

THE ARCTIC

PLUS ICELAND & THE CANADIAN MARITIMES



ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER | 2018-19



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DEAR EXPLORER,

As I'm learning from our guests and my friends alike, the Arctic is now on the radar of an ever-increasing number of savvy travelers with a variety, or a blend, of motives. Many want to see wild, unhabituated polar bears in their natural habitat—as shown on this brochure's cover—the pack ice, hunting for seals. Still others are drawn for the spectacular Arctic landscapes as much as for the wildlife—to see glaciers, the ice cap, fjords, and geologic and geothermal wonders.



Our ship, *National Geographic Explorer* moves with the season, navigating her way from the south along coastal Norway up to Svalbard, the Norwegian Arctic. Then, on to Iceland, Greenland, and Canada—a purposeful and mindful migration, with myriad opportunities for discovery that come from being in the right place at the right time. From May through August, the Arctic and the subarctic explode with summer life: the birds, the bears, the flowers and the people are all in full bloom, so to speak, taking advantage of this brief, intense time of bounty.

So, for the wildlife enthusiast, the photographer, the lover of serenity and wild landscapes, even the anthropologist in you, there is much to consider in the North. I hope we will have the pleasure of bringing you to this grand part of our world.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven-Olof Lindblad'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S'.

Sven-Olof Lindblad



Refined over decades, our Arctic itineraries are designed to deliver adventurous experiences that will exceed your expectations. We're celebrating dual 50-year anniversaries in Antarctica and Galápagos, and have been exploring the Arctic and subarctic for nearly as long. We understand the region, what it takes to safely operate there, and equally important, what constitutes the richest, most engaging and rewarding travel experience for you.

The Arctic is among the planet's most interesting regions. Choose the itinerary that interests you and we promise you thrilling experiences in 2018-2019.

Polar bear reflecting. Taken during the 2017 Epic 80°N expedition. © Vincent TRUCHET | www.vincent-truchet.com



ELLESMERE ISLAND

80° NORTH



ELLESMERE ISLAND

Qaanaaq

GREENLAND (KALAALLIT NUNAAT)

DEVON ISLAND

Baffin Bay

Bylot Island



Lancaster Sound

Pond Inlet

Qilakitsoq

Ilulissat

ILULISSAT & DISKO BAY

Kangerlussuaq

Prince Regent Inlet



KAYAKING CANADA

BAFFIN ISLAND

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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Baddeck

Louisbourg

Nova Scotia

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

ICELAND

Fjordlands

Nordfjord

NORWAY
SWEDEN

Bergen

Oslo



HEIMAEY ISLAND

Atlantic Ocean

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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 on the National Geographic Explorer 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 is a genuine expedition ship, not a cruise ship masquerading as one. Therefore, it's uniquely equipped to facilitate our brand of keen seeing and experiencing—with state-of-the-art tools for exploration. An unparalleled base for discovery, *Explorer* enables the fullest expression of our expedition style: an intimate, authentic, learning-oriented environment.

COOL TOOLS ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

✓ **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 36 double kayaks** 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.





THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC | 2019



“The overview map above shows, but doesn’t really disclose—yet—all the places we’ll be visiting in summer 2019 on our three distinct itineraries. But, I can tell you this— it is wildly exciting out here! I’ve put a few pins on the map to share my excitement with colleagues and prospective guests. Count on visiting these places and more with us in 2019.”

Michelle Graves, a Director of Expedition Development, is the person charged with transforming the pins on the map above into memorable and meaningful experiences for you. While a cruise line might plot fuel usage from point to point to determine their route, Michelle is out there on an authentic reconnaissance to create itineraries that matter—rich in spectacular scenery, wildlife and cultural connection. See what Michelle is discovering.

- **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 (Attu & Kiska), Dutch Harbor** Unduplicatable 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’s sea lions, and sea bird colonies, including puffins in spectacular numbers.

If you wish to secure your place and preferred cabin category aboard National Geographic Orion on any of the three upcoming expeditions, we are taking preliminary bookings. Call an Expedition Specialist to be placed on the Reserve list.

MEET THE NORTH, ONE INTRODUCTION AT A TIME



We are the only expedition company to sponsor a Field Correspondent—writer and radio producer Jennifer Kingsley—and her project, Meet The North, which aims to explore life in the Arctic, and tell personal

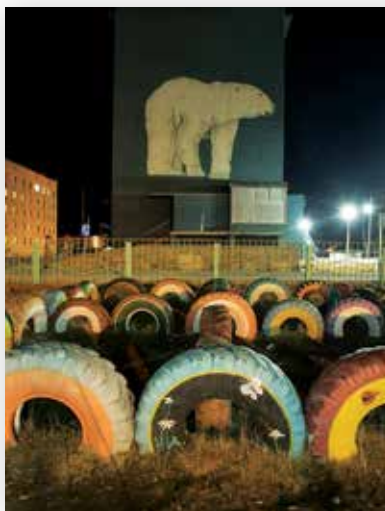
stories of modern culture at the top of the world. Through this sponsorship we are able to create fascinating, people-to-people connections that deeply enhance our itineraries, giving you richer insight into this bellwether region.

One such opportunity has added new dimension to our *Hot Springs & Icebergs* itinerary (pg. 34). Travel on this voyage and you'll meet students of the remarkable *Kalaallisuuliornermik Ilinniarfik* (the School of National Clothing Education) which teaches the craft of Greenlandic traditional clothing for men and women. Just added last year it returns for our 2018 season—the students are eager to come back on board to share their work and demonstrate traditional techniques such as how to prepare sealskin.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT LINDBLAD'S UNIQUE SPONSORSHIP AT MEETTHENORTH.ORG](http://MEETTHENORTH.ORG)



Top left: Jennifer Kingsley. Above: Students displaying their work and preparing skins by hand—a technique in danger of being lost until a few Greenlanders committed to making the traditions strong again.



MEET THE NORTH IS IN CHUKOTKA!

This summer, Jennifer Kingsley boarded a 9-seater airplane in Nome, Alaska to head across the Bering Sea and explore the western part of map shown at left. She and her photographer partner, Eric Guth, have been exploring in signature Meet The North style—meeting people, sharing food, experiencing uncommon terrain and lifestyle, from reindeer-herder rough to domestically comfortable. Jennifer's travels in the Arctic have yielded opportunities for our guests, like the cultural exchange featured above. And we can't wait to see what her trail-blazing explorations might hold for guests on our upcoming 2019 Russian Arctic expeditions. Stay tuned for more!



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.

TONY WHEELER

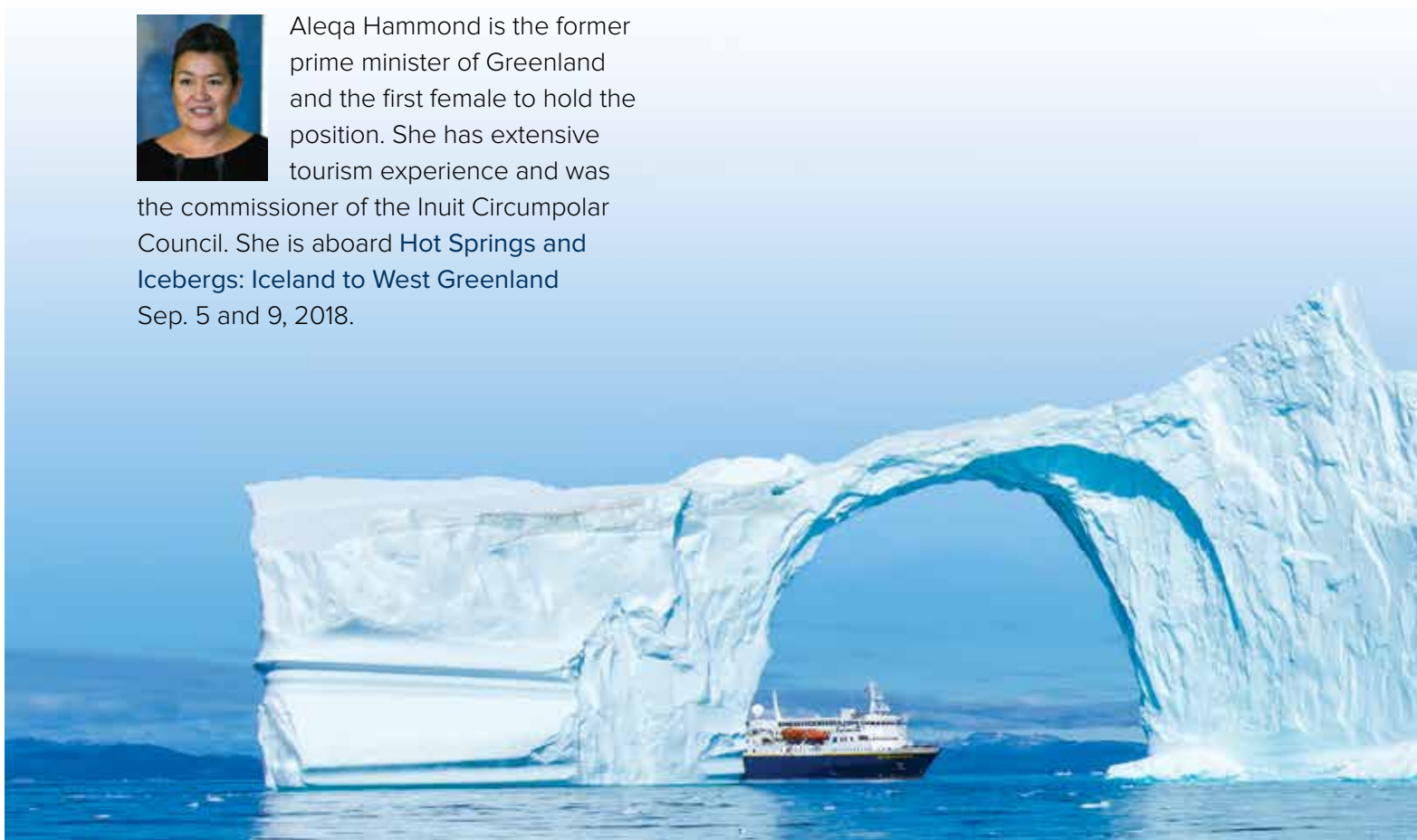


Tony Wheeler is the co-founder of the Lonely Planet guidebooks and director of the Global Heritage Fund. He has collaborated with the Planet Wheeler Foundation's work on 50+ projects in the developing world. He will be aboard [Land of the Ice Bears](#), May 23, 2018.

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.



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.

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

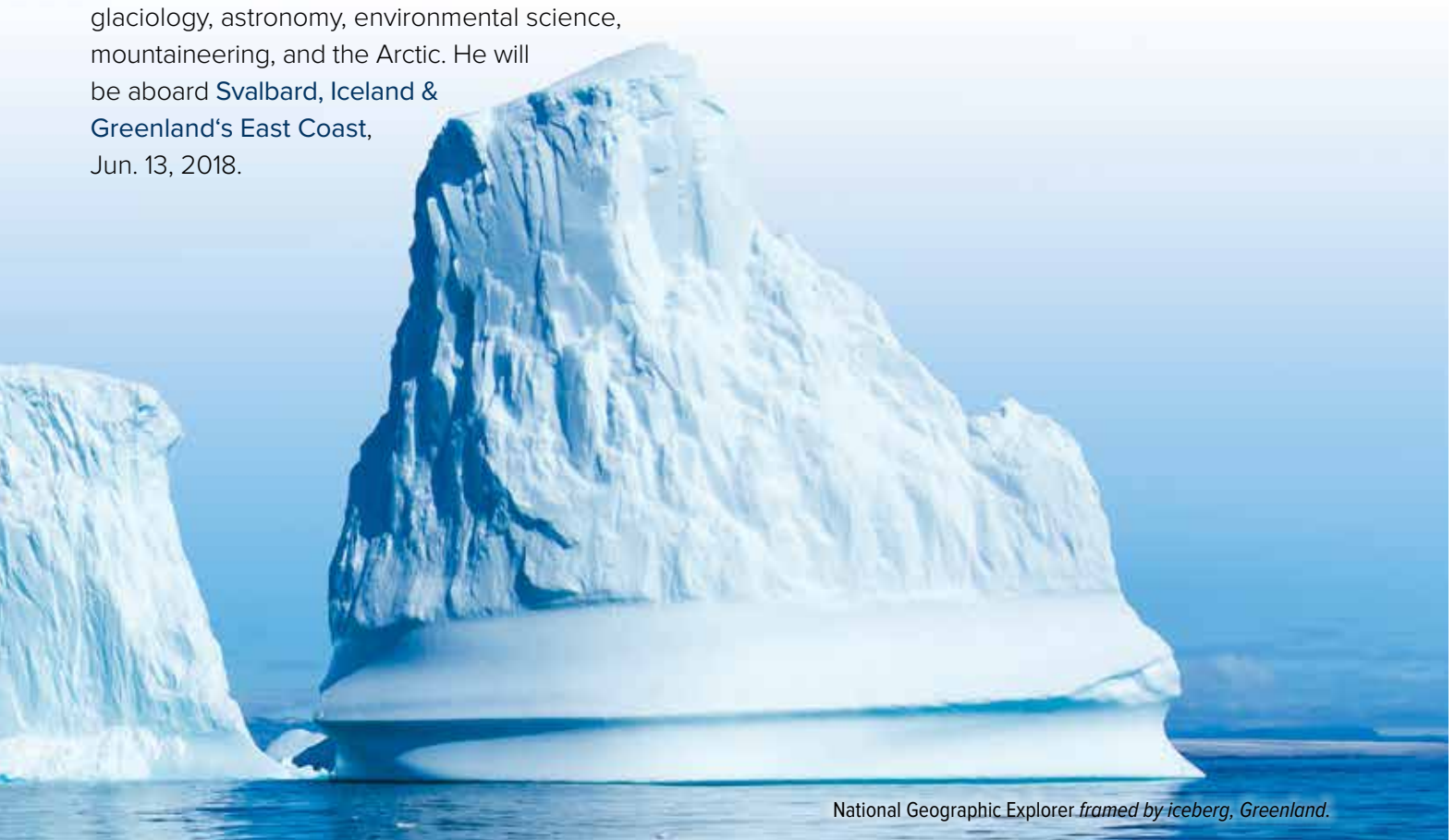
glaciological impacts of the climate on the world's ice sheets and glaciers. He will be aboard **Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland's East Coast** Jun. 13, 2018.

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 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

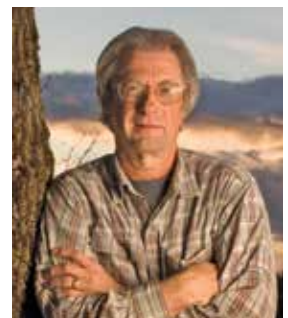
ONBOARD GEAR LOCKER

Another unique component to our Expedition Photography program is *Explorer's* gear locker, 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, Phil Schermeister, David Doubilet/Jen Hayes, Ronan Donovan.

INCLUSIVE PRICING MEANS VALUE PLUS EXPERIENCES

FREE CHARTER AIRFARE ON SELECT DEPARTURES

See page 48 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*.

NO CHARGE FOR IN-DEPTH ARCTIC EXPERTISE

The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff, our Global Perspectives guest speakers, 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

The *National Geographic Explorer* is able to navigate in narrow fjords and up to small villages along the coast of Norway.



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 resting on pack ice, Svalbard; polar bear responding to our ship with curiosity, Ellesmere Island; polar bear walking the Arctic tundra; 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 46-47 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.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

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. He is aboard May 30, 2018.



TONY WHEELER

Since the sale of Lonely Planet, the travel company he co-founded, he has collaborated on 50+ projects in the developing world with the Planet Wheeler Foundation. He is aboard May 23, 2018.



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“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

Polar bear on an ice floe.

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, meet up with a local guide and 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 an expert

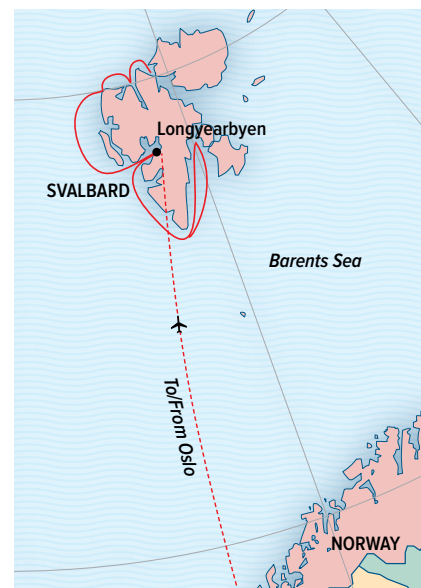
presentation on the polar bear before meeting some of the friendly, sled dog huskies that reside at camp. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)

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 and visit its Museum and Art Gallery. 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* on any 2018 departure 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 41, or our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join Jasper Doest May 16, 2018 and Erika Larsen on May 23 and 30, 2018. [Learn more at *expeditions.com/photo*](#)



Scenic Svalbard.

SVALBARD, ICELAND & GREENLAND'S EAST COAST

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$15,650 to \$29,470 (See pages 46-47 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.
- ▶ Watch for walrus, whales, and reindeer, and spot rich birdlife.
- ▶ Glide between icebergs, via ship, Zodiac, or kayak.

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.



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Cruise among the big ice of Scoresbysund.

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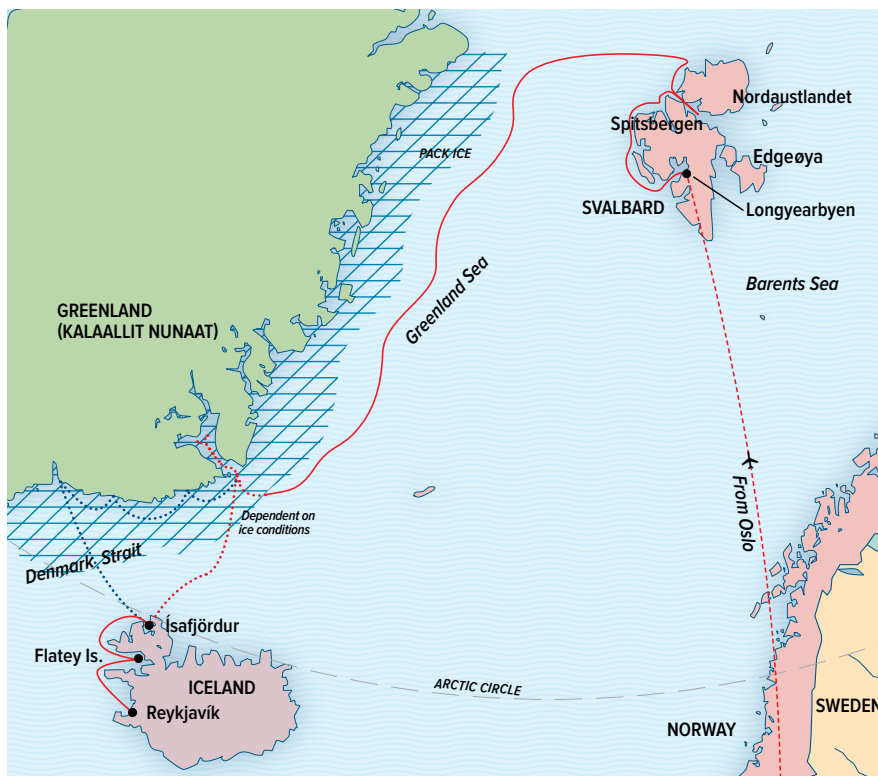
Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, we will visit its Museum and Art Gallery and then embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)



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, where there are spectacular fjords generally ice-free at this time of year. 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, Reykjavik, 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

DATE: 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 [Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#), or a new three-day post-voyage extension [Glacier Heli-Hiking in Iceland](#). See pages 40-41 or our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with [Dan Westergren](#) in 2018. [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.

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.

EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
PRICES FROM: \$13,990 to \$32,400 (See pages 46-47 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

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 Aug. 6, 2018.



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

"Up here in the middle of nowhere. Nobody's ever seen this. You can't describe it. It's incredible. You gotta come and see it."

-Guest feedback

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)



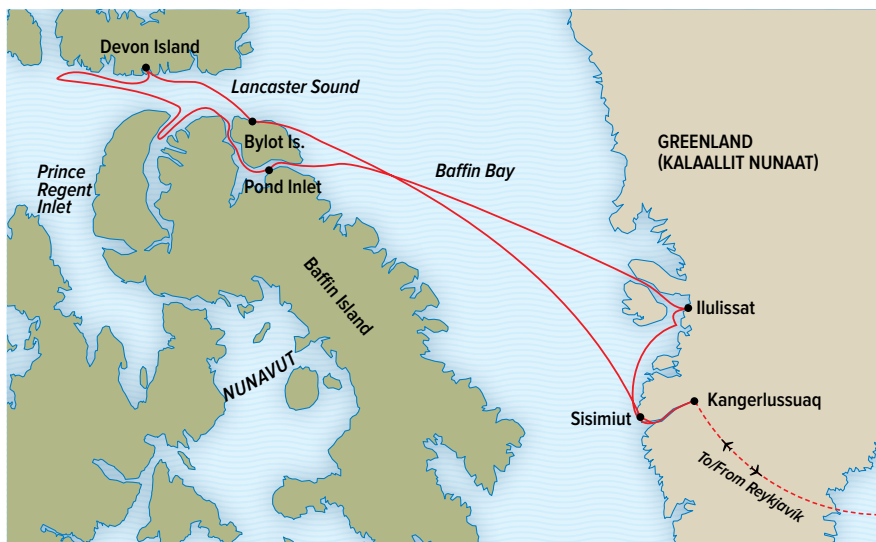
Walrus, Canadian High Arctic.

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 Keflavik for flights home. (Days 14 and 15: B,L,D; Day 16: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2018 Aug. 6

2019 Aug. 23*

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

SPECIAL OFFER:

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

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Phil Schermeister in 2018. [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 46-47 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.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

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. He has won several awards including the Norris Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Society for Marine Mammalogy, and authored five books on bears and their ecology.

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 stops may include Skraeling Island, an archaeological find that shows the Norse once traded with the native Inuit here at Ellesmere, or we might go for 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 as we search this vast uninhabited region for wildlife. Walk on land where humans have never set foot. Encounter glaciers and fjords. Visit the small community of Etah to learn about the people of the Far North. (B,L,D)

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* on any 2018 departure 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 40 or visit our website for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with David Doubilet and Jen Hayes in 2018.

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ICELAND ILLUMINATED



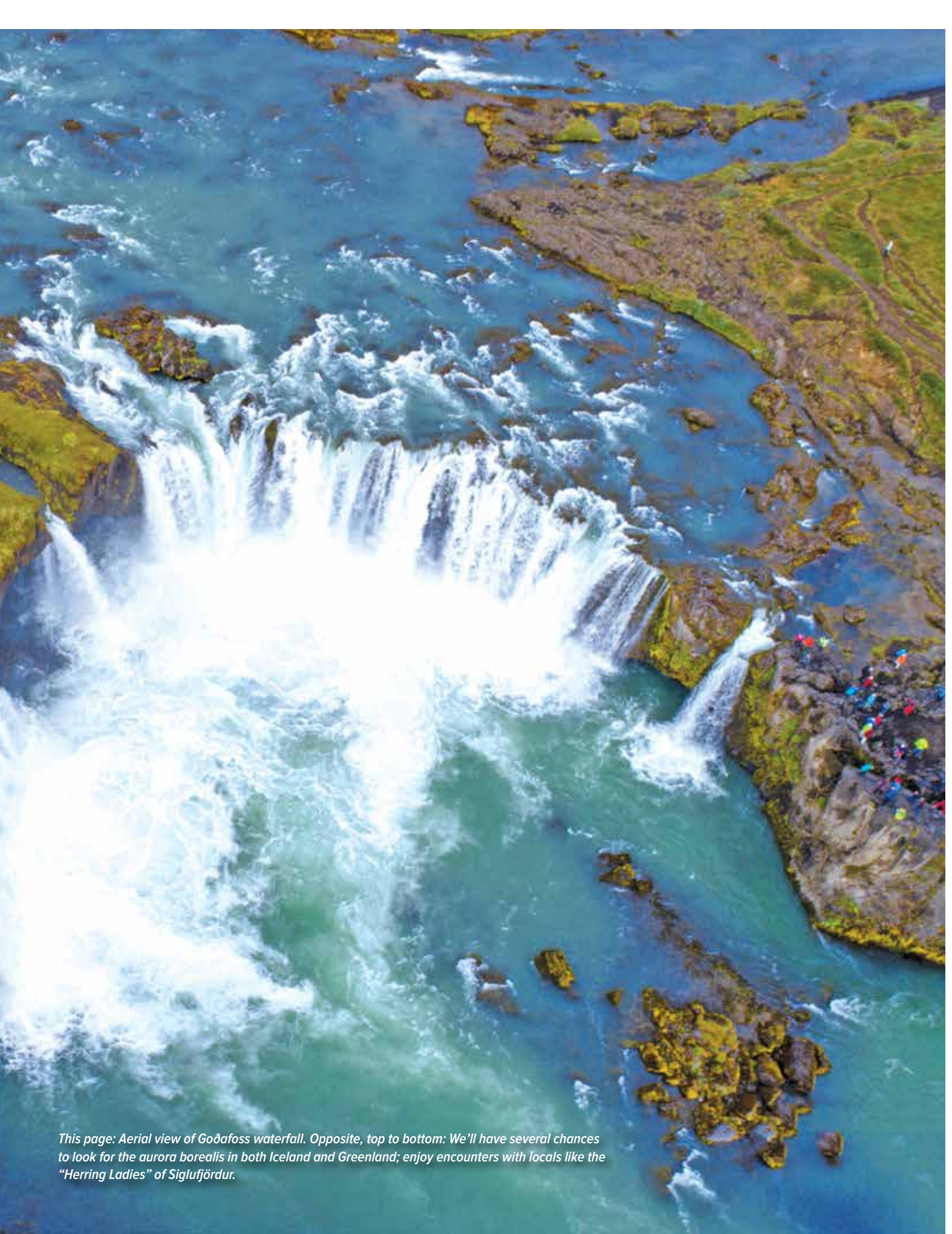
With her unearthly beauty, world-class national character and some of the most awe-inspiring geology on the planet (it's home to more than 100 volcanoes and more extreme geothermal activity than any other country!), the far-flung land of fire and

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 46-47 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.
- ▶ Spot birdlife on the shores of Iceland and its surrounding isles.

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: ÍSAFJÖRDUR

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: SIGLUFJÖRDUR 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* on any 2018 departure 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 40, or visit our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Susan Seubert Jun. 28 and Jul. 7, 2018 and Mark Thiessen Jul. 16, 2018. [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 page 46-47 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, Iceland.

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 top 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

DATE: 2018 Sep. 5, 9

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and receive complimentary round-trip **charter airfare** between Reykjavík and Kangerlussuaq. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

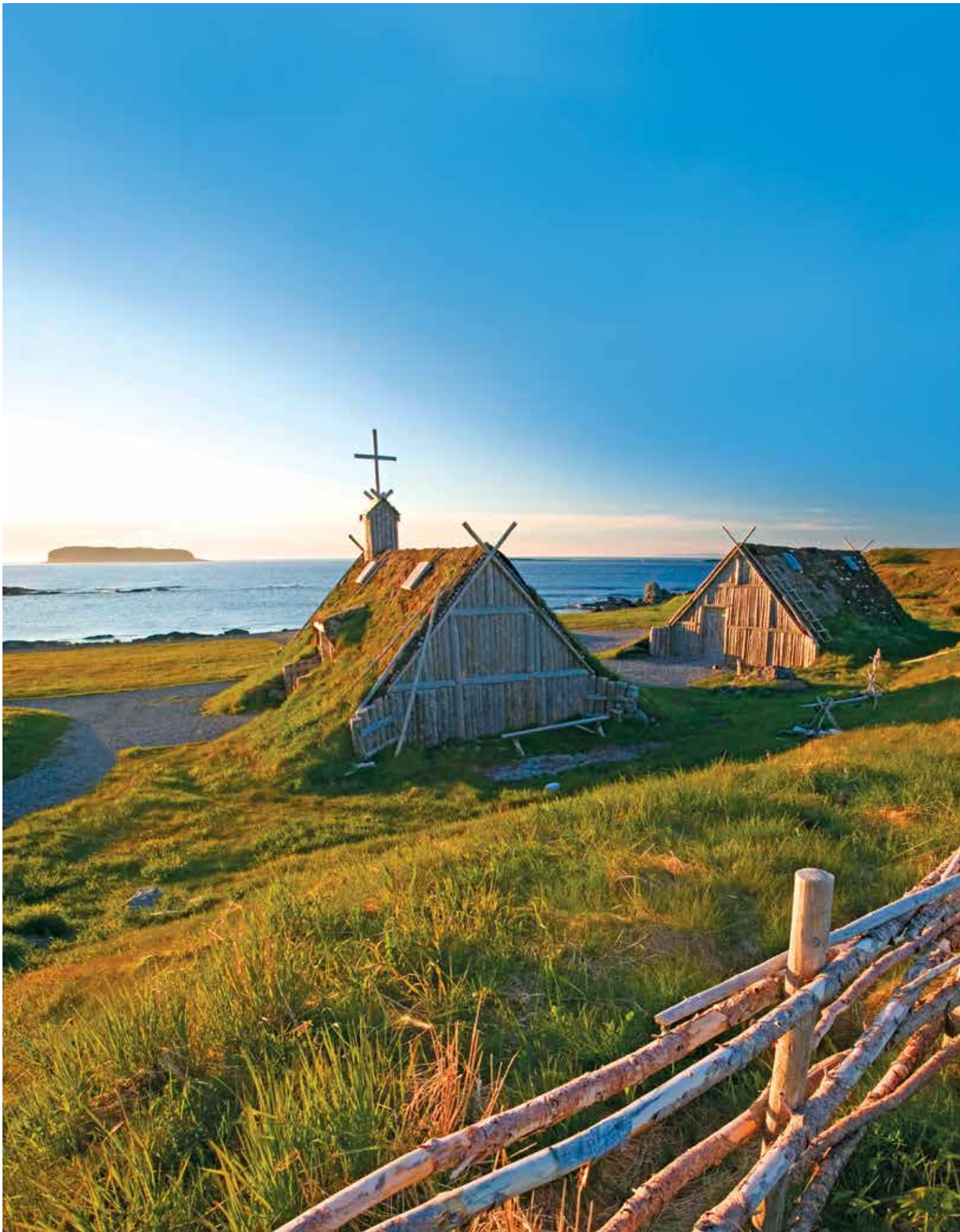
Travel with **Ronan Donovan** in 2018. [Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo)



Students at the National School for Greenlandic Clothing.



A guest photographing Kerid volcanic crater, Iceland.



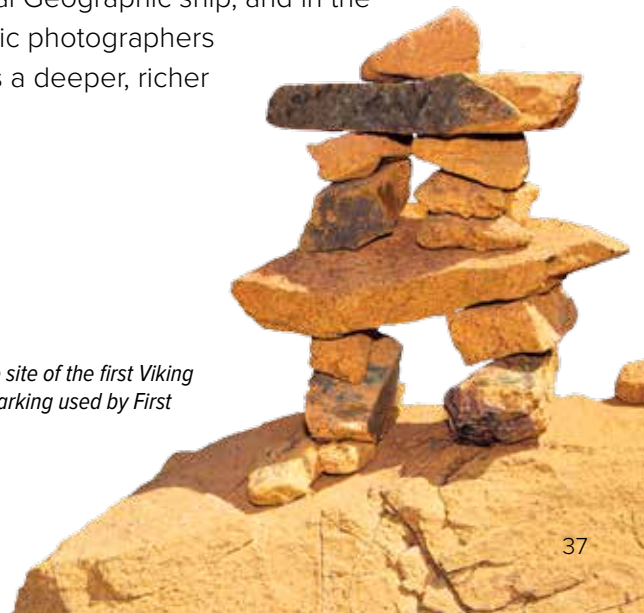
A LAND WHERE PAST IS ALWAYS PRESENT

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 46-47 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's second president, at the Bell Museum at Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, the site of his summer home.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Combine Canada's magnificent scenery and historic places—at a wonderful time of year.
- ▶ 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.

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 an optional "white glove" 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**

DATES: 2019 Sep. 12

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to the National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, **Fogo Island Inn**. See page 40, or visit our website.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

A National Geographic photographer will join a team of expert staff in 2019. **Learn more at [expeditions.com/photo](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions.com/photo)**

SPECIAL OFFER:

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

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

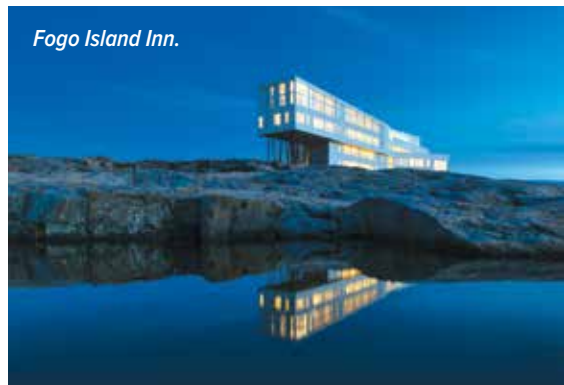
2018*: \$1,120 Per Person, Double Occupancy

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 Reykjavík, 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.*

» SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE ITINERARY DETAILS. PLEASE CALL FOR 2019 EXTENSION PRICING.



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 has an appetite for dining excellence as well as adventure. Serge Dansereau, the head chef and owner of the Sydney, Australia iconic Bathers' Pavilion Café, 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 ship and his menu concepts are brought to life daily by *Explorer's* Executive Chef. Count on them to keep your expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak, and for daily diversity and regional flavors.

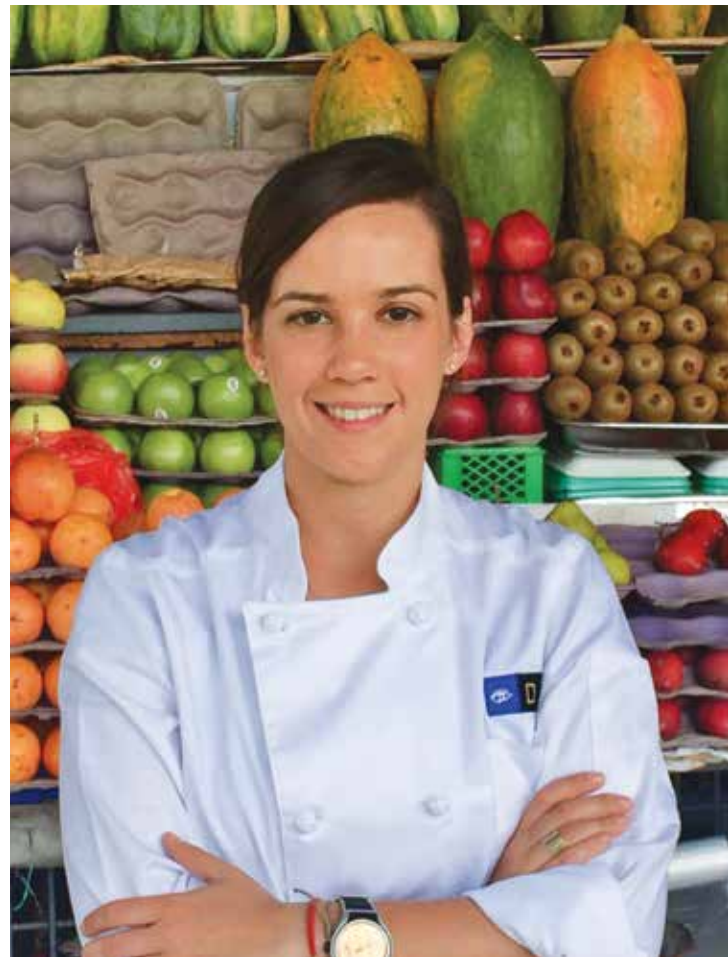




The dining room is inviting and informal. No assigned seating makes for easy mingling with congenial fellow guests, expedition staffers, and special guests. Breakfast and lunches are often buffet-style; dinners are artfully plated and served. Save room for dessert—extraordinary daily!

“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





THE LUXURY OF COMFORT

National Geographic Explorer provides a welcoming home in faraway lands. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, her 81 cabins, including four suites with balconies, nine cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins are inviting and rewarding—with deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets and thick terry robes. All cabins feature flat screen TVs 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 and plugs for laptops, phone or camera chargers.

▶ TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER, VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGEXPLORER](https://www.expeditions.com/ngexplorer)



This page, right: Brimming with definitive guides, reference books and gorgeously illustrated coffee table books, the ship's library is an ideal place to read or study a topic. Opposite, top to bottom: Suites and cabins with balconies provide a constant connection with the Arctic's stunning vistas. Enjoy panoramic views in the onboard fitness center. A classic Swedish sauna is the perfect place to end an active day.



Expansive decks invite you outdoors to relax, enjoy a morning coffee, or watch for wildlife.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an ice-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

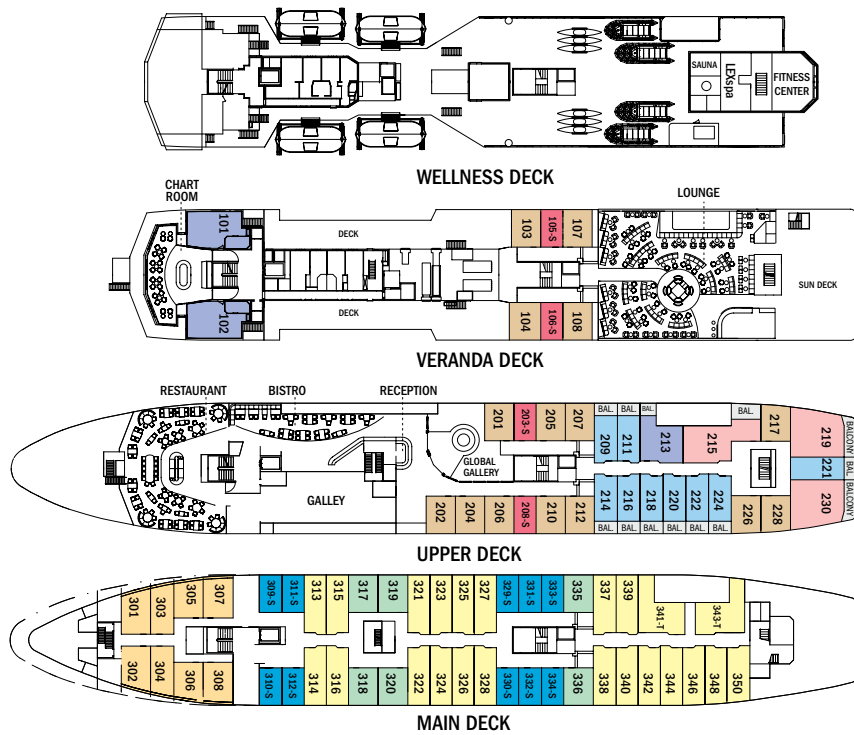
CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

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.

» TAKE A VIRTUAL VIDEO TOUR AT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGEXPLORER

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 18	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: \$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 20	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: \$380 (Longyearbyen/Oslo).
Svalbard, Iceland & Greenland's East Coast – Page 22	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. \$900; Business from \$2,800; Charter Airfare: \$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 26	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: \$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 28	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 32	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 34	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 38	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.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

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*. 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.

COMBINING OFFERS: Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings!



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EXPEDITIONS BY PRIVATE CHARTER

In the last several years the 148-guest *National Geographic Explorer* has served as the platform for a major climate awareness summit in the Arctic; and the 102-guest *National Geographic Orion* has hosted a TED conference in the South Pacific. Both ships are available for charters to 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



RESERVATION INFORMATION

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 page 47, 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.

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

CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
180 or more days	\$750*
179–120 days	Advance payment cost
119–90 days	25% of trip cost
89–60 days	50% of trip cost
59–0 days	No refund

*\$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.

Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees.


Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our Group cancellation policies are listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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