

# THE WILD ISLES

VOYAGE THROUGH CENTURIES OF  
CULTURE, HISTORY & UNTRAMMELED  
WILDNESS ON A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF  
ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND & WALES



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# CALLING ALL ROMANTICS

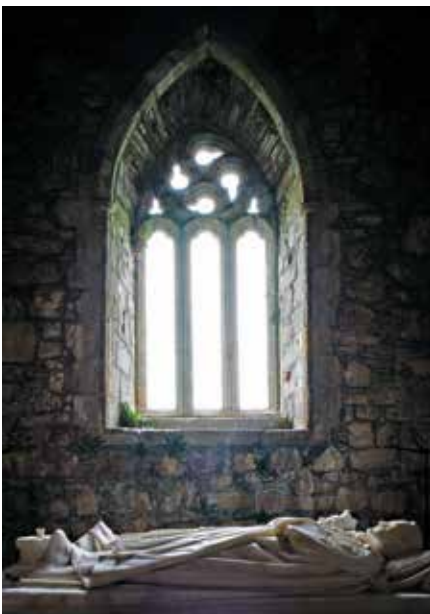
This expedition ventures to remarkable locations in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. A few places are iconic and oft-visited, while most others are remote, existing in a state of grace—rarely visited due to the sheer difficulty of doing so, and immensely rewarding to discover. An itinerary of all high points—it's one of the most original and interesting expeditions we offer. It even includes Fair Isle, one of the most remote settlements in the U.K., with its lyrical topography and small, photogenic population (red heads in Fair Isle sweaters!) — exhilaratingly off the beaten path.

So whether you seek the tonic of nature and wildness as an antidote to civilization, or simply yearn for fresh sights and extraordinary vistas, join us for one of the most memorable travel experiences of your life.

*St. Magnus Cathedral of Kirkwall,  
Orkney, Scotland.*



# ACTIVELY EXPLORE EXTRAORDINARY LOCALES &



Fingal's Cave was on the itinerary of the German composer Felix Mendelssohn in the summer of 1829. On August 8, he and a friend sailed from Mull to Staffa. They'd seen the cave "in all the picture books," but the real thing still had the power to amaze: "A greener roar of waves never rushed into a stranger cavern," he wrote, "its many pillars making it look like the inside of an immense organ, black and resounding, absolutely without purpose, and quite alone, the wide gray sea within and without." He was profoundly affected. And in his *Hebrides Overture*, begun on the journey, Mendelssohn created what Duke University music historian R. Larry Todd calls 'romantic tone painting at its purest.'

*Clockwise from bottom left: A side chapel in Iona Abbey; inside Fingal's Cave; HMS Victory on display in Portsmouth, England; ship figureheads salvaged from the Isles of Scilly's many wrecked vessels displayed at the Treco Abbey Valhalla Museum; a photogenic puffin; the standing stones of Callanish.*

# SEE AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGY

Named for the Isle of Lewis, where it was first described, Lewisian gneiss was born from volcanic activity deep in the crust more than three billion years ago. It is the oldest rock in the British Isles and among the oldest in Europe. And the most evocative place to encounter Lewisian gneiss is in the great stone circle at Callanish (below), overlooking Loch Roag on Lewis. Erected between 4,500 and 4,900 years ago, the Callanish stones may have been standing longer than the central ring at Stonehenge. Little is known for certain of the builders beyond their obvious engineering prowess, but it seems fitting that one of the earliest monuments to the human occupation of the Hebrides should have been crafted of this immensely old rock.





# GAIN INSIDER INSIGHT—

WITH OUR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER,  
TIM SEVERIN, BRITISH EXPLORER & HISTORIAN

As an Oxford undergraduate Tim Severin got his first taste of adventure while traveling Marco Polo's 13th-century route to China on motorbike. Since then he has made a career out of retracing the routes of legendary explorers like Genghis Khan, Jason and the Argonauts, and Saint Brendan the Navigator who launched his fabled transatlantic voyage from the Dingle Peninsula. Tim's passion for his native England paired with his pedigree as a bona fide explorer will richly enhance your expedition. Together you'll explore rugged, seldom-seen islands, ancient monasteries, and historic ports of call with the same insatiable curiosity as the pioneers who have come before.

## AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM REVEALS THE MARVELS OF THE BRITISH & IRISH ISLES



From left to right:  
**DAVID BARNES**, Historian;  
**JIM KELLEY**, Naturalist;  
**VINCENT BUTLER**, Historian;  
**LARRY PRUSSIN**, Naturalist.



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with National Geographic photographer Jeff Mauritzen whose work has appeared in over a dozen National Geographic books and *National Geographic Traveler*. His adventures have taken him to all seven continents and more than 60 countries where he has captured the natural world, from wildlife on the African savanna to sharks in the depths of the Pacific. Learn more at [expeditions.com/photo](https://expeditions.com/photo).



# ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND & WALES:

19 DAYS/17 NIGHTS—PRICES FROM: \$18,380 to \$33,530

## APR. 29 AND 30: U.S./EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND/EMBARK

Fly overnight to Edinburgh. Tour Scotland's vibrant capital and embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (Apr. 30: D)

## MAY 1: LINDISFARNE, HOLY ISLAND, ENGLAND

Visit the Celtic monastic site where the Lindisfarne Gospels were copied and illuminated. See Lindisfarne Castle, and a nature reserve for marine birds. (B,L,D)

## MAY 2: IPSWICH

Explore seventh-century burial mounds at Sutton Hoo with a local scholar. (B,L,D)

## MAY 3: PORTSMOUTH

Wander the waterfront of England's great maritime port where D-Day was launched. See HMS *Victory* and the Tudor warship *Mary Rose*. (B,L,D)

## MAY 4: FOWEY/EDEN PROJECT

Stroll the medieval streets of Fowey before visiting the Eden Project, a botanical garden with vast biomes. Or visit the Lost Gardens of Heligan, left derelict after WWI and recently restored. (B,L,D)

## MAY 5: ISLES OF SCILLY

See Tresco Abbey Garden's flourishing subtropical plants. (B,L,D)

## MAY 6: SKOMER ISLAND, WALES/FISHGUARD

Hike the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path along cliffs and pristine beaches. Or, discover the archaeology of the area, which yielded the stones for Stonehenge. (B,L,D)

## MAY 7: COBH, IRELAND

See historic Cobh, the point from where many Irish fled the potato famine and emigrated to America. Visit the interesting heritage museum. (B,L,D)

## MAY 8: THE SKELLIGS AND DINGLE PENINSULA

Sail by Skellig Michael, a center of Celtic Christianity, where the beehive huts and seventh-century monastery still stand. Explore ancient sites on the Dingle Peninsula and its colorful town. (B,L,D)

## MAY 9: CLIFFS OF MOHER & ARAN ISLANDS/CONNEMARA

Visit the Aran Islands, known for their Gaelic identity.

Hike to Dun Aengus, a Celtic stone fort perched on a cliff's edge. Sail under the Cliffs of Moher. (B,L,D)

## MAY 10: CONNEMARA, COUNTY GALWAY

This starkly beautiful region is idyllic Ireland. Explore the archaeology of the region with a local scholar or hike white sand beaches with naturalists. (B,L,D)

## MAY 11: COUNTY DONEGAL

Discover Killybegs, a wild, windswept peninsula and Gaelic-speaking area. Visit Stone Age and early Christian sites. See the Slieve League cliffs, the highest in Europe. (B,L,D)

## MAY 12: IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND

Visit 12th-century Iona Abbey. Explore Staffa Island, famed for its geometric basalt columns, and Zodiac into dramatic Fingal's Cave. (B,L,D)

## MAY 13: STORNOWAY, THE ISLE OF LEWIS, OUTER HEBRIDES

Explore the Isle of Lewis, where Scottish Gaelic is still spoken. See the massive Neolithic Standing Stones of Callanish, which rival Stonehenge in their majesty. (B,L,D)

## MAY 14: ORKNEY

Take in the Stone Age megaliths of the Ring of Brodgar and the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into the medieval St. Magnus Cathedral. (B,L,D)

## MAY 15: FAIR ISLE AND MOUSA

On Fair Isle, known for its woolen crafts, visit an aviary station. On uninhabited Mousa, see an Iron Age *broch* (tower). (B,L,D)



Shetland ponies.

## MAY 16: SHETLAND

Explore the ruins at Jarlshof, a 4,000-year-old near-continuous settlement. (B,L,D)

## MAY 17: BERGEN, NORWAY/DISEMBARK/ U.S. (B)



## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Apr. 29

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel on this voyage and we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

### Scotland Pre-Extension: Five days, four nights

From historic castles and ancient landscapes to the vibrant city of Edinburgh, explore Scotland by land before discovering the British & Irish Isles by sea. Begin your journey in Inverness with visits to Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle, where wild natural beauty and 1,000 years of history come together in an incredibly dramatic way. Visit Blair Castle, home to some of Scotland's most famous clans, and taste whisky at a traditional Highland distillery before arriving in Edinburgh. Go behind the scenes at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's Scottish residence, before embarking *National Geographic Explorer*.

### Norway Post-Extension: Five days, five nights

The rich landscapes of southern Norway, including Sognefjord—the longest and deepest fjord in Norway—are the ideal addition to your adventures. Explore the Hansa city of Bergen; stroll through the historic Bryggen and visit the Hanseatic Museum, which details the history of the Germanic merchants. Take a thrilling ride on the Flam railway and discover the dramatic Norwegian countryside via train. Take in views of both the Hardangerfjord and Sognefjord, stopping to visit red-painted villages along the shores of each along the way.

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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films and presentations; observation lounge; fitness center; LEXspa treatment room and sauna; internet café; mud room.

**MEALS:** Served in one seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling.

**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Zodiac landing craft; kayaks; ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle); underwater video camera; crew's nest remote controlled camera; video microscope; laundry. Undersea specialist, full-time doctor; National Geographic photographer; video chronicler; wellness specialist.

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

<b>CATEGORY 1:</b> Main Deck with one or two Portholes #301-308	\$18,380
<b>CATEGORY 2:</b> Main Deck with Window #317-320, 335-336	\$19,290
<b>CATEGORY 3:</b> Main Deck with Window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350	\$20,150
<b>CATEGORY 4:</b> Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228	\$20,990
<b>CATEGORY 5:</b> Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224	\$24,990
<b>CATEGORY 6:</b> Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #213	\$29,150
<b>CATEGORY 7:</b> Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230	\$33,530
<b>CATEGORY A SOLO:</b> Main Deck with Window #309-312, 329-334	\$24,110
<b>CATEGORY B SOLO:</b> Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #105-106, 203, 208	\$25,190

Sole-occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B.

Shared accommodations: Available in Categories 1 and 2. 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 & 230 can accommodate a third person.

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.

For Reservations: Contact your travel advisor or Lindblad Expeditions

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**COST INCLUDES:** All accommodations per itinerary, meals indicated and beverages aboard ship including alcohol, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, all tips including those to ship's crew, taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

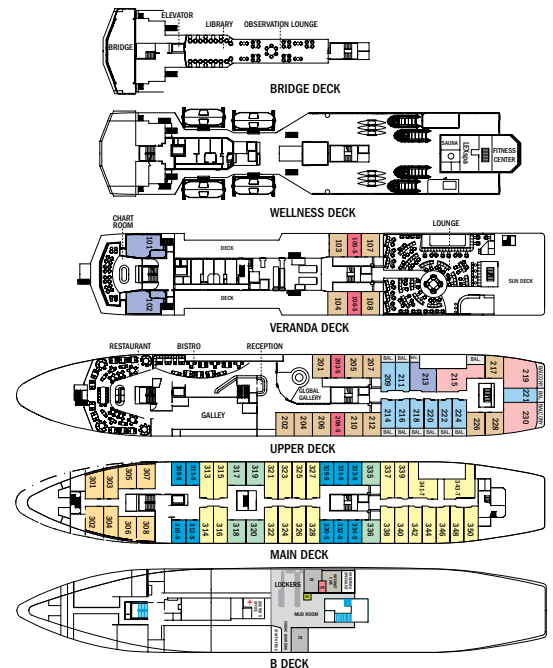
**NOT INCLUDED:** Air transportation, extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, baggage/accident/travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry, etc.

**SAMPLE AIRFARES:** Round-trip New York/Edinburgh and Bergen/New York: Economy from \$800; Business from \$3,200 **ADVANCE PAYMENT:** \$2,500 due at time of booking.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain 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 web site at [www.expeditions.com/terms](http://www.expeditions.com/terms), or upon request. By registering for this trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.



From top: Upper Deck cabin with balcony; a standard bathroom; example of a spacious solo cabin with window.



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