





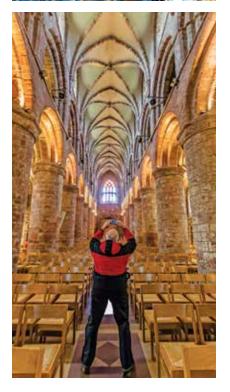
Clockwise from above left: The Long Market, Gdańsk, Poland; Gamla Stan, Stockholm, Sweden; Catherine Palace, Russia; interior view of St. Magnus Cathedral; tile murals, Lisbon; River Thames at night, London; cured meats in the market A Coruña, Spain.











#### DEAR TRAVELER,

I have heard that a number of people were surprised to learn of our Europe season, surprised that as an expedition company we would find Europe adventurous enough for our attention.

My response is: when you look at any destination through the lens of genuine exploration, there are endless discoveries to be made. And adventure occurs as much in the imagination as it does in the body as a physical act. And that's particularly true of Europe, which offers more surprise and delight than you might ever have imagined.

We've been exploring Europe for decades now, and the five well-curated itineraries offered here represent our experience (and experience matters a great deal), our familiarity, and our recognition that offering the same old Europe other travel companies do is not our modus operandi.

So what you can expect when you choose to travel with us is a heady mix of the iconic sites— why would anyone not want to see the Guggenheim Bilbao, for instance? And seldom-seen sites, or better yet, unanticipated experiences, marvelous discoveries, and genuinely exclusive opportunities. For instance, anyone so inclined can head, in any number of ways to San Sebastian, Spain to enjoy a Basque dinner. But only our guests can also enjoy a private performance by the world-renowned Basque musician, Kepa Junkera, at the same time, because our resident musicologist has arranged private concerts, on and off ship, for our entire Europe season, and everywhere we roam there. All the better to connect you to the authentic Europe, taking you inside for an insightful, personal perspective.

National Geographic Orion's Executive Chef is in on this desire too—stalking the incredible produce, cheese and seafood markets along our route—to inflect his menus with local freshness and flavor, to open still more windows on the diverse cultures of Europe we experience on our itineraries.

Join us this season in Europe, and I promise you a Europe you have yet to see, experiences you have yet to have, and huge deposits in your memory bank for life!

All the best,

**SPECIAL OFFERS** 

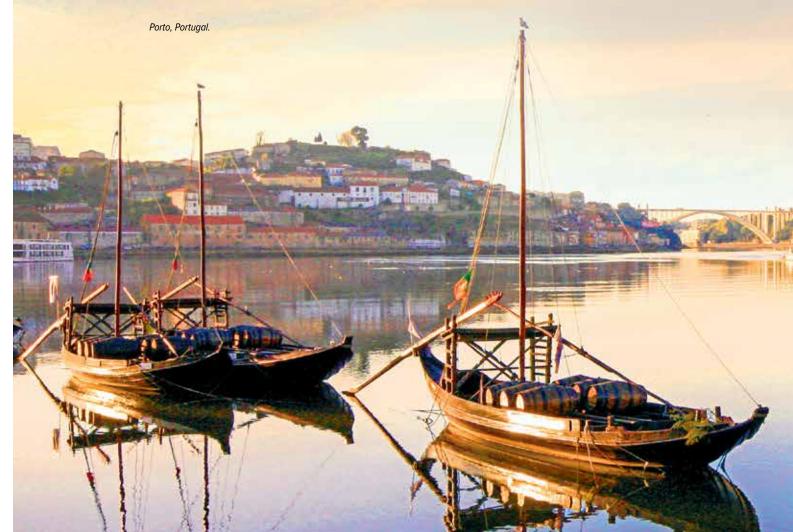
Get Free Air and enjoy complimentary bar tab and gratuities. See pages 10 & 11 or call for details.

Cover: Tallinn, Estonia at twilight.

Sven-Olof Lindblad

# AN EXCEPTIONALLY TO SEE COASTAL

On five carefully curated itineraries, *National Geographic Orion* makes her way from the Baltics to the birch-shaded cool of Scandinavia, the sea-brined coasts of England and Wales, and on to the sun-splashed, ocher coast of Portugal and France's Côte Basque. While typical cruises cater to people within the confines of the ship, our unique expeditions put the focus on what lies outside, creating the most meaningful experience of Europe possible. Whether you want to bike through the Swedish ruins of Visby or assist gourmet chocolate-makers in the Basque Country, our onboard concierge will ensure you authentically discover these destinations and optimize your days. And *NG Orion* is the only ship in Europe to include an onboard musicologist—count on enriching, exclusive performances, both on and off-ship, by leading European musicians that connect you to indigenous traditions and history. When



# REWARDING WAY EUROPE



NG Orion is in regions where National Geographic Explorers or Grantees are working, you'll have opportunities to meet them as well, aboard ship or in the field, to reward you with an exclusive look at the fascinating work sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Europe aboard NG Orion is Europe in a new way— flexible, yet with assurance; ever-onward, yet with a sense of truly inhabiting each place we visit; off the tourist track, yet omitting none of the cultural treasures we come to Europe for. And at the end of each illuminating outing the

ship will be waiting with its cosseting ambiance, exceptional cuisine, and superb comfort.



## AS A COURTESY TO *NG ORION* GUESTS—PREMIER HOTELS ARRANGED FOR YOU

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# WORLD-CLASS CUISINE & EXCEPTIONAL



National Geographic Orion has an appetite for dining excellence as well as adventure, and the experience aboard is on par with some of Europe's finest establishments. 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." The force behind NG Orion's celebrated menus, he continues to train her kitchen and waitstaff, and his concepts are brought to life daily by the ship's Executive Chef. Count on them to keep your palate engaged with daily diversity

and the unexpected delight. 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 in the local markets or provisioned from a passing fishing boat. That means whenever possible you'll experience the true flavors of the region through the food served aboard. And always dine extraordinarily well.







Left: National Geographic Orion's comfortable, elegant dining room features no assigned seating for casual, easy mingling; Above: lunch on the aft deck is a delightful way to enjoy a glorious weather day; Below: Serge Dansereau, chef-owner of Sydney's acclaimed The Bathers Pavilion and the southern hemisphere's top chef, has been designing NG Orion's exceptional menus since her inaugural. For our Europe season he has crafted bespoke daily menus, opening a window on the ingredients and flavors of the diverse regions we visit.









Above is a sample list of staff during our recent European season: expedition leader Jen Martin; historian David Barnes; assistant expedition leader Johanna Werminghausen, onboard concierge Dagný Ívarsdóttir and expedition leader Alizé Carrère.

## STELLAR STAFF, EXCEPTIONAL INSIGHT

Our reputation as an expedition travel company is based largely on the quality of the teams we've created. Aboard each of our ships in Europe, we've assembled talented individuals to provide extra levels of engagement and insight for you, including expert historians, cultural experts and onboard naturalists. So, whether you've chosen to visit the UNESCO site of Oporto, stroll a tiny island in the Swedish archipelago, or steep in the mystique of Callanish's ancient standing stones in Scotland, you can rely on your expedition team to illuminate all you encounter. Aboard *National Geographic Orion* a concierge is on hand to assist you in making the most of your every day. And an onboard ethnomusicologist will create a privileged connection to Europe's music, and genuinely special experiences for you.

#### FOR MORE ON INDIVIDUAL STAFFERS, VISIT **EXPEDITIONS.COM/BIO** AND SEARCH BY NAME



Jacob Edgar is a world music tastemaker and global explorer with an insatiable curiosity for the ways in which people express themselves through music. Founder of record label *Cumbancha* and host of television program *Music Voyager*, Jacob's adventures have taken him throughout the world in search of exceptional musical talents. Jacob will be curating exclusive musical performances aboard *NG Orion* to enrich your appreciation and cultural understanding of the European traditions we explore.

LEARN MORE AT **WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/JACOB** 







## PHOTOGRAPH EUROPE WITH THE TOP PROS



National Geographic photographers this season include (top row from left) Susan Seubert, Erika Larsen, Jim Richardson; (above) Diane Cook and Len Jenshel.

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

When you travel aboard NG Orion you'll be accompanied by a top National Geographic photographer to inspire and assist you. And, on every Lindblad voyage, you will travel with a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Make the most of photo ops from scenic to portraits, capturing the moments at the heart of your expedition, and returning home with your best photos ever.

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Top photo gear and knowledgeable advice. Stellar shipping and customer service. Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic has teamed up with renowned camera & electronics retailer B&H. Aboard NG Orion you'll have access to the B&H "Gear Locker." Try out some high-end camera bodies, big glass, and more, with our compliments. And when you book with us, you'll get immediate access to exclusive guest discounts at B&H, plus helpful pre-trip gear recommendations.

Ask your expedition specialist for details.



## THE PERFECT SHIP TO DISCOVER EUROPE

National Geographic Orion is a beautiful ship, originally purpose-built for luxurious expedition cruising—to adventurous regions such as Antarctica, as well as the temperate and tropical zones of the South Pacific. Spacious and modern, *Orion* offers panoramic views from her main lounge, observation lounge and library at the top of the ship to maintain a constant visual connection to the wonders outside. The dramatic window-lined main lounge is the site of lively daily Recap sessions, presentations and performances. And her expansive decks offer brilliant vistas by day, or the romance of dining under stars at night. And while *NG Orion* interiors are elegant, life aboard is always casual, with no need for formal clothing, and very inclusive, fostering a rewarding *esprit de corps*.

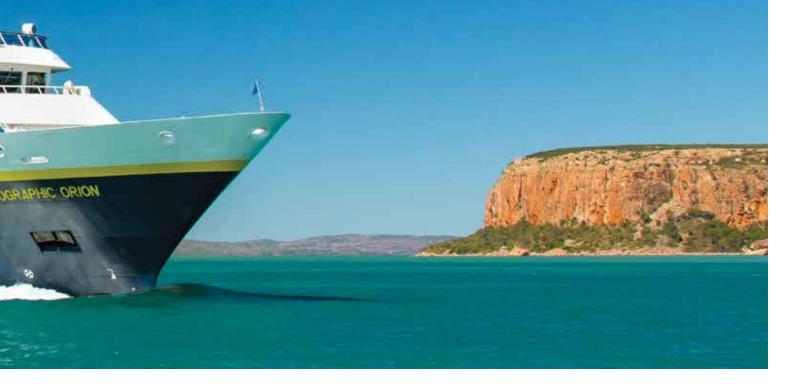






Main image: The 102-guest National Geographic Orion underway; Clockwise from top right: Orion's main lounge is the center of shared life aboard; expansive windows invite in scenic views, and the reflective ceiling mirrors the ocean in a sublimely relaxing way; The observation lounge and library provides a welcome to readers, card players, and sailors who love to review the nautical charts on display; NG Orion's generous aft platform makes embarking and disembarking Zodiacs secure and easy for all.





# EXCLUSIVE INCENTIVES & INCLUSIVE

#### FREE BAR TAB AND GRATUITIES

Your bar tab and tips for the crew are complimentary on all European voyages aboard *National Geographic Orion*.

#### FREE ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE

Book by March 31, 2017 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare from New York on all departures aboard *NG Orion*. See page 24 for additional details.

#### NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ACTIVITIES



Everything you will have the opportunity to do or see on your voyage, including the options and services of the concierge and musicologist aboard NG Orion, are included in

the voyage price. The only things not included are those of a personal nature—internet usage, wellness treatments, and any specialized arrangements.

#### SEE MORE, SAVE MORE

Book two or more Europe voyages aboard *National Geographic Orion* and take 10% off each voyage. Savings is applicable to back-to-back or non-consecutive voyages.

## NO CHARGE FOR IN-DEPTH REGIONAL EXPERTISE

Traveling in the company of excellent European historians and regional experts, you'll gain a richer perspective on art, history, sustainability and more of what



makes each individual region we explore unique and interesting. Plus, all lectures and presentations in the lounge, and our fully stocked onboard library, are open to all and included in the price.



## PRICING

## INCLUDED ON ALL OFFSHORE EXCURSIONS:

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in the itineraries
- √ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- √ Transfers to and from group flights

## AND FREELY ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ABOARD SHIP:

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room
- ✓ All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, latte, coffee, tea & soda



- √ Complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ Gratuities for the crew
- √ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge Recap
- √ Tea time with pastries; all-day fruit, cookies

- ✓ Fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
- ✓ Traditional Swedish Sauna
- √ The guidance and company of our expedition staff
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card

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## CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE BALTIC SEA

#### 14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS-ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$14,840 TO \$30,850 (See page 22 for complete prices.)

xplore eight countries united by the Baltic Sea, discover their intertwined histories, and encounter fascinating cultures.

Delve deeper through dramatic water approaches, forays into character-filled villages and island stops for quiet walks. Wander along the medieval walled city of Visby, explore dazzling St. Petersburg over two days, dine on local specialties and enjoy private musical performances. Enjoy ample choices and avenues for exploration in each of the cities. And explore from a privileged vantage point—going by ship allows us to sail routes of the old Hanseatic League, in the paths of early traders and nobles, and it lets us enter the cities as they were meant to be entered—by sea.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



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Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic photo instructor, an onboard concierge, a musicologist, and a wellness specialist will ensure unparalleled understanding and enjoyment of the places and people along our route.

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View of Tallinn, Estonia.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Explore UNESCO World Heritage sites in St. Petersburg; medieval Visby, Riga, and Tallinn; and the wild Curonian Spit barrier peninsula.
- ▶ Discover the tiny islands along the Finnish and Swedish coasts by Zodiac or on nature walks.
- ► View one of the world's greatest art collections at the Hermitage Museum; explore St. Petersburg's imperial treasures over two days, including the palace of Catherine the First



## DAY 1: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK / FMBARK

Arrive in Denmark's capital and board *National Geographic Orion*. Cruise the charming canals of this old maritime city. (L,D)

#### **DAY 2: BORNHOLM**

Stop at the small fishing port of Gudhjem on Bornholm Island. Hike up to the clifftop ruins of Hammershus fortress or explore the island's round churches and white sandy beaches. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 3: GDAŃSK, POLAND**

See Gdańsk's art and architecture, including the Gothic-Renaissance Town Hall and National Museum. Visit the Westerplatte peninsula, where WWII began. See the European Solidarity Center; enjoy an authentic Polish lunch. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: KLAIPĖDA, LITHUANIA

Explore the Curonian Spit, a wild barrier peninsula and UNESCO site. Hear the Hill of Witches folktales; visit the Ventė Cape Ornithological Station. (B,L,D)



# DAY 5: VISBY, GOTLAND, SWEDEN Enjoy a walking tour of the Viking city of Visby, wandering through its cobblestoned streets to the edge of the city's stone walls. End at the Gotland Museum, where you'll learn of the island's fascinating history. Alternatively, opt to bike across the Gotland countryside with a local quide.

#### DAYS 6 AND 7: RIGA, LATVIA

Tour Riga's wooden houses, art nouveau architecture, cafés, and the Central Market. A private concert and dinner awaits. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 8: TALLINN, ESTONIA**

Stroll medieval streets to a 15th-century defensive tower. See the famous spires and

gables from Dome Hill. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 9 AND 10: ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Discover this dazzling gem over two days, including the renowned art collection of the Hermitage, the Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral, and the opulent royal palace and parks of Catherine the Great at Pushkin. (B,L,D)

## DAY 11: EXPLORING COASTAL FINLAND

Discover Finland's intricate coastline with numerous bays, inlets, and islands rich with natural history and ripe for exploration by kayak and Zodiac. (B,L,D)

## DAY 12: STOCKHOLM ARCHIPELAGO, SWEDEN

Cruise the Stockholm archipelago on your way from coastal Finland to Sweden's beautiful capital. Keep your camera handy through the scenic archipelago to arrive in Stockholm, a city built on 14 islands. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 13: STOCKHOLM**

See the royal Vasa warship and stroll the streets of the Old Town—or go above them on a unique rooftop walk. We stay docked overnight so you can enjoy this magical Scandinavian city. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 14: STOCKHOLM/DISEMBARK (B)





#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES: 2017** Apr 19; May 2\* \*This voyage travels in reverse.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

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## SCANDINAVIA BY SEA: DENMARK, SWEDEN, AND NORWAY

#### 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS-ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$7,990 to \$16,610 (See page 22 for complete prices.)

et sail aboard *National Geographic Orion* to experience the natural beauty and delightful cultures of Europe's Nordic nations. Discover remote and spectacular scenery, from Norway's fjord-laced western coast to Sweden's enchanting Weather Islands and the picturesque fishing village of Skagen in Denmark. Stroll past brightly-colored fishing huts clinging to rocky outcrops, kayak and Zodiac cruise amid tiny islets and vast fjords, and explore vibrant cities where contemporary life gracefully mingles with centuries of history.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Step back in time while exploring centuries-old fishing villages and historic wooden churches, contrasted with Scandinavian capitals.
- ► Glide along the waters of Norway's magnificent, mountain-framed Hardangerfjorden, and explore Oslo's famed Vigeland Park.

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Hardangerfjorden, Norway.



## JUN. 16: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK / EMBARK

Arrive in Copenhagen and board the *National Geographic Orion*. This afternoon, cruise the iconic waterways of Copenhagen by canal boat before setting sail this evening for Skagen. (L,D)

#### JUN. 17: SKAGEN

Dotted with yellow and red clapboard houses, Skagen is perched along windswept dunes at the northern tip of Denmark. Delve into the history of the Skagen Painters, who were drawn by the magnificent landscapes and remarkable light. Discover rich birdlife with our naturalists. The afternoon is relaxing and you can bike along the peninsula's white beaches. Cap off the day with a taste of the famous "Skagen Sild," a special herring dish that can only be enjoyed with a cold Danish beer. (B,L,D)

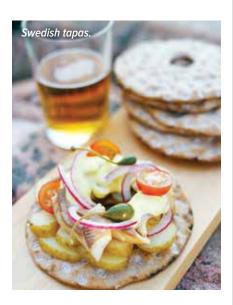
JUN. 18: WEATHER ISLANDS, SWEDEN Journey across the Skagerrak Strait to the Väderöarna, or Weather Islands. These rugged islets, skerries, and picture-perfect villages boast some of the most stunning scenery in Scandinavia. Set out by kayak or Zodiac to encounter seal colonies and an array of seabirds. (B,L,D)

#### JUN. 19: OSLO, NORWAY

Cruise up the epic Oslofjorden to Norway's cosmopolitan capital. Visit the Fram Museum to learn about the early Norwegian polar expeditions, and hear a talk from Thor Heyerdahl Jr., the son of the Norwegian explorer. Take a private backstage tour of Oslo's new Opera House, learn to cook Norwegian style at the Mathallen Gourmet



Food Market, or discover the 200 life-size human statues at Frogner Park with our National Geographic photographer. (B,L,D)



#### JUN. 20: RISØR

Anchor outside Risør, a well-preserved historic town on Norway's heritage list, known for its old wooden buildings and rich cultural traditions. Walk the town with a local guide, take out a kayak or join a unique excursion to the nearby "potholes" or small lagoons. A relaxing outdoor BBQ lunch awaits on Stangholmen, with a Norwegian folk music performance. (B,L,D)

#### JUN. 21: HIDRA

This morning we arrive on the shores of Kirkehamn. Go for a morning hike on the island of Hidra or travel overland for a village tour of Flekkefjord. There are also kayaking and Zodiac opportunities in the harbor of Kirkehamn. This afternoon, over coffee, one of the locals on Hidra shares his thoughts on Norwegian island living. (B,L,D)

#### JUN. 22: HARDANGERFJORDEN

Deep in the Hardangerfjorden—the fourth longest fjord in the world—cruise beneath staggering cliffs, snow-dusted mountains, and rolling valleys dotted with tiny settlements. Head out with our naturalists and the staff of the Osa basecamp. Visit a local cider farm, or explore the stunning landscape via foot, bike and Zodiac. (B,L,D)

JUN. 23: BERGEN/DISEMBARK (B)



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE: 2017** Jun. 16

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join National Geographic photographer Erika Larsen on this departure. Learn more at expeditions.com/photo



#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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## NORWAY AND SCOTLAND: FJORDLANDS AND THE INNER HEBRIDES

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ail through the heart of fjord country, all the way to the vibrant cultural center of Dublin, Ireland. Kayak below emerald mountains in the dramatic Sognefjorden, and step ashore at Undredal to explore its stave church and traditional Nordic culture. Encounter the stunning landscapes, ancient ruins, and rich birdlife of Scotland's extraordinary islands. Trace the Viking trail from Shetland to Orkney, then discover the heritage of the Inner Hebrides.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ▶ Hike to the lighthouse at Sumburgh Head, and explore Fingal's Cave via Zodiac.
- ▶ Discover archaeological treasures: Viking longhouses in Shetland, Stone Age megaliths in Orkney, and the sacred Christian sites of Iona.
- ► Kayak the calm waters of Norway's Sognefjorden and venture into hidden inlets by Zodiac.

#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**



Every expedition sails with a veteran expedition leader and a team of naturalists and historians; each deeply knowledgeable and

dedicated to sharing their passion of the region with you. Other key members of the expedition team include a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic photo instructor, an onboard concierge, a musicologist, plus a wellness specialist—for a generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:12.

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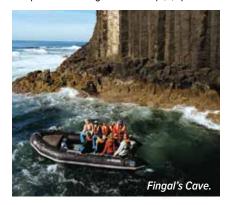
Ring of Brodgar, Scotland.



**AUG. 26:** BERGEN, NORWAY/EMBARK Arrive in Bergen and enjoy lunch on board *National Geographic Orion* before we set sail. (L,D)

#### **AUG. 27: SOGNEFJORDEN**

Cruise deep into the sublime Sognefjorden, the third-longest fjord in the world, and launch kayaks and Zodiacs to explore its mirror-like waterways. In picturesque Undredal, hike up the mountain for an amazing fjord view, see the town's 12th-century stave church and sample its famous goat cheese. (B,L,D)



#### AUG. 28: ISLE OF NOSS AND LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND

Sail to Scotland's Shetland Islands, a rugged archipelago of about 100 islands and islets. Glide past the cliffs of Noss to view nesting seabirds before arriving in Shetland. Explore Lerwick, a town where Norse and Gaelic cultures intermingle, and see the countryside dotted with Shetland ponies. Then examine Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses at the extraordinary prehistoric settlements of Jarlshof and nearby Old Scatness—UNESCO candidates which are part of "The Crucible of Iron Age Shetland." Later, take in an abundance of puffins, guillemots, and razorbills as we walk to the lighthouse at Sumburgh Head. (B,L,D)

#### AUG. 29: FAIR ISLE

At tiny and remote Fair Isle, go birdwatching with an expert from the bird rescue station, and spot some of the roughly 250 species of flowering plants that grow here. Browse local handicrafts, including the world-renowned Fair Isle knitwear. (B,L,D)

#### AUG. 30: ORKNEY

The Vikings once held a strategic foothold in

Orkney, and their Norse heritage is apparent in enduring legends and traditions. Explore Stone Age sites: the megaliths of the Ring of Brodgar and the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step inside medieval St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall. For experienced scuba divers, we have planned a fantastic dive in Scapa Flow (an added cost). (B,L,D)

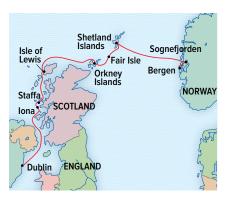
## AUG. 31: ISLE OF LEWIS, OUTER HEBRIDES

Along the wild, western coast of Scotland lies the Isle of Lewis, steeped in history and legend. Marvel at the massive neolithic Standing Stones of Callanish, which rival Stonehenge in the majesty of their setting. (B,L,D)

## **SEP. 1:** IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES

The isle of Iona was the site of Scotland's first Christian settlement. Venture into an ancient nunnery and a 13th-century abbey. Explore St. Oran's Chapel and its royal burial grounds, where Celtic high crosses mark the graves of generations of Scottish kings. Then anchor off Staffa, famed for its geometric basalt columns and deep-sea caves. A special treat will be a Zodiac ride to the awe-inspiring Fingal's Cave for a close-up look at the place that inspired Felix Mendelssohn's "Hebrides Overture." (B,L,D)

## **SEP. 2:** DUBLIN, IRELAND/DISEMBARK Arrive in Dublin and disembark after breakfast. (B)



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE: 2017** Aug. 26

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with National Geographic photographers **Diane Cook** and **Len Jenshel** on this voyage.

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he windswept shores of England and Wales showcase stunning and rugged landscapes scattered with picture-postcard villages and world-class gardens. Journey aboard *National Geographic Orion* from the nearly forgotten isles of the English Channel and the Celtic Sea, to Portsmouth—once one of the world's most important seaports. In the seaside towns of Dartmouth and Fishguard, experience maritime culture.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ▶ Discover the exceptional Tresco Abbey Gardens, where subtropical plants thrive, and explore Wales' Pembrokeshire Coastal Path.
- ▶ Visit the historic dockyards at Portsmouth and see the HMS *Victory* warship that played a role in the American and French revolutions.
- ► Sail under London's famous Tower Bridge.

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Pembrokeshire Coastal Path.

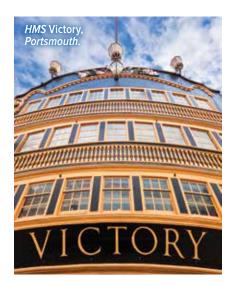


**SEP. 2:** DUBLIN, IRELAND/EMBARK Arrive in Dublin and embark *National Geographic Orion*. (L,D)

#### SEP. 3: LLANDUDNO, WALES

Dock in Llandudno and spend the day exploring the splendor and charm of northern Wales. Stroll the town's boardwalk, discover an ages-old castle, or join a naturalist on a wildlife hike. (B,L,D)

SEP. 4: SKOMER ISLAND/FISHGUARD Beautiful Skomer Island overflows with wildlife. Hop on a Zodiac to spot whales, dolphins, seals, and nesting seabirds. This afternoon stretch your legs along the scenic Pembrokeshire Coastal Path. Or discover the prehistoric archaeology of Pembrokeshire, the area that yielded the stones for Stonehenge. Opt to take a guided walk around the lovely little town of St. David's Cathedral. (B,L,D)

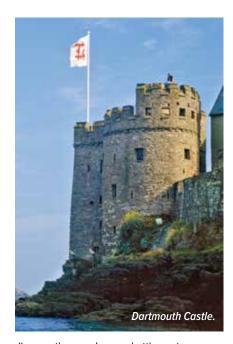


## **SEP. 5:** ISLES OF SCILLY/TRESCO, ENGLAND

According to Arthurian legend, the Isles of Scilly are all that remain of Lyonnesse, a lost land said to have vanished into the Atlantic. Join a naturalist in spotting the flora and fauna of these mythical islands. Or stroll the village of Tresco and meander the world-class Tresco Abbey Gardens, where a surprising variety of tropical plants flourishes. (B,L,D)

#### SEP. 6: DARTMOUTH

Enjoy breakfast on deck as our vessel navigates the River Dart en route to Dartmouth, a colorful town that cascades across a steep riverside hill. In small groups,



discover the guardrooms, battlements, and winding passages of the 14th-century Dartmouth Castle. Explore Dartmouth's lively lanes on your own. Or if you're a mystery book fan, don't miss a visit to Greenway House for a look at Agatha Christie's house and gardens. (B,L,D)

## **SEP. 7:** ALDERNEY/SARK, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Anchor off the coast of Alderney and walk around the island with a naturalist to discover local wildlife. Or head off on your own by bike. Weather permitting, you may kayak in search of seabirds: puffins, gannets, and lesser black-backed gulls. After lunch, we sail to nearby Sark. Take in the colorful sights and intoxicating scents of La Seigneurie Gardens, or traverse La Coupée—an isthmus joining Great Sark and Little Sark, for incredible views over the island. (B.L.D)

## **SEP. 8:** PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND Delve into Great Britain's nautical history at the perfectly preserved historic HMS *Victory*. Wander the city's atmospheric waterfront, and stop for a pint at a traditional pub. Visit the Titchfield Haven birding reserve to see

#### SEP. 9: LONDON/DISEMBARK

migratory land and water birds. (B,L,D)

As you sail up the River Thames, take in views of the city's iconic landmarks before disembarking in the city center. (B)



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE: 2017** Sep. 2

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Join award-winning National Geographic photographer Susan Seubert on this voyage.



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#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ► Experience Basque country from two angles: French markets and villages and Spanish Basque music and cuisine.
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#### **EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE**

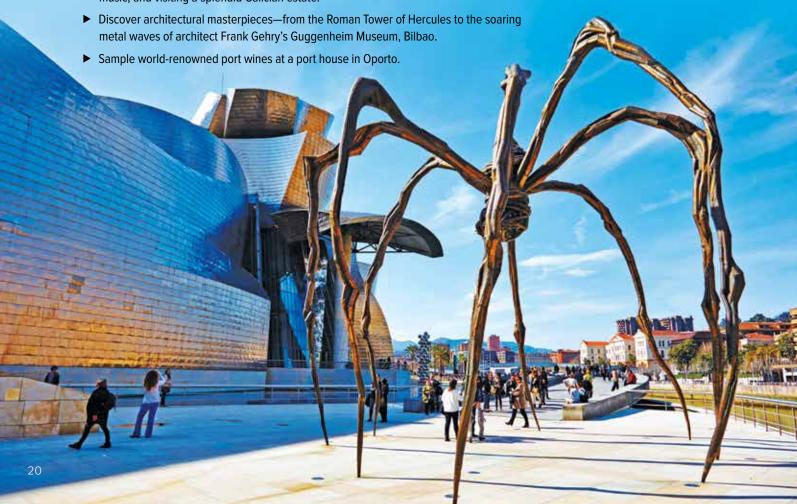


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dedicated to sharing their passion of the region with you. Other key members of the expedition team include a National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic photo instructor, an onboard concierge, a musicologist, and a wellness specialist for a generous expedition staff-to-quest ratio of 1:12.

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Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.



## SEP. 30: BORDEAUX, FRANCE/EMBARK Arrive in Bordeaux and board the *National Geographic Orion* in the heart of the city. After lunch, take time to settle into life on board before we set sail for Bayonne. (L, D)

#### **OCT. 1: BAYONNE**

Walk through the picturesque old port town of Bayonne, known for its rich chocolate industry. Chocolate lovers may attend a demonstration at an authentic French chocolate house. On an excursion to the former imperial retreat of Biarritz, hike along the coast to the Rock of the Virgin, once used by Napoleon III as an anchoring point. Return to the ship for a free evening ashore in Bayonne. (B,L,D)

#### OCT. 2: SAINT JEAN-DE-LUZ, FRANCE/ SAN SEBASTIÁN, SPAIN

Explore both the French and Spanish Basque cultures today. Choose a market excursion in the village of Saint Jean-de-Luz to get an introduction to French Basque culture and cuisine, or journey to the French Basque countryside for a wine and *tapas* tasting. In Spain's Basque capital of San Sebastián, discover the connection to the Celts and hear the bouncing rhythms of a *trikitixa*, a traditional accordion. Cap off the day with a special Basque dinner and a private performance by famous Basque musician Kepa Junkera at a traditional cider house in San Sebastián. (B,L,D)

#### **OCT. 3: BILBAO**

Arrive in Bilbao early this morning. Explore the titanium curves of the iconic Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, learn how it has transformed the city, and have a guided tour of the interior in small groups. Afterwards, wander through Bilbao's old quarter, or take part in a *tapas* cooking demonstration. (B,L,D)

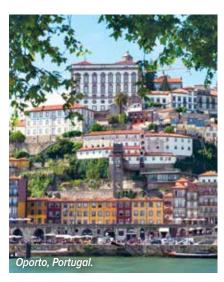
#### OCT. 4: A CORUÑA

Cruise into A Coruña, passing the impressive Tower of Hercules after lunch. Pay a visit to the tower, the only working Roman lighthouse in the world, visit the local market, and learn about the architectural phenomenon that earned the town the nickname "The Glass City." Take a late afternoon stroll or a bicycle ride around the area's picturesque coastline before we set sail. (B,L,D)

**OCT. 5:** VILLAGARCÍA DE AROUSA Anchor in Villagarcía de Arousa and take a



day trip to the Galician countryside, where you'll visit a winery, watch fishermen as they collect mussels, and enjoy the verdant Galician landscapes from the river. Alternatively, travel to Santiago de Compostela, and visit the cathedral that has welcomed millions of pilgrims over the centuries. Enjoy a typical Galician musical performance and a *tapas* lunch at the adjacent Hostal dos Reis Católicos. (B,L,D)



#### **OCT. 6: OPORTO, PORTUGAL**

Arrive in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Oporto in the early morning. The birthplace of port wine, Oporto straddles a gorge on the Douro River, linked by numerous bridges and filled with medieval architecture. See the famous *azulejo* tiles of the region and take in the views from the iron masterpiece Ponte Dom Luís. Learn the secrets of port-making during a tasting at a riverside port house. (B,L,D)

OCT. 7: LISBON/DISEMBARK (B)

#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATES: 2017 Sep. 30

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Todd Gipstein** is an award-winning producer, photographer and photo instructor who has worked with National Geopgraphic for three decades. Join him on this departure.

#### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321	\$7,990	\$14,840
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CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419	\$10,990	\$20,410
CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515	\$11,990	\$22,270
CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508	\$14,320	\$26,590
CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with French balcony. #502, 507, 509*, 510. *Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.	\$16,610	\$30,850
CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323	\$11,990	\$22,270
CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512	\$16,490	\$30,620

All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, ethernet and wifi connections, USB ports for mobile devices, and a flat-screen TV with movie programming.

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All cabins face outside with ocean views, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have French balconies. Decorated in rich jewel tones, with deluxe bedding, all cabins feature flat-screen TVs with movie programming, as well as internet access for your own laptop.

CAPACITY: 102 quests in 53 outside

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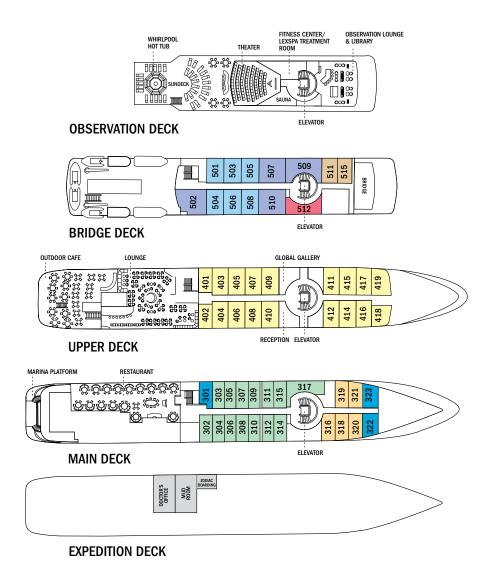
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**Reservations:** To reserve your place, an advance payment of \$1,000 per person is required at the time of reservation. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

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 so much more.

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119–90 days	25% of trip cost
89-60 days	50% of trip cost
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