east to Nome. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: AT SEA/CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT

Spend the final day at sea, crossing one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet. Linger on deck with binoculars in hand—the chances are great to spot whales and rare seabirds. (B,L,D)



DAY 13: NOME, ALASKA, U.S./ DISEMBARK/ANCHORAGE/HOME

Arrive in Nome this morning, transfer to the airport for flights to Anchorage and onward. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Aug. 11, 23

SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Chris Rainier Aug. 11 and Evgenia Arbugaeva Aug. 23, 2019. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions.com/photo)



Polar Bear mother with full grown cubs, Wrangel Island, Russia.

OPTIONAL EXPEDITION EXTENSIONS



A private helicopter is at your service to facilitate exclusive experiences.

NEW! ADD GLACIER HELI-HIKING

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2018*: \$6,950 Per Person, Double Occupancy

Experience Iceland's magnificent landscapes from a unique viewpoint. Take a scenic helicopter tour to two different glaciers where you'll have the rare opportunity to go on a glacier hike. Plus, explore the world's only man-made ice cave and go deep underground to see the brilliant-blue ice that's been forming over centuries. Add it after **Circumnavigation of Iceland** or **Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland's East Coast**.

ADD REYKJAVÍK'S GOLDEN CIRCLE

POST-VOYAGE/1 DAY/1 NIGHT

2018*: \$1,120 Per Person, Double Occupancy

Extend your stay in Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Enjoy the surreal Blue Lagoon, and have a guided in-depth experience along the famed Golden Circle with its boiling pools, geysers and waterfalls. Add it after **Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin & Ellesmere Islands**.



Blue Lagoon hot spring spa in Reykjavik, Iceland.



Fogo Island Inn.

FOGO ISLAND INN

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2019*: Please call for pricing.

A National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, you'll find both the inn and its soulful surroundings provide a truly transformative experience: savor superb meals featuring local ingredients; call in on the artist-in-residence program; explore the area by boat or take in the untamed wilderness on a berry-picking excursion in the rolling hills. Add it after **The Canadian Maritimes and Newfoundland**.



Sognefjord, Norway.

ADD NORWAY'S FJORDS

PRE-VOYAGE/5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2018*: From \$4,390 Per Person, Double Occupancy

The rich landscapes of southern Norway, including Sognefjord—the longest and deepest fjord in Norway—are the ideal addition to your adventures. Thundering waterfalls and snowy peaks offer wonderful photo ops. Add it before **Land of the Ice Bears** and **Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast**.



Geysir, Golden Circle.

ADD ICELAND

Enhance your Arctic travels with an in-depth exploration of the land of fire and ice. Enjoy many of the must-see sights, from the famous Blue Lagoon hot springs to the Golden Circle with its spouting geysers and bubbling mud pools. Then go further afield to less traveled territory. See Goðafoss waterfall in the north of Iceland, one of the most impressive falls in Europe and explore Thingvellir National Park, a remarkable geological site and the country's most historic site. You'll also get to know the intimate yet cosmopolitan city of Reykjavík and get a taste of Icelandic fare at renowned local restaurants.

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Add it after **Land of the Ice Bears, Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard** and **Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast**.

2018*: \$4,270 Per Person, Double Occupancy

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Add it after **Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin & Ellesmere Islands**.

2018*: \$3,570 Per Person, Double Occupancy

** Airfare is not included on all extensions.*

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EXCEPTIONAL HOTEL STAFF



The Arctic and sub-Arctic can be challenging for our wine steward, since there's little agriculture and no vineyards. So on these voyages we stock fine European wines to pair with regional flavors.

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.

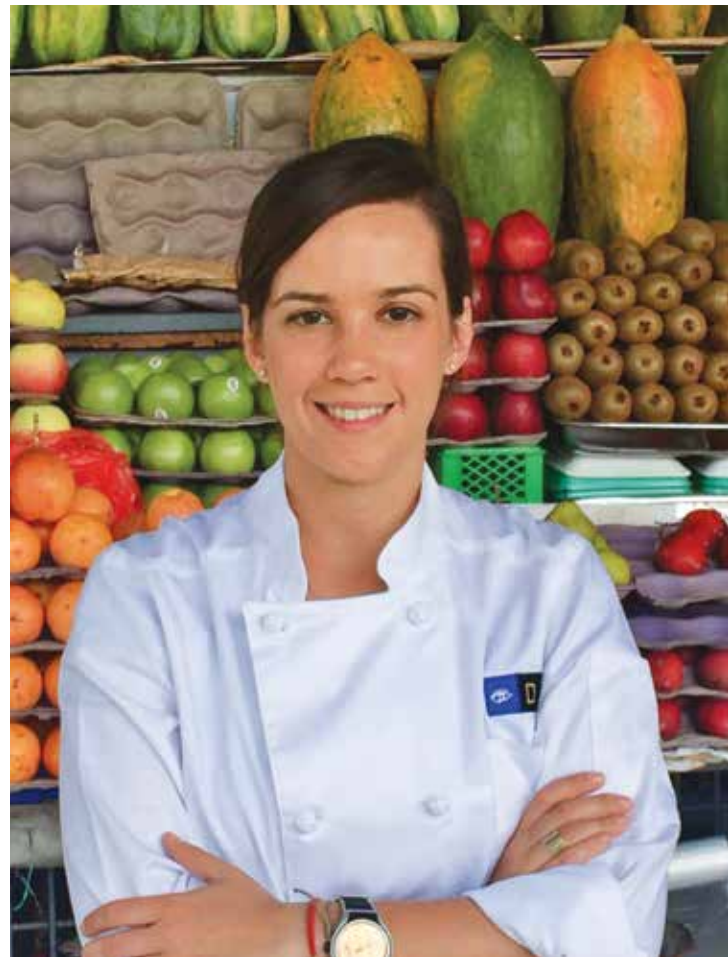




The dining room (Explorer pictured) is inviting and informal. No assigned seating makes for easy mingling with congenial fellow guests, expedition staffers, and special guests. Breakfast and lunches are often buffet-style; dinners are artfully plated and served. Save room for dessert—extraordinary daily!

“Discovering sustainable local growers and fisheries on our itineraries to ensure that our guests “taste” the regions they’re exploring is rewarding work. Unlike cruise companies which provide 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 boat hails Explorer with line-caught fish, the chef can say yes—and offer Gravlox-style Arctic Char with mustard, Greenlandic honey, and dark rye toast. 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 Upper Deck cabin with balcony aboard Explorer.



The sauna aboard Orion and Explorer (shown here) is the perfect place to end the day, and the well-equipped fitness center offers panoramic views.

THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS

Decorated in relaxing earth tones, *National Geographic Explorer* has 81 cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins, and all are inviting and rewarding. *National Geographic Orion's* private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in rich jewel tones, she has 53 cabins, including 9 suites with balconies, and 4 solo cabins.

All cabins feature deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets and thick terry robes. In addition, each has a flat screen TV with 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 connections, plugs for your own laptop and phone or camera charger.

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Clockwise, from right: The library (shown here on Explorer) is a relaxing place to read or study a topic; have a massage in the spa to unwind; head to the comfortable lounge (shown here aboard Orion) to hear talks from our staff, sip a drink and socialize, or attend an evening recap.



A Category 6 balcony suite aboard Orion.



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-National Geographic fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an ice-reinforced 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

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 Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, 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, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and a 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, a LEXspa treatment room and sauna.

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

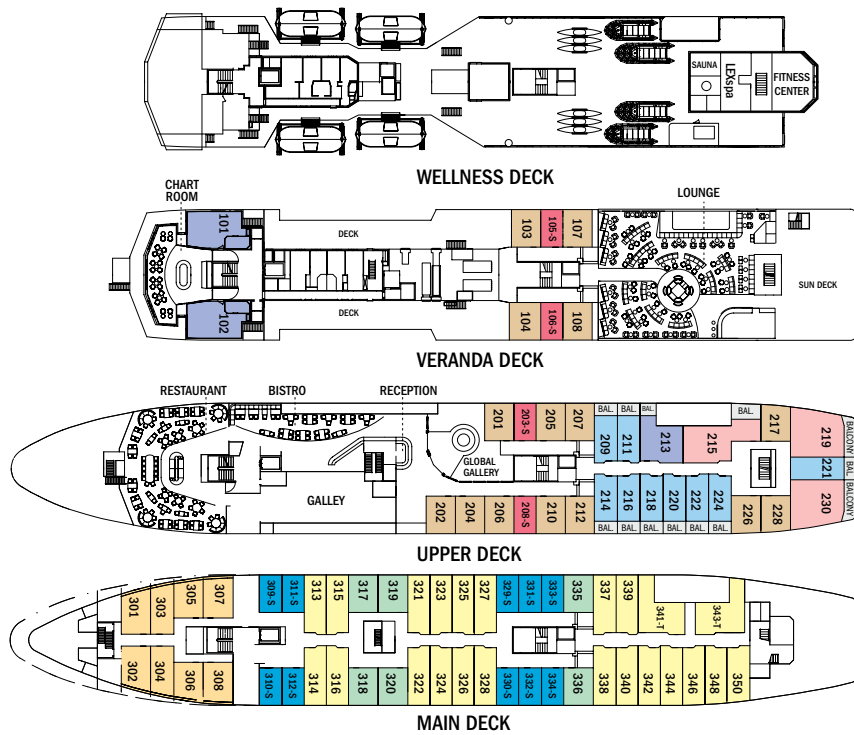
CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

SOLE OCCUPANCY: Cabins available in Categories A and B.

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. 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.



Clockwise from top: Category 6 suite; Category 5 cabins all include a balcony; spacious closet; standard bathroom.

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WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB & ALL CREW GRATUITIES ARE INCLUDED.

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
Land of the Ice Bears – Page 16	2018	\$10,430	\$11,150	\$11,630	\$12,320	\$15,620	\$17,100	\$19,520	\$13,950	\$14,540	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights. Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/Oslo. Economy from: \$1,180; Business from \$3,960. Charter airfare from: \$760 (roundtrip Oslo/Longyearbyen).
	2019	\$10,740	\$11,480	\$11,980	\$12,690	\$16,100	\$17,600	\$20,100	\$14,350	\$14,970		
Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard – Page 18	2019	\$17,840	\$18,880	\$19,880	\$21,370	\$24,660	\$29,000	\$33,400	\$23,600	\$24,850	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: New York/Bergen, Oslo/Newark; Economy from: \$700; Business from \$3,800. Charter airfare from: \$380 (Longyearbyen/Oslo).
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast – Page 20	2018	\$15,650	\$16,560	\$17,310	\$18,590	\$21,470	\$24,990	\$28,750	\$20,690	\$21,640	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York. Economy from: \$900; Business from \$2,800; Charter airfare from: \$380 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).
	2019	\$15,990	\$16,790	\$17,740	\$18,990	\$21,990	\$25,610	\$29,470	\$21,220	\$22,180		
Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic – Page 24	2018	\$13,990	\$14,990	\$15,600	\$16,750	\$20,200	\$23,290	\$27,000	\$18,740	\$19,500	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights Reykjavik. Sample Airfares: Round trip Newark/Keflavik; Economy from \$600; Business from \$2,300; Round trip charter airfare from: \$1,520 (Reykjavik/Kangerlussuaq).
	2019	\$16,790	\$17,990	\$18,720	\$20,100	\$24,240	\$27,950	\$32,400	\$22,490	\$23,400	\$2,500	
Epic 80°N: Greenland, Baffin and Ellesmere Islands – Page 26	2018	\$25,990	\$27,990	\$28,970	\$30,990	\$37,470	\$42,710	\$49,640	\$34,990	\$36,210	\$3,000	Includes two hotel nights Reykjavik. Sample Airfares: Round trip Newark/Keflavik; Economy from \$600; Business airfare from \$2,300; Round trip charter airfare: \$1,520 (Reykjavik/Kangerlussuaq).
Circumnavigation of Iceland – Page 30	2018	\$10,270	\$11,890	\$12,360	\$14,130	\$15,410	\$18,420	\$21,350	\$14,860	\$15,450	\$1,500	Sample Airfare: New York/Reykjavik, Reykjavik/New York; Economy from \$600; Business from \$2,000.
	2019	\$10,990	\$12,360	\$12,850	\$14,690	\$15,990	\$19,150	\$22,200	\$15,450	\$16,070		
Hot Springs and Icebergs: Iceland to West Greenland – Page 32	2018	\$6,990	\$7,590	\$7,870	\$8,540	\$10,090	\$12,110	\$13,950	\$9,490	\$9,840	\$750	Includes three hotel nights Reykjavik Sample Airfares: Round trip Newark/Keflavik; Economy from \$600; Business from \$2,300; Round trip charter airfare: \$1,520 (Reykjavik/Kangerlussuaq).
The Canadian Maritimes and Newfoundland – Page 36	2019	\$9,520	\$10,070	\$10,440	\$11,100	\$13,080	\$14,970	\$17,800	\$12,590	\$13,050	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: round-trip Newark/St. John's/Newark; Economy from \$575, Business from \$1,700.



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 an Ice-1A steel reinforced forward hull, it enables us to navigate polar passages in exceptional comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery and marina platform. 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, crew’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

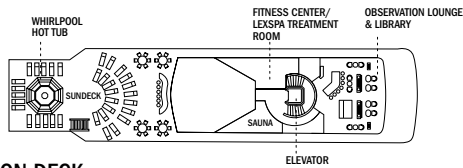
*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

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

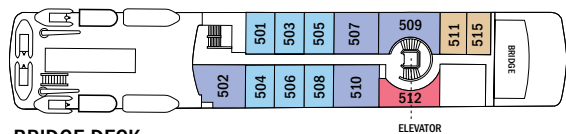
CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

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

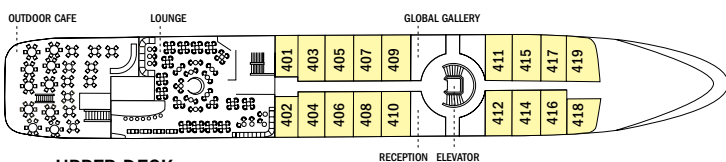
NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.



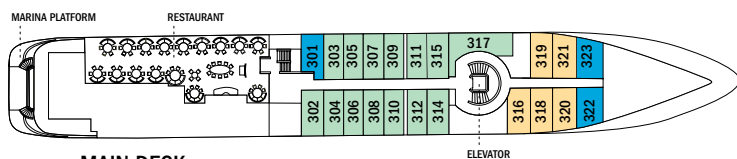
OBSERVATION DECK



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



EXPEDITION DECK



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

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

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ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Across the Bering Sea: From Katmai to Kamchatka – Page 40	2019	\$25,850	\$27,700	\$29,870	\$37,440	\$43,200	\$49,990	\$38,780	\$44,790	\$3,000	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Anchorage and Nome/Seattle: Economy from \$400; Business from \$1,000)
Life & Legend on The Bering Sea – Page 42	2019	\$16,230	\$17,440	\$19,430	\$23,480	\$26,850	\$31,250	\$24,340	\$29,140	\$2,500	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Nome and Anchorage/Seattle: Economy from \$430; Business from \$800)
Exploring Russia's Far East & Wrangel Island – Page 44	2019	\$16,230	\$17,440	\$19,430	\$23,480	\$26,850	\$31,250	\$24,340	\$29,140	\$2,500	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Nome and Nome/Seattle: Economy from \$590; Business from \$1,020)

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FREE AIRFARE ON SELECT DEPARTURES: On voyages with complimentary air offers, airfare must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. All offers are valid for new bookings only, subject to availability at the time of booking, and may not be combined with other offers, and pre/post extensions. Call for details.

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS: Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken aboard *National Geographic Explorer* or *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.

BRINGING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18.

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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 the Arctic 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. We offer the full array of features and benefits that characterize our expeditions, plus an Exclusive Charter Coordinator to assist with all pre-voyage and shipboard arrangements for personalized service. To discuss your potential needs or interests, contact **Karen Kuttner Dimitry, Vice President of Affinity & Charter Sales, at KarenK@Expeditions.com**



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Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, tips, taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician on most voyages, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry and premium alcoholic beverages.

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. The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined on pages 53 and 55, as well as on our website. Certain longer voyages may carry additional advance deposit requirements due to high demand for these voyages. 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 longer 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.

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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

*\$750 will be rewarded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions as well as pre- or post- extensions, as well as all other additional services.

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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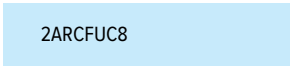
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