

# THE BEST OF THE ARCTIC

SVALBARD  
NORWAY  
ICELAND  
GREENLAND  
& CANADA

**NEW!**  
RUSSIAN ARCTIC &  
THE BERING SEA

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER  
AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION | 2019



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DEAR EXPLORER,

There are 8 countries that have territory in the Arctic—defined as land and sea north of 66° 33'N latitude. And between May and September 2019 our two polar vessels, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* will explore all of the sea-bordering countries. Only Finland and Sweden have land-locked Arctic terrain.



Just to give some scale to this vast wilderness:

- ▶ Population approx. 1.35 people per square mile in the Arctic
- ▶ Population approx. 74,000 people per square mile in Manhattan

Using the Manhattan comparison really puts the Arctic into perspective: it's literally the wildest place on Earth to still have some form of permanent human settlement.

What it has in abundance there, however, is non-human life. Plankton-rich seas, great colonies of sea birds, bears—polar bears in some parts and brown bears in others. Seven different species of pinnipeds including the great walrus; musk oxen; reindeer in some areas; and whales of many different kinds.

There are indigenous people who merit our interest and deserve our admiration, as they conduct their lives in what is, for about half the year, the harshest of possible environments. And of course, there is the ice—the sea ice which provides hunting grounds for polar bears and pupping grounds for seals. And the great mountain ranges and icebergs, some the size of twelve government buildings.

The Arctic is an AWESOME part of our planet, which ideally, every human being should, at some point in their lives, experience. There are a multitude of different itineraries on the following pages, ranging from 11 days to 22 days, that provide opportunities to do so. Each is very different in character and focus; all are compelling.

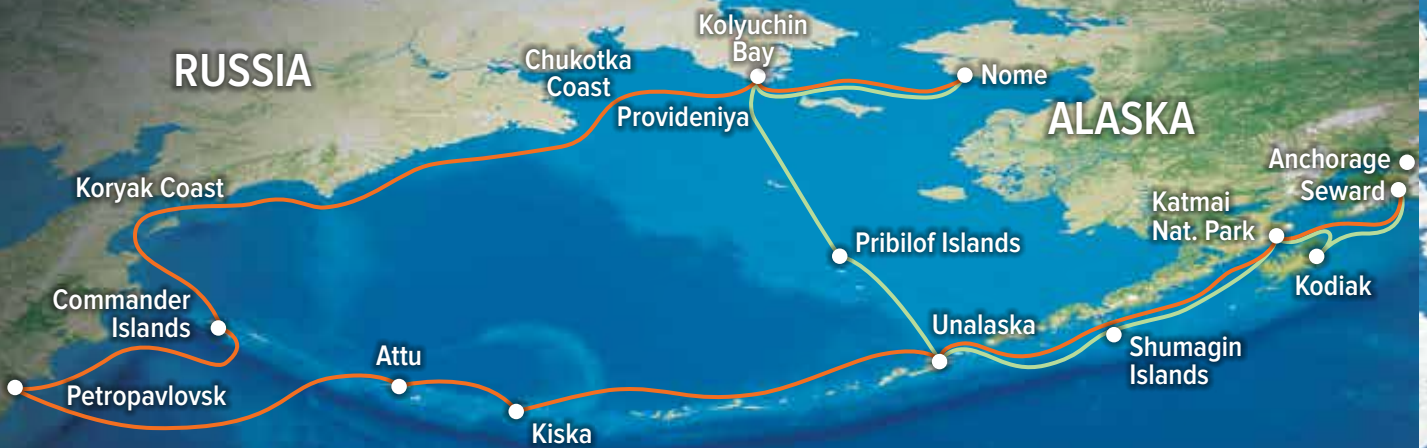
As with any expedition, everyone has a role. Our captains, expedition leaders, naturalists, historians and photographers are obligated (and they do so happily) to know their respective stuff. Together they navigate this wilderness in search of opportunities; and they do everything in their power to provide you with the most meaningful and memorable experiences possible.

Your role is to see, do, learn—and upon return, to perform the most vital responsibility an explorer has—to share your experience with others. But first you have to perform the tough job of choosing which itinerary to head out on. It's not an easy task, but I hope as you flip the pages, you'll find everything you need. In addition, our Expedition Specialists are standing by to field your questions, and get you accurate, useful answers. Enjoy the quest!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven-Olof Lindblad', written in a cursive style.

Sven-Olof Lindblad



# NEW FOR 2019!

## THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC

### THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

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



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



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

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

**BERING 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. Only navigable four months of the year, we explore it in prime time.



**ACROSS THE BERING SEA:  
FROM KATMAI TO KAMCHATKA**

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**BERING SEA WILDERNESS:  
PRIBILOFS, KATMAI, AND KODIAK**

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80° NORTH

# GREENLAND (KALAALLIT NUNAAT)

ELLESMERE ISLAND

DEVON ISLAND

Baffin Bay

Lancaster Sound

Pond Inlet



ILULISSAT & DISKO BAY

Ilulissat



KAYAKING CANADA

BAFFIN ISLAND

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

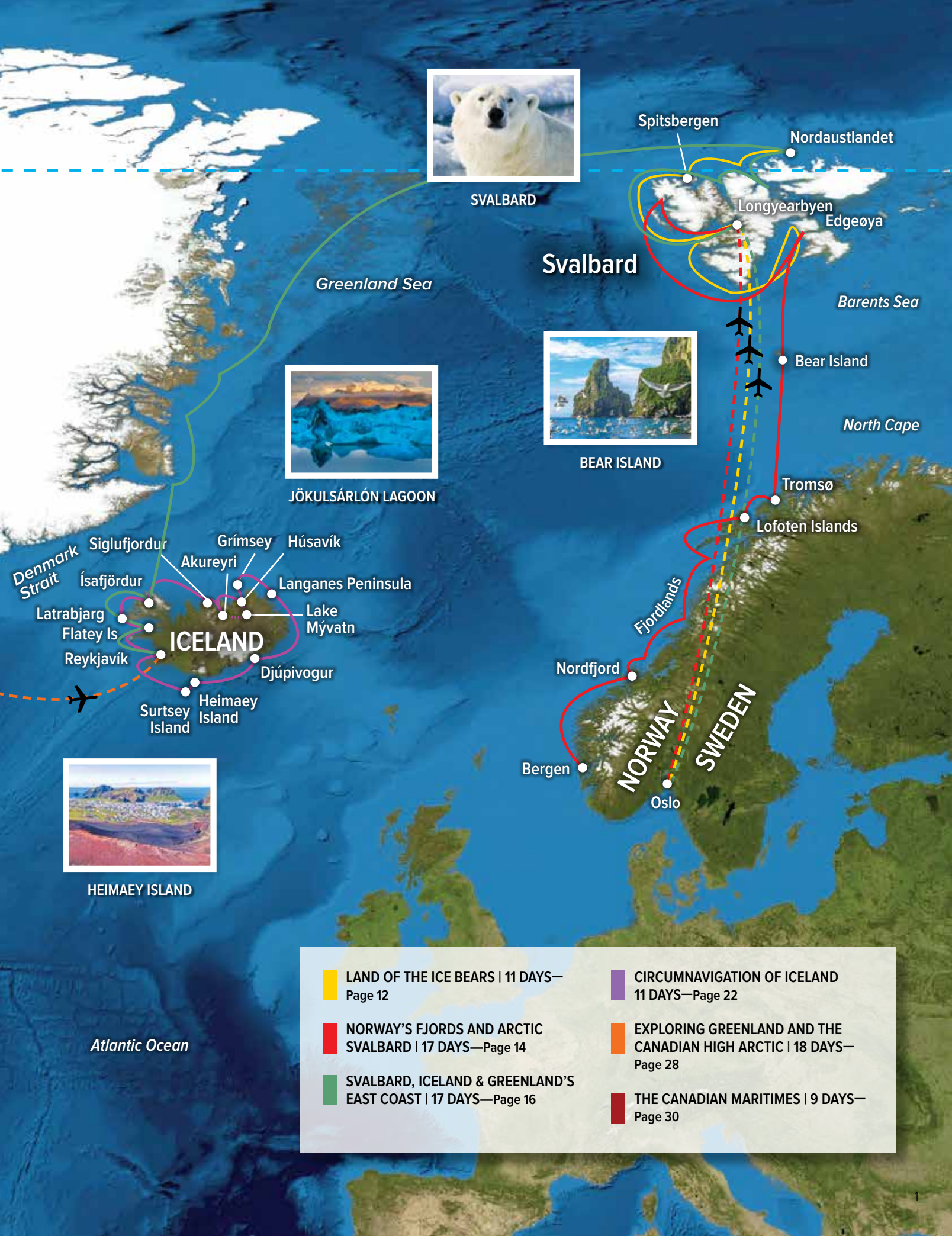
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Gulf of St. Lawrence



SVALBARD

Spitsbergen

Nordauslandet

Longyearbyen

Edgeøya

Svalbard

Greenland Sea

Barents Sea



JÖKULSÁRLÓN LAGOON



BEAR ISLAND

North Cape

Tromsø

Lofoten Islands

Denmark Strait  
 Siglufjordur  
 Akureyri  
 Grímsey  
 Húsavík  
 Ísafjörður  
 Langanes Peninsula  
 Lake Mývatn  
 Latrabjarg  
 Flatey Is  
 Reykjavík  
 Djúpvogur  
 Surtsey Island  
 Heimaey Island

ICELAND

Fjordlands

Nordfjord

NORWAY  
 SWEDEN

Bergen


Oslo



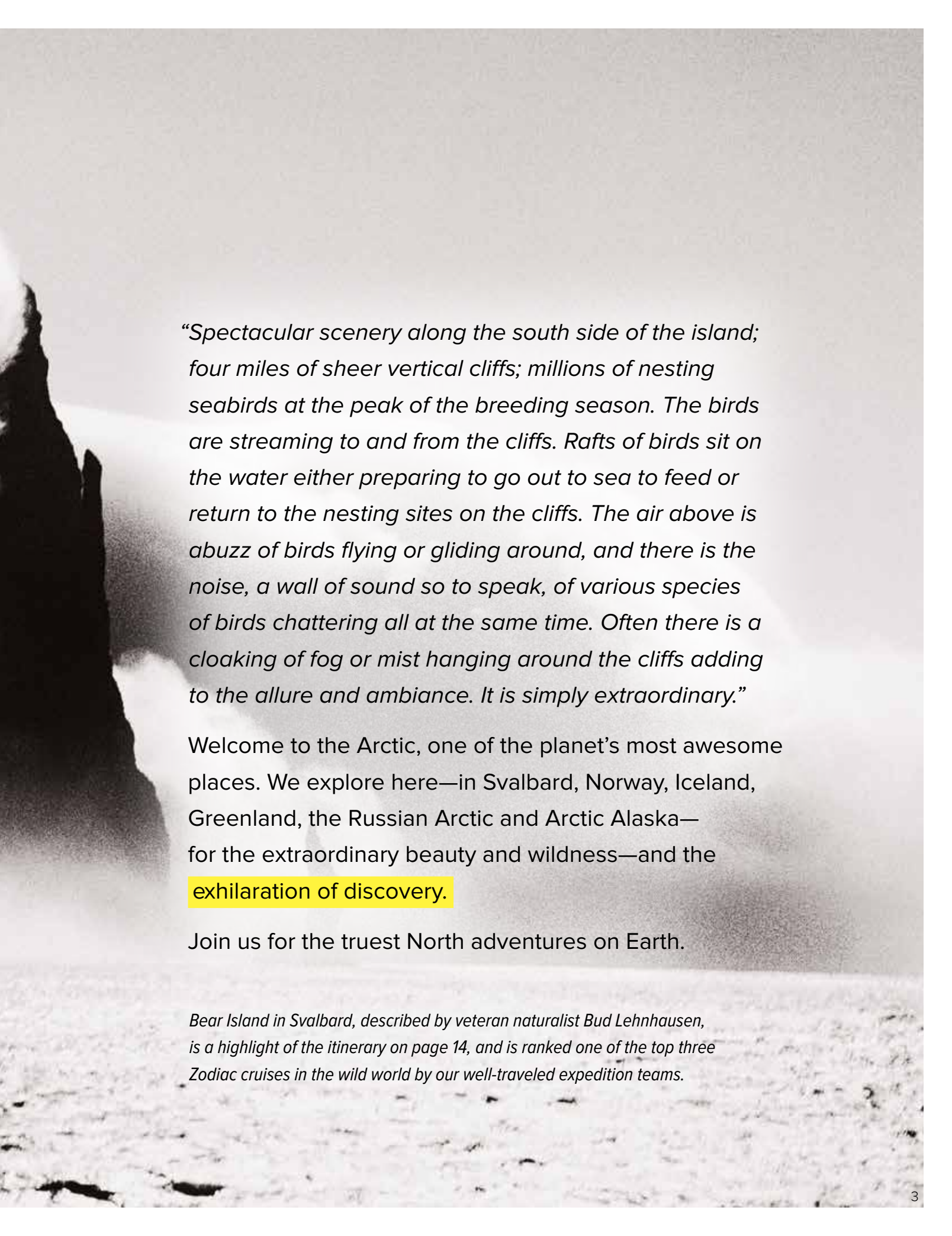
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Atlantic Ocean

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**DISCOVER PLACES YOU COULDN'T  
OTHERWISE ACCESS,  
HAVE EXPERIENCES YOU  
COULDN'T OTHERWISE HAVE**



*“Spectacular scenery along the south side of the island; four miles of sheer vertical cliffs; millions of nesting seabirds at the peak of the breeding season. The birds are streaming to and from the cliffs. Rafts of birds sit on the water either preparing to go out to sea to feed or return to the nesting sites on the cliffs. The air above is abuzz of birds flying or gliding around, and there is the noise, a wall of sound so to speak, of various species of birds chattering all at the same time. Often there is a cloaking of fog or mist hanging around the cliffs adding to the allure and ambiance. It is simply extraordinary.”*

Welcome to the Arctic, one of the planet’s most awesome places. We explore here—in Svalbard, Norway, Iceland, Greenland, the Russian Arctic and Arctic Alaska—for the extraordinary beauty and wildness—and the exhilaration of discovery.

Join us for the truest North adventures on Earth.

*Bear Island in Svalbard, described by veteran naturalist Bud Lehnhausen, is a highlight of the itinerary on page 14, and is ranked one of the top three Zodiac cruises in the wild world by our well-traveled expedition teams.*



*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.*





# EXPLORING WHEREVER

There is no infrastructure—docks or rental operations—out there where we explore; we're on our own. So, when we wanted to offer kayaking for up-close personal explorations, our crew created an ingenious mobile platform (it also functions as a swim platform on our Polynesia expeditions) that lets us safely launch wherever the exploring is thrilling. These are the skills, and passion for exploring that our teams dedicate to your experience—doing whatever it takes to make sure you have unforgettable encounters with Arctic beauty, wildness and the seldom-seen.

## 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



# EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES— AND THE SHOTS TO PROVE IT



There is a National Geographic photographer aboard every Arctic departure—glean tips, advice and more from top pros. 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](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PHOTO) AND FIND BIOS FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS AT [WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGPS](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGPS)

## EXCLUSIVE ONBOARD GEAR LOCKER

Been yearning to try some big glass? Looking to invest in a new camera but haven't had the time to research? Dive into the onboard B&H Photo Video Gear Locker with our compliments. Field test new glass, camera bodies, and more during your expedition. And pre-voyage, you'll have access to a photography webinar and gear recommendations exclusively for booked guests. Plus, access a wealth of free instructional videos archived from our annual photography event with B&H at [www.optic2017.com](http://www.optic2017.com). Ask your expedition specialist for details.





*Guests photographing polar bears in Lancaster Sound, Nunavut.*



*“I enjoy photography...I think I learned and experienced more in these three weeks than I have in the last three years. Special thanks to Ralph for his help and the B&H Photo Locker. Access to these lenses was a great help in capturing some wonderful photos!”*

*—Guest, August 2015*

*Find the National Geographic photographers traveling on each voyage in the Region/Itinerary sections ahead.*



*Polar bear mother and cub.*

# SVALBARD



A Norwegian archipelago between mainland Norway and the North Pole. One of the world's northernmost inhabited areas, it's known for its rugged, remote terrain of glaciers and frozen tundra sheltering polar bears, Svalbard reindeer and Arctic foxes. The northern lights are visible during winter, and summer brings the "midnight sun"—sunlight 24 hours a day.

## THE PLACE ON EARTH WHERE WE MOST RELIABLY FIND BEARS

*"You're hoping for a bear encounter, but nothing is guaranteed. Then to be face-to-face with it, having this intimacy with an animal that you've heard so much about—it just felt deeply personal."* — Guest, June 2017

We explore the Svalbard archipelago to observe one of the most magisterial sights on Earth: a polar bear, in its element, ranging over the pack ice, hunting for seals. Our ace spotters will do whatever it takes—from manning the spotting scopes round the clock, to disturbing your sleep with a gentle 'bear alert'—to make sure you don't miss the thrill of seeing a lone male, or a mother with cubs, gaze up at you with curiosity and no fear at all. And, they will also skillfully guide your gaze to the walrus, reindeer, Arctic foxes, whales, gyrfalcons, and 60 species of birds that fill the sea, sky and land with exuberant life in our splendid season in the Arctic.

Choose to focus on Svalbard, or add Norway's most gorgeous fjords on our *Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard* expedition. Or range into more adventurous regions on our *Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast* expedition.

## MAKING YOUR SVALBARD-NORWAY EXPERIENCE AS RICH AS POSSIBLE



*Kayak in the Norwegian fjords.*



*“There are few places on Earth where Spring is more exuberant, and more fleeting, than here. We see all the species in the air, on land and sea, feeding on the abundance of the season.”* —Tom Ritchie, Naturalist

Discover the region with a veteran expedition leader, an assistant expedition leader, and a team of naturalists well-versed in the region’s flora and fauna. A National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and a video chronicler aboard will ensure you go home with amazing shots, plus a DVD that captures the story of your voyage. And, a wellness specialist is aboard to enhance the tonic effects of exploring the Arctic.

# TRAVEL WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS



The Arctic's nearly 24 hours of daylight, including a golden hour that lasts far longer, extraordinary wildlife and scenic subjects make for electrifying photos ops. Count on your National Geographic photographer to be right there with you, with inspiration and in-the-moment tips that can elevate your image-making and transform your storytelling.



From left: Erika Larsen, Nick Cobbing, Matthias Breiter.

**ERIKA LARSEN**, *Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard*: **May 20, 2019**

**NICK COBBING**, *Land Of The Ice Bears*: **June 2 & 9, 2019**;  
*Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast*: **June 30, 2019**

**MATTHIAS BREITER**, *Land Of The Ice Bears*: **June 16 & 23, 2019**



## JOIN OUR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Share daily adventures, listen to presentations, and over dinner and drinks, enjoy the company of interesting individuals from the top tiers of science, exploration and journalism. See who's on your voyage on the following itinerary pages. And find more details at [expeditions.com/perspectives](https://expeditions.com/perspectives).

## SEE MORE BEAUTY

### Norwegian Fjords Pre-Voyage Extension

5 Days/5 Nights | From \$4,590\*

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



\*All pricing is per person double occupancy. Airfare is not included on all extensions.

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

**11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

PRICES FROM: \$10,740 to \$20,100 (See page 45 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/bearx](http://expeditions.com/bearx)

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

### MIKE LIBECKI

2013 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year with 60 expeditions and multiple first ascents under his belt. He is aboard **June 2, 2019**.



### BOB JACOBEL

Bob has been a participant in the U.S. Antarctic Research Program since 1987, researching icesheets. The Jacobel Glacier on West Antarctica is named in his honor. He is aboard **June 9, 2019**.



### TONY WHEELER

Tony is a co-founder of Lonely Planet and collaborator on 50+ projects in the developing world with the Planet Wheeler Foundation. He is aboard **June 16, 2019**.



### ANDREW REVKIN

One of America's most honored and experienced journalists focused on environmental sustainability. Andrew is the Strategic Adviser for Environmental and Science Journalism for the National Geographic Society and is aboard **June 23, 2019**.



*Polar bear on an ice floe.*



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

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the Clarion Hotel, The Hub. 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: B,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

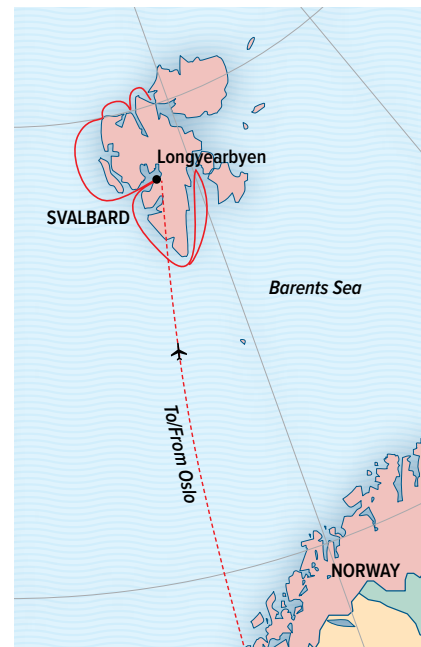
This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of

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:** 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 pages 11 and 21 or our website for details.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join [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 page 45 for complete pricing.)

**M**eander 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](http://expeditions.com/capeext) for more.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

### GREGG TREINISH

A National Geographic Emerging Explorer, Gregg founded Adventurers and Scientists for Conservation, a nonprofit connecting outdoor adventurers with scientists in need of data from the field. He's aboard in 2019.



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)



**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 murrens. 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, murrens, 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)**



**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 21.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

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



# SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

**17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

PRICES FROM: \$15,990 to \$29,470 (See page 45 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](http://expeditions.com/svalbardext)

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

### ANDREW EVANS

Andrew is a contributing editor at *National Geographic Traveler* and its “Digital Nomad” and authored a traveler's guide to Iceland. He is aboard in 2019.



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



Cruise among the big ice of Scoresbysund.

**JUN. 30 AND JUL. 1: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY**

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the Clarion Hotel, The Hub. In the afternoon—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. (Jul. 1: B,D)

**JUL. 2: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/ EMBARK**

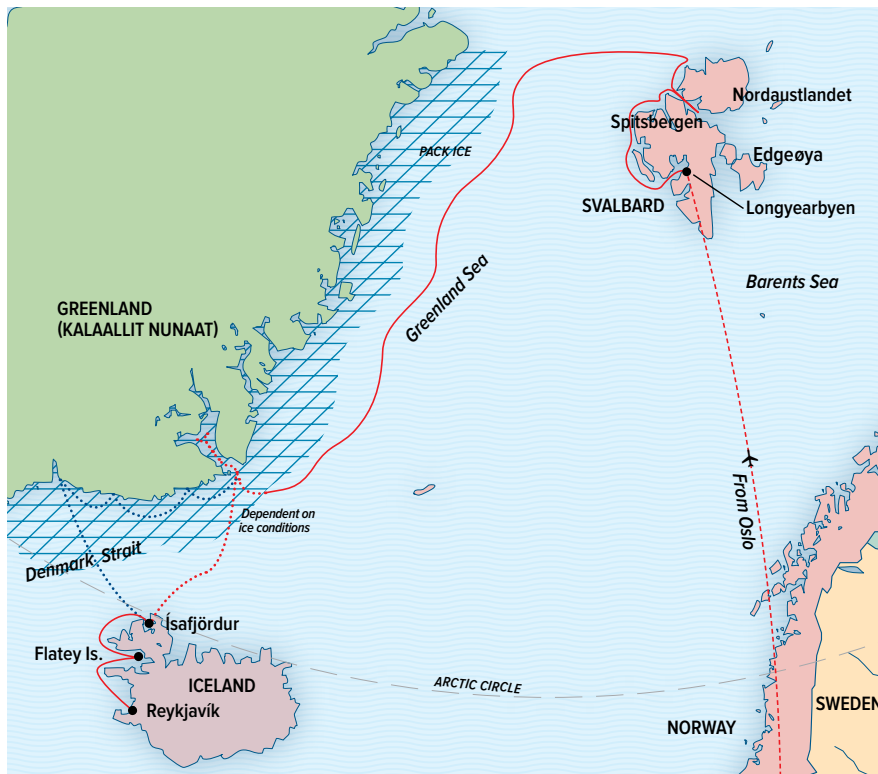
Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, we will visit its Museum and Art Gallery and then embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)



*Polar bear and cub.*

**JUL. 3-15: 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)

**JUL. 16: 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:** 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 three-day post-voyage extension **Glacier Heli-Hiking in Iceland**. See page 21 or our website for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Travel with **Nick Cobbing** in 2019.

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*Walrus close-up.*



*“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.”*

*—Daily Expedition Report | Lake Mývatn | 7.25.2017*

*“I never imagined I’d have such intimate, personal experiences...Landing on Grimsey, touching the Arctic Circle...The musical performances aboard and ashore...hiking out in a beautiful landscape to see a colony of puffins, and hearing Icelandic folk tunes in your head: unforgettable stuff...”*

*— Guest, July 2017*

*Goðafoss, the waterfall of the gods, Iceland.*

# ICELAND



A Nordic island nation, is defined by its dramatic landscape with volcanoes, geysers, hot springs and lava fields. Massive glaciers are protected in Vatnajökull and Snæfellsjökull National Parks. Most of the population lives in the capital, Reykjavík, which runs on geothermal power and is home to the National and Saga Museums, tracing Iceland's Viking history.

## THERE'S SO MUCH TO ICELAND: EXPERIENCE MORE OF IT

We are the only company that does an 11-day comprehensive circumnavigation of Iceland by ship. That means you'll see the iconic sites and sights, from Reykjavík to the Golden Circle, but go well beyond also, to experience the terrain diversity and wildness at the heart of Iceland. You'll experience more of this vibrant island nation, and on a more intimate scale. We create an extraordinary context for you—by inviting local Icelandic experts—in politics, art, geology, and economics—aboard for stimulating exchanges that give you incredible insight. Learn how Reykjavík is heated by geothermal power, from a top executive of the national power company. Or how Iceland rebounded from financial collapse by a member of the nation's finance team—and more. Then, there's the music. Iceland's music scene is known the world over; and our ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar, has curated exclusive performances for us aboard and ashore.

Or range wider: choose our longer *Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast* voyage to experience Iceland in the context of its Arctic neighbors. See itinerary, pages 16-17.

## MAKING YOUR ICELAND EXPERIENCE AS RICH AS POSSIBLE



Flatey Island, Iceland.



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS



From left: Gianluca Colla, Jeff Mauritzen, Jenny Adler.

From captivating compositions at the iconic Blue Lagoon to the more rarely-seen shimmering ice lagoon at Jökulsárlón and everything in-between, the photo ops here are heady. Since you'll have a unique perspective on Iceland, your National Geographic photographer will help you capture the unique and telling details of your experience.

**GIANLUCA COLLA**, *Circumnavigation of Iceland*: **July 15**

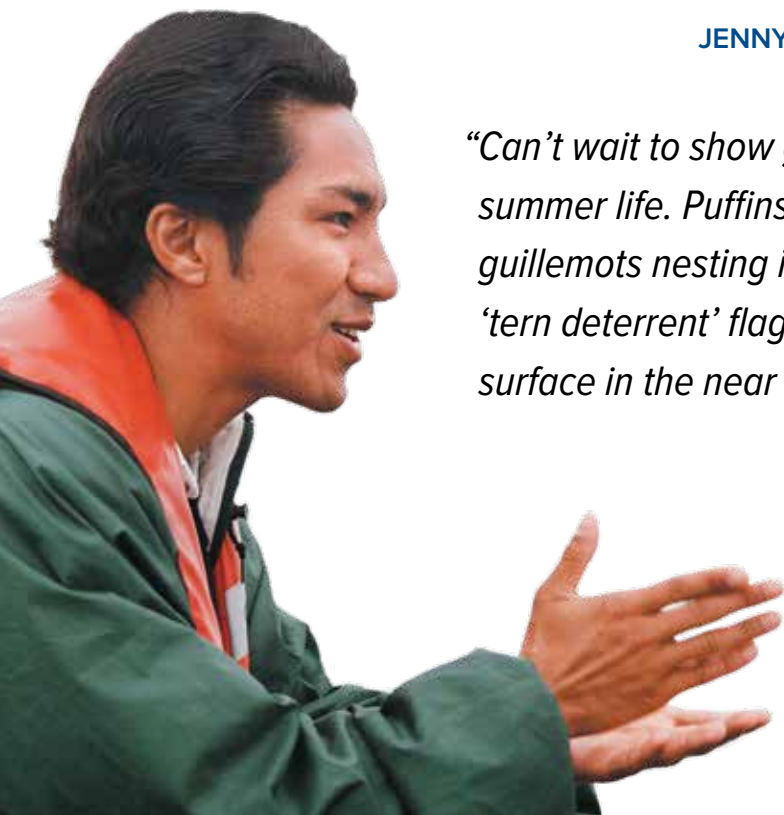
**JEFF MAURITZEN**, *Circumnavigation of Iceland*: **July 24**

**JENNY ADLER**, *Circumnavigation of Iceland*: **Aug. 2 and 11**

*“Can’t wait to show guests gems like Vigur Island, bursting with summer life. Puffins on rocks with mouths full of fish. Black guillemots nesting in rock walls. Arctic terns dive-bombing our ‘tern deterrent’ flagsticks held overhead, while humpbacks surface in the near distance.”*

*—Expedition Leader Lucho Verdesoto*

Count on your team of expedition leader and naturalists to illuminate Iceland’s fascinating natural history, from endemic Icelandic horses to geologic marvels; and its human history. Get up close and personal on active daily adventures.





## GET INSIDE ICELAND WITH LOCAL EXPERTS

A hallmark of our *Circumnavigation* is the engaging exchange we host aboard with interesting individuals. Representing facets of Icelandic civic and cultural life, these experts come for a lively participatory session with you—talks, Q&A, drinks and more—in the ship's lounge. And musicians from Reykjavík's famed music scene do, as well—performing for you in intimate concerts both aboard and ashore.



## THRILLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE & DO MORE



### Iceland Heli-Hiking Post-Voyage Extension

3 Days/2 Nights | From \$7,990\*

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*.



### Iceland's Natural Wonders Post-Voyage Extension

4 Days/4 Nights | From \$4,910\*

Soak in the hot springs of the Blue Lagoon. Experience the spouting geysers and bubbling mud pools of the Golden Circle. See Goðafoss waterfall, explore Thingvellir National Park and more. Add it after *Land of the Ice Bears*; *Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard*; or *Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast*.



### Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon Pre-Voyage Extension

1 Day/1 Night | From \$1,290\*

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 before *Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast*; *A Circumnavigation of Iceland*; or *Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic*.

\*All pricing is per person double occupancy. Airfare is not included on all extensions.

# A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

**11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

PRICES FROM: \$10,990 to \$22,200 (See page 45 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](http://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](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions) to read staff bios for these expeditions.

*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 a photo stop at the Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral, 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

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 Langes 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. Visit tiny Papey island to view some of its myriad nesting seabirds and to see its charming church, the smallest made of timber in all of Iceland. (B,L,D)



## **DAY 10: ISLANDS OF HEIMAÆY & 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:** 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 21, or visit our website.

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with Gianluca Colla Jul. 15, 2019; Jeff Mauritzen Jul. 24, 2019; and Jenny Adler Aug. 2 and 11, 2019.

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Zodiac ride by basalt columns at Raudanes.



*“Our original itinerary had to be altered due to too much ice along lower Baffin Island, but the staff was determined to find polar bears. After a few days, we struck gold: a mother and 2 cubs, sleeping on an iceberg. The ship approached slowly and the 3 bears, as curious about us as we were about them, walked across the ice and started rolling on their backs in front of the ship. I was fortunately able to share this experience with my wife, son (age 10) and daughter (age 13). It was one of those moments that will stick in our minds forever. My son’s love for photography started on this voyage, and my daughter wrote a beautiful essay about this trip that won an award at school.”* —Bennett G., Guest, Greenland, July 2013

*(Learn more about exploring the Arctic with kids. Visit [expeditions.com/Arcticfamily](https://expeditions.com/Arcticfamily) for more.)*

*Exploring among towering icebergs at Ilulissat, Greenland.*

# GREENLAND



Is a massive island and autonomous Danish territory between the north Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Much of its land surface is covered in ice. Most of its small population lives along the ice-free, fjord-lined coast, particularly in the southwest. Its northerly position, largely above the Arctic Circle, results in natural phenomena such as summer's midnight sun and winter's northern lights.

# CANADA



Situated in the northern extremity of North America and covering about 550,000 sq. miles, the Arctic archipelago comprises much of the territory of Northern Canada. It is bounded on the west by the Beaufort Sea; on the northwest by the Arctic Ocean; on the east by Greenland, Baffin Bay and Davis Strait; and on the south by Hudson Bay and the Canadian mainland.


## EXTRAORDINARY TEAMWORK CREATES ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCES FOR YOU

This is true exploration—whether it's attempting to penetrate the massive ice of east Greenland to reach Scoresbysund on our *Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland* expedition, or cruising among the towering icebergs of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ilulissat Icefjord on our *Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic*. Inspired by the lure of the High North we discover polar bears, walrus, bearded and ringed seals, humpback/beluga whales, musk oxen, and quite possibly even narwhals. Our guests have enjoyed simply spectacular sightings here, and cultural rewards as well. We visit the small Inuit community at Pond Inlet, welcomed as friends since we sponsored our Field Correspondent and National Geographic Explorer, Jenny Kingsley 's *Meet The North* visit there in 2016. On the *Canadian Maritimes* expedition, we see the human face of Arctic exploration and migration, from the ancient Vikings to the Acadian lineage, amid the natural splendors of the sea and land.



## MAKING YOUR GREENLAND-CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPERIENCE AS RICH AS POSSIBLE

Ilulissat, Greenland.



*“A walk on the Greenland ice cap? How was that even possible? How could we get close enough, much less get guests up onto the famed ice cap of Greenland? Undaunted, Expedition Leader Russ Evans headed off in a Zodiac to scout. Come afternoon, the ship carefully felt its way into mostly uncharted waters to anchor in a lovely cove—where non-walkers could cruise along the face of a glacier in one bay, and hikers could venture up a short meltwater stream before ascending the slick glacial ice aided by lines set up strategically by the staff. Guests were ecstatic to find themselves on the Greenland Ice Cap.”*

—Karen Copeland, *Naturalist*, August 2017



From left:  
Matthias Breiter,  
Alison Wright.



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

This is a hunt, and it requires the eyes, hands and quick reflexes of a hunter to score photos here. Luckily, there's a top National Geographic Photographer at your side and at your service to help you develop your skills. And since our certified photo instructors are naturalists, as well, you'll learn about wildlife behavior as you stalk each photo op.

**MATTHIAS BREITER**, *Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic*: **Aug. 23**

**ALISON WRIGHT**, *The Canadian Maritimes and Newfoundland*: **Sep. 12**

## SEE MORE BEAUTY

**Fogo Island Inn Post-Voyage Extension**  
4 Days/4 Nights | From \$6,190\*

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*.

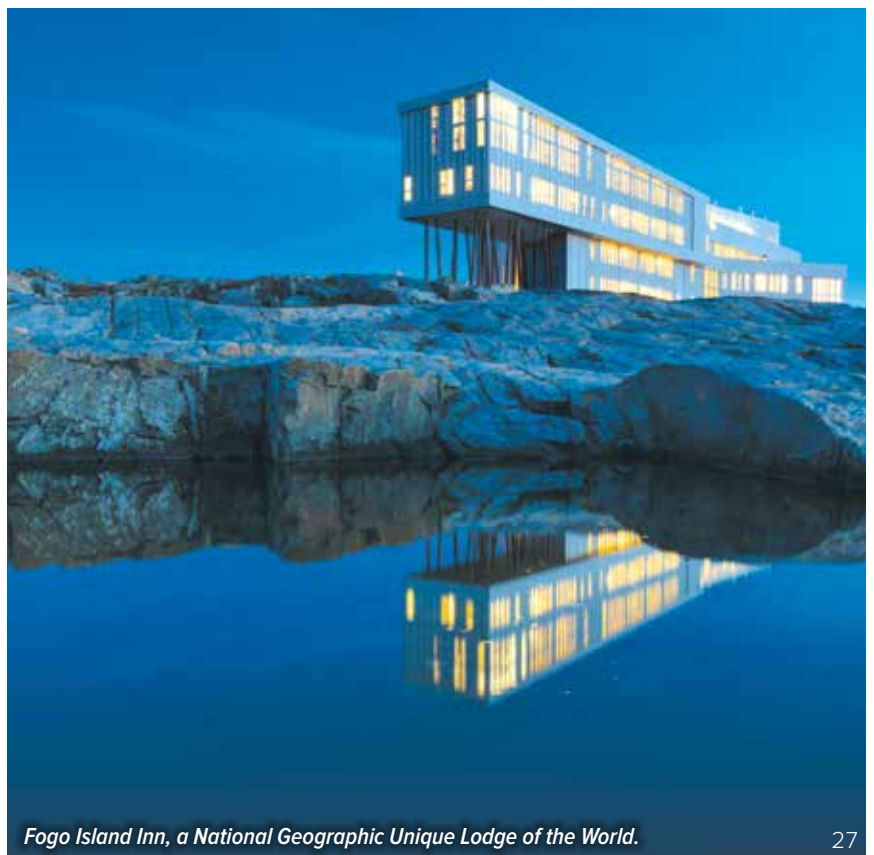
\*All pricing is per person double occupancy.  
Airfare is not included on all extensions.



## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Share daily adventures with and enjoy the company of these accomplished individuals over dinner, drinks, or the deck rail. See who's on your voyage on the following itinerary pages.

Find additional details at [expeditions.com/perspectives](http://expeditions.com/perspectives).



Fogo Island Inn, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World.

# EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

**18 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

PRICES FROM: \$16,790 to \$32,400 (See page 45 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Extend your stay in Iceland with a pre-voyage chance to explore the wonders of the Golden Circle. Details on [expeditions.com/highest](http://expeditions.com/highest)

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

### 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.*

*Inuk guide at Pond Inlet, Nunavut.*





**AUG. 23 AND 24: U.S./KEFLAVÍK, ICELAND/REYKJAVÍK**

Depart on an overnight flight to Keflavík and transfer to Reykjavík where you will have the option of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or experience a hot springs, geothermal plant and horse farm. Following lunch, check into the Grand Hotel. (Day 2: L,D)

**AUG. 25: KEFLAVÍK/KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND/EMBARK**

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

**AUG. 26: 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)

*Your certified photo instructor helps you go home with your best shots ever.*



**AUG. 27: 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)

**AUG. 28-SEP. 4: 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 17th century to search for the Northwest Passage. Our days here will be spent searching for ringed seals, arctic foxes, walruses, 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)

**SEP. 5: 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)

**SEP. 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 take a hike to the archaeological site in the Sermermiut Valley. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 7: 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)



**SEP. 8 AND 9: KANGERLUSSUAQ/ DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.**

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and take a charter flight to Reykjavík where we will overnight in the Grand Hotel. On our final day in Reykjavík you have your choice of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or a tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula. After lunch, transfer to the airport in Keflavík for flights home. (Sep. 8: B,L,D; Sep. 9: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

2019 Aug. 23

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon. See page 21, or visit our website.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Travel with **Matthias Breiter** in 2019.

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# THE CANADIAN MARITIMES AND NEWFOUNDLAND

**9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**  
PRICES FROM: \$9,520 to \$17,800 (See page 45 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](http://expeditions.com/fogoinn).

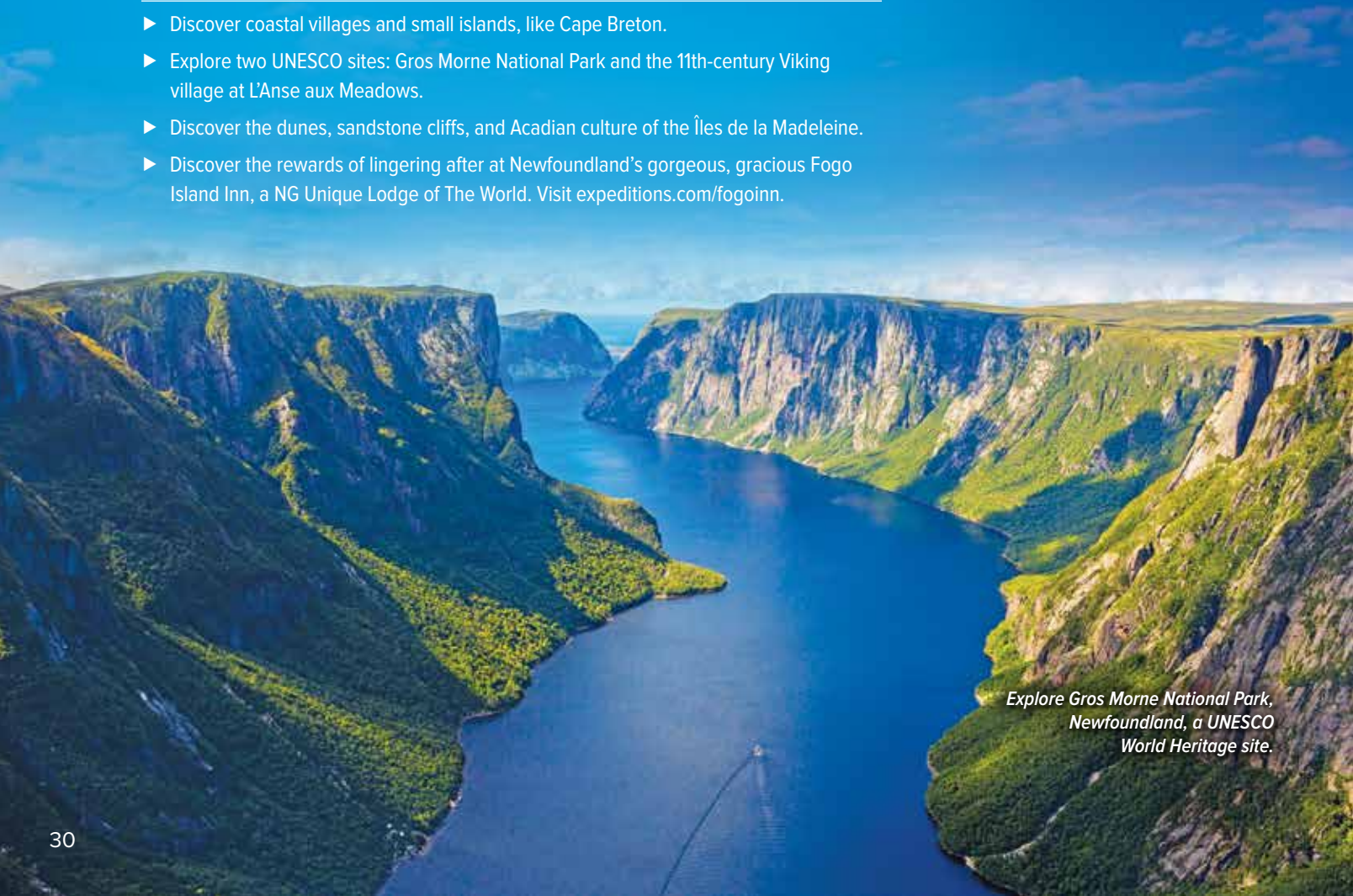
## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

### SARAH PARCAK

National Geographic Fellow,  
2016 Ted Prize Winner,  
Professor of Anthropology  
and space archaeologist,  
Sarah will provide context for ongoing  
research in the region. She's aboard in  
2019.



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



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

**SEP. 12: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, CANADA/EMBARK**

Arrive in St. John's, the picturesque capital city of Newfoundland and Labrador and embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (D)

**SEP. 13: 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)

**SEP. 14: 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 to view historic artifacts. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 15: 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)

**SEP. 16: EXPLORING COASTAL LABRADOR**

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

**SEP. 17: 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)

**SEP. 18: 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)

**SEP. 19: 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.*

**SEP. 20: 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

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Fogo Island Inn**, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World. See page 27, 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](http://expeditions.com/photo)

*“Flying across the Bering Sea and over the mountains near Provideniya in Russia’s Far East. As a National Geographic Explorer and Field Correspondent for Lindblad Expeditions, I spent a year planning a 50-day voyage into the Russian north. To see those mountains and then touch down on that remote runway was a kind of joy I will never forget.”*

*—Jennifer Kingsley, on her 2017 Russian reconnaissance, [expeditions.com/blog](https://expeditions.com/blog)*



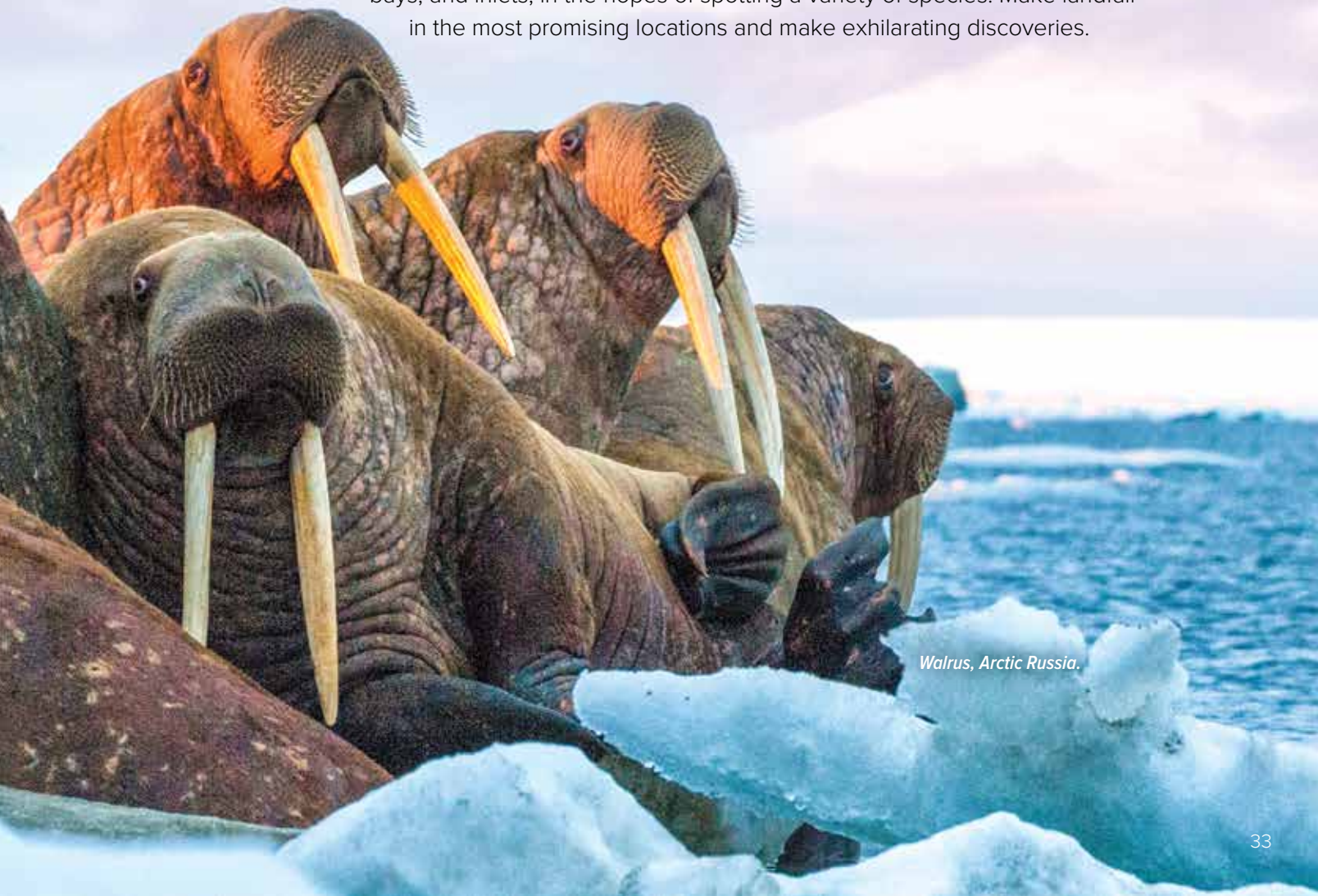
# RUSSIA



The far or extreme north is the part of Russia located mainly north of the Arctic Circle. Its total area is about 2,100,000 square miles, approximately one-third of Russia's total area. Formally, the extreme north comprises territories such as Kamchatka and Chukotka, cities such as Anadyr, and all the islands of the Arctic Ocean, and the Bering Sea. As a result of the climate and the environment, the indigenous peoples of the area, including the Chukchis and the Yupik, have developed certain genetic differences, and cultures, that allow them to survive the harsh conditions.

## GO WHERE FEW HAVE GONE, SEE RUSSIA'S WILDEST SIDE

This is epic: our expedition into the Russian Arctic offers both firsts and foremost—experiences like nowhere else on Earth. Join us as we head into parts previously unknown to all but a very few of our team. Feel the excitement from the collaboration between our captain and expedition leader, as well as the ship's officers and naturalists. Enter the most tempting channels, bays, and inlets, in the hopes of spotting a variety of species. Make landfall in the most promising locations and make exhilarating discoveries.



*Walrus, Arctic Russia.*

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 page 47 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 murre 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.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

### ERIKA LARSEN

Erika Larsen has been working with *National Geographic* magazine since 2011, and is currently a National Geographic Society Fellow and Explorer. She is aboard **June 18, 2019**.



### MICHAEL MELFORD

Michael Melford has produced more than 18 feature stories for *National Geographic* magazine and more than 30 for *National Geographic Traveler*, including nine covers. He is aboard **July 21, 2019**.



Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition. Learn more at [expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)

*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)



*Russian Orthodox church, Dutch Harbor, Unalaska.*

**DAYS 4 & 5: AT SEA/UNALASKA**

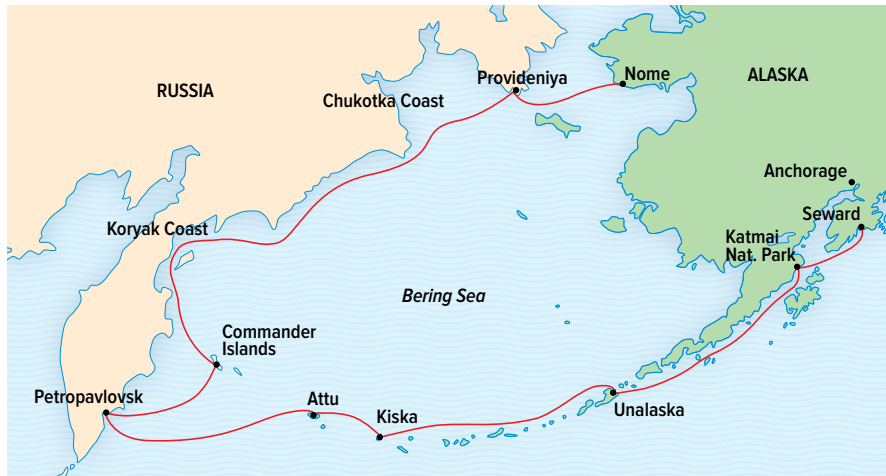
Watch from deck as *Orion* transits Baby Pass en route to the Baby Islands, just to the east of Unalaska. Dynamic tides here offer exciting potential to spot sea otters and fur seals, as well as rare seabirds. Arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world's most important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



*Traditional Koryuk reindeer dress, Russia.*

**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.

A close-up photograph of a brown bear's face, showing its eye and nose. The bear's fur is thick and brown, and its eye is a deep, dark brown. The nose is large and black. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown, suggesting a natural habitat.

*“Everything is bigger here, outsized somehow, bigger in life and legend, story and song, and yet at times wondrously resilient, detailed and small. It’s a world of volcanoes and birds; of blue Arctic foxes and wildflower carpets and vast tidal flats and shaggy coastal brown bears and salmon streams and rafts of sea otters, that remarkable marine mammal, called “soft gold” for its prized pelt, that fetched huge prices on the Chinese market and kicked off the Russian occupation of Alaska for 126 years.”*

*—Kim Heacox, former ranger in Katmai, Denali and Glacier Bay National Parks, and veteran Lindblad naturalist. Author of 15 books, including Alaska memoirs *The Only Kayak* and *Rhythm of the Wild*, and the novel, *Jimmy Bluefeather*, the only work of fiction in 20+ years to win the National Outdoor Book Award.*





## BERING SEA

The Bering Sea is separated from the Gulf of Alaska by the Alaska Peninsula. It is bordered on the east and northeast by Alaska, and on the south by the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands and on the far north by the Bering Strait, which connects the Bering Sea to the Chukchi Sea. Bristol Bay is the portion of the Bering Sea which separates the Alaska Peninsula from mainland Alaska.

### **UNPRECEDENTED WILDNESS: REMOTE, MORE RUGGED—THE ARCTIC SIDE OF ALASKA**

Traverse the breadth of the iconic Bering Strait and venture deep into the two distinct worlds it joins. Encounter the Cold War-era military outpost of Provideniya, with its intriguing history, “the Gateway to the Arctic,” before exploring the Pribilof Islands, sometimes referred to as “the Galápagos of the North.” From those lively breeding grounds continue on to explore the dynamic history and natural wonders of the remote islands along Alaska’s rugged coast—Katmai National Park and Kodiak. Look forward to exceptional brown bear viewing, and to discovering a unique petrified forest, among the many other experiences this expedition affords.

*Alaska peninsula brown bear, Katmai National Park.*

NEW

# BERING SEA WILDERNESS: PRIBILOFS, KATMAI, AND KODIAK

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

PRICES FROM: \$16,230 to \$31,250 (See page 47 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 history 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.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

### RALPH LEE HOPKINS

Ralph Lee Hopkins is a popular photo instructor and geologist who also serves as an expedition leader aboard the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. He is aboard **July 9, 2019.**



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*Relaxing time, brown bear, Alaska.*



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

Arrive in Anchorage and fly to Nome, Alaska. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (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 and timing permit, we may stop at the very remote Little Diomede 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)



*Tufted puffin, Pribilof Islands.*

**DAY 9: SHUMAGIN ISLANDS**

Go ashore on Unga Island to explore incredible tundra and scattered remnants of a unique petrified forest of sequoia trees that were buried in a volcanic mudslide nearly 25 million years ago. (B,L,D)

**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)



*Northern fur seal pups, St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands.*

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2019 Jul. 9

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **October 31, 2018** to receive free air from Seattle to Nome and return Anchorage to Seattle. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.



# TRUE TASTES OF THE ARCTIC

The approach to dining on the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet of ships is innovative and adventurous. Immerse yourself in your voyage by way of taste and gastronomic experiences. In keeping with the spirit of sustainability and self-reliance that dominates the region, meals feature extraordinary examples of Arctic cuisine.

*Be among the few to enjoy beer from the Svalbard Brewery, established in 2011 and made with water from the 2000-year-old glacier, Bogerbreen. Their slogan? "Brewed with 100% love—just south of the North Pole."*



Imagine a traditional breakfast of Brunost, a dense caramelized goat's milk cheese, thinly sliced over rye toasts, or Filmjölkk (a Nordic fermented dairy product much like Greek yogurt) served with crisp waffles and preserved cloudberry or sea buckthorn, hand-picked from the high Arctic mountains. Dinner features local specialties—think caribou casserole or stew, flavored with juniper berries and rosemary and filled with hearty root vegetables, mushrooms, and cream. "At dinner, it's served with potato purée and lingonberry," explains Sara Henstam, chef of the Explorer, "but for afternoon tea, I serve it in soft flat, thin bread. The guests really love it." All are paired with our wine steward's choice of European wines, or beer, including local selections.



*Above from left: Our guests always save room for dessert; traditional Scandinavian style waffles with Norwegian brunost cheese and cloudberry jam; mini canapes with smoked salmon.*

*Left: At Midsummer Solstice, our chefs prepare a feast: a Nordic smörgåsbord buffet with varieties of herrings, salmon (cold smoked, warm smoked, pickled poached, and gravlax), baby potatoes, beet salads, Scandinavian meatballs, strawberries and cream, and sticky chocolate cake—it's a big party that lasts all day, to celebrate the longest day of the year.*

*Below: Panoramic view of cod drying in a fishing town in the Lofoten Islands, Norway.*

*“Our chefs have the freedom to execute on Executive Chef Serge Dansereau’s vision, taking advantage of what is at hand rather than what’s shipped across the world. When a local boat hauls with line-caught fish, the chef can say yes—and offer pan-seared cod with Sandefjorde, a Norwegian sauce similar to hollandaise. Our goal is to dine well while experiencing the geography through the food. Discovering sustainable local growers and fisheries on our itineraries to ensure that our guests ‘taste’ the regions they’re exploring is rewarding work.”*

—Ana Esteves, Manager Hotel Operations, Lindblad Expeditions





Spacious Explorer Category 7 upper deck suite with balcony.



The sauna aboard Orion and Explorer (shown here) is the perfect place to end the day, and Explorer's 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

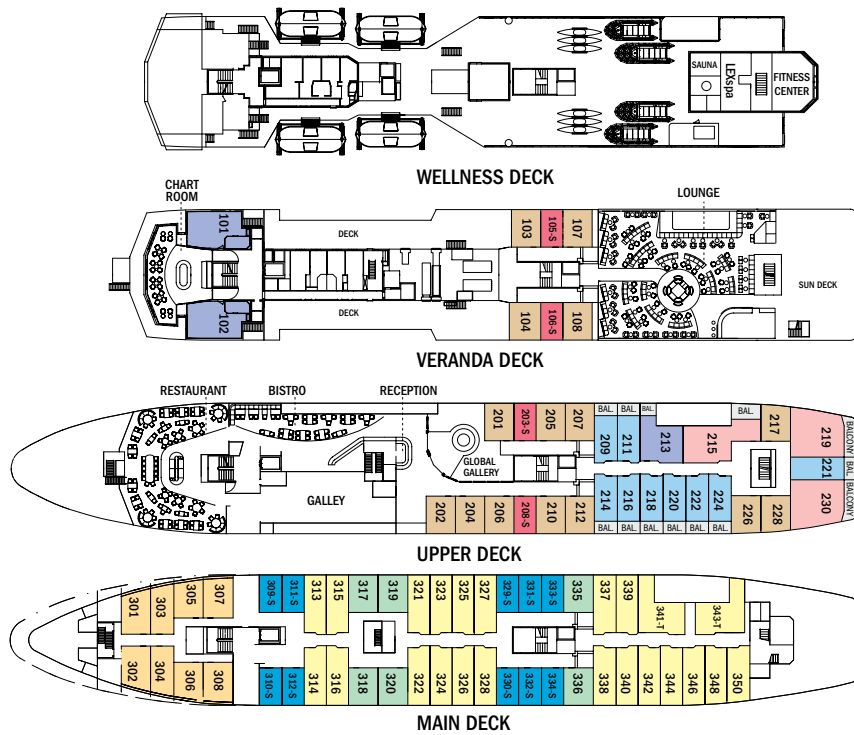
**CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE:** Main Deck with window #341, 343

**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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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 12	2019	\$10,740	\$11,480	\$11,980	\$12,690	\$16,100	\$17,600	\$20,100	\$14,350	\$14,970	\$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).
Norway's Fjords and Arctic Svalbard – Page 14	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 \$800; Business from \$3,800. Charter airfare from \$380 (Longyearbyen/Oslo).
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast – Page 16	2019	\$15,990	\$16,790	\$17,740	\$18,990	\$21,990	\$25,610	\$29,470	\$21,220	\$22,180	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night. Sample Airfares: Newark/Oslo, Reykjavik/New York: Economy from \$900; Business from \$3,800; Charter airfare from \$380 (Oslo/Longyearbyen).
Circumnavigation of Iceland – Page 22	2019	\$10,990	\$12,360	\$12,850	\$14,690	\$15,990	\$19,150	\$22,200	\$15,450	\$16,070	\$1,500	Sample Airfare: New York/Reykjavik, Reykjavik/New York: Economy from \$550; Business from \$2,300.
Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic – Page 28	2019	\$16,790	\$17,990	\$18,720	\$20,100	\$24,240	\$27,950	\$32,400	\$22,490	\$23,400	\$2,500	Includes two hotel nights Reykjavik. Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Keflavik: Economy from \$550; Business from \$2,300; Round-trip charter airfare from \$1,520 (Reykjavik/Kangerlussuaq).
The Canadian Maritimes and Newfoundland – Page 30	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 \$450, Business from \$1,400.



## 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 bar and state-of-the-art facilities, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, and marina platform. The whirlpool hot tub doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates. 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 interactive system. 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 fleet of 24 double kayaks, crow’s nest camera, hydrophone, underwater video cameras, video microscope, 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

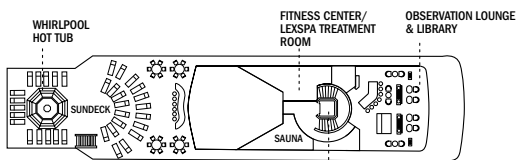
\*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

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

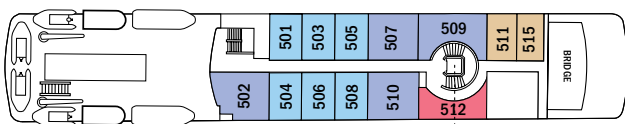
**CATEGORY 3 SOLO:** Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

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

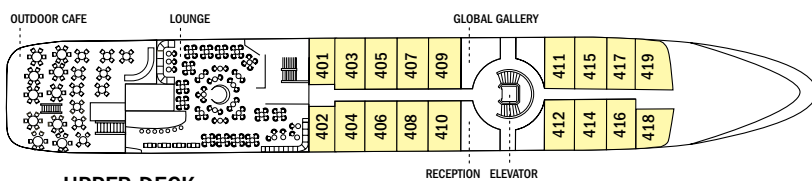
NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.



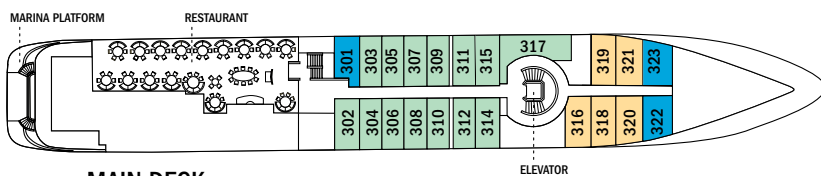
OBSERVATION DECK



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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Clockwise from top left: Guests on open bridge; bartender in the lounge; Category 3 cabin; standard bathroom; spacious closet.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
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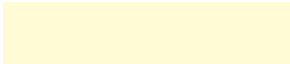
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- » Condé Nast Traveler's "Gold List," 2013, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
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