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*exhilaration of discovery.*







Cover: Rare moment with an emperor penguin, Antarctica. © Ralph Lee Hopkins  
Above: Arctic icescape. © Sven-Olof Lindblad

DEAR TRAVELER,

I don't know anything about your newsfeed, obviously, but mine has a lot about these subjects—climate and environmental news, and attitudes about travel. We all know that the world's climate is changing. We are beginning to realize more broadly that behavior shifts can and should help mitigate negative effects. And I believe we may also be at a tipping point as it relates to vigorously developing alternative sources of energy—which could positively alter the trajectory of our collective fate.

Travel, it seems, has become a target as we grapple with absorbing the realities of climate change. I'm reading an increasing number of articles about travel's contribution to the problem of climate change, and very few about the positive effects of travel.

I've been in the business of travel for a long time, both as it relates to the environment and to people's desires to understand and explore the world. On the one hand, there is no question that travel creates CO2 emissions, and that's a negative. On the other hand, the emissions generated by travel can be quantified, calculated, and offset. Realistically, even remaining at home we emit carbon, and the means to effectively offset it is far less apparent. As a company, by the way, we offset all of our ships' emissions, crew and staff travel, and offices. We have created a mechanism for those who travel with us to offset their travel if they so choose. And there are other ways we can mitigate the negative. (See pages 6-7 for more.)

But, perhaps more importantly, what would happen globally if we just stopped traveling? Think about it—what would happen to wildlife and natural habitats? Many would disappear. If tourists didn't visit and provide value to the Serengeti, it would likely turn into a corn field or ranch land. If travelers didn't visit the orangutans in Borneo, perhaps all of their habitat would have, by now, been lost to palm oil plantations. Approximately 100 million sharks are killed each year, mostly for their fins. The prospect of shark tourism providing even greater monetary value has spurred several countries to create marine protected areas. What about knowledge? Travel is in many ways the world's classroom. We develop understanding, empathy, and new ways of thinking, even living, through travel, not to mention the sheer joy and spiritual awakening it can provide. And, how many jobs would be lost, by whom and with what impact? Check out this article from the World Travel & Tourism Council: [bit.ly/TourismProvidesJobs](https://bit.ly/TourismProvidesJobs).

Certainly, travel as an industry is far from perfect, and at times extremely negative. I could write volumes about aspects that could be changed for the better. But the key question for us all to consider is: do we help our future by traveling, or not?

I believe we should travel, learn, take what we see and hear to heart. I believe we should care and seek creative ways to act on behalf of future generations to protect the world's beauty, cultures, and biodiversity. If we do that, I am convinced, the good will far outweigh any bad. I hope you agree and choose to travel with us and share in the adventure—the celebration of nature, wildlife, and human diversity—that our expeditions are all about.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad



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*Guests photograph Adélie penguins, Hanusse Bay, Antarctica; Snorkeling, Galápagos; Brown bear, Alaska Peninsula; Guests whale shark, Sea of Cortez, Baja California; Resplendent quetzal, Costa Rica.*

# OUR COMMITMENT TO SUS

Back in January 2019, we took a stand, becoming a 100 percent carbon neutral company, offsetting the carbon emissions of our fleet, employee travel worldwide, offices in New York and Seattle, all land-based operations, and beyond. We eliminated single-use plastic fleet- and offices-wide, too. And we've embarked on several new initiatives. Here's what we're up to.

Glide, an eco-friendly company located in Salt Lake City, manufactures our fleet of stand-up paddleboards. Glide sources foam for their boards from across town and picks up the scraps to reuse and recycle. In addition, Glide created custom non-toxic Lindblad-National Geographic pads for our boards. So, guests exploring via SUP can paddle secure in the knowledge they're on the most environmentally responsible SUP afloat.



*Glide SUPs are made with plant-based Entropy Bio resins, sourced from the waste stream of the biodiesel fuel and paper production industries. Using no toxic, lead-containing automotive coatings, Glide's finish has the lowest negative environmental impact in SUP manufacturing.*

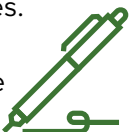


Introducing the world's first self-disinfecting ships! For a full year *National Geographic Explorer's* Hotel team has been trialing a revolutionary disinfection technology: Premium Purity™, a combination of two synergetic products, ACT CleanCoat™ and ACT ECA System™. Using sunlight and a proprietary catalyzing mechanism for disinfection, and water and salt for cleaning, Premium Purity™ achieved stats impressive enough to warrant a fleet-wide roll-out:

- Reduces guest-reported illness by 50 percent
- Eliminates exposure to toxins for our cleaning staff, and potential allergens for our guests
- Reduces water usage by approximately 1.1 million gallons per year (fleet-wide)
- Removes 1,000 single-use plastic bottles from the cleaning process annually (fleet-wide)



Every cabin aboard every ship in our fleet is equipped with a pen (because post-cards and foreign stamps are forever cool!). The pens were shipped in plastic. When we said 'Sorry, no,' the vendor said 'Impossible.' However, faced with no further orders, they discovered new possibilities. When you're committed to sustainability, positive impacts result!






# TAINABILITY IS NON-STOP



We're committed to buying locally wherever possible. This is good for local farmers and fishermen, and for the environment when there's less to ship by air. In Galápagos, we're making real progress. In 2018, 15.9 percent of our ships' provisions were purchased locally in Galápagos. In 2019, nearly 27 percent of provisions were sourced locally. And, as we are in the process of starting a new relationship with a local fish co-op, our locally purchased stats will grow. This not only supports the local economy; it helps to preserve the Galápagos eco-system by reducing the threat of invasive species entering through imported food and goods.



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In conjunction with South Pole, the world's leading developer of international emission reduction projects, we developed an online  carbon calculator for guests to use if they wish to carbon offset their flights to and from our ships. Simply enter flight details, and it tallies the carbon emissions, the offset cost (often surprisingly low), and provides a choice of projects—renewable energy (solar/wind), reforestation, or community projects—to invest in to mitigate the footprint. **Find it at [expeditions.com/carbon-calculator](https://expeditions.com/carbon-calculator).**

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Our Antarctic (and new inaugural Arctic) parka once shipped in plastic. Now each parka arrives in a reusable bag, thanks to the forward and responsible thinking of our partners at Ship to Shore. As the bag states, it can be re-used as a laundry bag, for beach cleanups, storage, and other practical uses. Now guests can feel doubly good about their Lindblad-National Geographic Expedition polar parkas!



We go to the planet's premier places to see wildlife, and often enjoy thrilling up-close encounters. However, we always maintain an appropriate distance from all animals, whether we're in the field or observing from the ship, respectfully maintaining the distance even when the animals choose to approach. And we withdraw at the least sign of animal discomfort. The photos shown in our brochures are taken by Lindblad Expeditions, National Geographic, and other photographers, including our guests, using high-end lenses that can create the illusion they are 'too near' the animal. Enjoy these stunning, up-close images, secure in the knowledge that skill and technology, not invasive closeness, produced them.

▶ FROM THE SOURCE: VIDEO OF SVEN LINDBLAD ON "WHY" AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/SUSTAINABILITY](https://expeditions.com/sustainability)

# EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*, *National Geographic Venture*, and *National Geographic Sea Bird*

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard one of our purpose-built expedition ships into a land of mist-shrouded fjords, tidewater glaciers, and islands teeming with wildlife. Search for killer whales and humpback whales, explore the coast by kayak, spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve and learn about Alaska's rich Tlingit heritage.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike or bushwhack through lush forests and muskegs, kayak into secluded inlets, and cruise by expedition landing craft among electric blue icebergs and curious wildlife.
- ▶ By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.
- ▶ If schedules permit, our conservation partners from the Alaska Whale Foundation will come aboard to meet with us and speak about the local whale population.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.
- ▶ Hike and kayak by special permit in the wild, remote areas of the Tongass National Forest.
- ▶ Extend your adventure with Denali National Park, or our new Canadian Rockies Heli-hiking adventure. Call or visit [expeditions.com/AKwilderness\\_ext](http://expeditions.com/AKwilderness_ext) for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Marine biologist and National Geographic expert **Flip Nicklin** is one of the world's leading photographers of whales. Join him on the **May 17, 2020** departure.

In a career spanning 40 years, **Ken Garrett** has photographed more than 60 feature stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines. He will be aboard our **May 23 & Aug. 30, 2020** departures.

**Krista Rossow** has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic for over a decade. Join her on **Aug. 22, 2020**.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts).*

*Humpback whale and lounging sea lions.*

**DAY 1: JUNEAU/EMBARK**

Explore the Alaska State Museum, with its sprawling collection of natural history and cultural artifacts. Embark our ship and settle into your cabin before dinner. (D)

**DAY 2: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS**

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glaciers up close and take a cruise in an expedition landing craft for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises, and arctic terns. (B,L,D)



Petersburg.

**DAY 3: PETERSBURG**

Visit Petersburg, an authentic Southeast Alaska fishing community on Mitkof Island with deep Norwegian roots. Explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity for bike riding and an optional flightseeing excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT**

Cruise along the rugged coast seeking out humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. Later we will explore the shoreline by kayak or go ashore to trek in the rainforest ecosystem. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS**

Search for wildlife, seabirds, and marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Straits and the Inian Islands. Choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike where sightings of bald eagles are very common. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK\***

See glaciers that end abruptly at the water’s edge and possibly observe them “calving”—tons of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wildness abounds—mountain goats roam the steep cliffs and brown bears patrol the shore; sea otters and puffins live in the icy waters. A native Tlingit cultural interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B,L,D)

*\*Please note: Departures aboard National Geographic Sea Bird visit the outer bays of Glacier Bay National Park and do not enter the inner bay. Call for details.*

**DAY 7: SOUTHEAST ALASKA’S ISLANDS, BAYS, AND FJORDS**

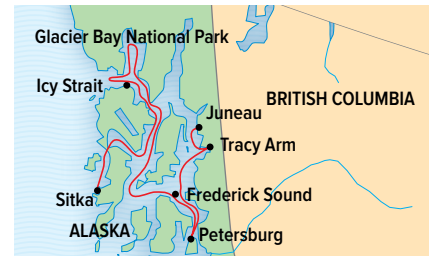
Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, hike stunning forest trails, or see fresh bear tracks worn into the soil while walking in the mud of an isolated meadow. If conditions permit, we’ll do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK**

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska’s only oceanfront town. Visit the Sitka National Historical Park to see the totems among the towering spruce and hemlock. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Center, we enjoy close-up views of bald eagles, owls, and other species normally seen at a distance. (B)



Brown bear, Tongass National Forest.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS****DATES: National Geographic Quest:**

2020 May 23\*, 30; Jun. 6\*, 13, 20\*, 27; Jul. 4\*, 11, 18\*, 25; Aug. 1\*, 8, 15\*, 22

2021 May 22\*, 29; Jun. 5\*, 12, 19\*, 26; Jul. 3\*, 10, 17\*, 24, 31\*; Aug. 7, 14\*, 21, 28\*; Sep. 4

**National Geographic Venture:**

2020 May 17\*, 24, 31\*; Jun. 7, 14\*, 21, 28\*; Jul. 5, 12\*, 19, 26\*; Aug. 2, 9\*, 16, 23\*, 30, Sep. 6\*

2021 May 16\*, 23, 30\*; Jun. 6, 13\*, 20, 27\*; Jul. 4, 11\*, 18, 25\*; Aug. 1, 8\*, 15, 22\*, 29; Sep. 5\*

**National Geographic Sea Bird:**

2020 May 17\*, 24, 31\*; Jun. 7, 14\*; Jul. 26\*; Aug. 2, 9\*, 16, 23\*

\*These departures travel in reverse.

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximize your experience.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest /*

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$7,100; Cat. 5 from \$10,290

*National Geographic Sea Bird*

Cat. 1 from \$6,490; Cat. 3 from \$8,070

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**EXPLORE MORE—DENALI NATIONAL PARK OR NEW HELI-HIKING EXTENSION**

For 2020 departures, add a seven-day extension to [Denali National Park and Preserve](#) from \$6,690. Or stay in a remote lodge and heli-hike high in the [Canadian Rockies](#) on a seven-day extension from \$5,990. Visit [expeditions.com/AKwilderness\\_ext](http://expeditions.com/AKwilderness_ext).

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- **2020 FAMILY OFFER:** Save 50% on children and grandchildren on select May and August departures, or save 25% on select departures in June and July.
- Book now and receive **FREE ROUND TRIP AIRFARE** (between Alaska and Seattle) on select 2020 departures. See page 136 for offer details.

NEW

Combine these Escapes into a 11-day adventure with an exclusive

# WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: JUNEAU TO KETCHIKAN

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

Exploring the southern regions of Southeast Alaska on our expeditions is an unrivalled experience, as you navigate narrow channels like Behm and Blake, Walker Cove in Misty Fjords, Eastern Passage, and Wrangell Narrows. Discover an authentic Alaska unreachable by large cruise ships. Lower expedition landing craft to explore places like Hole in The Wall State Marine Park on Prince of Wales Island, and drop kayaks into salmon-studded waters to trace the rugged, wildlife-rich shorelines of Kupreanof and Kuiu Islands.

**DAY 1: JUNEAU/EMBARK**

Arrive in Alaska’s capital city. Above it all sits the Juneau Icefield, one of the world’s largest non-polar masses and source of many glaciers. Transfer to downtown Juneau to visit the Alaska State Museum. Embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: LECONTE GLACIER/ THOMAS BAY**

This morning we maneuver among the ice of LeConte Glacier. Our Captain will bring the ship as close to the glacier as conditions allow, where we will deploy expedition landing craft and kayaks to explore among the ice. This afternoon we transit the Wrangell Narrows, a breathtaking 22-mile waterway, known as Christmas Tree Alley for the red and green navigational beacons directing our small ship safely through. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: EXPLORING SUMNER STRAIT**

Our expert staff will keep a lookout on deck as we scout along the rugged coastlines of Kupreanof, Kuiu, or Prince of Wales Islands, seeking out humpbacks and other wildlife along the shoreline. The area is home to Sitka black-tailed deer, black bears, Alexander



*Bald eagles perched atop an iceberg.*

Archipelago wolves, moose, and around 300 species of birds. We may explore the coast by kayak or go ashore to explore bear trails and salmon streams while learning about the rainforest ecosystem along the way. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: WRANGELL**

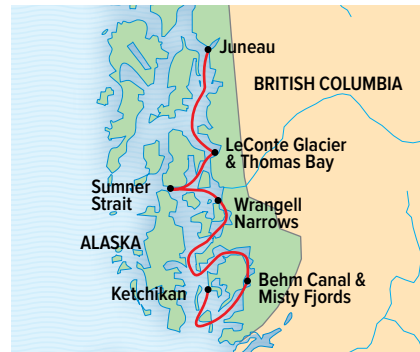
This morning we arrive in the small town of Wrangell. The Tlingit and their ancestors have made this island their home for thousands of years. Take an optional jet boat excursion up the Stikine River or explore town, including a visit to Chief Shakes Tribal House and the Petroglyph Beach, home to the highest concentration of petroglyphs in Southeast Alaska. This afternoon, we cruise Eastern Passage and Blake Channel, narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island where other ships rarely venture. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: BEHM CANAL/MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Spend the morning cruising the 108-mile-long Behm Canal into Misty Fjords National Monument. Join naturalists on the bow to gaze at the near vertical rock face that rises 2,000 to 3,000 feet above sea level and drops 1,000 feet below it. Explore by expedition landing craft and kayak for a closer perspective of dramatic waterfalls. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: KETCHIKAN/DISEMBARK**

Disembark in Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Center to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 21, 26\*; Jun. 10, 15\*, 30; Jul. 5\*, 20, 25\*, 30; Aug. 9, 14\*  
2021 May 21, 26\*, 31; Jun. 5\*, 20, 25; Jul. 10, 15\*, 30; Aug. 4\*, 9, 14\*, 19, 24\*

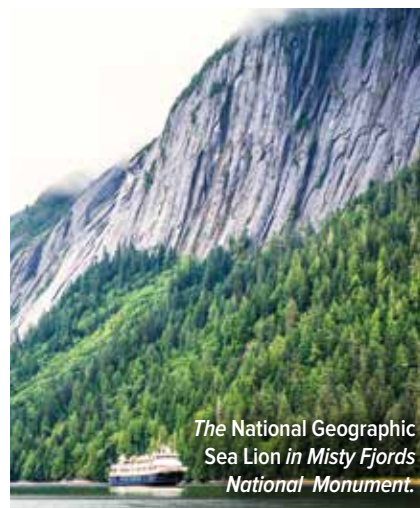
Photo Expedition, joined by a National Geographic photographer.

\*These departures travel in reverse.

**PRICING:**  
See opposite page.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**  
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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**  
Travel with National Geographic photographer Rich Reid on Jun. 10 & 15, 2020.



*The National Geographic Sea Lion in Misty Fjords National Monument.*

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glacier experience—and save 10%! See pricing options below.

## WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: SITKA TO JUNEAU

**6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion***

Seek a wild Alaska on an active, exciting expedition to see the region's iconic wildlife and epic landscapes in the compact timeframe of one work week. Trek through forests of towering trees, kayak deep into glacially carved fjords, stand-up paddleboard in calm bays, and raft from an ancient Alaska native village—all with our nimble expedition ship as your moving basecamp.

### DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Walk the Totem Trail in Sitka National Historic Park and stop at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center for an up-close look at Alaska's birds of prey. Embark our ship. (D)

### DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Islands' countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through these mirror-calm waters. This afternoon see rainforest inhabitants like the roughskin newt or giant banana slugs on an adventurous hike. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORING THE ICY STRAIT

Spend today searching for wildlife in these rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options may include a cruise by expedition landing craft among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of wildlife reside, quiet kayaking in the outer waters of Glacier Bay, or hikes in the lush temperate rainforest. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: HAINES

Haines is known as the "adventure capital of Alaska." If you're feeling extra adventurous, you can choose from one of many world class hikes, cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, or take a flightseeing excursion over Glacier

Bay National Park & Preserve. Or choose to call into the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. The day is full of options. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Awake in stunningly beautiful Tracy Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness. Enter this glacially carved wilderness aboard our nimble ship, then set out to explore by expedition landing craft for a view of South Sawyer or Dawes Glaciers. If conditions permit, hop into one of our kayaks to paddle along fjord walls that soar straight from the sea, as you spot curious harbor seals trailing your wake. Cap off your adventurous voyage with the Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

Disembark in downtown Juneau and transfer to the airport. (B)

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** *National Geographic Sea Bird:*

2020 Jun. 21\*, 26; Jul. 1\*, 6, 16, 21\*

*National Geographic Sea Lion:*

2020 May 16, 31\*; Jun. 5 📷, 20\* 📷, 25;

Jul. 10\*, 15 📷, 30\* 📷; Aug. 4, 19\*, 24, 29\*

2021 May 16; Jun. 10\*, 15 📷, 30\*; Jul. 5, 20\*,

25 📷; Aug. 29

📷 Photo Expedition, joined by a National Geographic photographer.

\*These departures travel in reverse.

## ALASKA



### PRICING:

#### 6-day Escapes:

*National Geographic Sea Bird /  
National Geographic Sea Lion*  
Cat. 1 from \$4,420; Cat. 3 from \$6,170

#### Combined 11-day Epic voyage:

*National Geographic Sea Lion*  
Cat. 1 from \$7,956\*; Cat. 3 from \$11,106\*  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early. \*Pricing reflective of back-to-back savings when combining consecutive *Wild Alaska Escape* journeys. See page 136 for details.

### SPECIAL OFFERS:

Offers applicable on either Wild Alaska Escape itinerary, as well as the combined Epic 11-day option.

- **2020 FAMILY OFFER:** Save 50% on children and grandchildren on select May and August departures, or save 25% on select departures in June and July.
  - Book now and receive **FREE ROUND TRIP AIRFARE** (between Alaska and Seattle) on select 2020 departures.
  - Book a group of six or more and **save 10%** off the total price.
- See page 136 for details.

### NEW! GLACIER BAY EXTENSION

New for 2020, add a three-day extension in [Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve](http://expeditions.com/GlacierBayNP). Visit [expeditions.com/GlacierBayNP](http://expeditions.com/GlacierBayNP).

NEW

# VOYAGE TO THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST: NATIVE CULTURE & WILDLIFE IN THE LAND OF THE SPIRIT BEAR

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Sail beyond Alaska into the narrow, winding fjords of northern British Columbia and enter the domain of the rare Spirit Bear. Also known as a Kermode bear, this variant of the North American black bear can only be found in the pristine wilderness of the Great Bear Rainforest. Roughly the size of Ireland and one of National Geographic’s “Places of a Lifetime,” this area stretches 250 miles across the central and northern coast of British Columbia and encompasses a quarter of the world’s coastal temperate rainforest. It is also home to First Nations people who have been there since time immemorial. Hike along its salmon-rich streams, enter forests of towering cedars, and see the protected region’s abundant wildlife.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Take kayaks and Zodiacs deep into verdant fjords and along wildlife-rich shores, keeping your eyes peeled for foraging bears, grey wolves, pods of killer whales, and more.
- ▶ Journey into remote, protected lands and experience the silence as you stand among towering cedars.
- ▶ Learn the human history of the region from our cultural interpreter and fascinating First Nations museums.
- ▶ Witness the surprisingly colorful undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist.
- ▶ Celebrate this inaugural season in the company of large carnivore ecologist and National Geographic Grantee Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant as she shares her experience studying the bears in the region.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Our inaugural voyages into this region will be joined by carnivore ecologist and National Geographic Fellow **Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant**. Dr. Wynn-Grant has been awarded a grant to study spirit bears in the region and will be on board to give lectures and provide cutting-edge information. She was recently featured in the National Geographic documentary *Women of Impact: Changing the World*. Join her on the **Sep. 15 or 22, 2020** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).



Rare capture of the elusive spirit bear in the Great Bear Rainforest.

**DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

Arrive in Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Center to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Embark *National Geographic Venture*. (D)



*Totem Pole, Ketchikan.*

**DAY 2: PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Wake up in Prince Rupert, a scenic harbor town on British Columbia's rugged northwest coast. Get immersed in First Nations history at the Museum of Northern British Columbia, built in the style of a coastal longhouse. Breathe in the scent of cedar beams and peruse an impressive collection of ornate carvings, weavings, ceremonial objects, and regalia. Visit the North Pacific Cannery Museum, a collection of cannery buildings located in a pristine wilderness surrounding that highlights British Columbia's economic, cultural, and natural development over the last century. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 3–6: EXPLORING GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST**

Over the next four days, we will cruise deep into the fjords and deep valleys that carve into the Coast Range looking for black and grizzly bears. We will be accompanied by a cultural interpreter who will share with you the legends of their people. Circumnavigate Gribbell Island, dubbed "Mother Island of the White Bear," in search of this elusive bear. It is believed that between 10-20 percent of bears in this region are born with the recessive gene

that causes the white fur; fewer than 400 are estimated to exist. Almost 15 percent of the land in British Columbia is protected, with a wide range of provincial parks, national parks, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will go ashore and explore several remote locations where few people venture. Discover hidden gems by Zodiac and kayak, navigating the tidal narrows that lead to the spectacular Gilttoeyes Inlet and gliding into rugged valleys of Owyacumish Bay—all while constantly scanning the rocky shoreline for bears. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: CRUISING/LOWE INLET PROVINCIAL MARINE PARK**

Sail alongside pods of killer whales and see foraging brown bears as we sail north through the narrow Grenville Channel, a dramatic navigational experience. Not only does the channel narrow to less than a quarter of a mile across, but a slight bend in the passage makes the waterway seem to disappear into the hills ahead and behind the ship. If conditions allow, we will drop our Zodiacs and kayaks to explore the salmon stream at Verney Falls in Lowe Inlet Provincial Marine Park on our way to Ketchikan. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

Return to Ketchikan and disembark the ship after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Sep. 15, 22

**PRICING:**

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Cat. 1 from \$5,140; Cat. 5 from \$8,020  
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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by Jul. 31, 2020 and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** (between Alaska and Seattle) on 2020 departures. Plus, we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins during this inaugural season. See page 136 for offer details.



*Grenville Channel, British Columbia.*

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# ALASKA END TO END: KETCHIKAN TO NOME

**22 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion***

Join us along the diverse coast and islands of Southeast, Southcentral, and Western Alaska. Begin on Alaska's Panhandle and spend time exploring the fjords, villages, and wildlife of the Inside Passage. Enter Yakutat and Disenchantment Bays, gaze up at the face of Hubbard Glacier. Spend several days within Prince William Sound, known for its spectacular mountains and massive tidewater glaciers. Visit Katmai National Park to spot coastal brown bears and continue along the Alaska Peninsula. Cruise along the Aleutian Islands and up to the Pribilofs—both places renowned for their seabird and marine mammal populations, as well as their rich Aleut culture. Encounter Provideniya and explore its changing history and rich cultural traditions.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit the town of Wrangell and learn about the rich indigenous culture along Alaska's coast.
- ▶ Cruise past St. Lazaria Island by Zodiac and see the nesting areas of thousands of storm petrels and rhinoceros auklets.
- ▶ Visit rugged Kayak Island and go ashore where Vitus Bering's expedition of 1741 made landfall.
- ▶ In Prince William Sound, explore among the ice of dozens of tidewater glaciers that empty out into the sea.
- ▶ Hike or Zodiac at St. Matthew and Hall Islands, one of the few breeding colonies of the rare McKay's bunting, and visit the Pribilofs—home to the largest northern fur seal rookery in the world.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**J.J. Kelley** is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker and explorer focusing on issues of conservation and wildlife crime. Three of Kelley's documentaries have been featured on the cover of *National Geographic* magazine. He was a director on the Bering Sea's "Deadliest Catch." Join him on **Jun. 14, 2020**.

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*Blue Ice of Hubbard Glacier.*





**DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, U.S./ EMBARK**

Arrive in Ketchikan. See 19th-century Tlingit totem poles, embark *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

**DAY 2: MISTY FJORDS & BEHM CANAL**

Watch the sun rise over Misty Fjords, with green peaks rising over 2,000 feet from the sea. Explore forested banks and waterfalls by Zodiac and kayak. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: WRANGELL & KUIIU ISLANDS**

Explore where indigenous Tlingit people have lived for thousands of years. See the town, a tribal house, and petroglyphs, or jet boat the Stikine River. Search for humpback and killer whales, plus Sitka black-tailed deer, moose, black bears, and wolves. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: EXPLORING BARANOF ISLAND**

Explore the sculpted, rugged coast of Baranof Island and learn about the region's fur trading history. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: SITKA & ST. LAZARIA**

Visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center and hike a coastal trail among majestic Haida and Tlingit totems. Zodiac to a colony of 500,000 seabirds. Search for albatross, shearwaters, burrow nesting storm petrels, rhinoceros auklets and ancient murrelets, pelagic cormorants, and common and thick-billed murre. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: AT SEA/HUBBARD GLACIER**

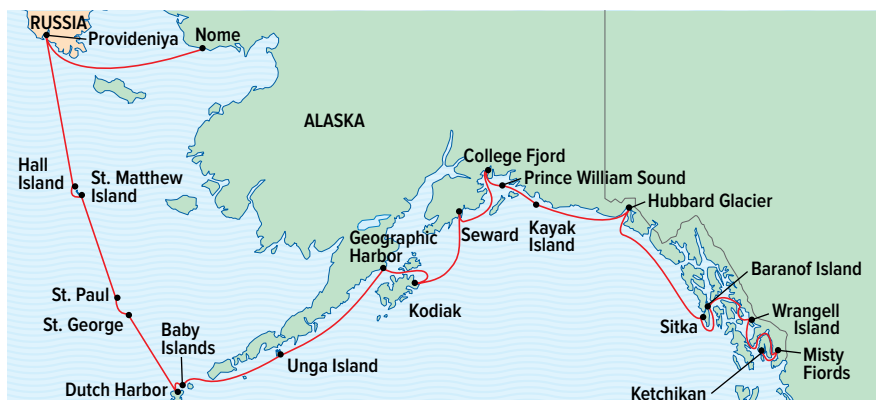
Sail up the Gulf of Alaska to towering, six-mile-wide Hubbard Glacier and approach by Zodiac, conditions permitting. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: KAYAK ISLAND**

See uninhabited Kayak Island, where Vitus Bering landed in 1741, and where naturalist Georg Steller discovered a new species of jay and over 150 species of plants. Conditions permitting, hike and Zodiac cruise. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 8 & 9: EXPLORING PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND & COLLEGE FJORD**

Follow the wildlife by kayak, hike, or visit a remote village. Sail into College Fjord to Zodiac among ice from five tidewater glaciers. Search for Steller sea lions, harbor seals, and humpback and killer whales. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: SEWARD**

Explore charming Seward and learn its fur-trading and WWII history. Visit a research and rehabilitation facility for marine mammals and seabirds. Hike to the base of Exit Glacier. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: EXPLORING THE KENAI PENINSULA**

Cruise an ice-scoured fjord to the face of one of the region's 40 glaciers while searching for mountain goats and wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: KODIAK ISLAND**

Visit the fishing village of Kodiak with its unique mix of Native Alutiiq and Russian-American history. Visit the Holy Resurrection Church, or see indigenous artifacts. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE**

See and photograph abundant bears digging for clams and fishing for salmon. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 14 & 15: ALASKA PENINSULA/ SHUMAGIN ISLANDS**

Explore the Alaska Peninsula. Hike Unga Island among remnants of a unique petrified forest of sequoia trees buried in a mudslide 25 million years ago. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: BABY ISLANDS/DUTCH HARBOR, UNALASKA**

Search for whales, bald eagles, and rare seabirds amid dynamic tides. Visit Dutch Harbor, the site of a fierce WWII battle, now an important fishing port. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 17-19: PRIBILOF ISLANDS/ST. MATTHEW & HALL ISLANDS**

Zodiac and hike among some of the three million seabirds and one million marine mammals that

migrate here, including puffins, kittiwakes, red-faced cormorants, and northern fur seals. (B,L,D)

**DAY 20: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Arrive at "The Gateway to the Arctic" to a traditional Yupik dance welcome and visit the excellent museum. (B,L,D)

**DAY 21: AT SEA/CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT**

Sail across one of the planet's most iconic bodies of water. (B,L,D)

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

Arrive in Nome, Alaska, and fly to Anchorage for flights home or onward. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2020 Jun. 14

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$27,440; Cat. 6 from \$52,790  
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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- **BE OUR GUEST + EXCURSION:** Take advantage of a complimentary **post-voyage excursion**, including one hotel night in Anchorage. Book by Mar. 31, 2020.
- Receive a **\$450 air credit plus free airfare** Nome/Anchorage.
- We will cover your bar tab and crew tips. See page 136 for details.

# BERING SEA WILDERNESS: PRIBILOFS, KATMAI & KODIAK

13 Days/12 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Wildlife photographer, cinematographer, and author **Matthias Breiter** has spent most of the past 30 years researching the daily lives and habits of black, brown, and polar bears. He just completed a book for the National Park Service on Katmai and will be traveling on the **Jul. 5, 2020** departure.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Biologist, spacial analyst, and conservationist **Scott Wilbor** will join the **Jul. 5, 2020** departure.

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*Relaxing time, brown bear, Alaska.*

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

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

**DAY 2: AT SEA/CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT**

Spend the first day at sea crossing one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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

**DAYS 4–6: ST. MATTHEW, HALL & PRIBILOF ISLANDS, U.S.**

A naturalist's paradise, these islands welcome three million seabirds and a million marine mammals each summer as they arrive to breed. Go ashore at St. Paul to visit one of the world's largest northern fur seal rookeries. At St. George, go by Zodiac to view puffins, red-legged kittiwakes, and red-faced cormorants on dramatic sea cliffs. (B,L,D)



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

**DAY 7: UNALASKA**

This morning, arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world's most important fishing ports. Continue to the Baby Islands, just east of Unalaska, where dynamic tides offer exciting potential to spot rare whiskered auklets and two species of puffin, both from the ship's deck and from Zodiacs. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 8 & 9: SHUMAGIN ISLANDS/ ALASKA PENINSULA**

Go ashore on Unga Island to explore incredible tundra and the scattered remnants of a unique petrified forest of sequoia trees that were buried in a volcanic mudslide nearly 25 million years ago. Continue along the eastern shore of the Alaska Peninsula, with time for exploration and wildlife watching. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK**

Spend today exploring the shorelines and waters of coastal Katmai National Park & Preserve, known for its abundant brown bear population. This region may offer us opportunities to watch and photograph bears digging for clams at low tide, or browsing the shoreline. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: KODIAK ISLAND**

The second largest island in the U.S., Kodiak is best known for its brown bears and its fishing industry. Less well known is its unique mix of Native Alutiiq and Russian-American history. Take a hike through the forested remains of WWII-era Ft. Abercrombie. Photograph the beautiful Holy Resurrection Church on a photo walk, or peruse native art and artifacts at the Alutiiq Museum. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: EXPLORING THE KENAI PENINSULA**

Nearly 40 glaciers flow out of the Kenai's Harding Icefield, so the opportunities for exploration abound. Glide through some of the ice-scoured fjords to see the glaciers that created them, while searching for wildlife along the way. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: SEWARD/DISEMBARK/ ANCHORAGE**

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 23\*; Jul. 5 2021 Jul. 1

\*This departure travels in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$17,340; Cat. 6 from \$33,110

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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- **BE OUR GUEST:** Take advantage of a complimentary pre-voyage night in Anchorage. Call for details.
  - Receive a **\$450 air credit** plus **free airfare** Anchorage/Nome on the Jun. 23, 2020 departure.
  - Travel aboard *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.
- See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a four-night pre- or post-voyage extension. Stay at the [Tutka Bay Lodge](#) on the Kenai Peninsula, or at [Winterlake Lodge](#) in the foothills of the Alaskan Range—both National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Call or visit [expeditions.com/alaskalodges](http://expeditions.com/alaskalodges).



Aerial view of Kodiak Island.

# ACROSS THE BERING SEA: FROM KATMAI TO KAMCHATKA

22 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

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

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Chris Rainier** is an acclaimed documentary photographer known for his work to highlight and preserve endangered cultures and languages. He also served as a cultural editor and photographer for *National Geographic Traveler* magazine for over a decade. He is aboard **Jul. 17, 2020**.

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## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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



Walrus, Arctic Russia.

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

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

**DAYS 2 & 3: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK**

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

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

Watch from the deck as we transit Baby Pass en route to the Baby Islands, just to the east of Unalaska. Dynamic tides here offer exciting potential to spot rare whiskered auklets and two species of puffin. Arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle, and now one of the world's most important fishing ports. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6–10: EXPLORING THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS**

These rugged and remote volcanic islands, which separate the North Pacific from the Bering Sea, support vast colonies of seabirds and marine mammals such as northern fur seals, Steller sea lions, and a variety of whales. WWII history buffs will recognize names like Attu and Kiska, for the significance they played during the WWII Aleutian Islands Campaign. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

After crossing the international date line, sail into the protected waters of Avacha Bay, and dock at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, the gateway to Kamchatka. Be on deck for the approach, as Koryaksky, Avachinsky, and Kozelsky volcanoes provide a stunning backdrop to this port city. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 12 & 13: ZHUPANOVA & CHAZMA RIVERS**

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

**DAYS 14 & 15: COMMANDER ISLANDS**

Watch for whales, large groups of curious northern fur seals, and countless nesting seabirds that inhabit the rich waters surrounding the Commander Islands. On land, visit the gravesite of Danish explorer Vitus Bering. Conditions permitting, take Zodiacs to the fur seal rookery at Cape Severo-Zapadnyi. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 16–19: EXPLORING THE KORYAK AND CHUKOTKA COASTS**

Explore the seldom-visited east coasts of Kamchatka and Chukotka, the remote Russian Far East. Hike the tundra, surrounded by volcanic mountains and diminutive plants. Photograph brown bears, walrus, and three species of seals in rookeries onshore. Learn about Koryak reindeer-herding culture in one of the coastal villages. (B,L,D)

**DAY 20: PROVIDENIYA**

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**DAY 21: AT SEA, CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT**

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

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

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jul. 17

2021 Jun. 10; Jul. 13

Note: Russian visa is required

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*Traditional Koryak reindeer dress, Russia.*

# THE CANADIAN MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Phil Schermeister** has completed more than 40 photo assignments for National Geographic in the past 25 years, including more than 40 in U.S. National Parks. His work finds drama in changing light and seasons showing the forces of nature as they sculpt landscapes. Join him on the **Sep. 5 & 13, 2020** departures.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

**Robert MacNeil** was raised in Nova Scotia. Robin, as he is known, is a Canadian American author, journalist, and renowned former television news anchor for The MacNeil/Lehrer Report. Join him on the **Sep. 5 & 13, 2020** departures.

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*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 colorful capital city of Newfoundland and Labrador, and transfer to the *National Geographic Explorer* for your voyage. (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 visit a local island to learn the importance of the historic cod fisheries here, and explore the fascinating L'Arche Museum. (B,L,D)

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

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

**DAY 4: ÎLES DE LA MADELEINE, QUÉBEC**

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. (B,L,D)

*Red sandstone cliffs, Îles de la Madeleine.*



**DAY 5: EXPLORING THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE**

This is a day of exploration where our expedition team will look for the best opportunities to focus on the natural history and landscapes of the region. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK, NEWFOUNDLAND**

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)

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

Sail through The Narrows in the early morning and disembark in St. John's. Visit the colorful waterfront, historic Signal Hill, and The Rooms Museum before you transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Sep. 5, 13 2021 Sep. 13

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$9,810; Cat. 7 from \$18,330  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew. See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a four-day post-voyage extension to [Fogo Island Inn](http://Fogo Island Inn), a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World. Visit [expeditions.com/fogoinn](http://expeditions.com/fogoinn).

# EXPLORING BRITISH COLUMBIA & THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

## 8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Discover the powerful wilderness and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest aboard the 50-cabin *National Geographic Venture*—built from the keel up to explore places where wildlife lingers and larger ships cannot go. Journey to the spectacular San Juan Islands and sail through the untamed nature of British Columbia’s scenic waterways, plus visit charming towns and First Nations heritage sites. This one-way voyage between Seattle and Vancouver allows ample time to experience the richness of the living culture of the Namgis First Nations of Alert Bay.

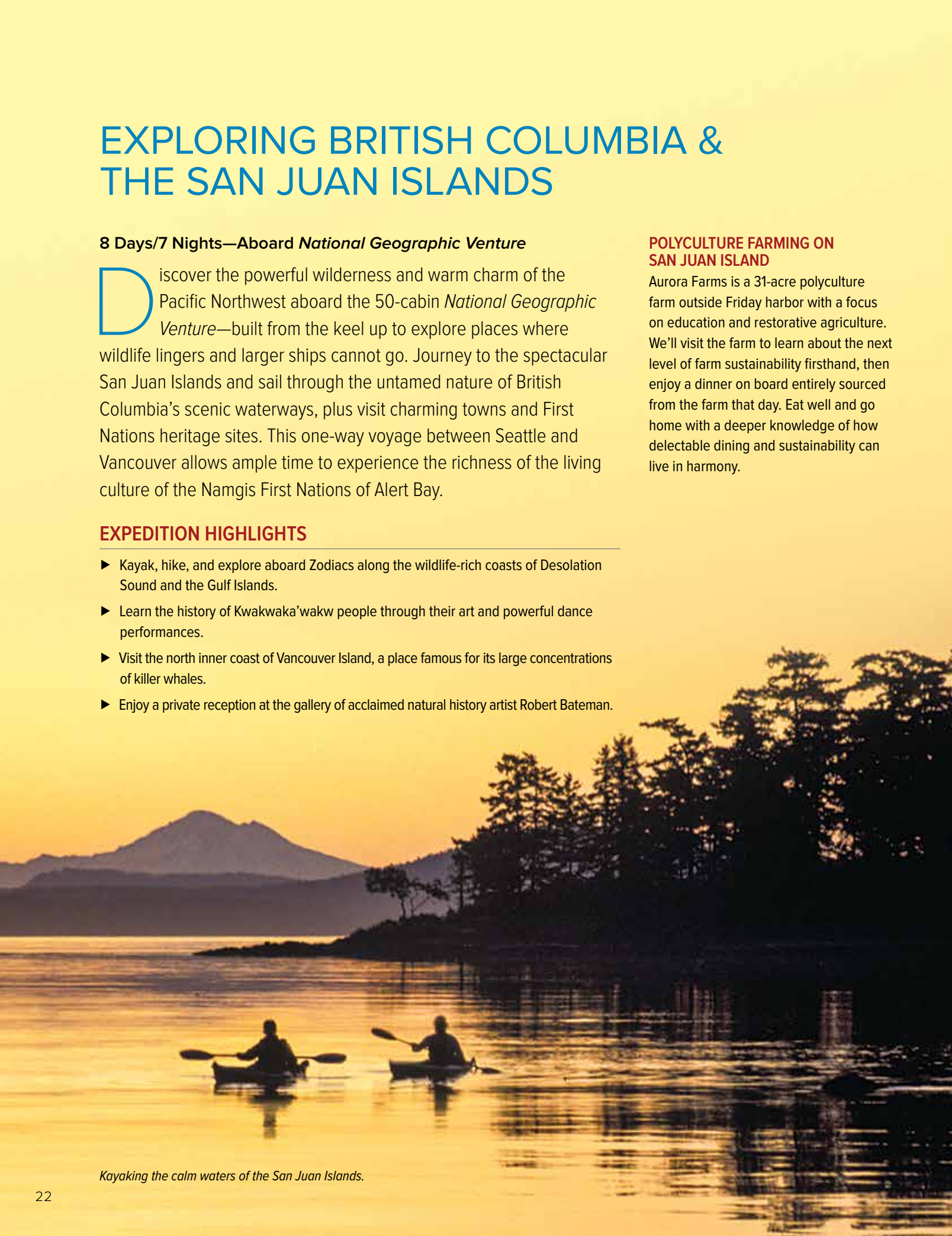
## POLY CULTURE FARMING ON SAN JUAN ISLAND

Aurora Farms is a 31-acre polyculture farm outside Friday harbor with a focus on education and restorative agriculture. We’ll visit the farm to learn about the next level of farm sustainability firsthand, then enjoy a dinner on board entirely sourced from the farm that day. Eat well and go home with a deeper knowledge of how delectable dining and sustainability can live in harmony.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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- ▶ Kayak, hike, and explore aboard Zodiacs along the wildlife-rich coasts of Desolation Sound and the Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Learn the history of Kwakwaka’wakw people through their art and powerful dance performances.
- ▶ Visit the north inner coast of Vancouver Island, a place famous for its large concentrations of killer whales.
- ▶ Enjoy a private reception at the gallery of acclaimed natural history artist Robert Bateman.



*Kayaking the calm waters of the San Juan Islands.*



**DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/ EMBARK**

Arrive in Seattle and transfer to the *National Geographic Venture* to begin your expedition. (D)

**DAY 2: EXPLORING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS**

Today we'll visit the more remote of the San Juan Islands, an archipelago in northern Washington State perfect for kayaking, exploring by Zodiac, and hiking. Walks with our expert staff will familiarize you with the natural and cultural history of the rugged northwest coast region. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: FRIDAY HARBOR**

Explore Friday Harbor, a picturesque town on San Juan Island. Visit the Whale Museum, with its fascinating collection of artifacts, artwork, and whale skeletons. Stop in at small shops and galleries. (B,L,D)



Victoria, British Columbia.

**DAY 4: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through Old Town, or explore the architecture of James Bay, the oldest residential neighborhood on the west coast north of San Francisco. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature while taking in the incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

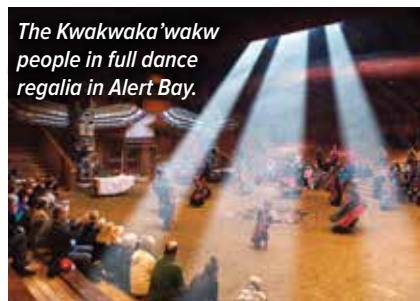
**DAY 5: EXPLORING THE GULF ISLANDS**

Wake this morning among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachtsman's paradise. We'll take our pick of perfect spots to kayak, hike, and search for wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: JOHNSTONE STRAIT/ ALERT BAY**

Sail through Johnstone Strait, a waterway

cut through a magnificently wild and scenic area of mountains and islands. These ocean waters are also home to extraordinary marine mammals and birdwatching. Today we visit one of the oldest First Nations communities in British Columbia. Alert Bay on Cormorant Island has been and continues to be the home of the Kwakwaka'wakw people and a center for the living culture found throughout the Northwest Coast.



The Kwakwaka'wakw people in full dance regalia in Alert Bay.

We will visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre, which houses one of the northwest coast's finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia, and coppers. Visit the Big House, where the T'sasala Cultural Group continues the sharing of culture, "educating the world about their songs, dances, teachings, and values." (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: DESOLATION SOUND**

Desolation Sound, on the north end of British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, is a mecca for kayakers and small yachts. It's easy to understand why, with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty. There are many options and we'll pick the perfect bay where we can explore by foot, kayak, or Zodiac. Tonight, enjoy a Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)



Killer whales in Johnstone Strait.



**DAY 8: VANCOUVER/DISEMBARK**

Vancouver is British Columbia's largest city and the major port for all of western Canada. It lies in a stunning setting, surrounded almost completely by water, with snowcapped mountains rising vertically from its backyard. After breakfast, disembark the ship for connecting flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Oct. 4\*, 11

\*This departure travels in reverse.

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximize your experience.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture*  
 Cat. 1 from \$5,140; Cat 5. from \$8,020  
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# COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS JOURNEY: FALL HARVEST & SPRING BLOOM

**8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*,  
*National Geographic Sea Lion*, and *National Geographic Venture***

The powerful Columbia and Snake Rivers flow through some of the most geologically fascinating landscapes, carved over time by tumultuous floods and volcanic eruptions. Get an up-close look at towering canyons, massive waterfalls, ancient petroglyphs, and rocky shorelines where bighorn sheep roam free. Along the way you'll also travel through a series of eight locks, visit intriguing museums, and savor this fertile region's abundant bounty—from salmon fished right out of these waterways to award-winning wines and craft brews. And overlying it all: the intrepid spirit of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery. As you travel in their wake, your historian will weave tales of this dramatic episode in American history.

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Join National Geographic photographer **Melissa Farlow** on the **Apr. 16 and 22, 2020** departures. Melissa has brought a personal approach to over 20 National Geographic projects, mostly set in the American West.

**Jonathan Kingston's** work has appeared in *National Geographic* magazine, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Join him on the **Sep. 22 & 29, 2020** departures.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts).

## **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- ▶ Explore the Palouse River via kayak or expedition landing craft and visit the impressive Palouse Falls.
- ▶ Take an exhilarating jet boat ride through the spectacularly scenic Hells Canyon, North America's deepest gorge.
- ▶ Enjoy locally sourced, sustainable food on board and on a special culinary excursion. Food is sourced from providers along the way, so it's literally as fresh as can be.
- ▶ On our spring itinerary, choose an optional white-water rafting experience on the White Salmon River, running through volcanic basalt canyons into the warm sunshine of a forested valley.
- ▶ Absorb more of the Pacific Northwest on a pre- or post-voyage rewarding one-day Willamette Valley wine tour or Portland city tour. Or experience the history and rich flavors of the U.S.'s newest designated wine region on our brand new two- or three-day Lewiston extension. Visit [expeditions.com/cs\\_extensions](http://expeditions.com/cs_extensions) for details.

*Reflection of the cliffs and Vista House in Oregon along the Columbia River at sunrise.*

**DAY 1: PORTLAND, OREGON/EMBARK**  
Board our ship and discover why Portland is nicknamed “Bridgetown” as we sail under eight of the city’s eclectic bridges. (D)

**DAY 2: ASTORIA**  
We begin our journey navigating the Columbia near the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Cape Disappointment, where Meriwether Lewis first glimpsed the Pacific in 1805, explore the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and take in views of the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse and the north jetty of the Columbia River Bar. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum and, in the afternoon, explore more of the Astoria area with several options to choose from. (B,L,D)  
*Please note: Spring itinerary does not visit Astoria. See ‘Spring Bloom’ itinerary at a glance below.*

**DAYS 3 & 4: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE/ HOOD RIVER**  
Gain a fresh perspective on such highlights as Bonneville Lock and Dam, Multnomah Falls, and Beacon Rock (perhaps even hike it if you are inclined). Visit the stunning Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center featuring 15,000 years of history. Enjoy a farm-to-table orchard lunch overlooking the golden Hood River Valley. Visit the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum or walk along the original Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway and through the Mosier Twin Tunnels. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: CRUISING THE COLUMBIA**  
Spend the day cruising some of the most scenic and geologically interesting stretches of the Columbia River. Capture diverse and



magnificent landscapes with the help of a certified photo instructor. Our onboard geologist and historian will discuss the Columbian Basalt Flows and Missoula Floods that sculpted the landscape 13,000 years ago. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: PALOUSE RIVER**  
The still water of the Palouse River is the perfect mirror for the surrounding basalt cliffs as we set off cruising on our expedition landing craft and kayak adventures (conditions permitting). Visit Palouse Falls, where cascading waters plunge into the pool below. Afterwards, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON**  
At Clarkston, we find ourselves at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, more than 450 miles from the sea. Travel by comfortable jet boat up the Snake River into one of North America’s most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: CLARKSTON/DISEMBARK**  
Transfer to Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** *National Geographic Sea Bird / National Geographic Sea Lion:* 2020 Apr. 16<sup>†</sup>, 17<sup>\*\*</sup>, 22<sup>\*†</sup>; Sep. 19, 22, 26\*, 29\*; Oct. 3, 10\*, 17, 24\*  
*National Geographic Venture:* 2020 Oct. 22, 29\*  
*National Geographic Sea Lion:* 2021 Apr. 14<sup>†</sup>, 21<sup>\*\*</sup>  
\*These departures travel in reverse.  
†These departures follow the ‘Spring Bloom’ itinerary listed below. Please note 2020 ‘Spring Bloom’ departures are seven days/six nights. Call for details.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Sea Bird / National Geographic Sea Lion*  
Cat. 1 from \$5,450; Cat. 3 from \$7,190  
*National Geographic Venture*  
Cat. 1 from \$5,940; Cat. 5 from \$9,940  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**‘SPRING BLOOM’ ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**Day 1:** Portland, Oregon/Embark  
**Days 2 & 3:** Hood River  
**Day 4:** Cruising the Columbia River Gorge  
**Day 5:** Walla Walla  
**Day 6:** Exploring the Palouse River  
**Day 7:** Clarkston, Washington  
**Day 8:** Clarkston/Disembark  
Visit [expeditions.com/cs\\_spring](http://expeditions.com/cs_spring) for full day-by-day itinerary.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** and receive a **\$500 AIR CREDIT** on select departures. Plus, we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins on the Oct. 29, 2020 departure. See page 136 or call for details.



# WILD CALIFORNIA ESCAPE: CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

**5 Days/4 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*, *National Geographic Venture*, and *National Geographic Sea Bird***

Leave the clang of contemporary life behind for the alluring remoteness of the Channel Islands. We'll actively explore three of the five wildlife-rich islands that make up Channel Islands National Park, plus beautiful Catalina Island. Kayak and hike unmarred landscapes, revel in pure nature, and rejuvenate mind, body, and soul with these breathtaking vistas.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the islands by walking miles of trails, paddling crystal clear waters by kayak or stand-up paddleboard, exploring by expedition landing craft, or photographing breathtaking landscapes and bird colonies.
- ▶ Hike in a Torrey Pine grove, one of only two on Earth, and enjoy a picnic lunch with sweeping views of the natural harbor.
- ▶ See iconic animals such as the American bison, bald eagles, and Channel Island fox.
- ▶ Visit the famous community of Avalon, a haven for movie stars in Hollywood's golden era.

## AN UNPRECEDENTED EXPEDITION

Our expedition among this remote and storied archipelago is the only way to visit multiple islands in one trip. Dayboats can take you to a single island to hike or camp, but a true in-depth exploration of the Channels on our nimble ships (with comfy staterooms) is a unique offering, and the only way to take in the full natural splendor of this extraordinary National Park.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

**Greg Marshall**, 2013 National Geographic Fellow, marine biologist, and filmmaker will join the **Apr. 21 & 25, 2021** departures.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).*



*Inspiration Point overlook,  
Anacapa Island.*

**DAY 1: LOS ANGELES, EMBARK**

Embark the ship and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

**DAY 2: ANACAPA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS, CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

Join your wellness specialist on the sundeck for morning yoga. After breakfast, head ashore to explore East Anacapa Island. After climbing a ladder and then 157 stairs, you'll be rewarded with stunning views over the islands at aptly named, Inspiration Point and the nearby Anacapa Lighthouse built in 1912. Or, if you prefer a leisurely morning, join a naturalist in an expedition landing craft as they explore the vast kelp fields and Arch Rock. During lunch we'll reposition to Santa Cruz Island for an afternoon of exploration. (B,L,D)  
*Landing order of islands may vary depending on National Park Service permit guidelines.*

**DAY 3: SANTA ROSA ISLAND**

Kickstart with a stretch class before breakfast. Weather permitting, go kayaking, hiking, or simply explore ashore. Join our naturalists for a more strenuous hike out to the base of the Torrey Pines, considered one of the world's rarest pines, and one of only two naturally occurring groves in the world. End the day with a pre-dinner sunset cocktail party. (B,L,D)

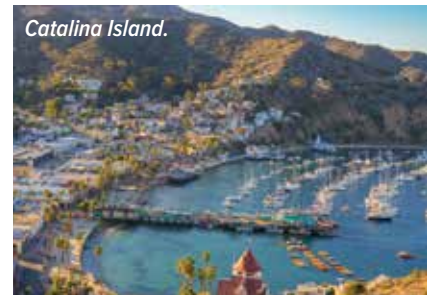


**DAY 4: SANTA CATALINA ISLAND**

After breakfast, go trekking into the Catalina backcountry, or head to the shoreline to kayak or stand-up paddleboard. After lunch, the ship arrives in Avalon Harbor, the island's only incorporated city. Explore downtown or walk up Avalon Canyon to visit the Wrigley Monument and the Botanic Garden. Or visit an architectural gem: the famous Catalina Casino, built in 1929. Scuba-certified? Our team will arrange diving and gear rental with a top local operator. Return to the ship for a farewell dinner and a final evening at sea, under the stars. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: LOS ANGELES/ DISEMBARK**

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking. (B)



*Catalina Island.*

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** *National Geographic Quest:* 2020 Apr. 25, 29; Sep. 19, 23 *2021 Apr. 21, 25*  
*National Geographic Venture:* 2020 Nov. 10, 14  
*National Geographic Sea Bird:* 2020 Oct. 11, 15

Get a preview! See the video at [expeditions.com/exploringci](https://www.expeditions.com/exploringci)



*A group of hikers overlooking Potato Harbor on Santa Cruz Island.*

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest / National Geographic Venture*  
Cat. 1 from \$3,100; Cat. 5 from \$5,470  
*National Geographic Sea Bird*  
Cat. 1 from \$2,990; Cat. 3 from \$3,940  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](https://www.expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book the Apr. 25 or 29, 2020 departure and receive a **\$350 air credit**; plus the premium will be **waived for solo travelers** booking solo cabins on these departures.
- Book a group of six or more and **save 10%** off the total price.  
See page 136 for details.

# BAJA CALIFORNIA & THE SEA OF CORTEZ: AMONG THE GREAT WHALES

## 8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Seeing gray whales in their natural habitat is one of the great delights of this voyage, as you venture out in small boats among these magnificent creatures. In the Sea of Cortez, search for a variety of whales, plus dolphins, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, cormorants, and magnificent frigatebirds. You'll also snorkel among sea lions, join naturalists on hikes amid iconic cardon cactus and sculpted sand dunes, and see a variety of desert flora and fauna.

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore along Baja's Pacific Coast and the Sea of Cortez for opportunities to observe humpbacks, gigantic blue whales, sperm, pilot whales, and more.
- ▶ Your floating base camp brings you into the breeding grounds of gray whales to observe their calves on intimate water-level encounters, and from the ship's bow along with expert naturalists.
- ▶ Go snorkeling amid sea lions and schools of king angelfish in the Sea of Cortez and in extraordinary Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park.
- ▶ Kayak clear blue waters on the lookout for a variety of bird species including magnificent frigatebirds.
- ▶ Hike or walk diverse landscapes, including sand dunes, a cactus forest, and deserted islands.
- ▶ Stroll the "Malecon" in vibrant La Paz and dine splendidly; in Loreto visit the first mission in the New World.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

**Greg Marshall**, marine biologist, filmmaker, and inventor of the crittercam—a system of animal-borne cameras that capture video showing the world through animals' eyes—joins the **Jan. 9 & 16, 2021** departures.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).*



*Gray whale, Magdalena Bay.*

**DAY 1: U.S./LORETO/SAN CARLOS/ EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark our ship. Tonight, we'll anchor off the coast of Isla Santa Margarita. (D)

**DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA**

Awake in Bahía Almejas, the southernmost part of the Bay. We'll observe a large frigatebird colony enroute to the spectacular whale grounds of Bahía Almejas. Whales here tend to be very active, seemingly oblivious to our presence, so settle in for some great experiences. Later we'll reposition to Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Bird-watching can be excellent here. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: BOCA DE SOLEDAD**

Each winter, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed, give birth, and raise their calves in these sheltered waters. We'll spend the full day interacting with these majestic creatures. Together with savvy local Mexican fishermen, we'll venture out in local pangas to view the numerous mother-calf pairs. We will likely encounter a variety of shorebirds feeding voraciously on the shoreline while frigatebirds and pelicans soar overhead. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: THE HULL CANAL & CRUISING**

Kickstart your day with a morning stretch hosted by our onboard wellness specialist on the sun deck. After breakfast, we'll explore the vast mangrove system via kayak, stand-up paddleboard, and Zodiac, and learn how these massive ecosystems support their

surroundings. This afternoon, we'll sail out through "La Entrada" as we leave Magdalena Bay behind. Traveling south along the coast of the peninsula, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life, including humpback whales. Hear naturalist talks and learn photography basics. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: GORDA BANKS/CABO PULMO**

Awake to a majestic sunrise over the iconic Friars Rocks at Land's End. We'll spend the rest of the morning searching the seas of Gorda Banks seamount, a renowned gathering place for whales, dolphins, and other sea life. Later we'll set out to snorkel the pristine reefs of Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, one of the most successful national marine parks in the world, and chat with locals about their advocacy to protect this unique place. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: LOS ISLOTES AND LA PAZ**

Awake this morning off the rocky island of Los Islotes, where we'll don flippers, a mask, and snorkel and swim with curious sea lions. Then we'll reposition to the colorful city of La Paz to garner insight into the culture of Mexico, soak in the vibrant street art, and stroll the lively "Malecon" on a guided walking tour. Dinner will be an unforgettable cultural experience, featuring local cuisine, dancing, and folklore. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ**

Our plan is flexible as we explore some of the Sea's many uninhabited islands. We may go ashore at Isla San Francisco, where a sweeping arc of white sand beach beckons you to kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Or, hike to the nearby ridge for unparalleled views over Isla



Danzante with your naturalist. You may also visit the abandoned salt works on Isla Carmen. You'll get a chance to see the great wildlife diversity offered in the Sea of Cortez, and with some luck, blue or fin whales. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast and transfer to the city center. Visit the first mission in Baja California and the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore the quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2021 Jan. 9\*, 16, 23\*, 30; Feb. 6\*, 13, 20\*, 27; Mar. 6\*

\*These departures travel in the reverse.

Note: The exact order of stops may vary in order to maximize your experience.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$6,270; Cat. 5 from \$9,270

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.



*Surfacing bottlenose dolphin in the Sea of Cortez, Baja California.*



**BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION**

Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. Visit [expeditions.com/loreto](http://expeditions.com/loreto) for details.

# BAJA CALIFORNIA: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

**15 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture* and *National Geographic Sea Lion***

Embark on a comprehensive expedition that explores both the Pacific side of Baja California and the islands in the Sea of Cortez. Venture into the gray whale lagoons for up-close encounters, and then spend ample time exploring the Sea of Cortez and all its marine mammals. See scores of blue-footed boobies and pelicans, kayak into quiet grottos, and visit charming seaside towns.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Get up-close views of gray whale mothers and their growing calves as they prepare for their journey back to Arctic feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak clear blue waters to search for wildlife, including magnificent frigatebirds, and investigate the intricacies of the shoreline.
- ▶ Snorkel the living sea: observe large schools of vibrantly colored fish, swim among playful sea lions, and much more.
- ▶ With more time for adventure, rely on your expedition leader to take you where wildlife will be at its best—including the remote oceanic island of San Pedro Mártir with clouds of nesting seabirds and crowds of sea lions onshore, and expanses of sea where huge pods of dolphins gather.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

National Geographic photographer **Ralph Lee Hopkins** joins the **Mar. 15, 2021** photo expedition. Ralph is the founder and director of the Expedition Photography program for the Lindblad-National Geographic alliance. For more than 20 years he has lead expeditions from the Arctic to Antarctica and points in between.

**Krista Rossow** will be aboard the **Mar. 29, 2021** photo expedition. For more than a decade, Krista has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic, seeing the camera as a tool for understanding new cultures, meeting the locals, and exploring the natural world.

*Read full bios and find out more about Photo Expeditions at [expeditions.com/photo](https://expeditions.com/photo).*

*Kayaking the calm water in the Sea of Cortez.*



**DAY 1: U.S./LORETO/SAN CARLOS/ EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: BAHÍA MAGDALENA**

Explore the ever-shifting sand dunes of Isla Magdalena, on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Bird watching in this area can be excellent. We may observe pelicans and cormorants skimming the waters of the bay, or terns wheeling and darting as frigatebirds ride the thermals above, looking for an easy meal. Along the beaches, resident great blue herons feed on these fertile shorelines next to migratory shorebirds, including whimbrels and willets, as they refuel for their northbound journeys. (B,L,D)



Gray whale, Laguna San Ignacio.

**DAYS 3 & 4: LAGUNA SAN IGNACIO**

Laguna San Ignacio is a large bay and favored haunt of the gray whales in Baja. The ship will anchor at the mouth of this remote and important locale, while we observe the mother and calf pairs in local pangas. For some reason, the whales here seem to be friendlier than they are elsewhere. It's not unusual for mothers and calves to approach our boats, the calves often playing hide and seek—sometimes even welcoming a touch or a friendly chin scratch. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: AT SEA**

As we travel south along the Pacific coast of the peninsula, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6–14: ISLANDS OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ**

Cruise past the spectacular Friars Rocks at Land's End. For those who wish, we will arrange a visit to the historic town center of San José del Cabo. Isla San Pedro Mártir, Los Islotes, Isla San Francisco—these are some of the melodious names of islands scattered throughout this beautiful sea. After over 40 years of exploration here, we are still discovering new places and experiencing exciting events: bow-riding bottlenose dolphins, or sperm whales near our ship; a pod of fin whales feeding around a convergence zone; or perhaps, with luck, the largest animal on earth—the blue whale. The best areas for whale watching remain consistent—the waters south of Isla Carmen, Canal de Ballenas up north, and near the mouth of Bahía Concepción. Whether on the Bridge of the ship, in Zodiacs, or kayaks, we will be in prime position to observe them all. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: LORETO/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast and transfer to the city center. You'll have the opportunity to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** *National Geographic Venture:*

2021 Mar. 15\*, 29 📷

*National Geographic Sea Lion:*

2021 Mar. 15 📷

📷 Photo Expedition

\*This departure travels in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$11,650; Cat. 5 from \$16,890

*National Geographic Sea Lion*

Cat. 1 from \$10,610; Cat. 3 from \$13,680

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.



Guests photographing at sunrise.

# EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ: A LIVING SEA & DESERT ISLES

8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture* and *National Geographic Quest*

The pristine desert islands dotting the Sea of Cortez are places of incredible biodiversity set amid a UNESCO World Heritage Marine Site dubbed “the world’s aquarium” by Jacques Cousteau. Each of these islands is a world unto itself, with a palpable feel of rugged isolation. Hike among forests of cacti and along desert *arroyos* in bloom as you search for endemic flora and fauna. Watch for swirling plunge-diving brown pelicans, blue-footed and brown boobies, and the frenetic aerial activity of gulls and terns that often alerts us to large pods of acrobatic dolphins. With a flexible itinerary, decades of experience, and deep knowledge of wildlife habits, this unique journey combines the beauty and biodiversity of this legendary region with a stimulating sense of adventure.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience a voyage of pure discovery in a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a flexible itinerary chosen by the region’s most knowledgeable staff to maximize wildlife sightings.
- ▶ Venture further north in the Sea of Cortez to explore remote and seldom visited islands, such as Isla Rasa, a breeding ground for 90 percent of the world’s Heermann’s gulls and a large population of elegant and royal terns.
- ▶ Search for pods of dolphins and other marine life. With luck, catch a leaping mobula ray as they eject from the sea and belly-flop back in the water.
- ▶ Explore water-level caves by kayak, hike uninhabited beaches, stand-up paddleboard, and snorkel among tropical fish and acrobatic sea lions.

## BE OUR GUEST

Spend the night in lovely Loreto with our compliments. Book the Apr. 12 or 13, 2020 departure and receive a free 2-day/1-night Loreto Mission & Hike pre-voyage extension. Visit a 17th century Jesuit mission with an interesting array of icons. Then, explore the Sierra de la Giganta foothills on a pre-lunch hike. Call for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

National Geographic Explorer and Photographer **Octavio Aburto** will be aboard the **Apr. 13, 2020** departure.

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*California sea lions basking in the sun.*

**DAY 1: U.S./LORETO/EMBARK**  
Arrive in Loreto and embark our ship. (D)

**DAYS 2–7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ**

Our routing is designed with flexibility in mind, to maximize opportunities for wildlife sightings. It will most likely include the islands and activities listed below, although the order may vary. (B,L,D)

**ISLAS SAN ESTEBAN AND SAN PEDRO MÁRTIR:**

Walk up a desert wash, to search for desert songbirds such as the handsome black-throated sparrow, listen for the cascading song of the canyon wren and search for the endemic pinto chuckwalla—a plump, harmless desert lizard. Later visit Isla San Pedro Mártir, a 1,000-foot-high guano-covered island that is home to thousands of seabirds: brown pelicans, magnificent frigatebirds, Brandt’s cormorants; and California sea lions.

**ISLA SAN MARCOS:**

At Isla San Marcos, there is a beautiful shoreline for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. In the afternoon, we are again in rich waters. We are on the lookout for pods of dolphins—with common and bottlenose being the most frequently encountered species. With luck they will join us as we go, riding the bow wave and sometimes leaping from the water.

**ISLA SAN JOSÉ:**

One of the larger islands in the Sea of Cortez, San José, offers several landing possibilities depending on conditions and the whim of the moment. Photograph the ochre cliffs of the island’s eastern shore, hike an “enchanted,” cactus-laden *arroyo*, or visit the abandoned salt works to the west.



**BAHÍA LORETO MARINE PARK:**

This morning we’ll search the waters south of Isla Carmen for fin whales, which researchers have recently concluded may be a resident population. Bottlenose and common dolphins are frequently encountered. Later we visit an island of Bahía Loreto Marine Park, with ample time for kayaking, snorkeling, stand-up paddleboarding, and possibly hiking. In the evening, enjoy a beach barbecue under the desert sky.



**ISLAS LOS ISLOTES AND SAN FRANCISCO:**

At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel and swim with curious sea lions. We have a leisurely afternoon to swim, kayak, or hike at Isla San Francisco. Look skyward for yellow-footed gulls, brown pelicans, and blue-footed boobies.

**DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark and explore Loreto, where we will have the opportunity to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** *National Geographic Venture:* 2020 Apr. 13; Dec. 20, 27 2021 Apr. 12  
*National Geographic Quest:* 2020 Apr. 12

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture / National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$6,690; Cat. 5 from \$9,590  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- **2020 FAMILY OFFER:** Save 25% on children or grandchildren 22 and under on select 2020 departures.
- Save more than \$3,000 when we **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins on the Apr. 12, 2020 departure.  
See page 136 for details.



# WILD BAJA ESCAPE: THE WHALES OF MAGDALENA BAY

## 6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

This is no ordinary whale watching experience: we'll literally anchor among the gray whales in Bahía Magdalena, where mothers and calves relax after the longest mammal migration on earth. We'll see and hear them around the ship, and venture out in expedition landing craft for exhilarating up-close encounters. Explore the mangroves by kayak. Fat-tire bike along remote beaches (we've got a fleet of bikes aboard). Beachcomb endless crescents of sand, studded with thousands of sand dollars. And revel in the vastness and serenity as you view the many species of birds in this world-renowned region.



*Spy-hopping gray whale.*

### DAY 1: U.S./LORETO/SAN CARLOS/ EMBARK

Arrive in Loreto and transfer to San Carlos, and embark ship. Tonight we'll anchor off the coast of Isla Santa Margarita. (D)

### DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA

Awake in Bahía Almejas, the southernmost part of the Bay. View a large frigatebird colony on Isla Santa Margarita before heading out on our first whale watching trip. The whales in Bahía Almejas tend to be very active, seemingly oblivious to our presence. During lunch, we'll sail toward Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Tally the treasure found on what we affectionately call "sand dollar beach." (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: TRANSIT THE HULL CANAL/ BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Spend the morning transiting the scenic winding Hull Canal, bordered by mangroves and dunes, and filled with diverse bird species. Hang out on deck with naturalists to spot wildlife and hear expert commentary. Weather permitting, explore the mangrove system via kayak and expedition landing craft. Among the species of birds we might see are diving pelicans and cormorants, wheeling elegant terns, along with great blue herons, ibis, whimbrels, and willets. This afternoon, explore the breeding grounds of Boca de Soledad. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 4 & 5: BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Each winter, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and give birth to their calves in these sheltered waters. "Grand Central" for California gray whales, we'll spend two full days observing, and with luck, interacting with these majestic creatures. We'll venture out in expedition landing craft to view the numerous mother-calf pairs that



thrive in this region. We'll also explore the beaches, and if you're up to it, grab one of our fat-tire bikes to roam the seemingly endless shoreline. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: LOPEZ MATEOS/DISEMBARK/ LORETO/U.S.

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Loreto. Visit the first mission in Baja California and the nearby museum. Enjoy free time to explore quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2021 Jan. 14, 19, 24, 29; Feb. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28; Mar. 5, 10

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Sea Lion*  
Cat. 1 from \$3,740; Cat. 3 from \$4,930  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book a group of six or more and **save 10%** off the total price. See page 136.

### BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION

Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. Visit [expeditions.com/loreto](http://expeditions.com/loreto) for details.

# WILD BAJA ESCAPE: SERENITY & SEA LIFE IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

## 5 Days/4 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

A genuinely innovative hybrid—a four-night getaway that feels like an authentic escape from the everyday. De-stress, detox or simply play or workout in the uninhabited wilds of Isla San Francisco and Isla San José in the beautiful Sea of Cortez. With the brand-new 50-cabin *National Geographic Venture* as your mobile base camp, go where the wild things—and few others—are. Breathe deep, push hard, and chill at a BBQ under the stars.



Yoga on Isla San Jose, Sea of Cortez.

### DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO/ LA PAZ/EMBARK

Arrive in Los Cabos and transfer to La Paz, where you'll embark *National Geographic Venture* this afternoon. Set sail for a sunset cruise of Bahía La Paz en route to Isla San Francisco. (D)

### DAYS 2 & 3: SAN JOSÉ CHANNEL/ ISLA SAN FRANCISCO

Witness a spectacular Baja sunrise this morning, while searching for marine mammals in the upper San José Channel. Hear naturalist talks and learn photography basics during an early morning at sea. Before lunch, go ashore at Isla San Francisco, where a sweeping arc of white sand beach beckons you to roll out a yoga mat. Explore nearby tide pools with your naturalists, or spend the afternoon stand-up

paddleboarding, snorkeling, and kayaking. Hike to the nearby ridge for unparalleled views just before sunset. Wind down with an on-deck yoga class or a chair massage, then go ashore for a beach barbecue dinner followed by a bonfire under the stars. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: ISLA SAN JOSÉ AND LOS ISLOTES

Watch the cliffs light up as your wellness specialist leads a morning yoga or qi gong class on deck. Explore as much or as little as you like, with the ship as your mobile base camp—taking advantage of every wellness option, including hiking with your wellness specialist for mindfulness and stretching on the trail. Enjoy Isla San José as you set out on foot to explore the arroyos. Or, grab a kayak or

paddleboard and see what you can find along the beautiful shorelines. Snorkel with playful and curious sea lions or photograph their antics from a Zodiac. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK/ SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO/U.S.

Disembark in downtown La Paz and transfer to Los Cabos airport for flights home. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Dec. 11, 15 2021 Jan. 4

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Venture*  
Cat. 1 from \$2,880; Cat. 5 from \$4,990  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](https://www.expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price. See page 136.

### SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS

Enhance your Baja experience with this thrilling two-night extension. Learn more at [expeditions.com/whaleshark](https://www.expeditions.com/whaleshark)

# SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

## 8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *Sea Cloud*

Discover the romance of tall ship sailing aboard a legendary four-masted barque. *Sea Cloud* is a destination and a reason to travel all in one, but add our carefully crafted itineraries and our unique Lindblad-National Geographic expedition style to her allures, and you have an incomparable travel inspiration. Set sail on a Caribbean voyage and explore the lush islands and vibrant cultures of the Lesser Antilles. Hike through the jungle trails of historic Fort Shirley in Cabrits National Park on Dominica, see an active volcanic crater in St. Lucia, and explore the idyllic Grenadines. Amid a spectacular tropical backdrop, enjoy opportunities to swim and snorkel at reefs and sandy beaches, and discover the hidden corners of the Caribbean Sea.

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Swim and snorkel in pristine tropical waters, and explore remote cays and beaches.
- ▶ Explore an 18th-century fort, colonial outposts, and an intriguing mix of cultures with our expedition staff.
- ▶ Experience an array of natural wonders, including volcanoes and rainforests showcasing island flora and fauna.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Krista Rossow** has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic for more than a decade, shaping compelling stories from world-class imagery. She sees the camera as a tool for understanding new cultures, meeting the locals, and exploring the natural world. Join her on the **Mar. 2, 2021** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).



*Sea Cloud under full sail.*

**DAY 1: U.S./BARBADOS/EMBARK**

Arrive in Barbados and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. Cast off this evening, and enjoy dinner and our first Caribbean sunset. (D)

**DAY 2: UNDER SAIL**

Begin the morning on deck, where sailors climb aloft to raise the *Sea Cloud's* sails by hand. Enjoy a full day under sail across the Caribbean. Relax with a book, photograph the ship's exquisite details, and attend talks by our experts on the natural history and culture of the islands we will soon explore. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: DOMINICA**

Spend the day exploring Dominica, known as "the nature island" for its spectacular beauty and many protected reserves. Hike through an enchanting rainforest. Join our historian in exploring the ruins of Fort Shirley, an 18th-century British garrison, and learn about Dominica's turbulent colonial history. Go for a refreshing swim before casting off for a sunset seen from the sea. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: ÎLES DES SAINTES, GUADELOUPE/UNDER SAIL**

Distinctly French in character and culture, the shops, homes, and people of Les Saintes are colorful, tasteful, and delightful. Enjoy picture-postcard views from Fort Napoléon, with its cactus garden, iguanas, and maritime museum. Then stroll through French colonial Terre-de-Haut and swim and snorkel from a nearby sandy beach. In the afternoon, we set sail south on a beam reach, as the winds fill the square sails in a glorious spectacle. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: UNDER SAIL/BEQUIA, THE GRENADINES**

Sail aboard our magnificent ship in the morning and anchor at tiny Bequia by afternoon. Explore the charming waterfront and immerse yourself in this unique maritime culture. Go snorkeling at a nearby reef, swim along palm-backed beaches, or join our staff to visit the traditional model boat museum. In Port Elizabeth, we'll find local crafts, markets, and one of the best bookstores in the West Indies. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: UNDER SAIL/EXPLORING THE GRENADINES**

Spend the morning aboard *Sea Cloud* under



sail, exploring the idyllic Grenadine Islands, with their quintessential tropical cays. We'll have options to snorkel among myriad colorful fish, or enjoy the sheltered white-sand beaches of the area. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: SOUFRIÈRE, ST. LUCIA**

Arrive at St. Lucia and anchor under the island's iconic twin peaks, Les Pitons, which rise dramatically above the sea. After exploring the fishing port of Soufrière, drive into St. Lucia's active volcanic crater and discover the otherworldly landscape of mud pools and sulfur springs. Take a tropical walk through botanical gardens alive with birds and the backdrop rush of Diamond Falls. Spend the afternoon sailing as we return to Barbados. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: DISEMBARK/BARBADOS/U.S.**

Disembark, tour the island, and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2021 Feb. 16, 23; Mar. 2

**PRICING:**

*Sea Cloud*  
Cat. 1 from \$9,290; Owner's Suite from \$18,280. Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

We will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *Sea Cloud* departures.

## SEA CLOUD IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Sun, steady winds, far-reaching Mediterranean culture and history, archaeology, mythology, and the tranquility of small, off-the-map villages—*Sea Cloud's* season in the iconic Aegean, Ionian, Tyrrhenian, and Adriatic Seas is historically rich and scenically beautiful.

### SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

**9 Days/7 Nights**

**DATES:** 2021 Jun. 10, 17, 24

Visit [expeditions.com/greekisles](http://expeditions.com/greekisles).

### MEDITERRANEAN GEMS: DUBROVNIK TO NAPLES

**12 Days/10 Nights**

**DATES:** 2021 May 21; Sep. 5

Visit [expeditions.com/medgems](http://expeditions.com/medgems).

### UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

**12 Days/10 Nights**

**DATES:** 2021 May 31; Jul. 1; Aug. 26

Visit [expeditions.com/dalcoast](http://expeditions.com/dalcoast).

### CORSICA & SARDINIA

**12 Days/10 Nights**

**DATE:** 2021 May 11

Limited availability.

Visit [expeditions.com/cors](http://expeditions.com/cors).

### SAILING THE ANCIENT SHORES OF SICILY & MALTA

**12 Days/10 Nights**

**DATE:** 2021 Sep. 15

Limited availability.

Visit [expeditions.com/ancientshores](http://expeditions.com/ancientshores).

**EXPERTS ABOARD**

Join National Geographic photographer **Massimo Bassano** on *Sailing the Greek Isles* on **Jun. 17, 2021**. Join National Geographic Explorer **William Saturno** on *Mediterranean Gems: Dubrovnik to Naples* on **Sep. 5, 2021**.



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# U.S. FLAGGED VESSELS: EXPLO

Every cruise company builds ships abroad—in Europe, Scandinavia, and now, China. We could've too. But we decided to build these four expedition ships in America, at a family-owned shipyard in Whidbey Island, Washington. Why? To be U.S.-flagged, with all the advantages that entails in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, and the California coast. No traveler thrilled to be exploring Alaska—as we do with our guests each year, in depth, for the entire glorious spring into autumn season—wants to give up time amid wildness and wonder to go clear customs in Canada, as all the foreign-flagged ships must do. Aboard our U.S. fleet ships, they don't have to. Instead, they're going deep into the heart of the magic every day. Our U.S.-flagged ships offer unique advantages and create extraordinary opportunities for adventurous guests. And as an interesting detail: each twin pair is identical. So, travel on one, return to travel again on the other and feel instantly at home!



National Geographic Quest in Alaska.



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When it comes to the ships of our U.S. fleet, it is less a matter of which ship to prefer than what itinerary or set of experiences you want. You can rest assured that each set of twins is ideally equipped to enable up-close and personal explorations—and to provide an unforgettable adventure.

# BELIZE TO TIKAL: REEFS, RIVERS & RUINS OF THE MAYA WORLD

## 9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Embark on a unique land-and-sea expedition to discover the marine wonders of Belize and the Maya ruins of Guatemala. Snorkel amid hundreds of species of fish and corals on the Belize Barrier Reef with the *National Geographic Quest* as your base for exploration. Skirt the shores of white-sand islands by kayak and stand-up paddleboard, and swim in turquoise lagoons teeming with marine life. Then venture to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Tikal and Yaxhá to encounter thousands of ancient temples and shrines scattered beneath the rainforest canopy.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Set out from the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Quest* to kayak and paddleboard turquoise lagoons, and board Zodiacs to cruise wildlife-rich coastal rivers.
- ▶ Spot soft corals, rays, and rainbow-colored fish while snorkeling or diving the coral gardens of the Belize Barrier Reef.
- ▶ Join a naturalist for a hike in Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's first jaguar reserve, and meet with one of the researchers working to protect this iconic creature.
- ▶ Venture into the jungles of Guatemala with local experts to discover the spectacular temples and pyramids of both Tikal and Yaxhá.

## ADD A PRE-EXTENSION TO ANTIGUA

Make the most of your travel time pre-voyage by adding a two-day stay in Antigua, Guatemala. Visit museums, sample traditional fare at local restaurants, and explore the picturesque main plaza, historic buildings, and cobblestone streets of the Colonial City. Visit [expeditions.com/antigua](https://expeditions.com/antigua) for pricing and details.

*Tropical coral reef in Belize.*

**DAY 1: U.S./GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA/PUERTO BARRIOS/ EMBARK**

Arrive in Guatemala City and connect with our charter flight to Puerto Barrios. Transfer to Puerto Santo Tomás where we'll embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: NORTHERN BELIZE BARRIER REEF**

Enjoy a full day exploring the northern cayes of the Mesoamerican Reef System, second only to the Great Barrier Reef in terms of biodiversity. Kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or don a mask and fins and dive into turquoise waters to encounter soft corals, swarms of tropical fish, and harmless nurse sharks. Certified scuba divers may opt to join a reef dive (at additional cost). (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: SITTEE OR MANATEE RIVER/ CENTRAL BELIZE REEF EXPLORATION**

This morning we sail to the mouth of a coastal river. Zodiac cruise inland through the Belizean jungle in search of toucans, green iguanas, and myriad bird species. This afternoon, we anchor near the center of the Belize Barrier Reef, home to idyllic sandy isles and vibrant corals, and enjoy more opportunities to kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, and scuba dive (additional cost). (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: COCKSCOMB BASIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Spend the morning discovering the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's first jaguar reserve. Hike along one of the reserve's many nature trails to photograph tropical plants, scan the treetops for winged wonders, and spot the tracks of tapirs and jungle cats. Meet one of the researchers and learn about the ongoing research into the behaviors of Belize's jaguars, then visit a Maya handicraft center. Tonight, an internationally acclaimed drumming group, The Garifuna Collective, joins us on board for a festive music performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: BELIZE BARRIER REEF EXPLORATION—THE SOUTHERN CAYES**

Today, we return to the reef to relax or explore its many wonders. Our voyage is governed by wind, wave, and weather—today, nature is in charge. Tonight, we enjoy our last evening in Belize. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: PUERTO SANTO TOMAS, GUATEMALA/DISEMBARK/FLORES**

Disembark this morning for our charter flight to Flores. Lunch at a picturesque restaurant overlooking Lake Petén Itzá, before transferring to the Hotel Camino Real Tikal. Check-in on arrival, then take a birdwatching walk with our naturalists or sunset boat ride on the lake. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: TIKAL NATIONAL PARK**

Today is dedicated to exploring Tikal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest and most impressive archaeological sites and urban centers of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization. Delve deep into Maya history and architecture as you explore the many temples, including Temple I, which rises 154 feet from the jungle floor. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: YAXHÁ**

Visit Yaxhá, the third largest ruin in the Maya world, beautifully situated on a ridge overlooking Yaxhá Lake. One of the few Maya sites still known by its Mayan name, "green waters," Yaxhá is spread over nine plazas and contains hundreds of structures, dozens of stelae, multiple pyramid temples, and ball courts. Stop at a traditional Guatemalan restaurant for lunch today. Savor an exclusive farewell dinner on the shores of Peten Itza Lake as the sun sets on our final evening. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: FLORES/GUATEMALA CITY/U.S.**

We'll end our journey in Flores. Extend your



stay in Flores or join our optional charter flight (additional cost) to Guatemala City for onward flights. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2021 Feb. 11, 21, 26; Mar. 3

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*  
 Cat. 1 from \$6,480; Cat. 5 from \$8,180  
 Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy group airfare between Miami/Guatemala City. See page 136 or call for details.



*Tikal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*

# COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL

## 8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. On our voyage along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and Panama you'll venture into the rainforest to discover hidden pools and waterfalls; search for monkeys, sloths, frogs, and brightly colored birds; and take an optional horseback ride on a pristine beach. To top it off, you will experience an extraordinary transit of the Panama Canal, with our ship as your platform for examining the details of this fascinating and enduring man-made marvel.

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the tiny islands in the Gulf of Panama, and snorkel, paddleboard, or swim off coral-fringed Isla Coiba.
- ▶ Examine the fascinating lock system that makes the Panama Canal one of the greatest engineering achievements of its era.
- ▶ Meet and support inspiring local families on the remote Osa Peninsula.
- ▶ Hike into the lush green of world-renowned Corcovado National Park to spot endemic wildlife, including tropical birds and several species of monkeys.
- ▶ Visit a private orchid garden created and run for 25 years by American expats.

### OSA PENINSULA TURTLE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an extraordinary experience with the iconic sea turtles of the Pacific—join us on a visit to Latin American Sea Turtles Association, assisting researchers with data collection and observing rehabilitated turtles released back into the wild. Visit [expeditions.com/seaturtles](http://expeditions.com/seaturtles) for details.



*Three-toed sloth.*

**DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/ PUERTO CALDERA/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in San José, transfer by land to Puerto Caldera and embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK**

Anchor off the Osa Peninsula to see some of the most pristine lowland rainforest on the Pacific coast. In the environs of Corcovado National Park, swim in waterfall pools, take an optional horseback ride on the coast, or trek through the rainforest for a chance to see three species of monkeys—howler, spider, and capuchin. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: OSA PENINSULA**

Go ashore in the pristine waters of Playa Blanca. Head inland to meet and share with inspiring local families living in remote communities and working with cocoa, heart of palm, and sugar cane. Kayak in peaceful waters in Golfo Dulce, the only tropical fjord on the continent. In the evening, enjoy drinks ashore and, hopefully, a beautiful sunset. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: GOLFO DULCE**

Spend the day exploring the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce, on Costa Rica's southwest coast. Visit Casa Orquídeas, a tropical paradise of ornamental palms, bromeliads, heliconias, and orchids, closed to the public and reached by boat only. Keep your eye out for tanagers, parrots, and toucans. Later, explore the placid bay, ideal for kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, Zodiac rides, and swimming. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: COIBA NATIONAL PARK, PANAMA**

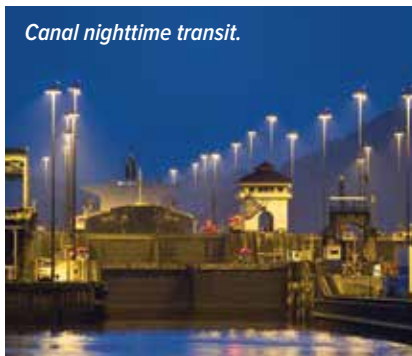
The first stop in Panama this morning is at the remote Isla Coiba, one of the many islands of Coiba National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once a penal colony, the island has long been protected and accessible by special permit only. Among its many endemic species are the Coiba Island agouti and the mantled howler monkey, as well as four varieties of sea turtles. Discover rich marine life while snorkeling, kayaking or hiking, try stand-up paddleboarding, or simply relax on the beach. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS/ PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

Today, explore the tiny islets of the Gulf of Panama by Zodiac. Here we might spot



frigatebirds, brown pelicans, neotropical cormorants, and brown boobies. Set sail for the Panama Canal this afternoon. Stretching more than 50 miles, the canal was a colossal engineering feat completed in 1914. It is still traversed by some 14,000 ships every year. As cargo ships tend to pass through the canal during the day, we'll most likely begin our crossing at night, when the canal is dramatically lit. (B,L,D)



Canal nighttime transit.

**DAY 7: GATÚN LAKE/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

By special arrangement, *National Geographic Quest* will anchor in Gatún Lake near the Barro Colorado Nature Monument overnight. Today, choose hikes and Zodiac cruises at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute facility on Barro Colorado Island, or take a boat ride through the many Islets of Gatún Lake and hike on the Panama Rainforest Discovery Center trails. This evening, continue through the complex lock system of the canal. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: COLÓN/DISEMBARK/PANAMA CITY/U.S.**

After breakfast, disembark in Colón and transfer to the airport in Panama City. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Dec. 6, 13\*, 20, 27\*  
2021 Jan. 3, 10\*, 17, 24\*, 31; Mar. 12\*  
\*These departures travel in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$6,490; Cat. 5 from \$9,370  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT**

Join canopy ecologist **Meg Lowman** aboard the **Dec. 6 & 13, 2020** departures.



Mantled howler monkeys.

# WILD BELIZE ESCAPE: WILDLIFE, REEFS & RIVERS

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Much of Belize remains genuine wilderness, with large expanses of dense tropical forest, miles of wild rivers, abundant bird life—and the largest, most intact coral reef systems in North America. Discover tropical wonders on a voyage along the country’s remote southern coast. Snorkel the colorful corals of the Belize Barrier Reef, explore the lush jungles on foot, and cruise coastal rivers in Zodiacs.



Snorkeling with Loggerhead turtle.

**DAY 1: U.S./GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA/PUERTO BARRIOS/ EMBARK**

Arrive in Guatemala City and connect with our charter flight to Puerto Barrios. Transfer to Puerto Santo Tomás where we’ll embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: NORTHERN BELIZE BARRIER REEF**

Enjoy a full day exploring the northern cayes of the Mesoamerican Reef System, second only to the Great Barrier Reef in terms of biodiversity. Kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or don a mask and fins and dive into turquoise waters to encounter soft corals, swarms of tropical fish, and harmless nurse sharks. Certified scuba divers may opt to join a reef dive (at additional cost). (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: SITTEE OR MANATEE RIVER/ CENTRAL BELIZE REEF EXPLORATION**

This morning we sail to the mouth of a coastal

river. Zodiac cruise inland through the Belizean jungle in search of toucans, green iguanas, and myriad bird species. This afternoon, we anchor near the center of the Belize Barrier Reef, home to idyllic sandy isles and vibrant corals, and enjoy more opportunities to kayak, paddleboard, snorkel, and scuba dive (additional cost). (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: COCKSCOMB BASIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Spend the morning discovering the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary, the world’s first jaguar reserve. Hike along one of the reserve’s many nature trails to photograph tropical plants, scan the treetops for winged wonders, and spot the tracks of tapirs and jungle cats. Meet one of the researchers and learn about the ongoing research into the behaviors of Belize’s jaguars, then visit a Maya handicraft center. Tonight, an internationally acclaimed drumming group,



The Garifuna Collective, joins us on board for a festive music performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: BELIZE BARRIER REEF EXPLORATION—THE SOUTHERN CAYES**

Today, we return to the reef to relax or explore its many wonders. Our voyage is governed by wind, wave, and weather—today, nature is in charge. Tonight, we enjoy our last evening in this tropical paradise. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: PUERTO SANTO TOMÁS, GUATEMALA/DISEMBARK/ GUATEMALA CITY/U.S.**

Disembark in Puerto Santo Tomás and take a charter flight to Guatemala City, where you’ll connect with your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2021 Feb. 11, 21, 26; Mar. 3

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$4,290; Cat. 5 from \$5,990  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book a group of six or more and **save 10% off the total price.** See page 136.

NEW

# WILD COSTA RICA ESCAPE: GUANACASTE'S CORAL REEFS & VOLCANIC PEAKS

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

Discover the treasures of one of Costa Rica's richest regions, Guanacaste. Snorkel and kayak among untouched corals and palm-lined beaches in the Guanacaste Conservation Area. Hike, ride horseback, and zipline amid mist-shrouded volcanic peaks in Rincón de la Vieja National Park, where the tropical dry forest meets the more humid Montane ecosystem. Experience the wildness and bask in the *pura vida* that infuses this ecologically rich region.

**DAY 1: SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/ PUERTO CALDERA/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in San José, transfer by land to Puerto Caldera to embark our ship. (D)

**DAY 2: ZAPOTAL BEACH/TAMARINDO**

Drop anchor off Zapotal Beach, where we spend the morning soaking up the sun or snorkeling. Or, choose to hike along a 4-wheel drive track, taking us into a gallery forest. After lunch, we cruise south to Tamarindo, bordered by a healthy mangrove system that we set off to explore, navigating the estuary in local boats. Or, choose to spend the afternoon and evening hours enjoying Tamarindo. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: ISLAS MURCIÉLAGOS/SANTA ROSA NATIONAL PARK/GUANACASTE CONSERVATION AREA**

Today we set our sights on Islas Murciélagos (also known as the Bat Islands) in the World Heritage-designated Guanacaste Conservation Area. Weather permitting, snorkel this rich underwater world, or hike into the islands.

Back onboard, and depending on conditions, we may choose to explore Santa Elena Bay in Santa Rosa National Park, Junquillal Bay Wildlife Refuge, or Cuajiniquíl Bay. (B,L,D) *Please note: National Geographic Quest will sail to Nicaragua overnight, where necessary immigration requirements will be completed prior to returning to Costa Rica on Day 4.*

**DAY 4: PLAYAS DEL COCO/RINCÓN DE LA VIEJA NATIONAL PARK**

Our adventure continues as we set off inland to explore Rincón de la Vieja National Park. Choose between several enticing options today, including a hike or a swim below the Las Chorreras Waterfall. Or, choose to ride horseback or soar through the canopy by zipline. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: CURÚ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE/ISLA TORTUGA**

Today we explore Curú National Wildlife Refuge, Costa Rica's first private national wildlife reserve, looking for white-faced capuchin



monkeys, collared aracaris, and with luck, scarlet macaws. Later, cruise to Isla Tortuga. Choose to stand-up paddleboard, kayak, or simply relax on the beach. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: PUERTO CALDERA/ DISEMBARK/SAN JOSÉ/U.S.**

Disembark after breakfast in Puerto Caldera. Drive to the airport in San José for flights home. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

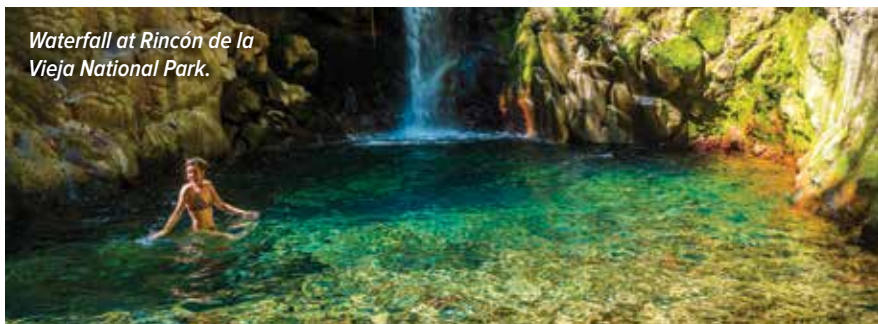
**DATES:** 2020 Nov. 9, 14, 19, 24, 29

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$3,990; Cat. 5 from \$5,570  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFERS:

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  - Plus, we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins on all 2020 departures.
  - Book a group of six or more and **save 10% off the total price.**
- See page 136.



Waterfall at Rincón de la Vieja National Park.

NEW

# PANAMA & COLOMBIA: EXPLORING THE CARIBBEAN COAST

**8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest***

**B**ursting with biodiversity and comprised of a multitude of cultures, Colombia is an extraordinarily rich land. Sail the Caribbean coast to see the region's ecotourism efforts, and learn about the country's past and native peoples, including the Embera and Zenu, as well as those who arrived later—pirates, Spanish colonials, and modern-day immigrants. In Panama, transit the incredible canal and explore the pristine Guna Yala islands. Reflecting the diversity of these countries, our expedition offers jungle hikes, walking tours of historic towns, and opportunities to explore turquoise waters and coastal mangroves via snorkel, kayak, Zodiac, or stand-up paddleboard.

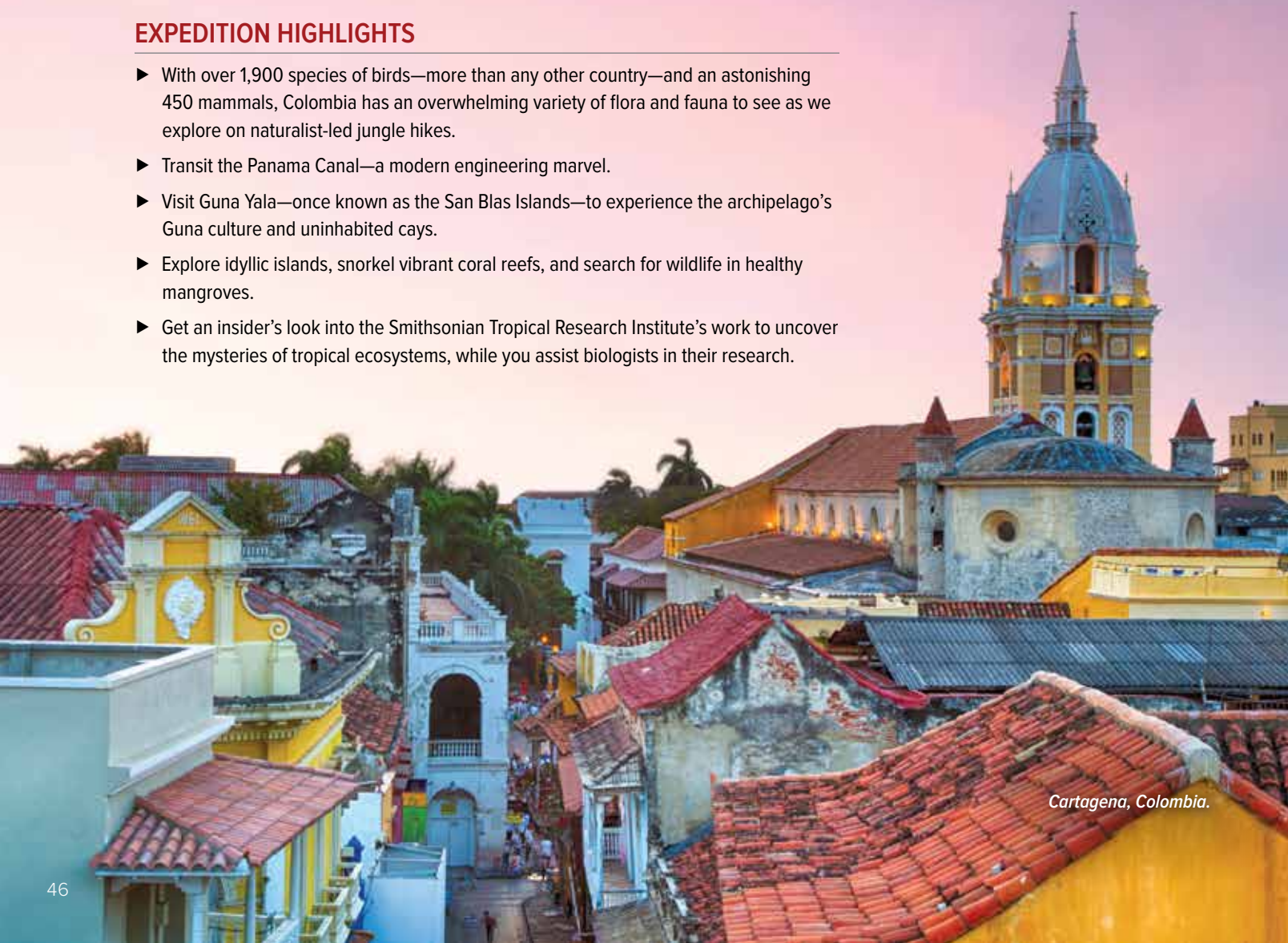
## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ With over 1,900 species of birds—more than any other country—and an astonishing 450 mammals, Colombia has an overwhelming variety of flora and fauna to see as we explore on naturalist-led jungle hikes.
- ▶ Transit the Panama Canal—a modern engineering marvel.
- ▶ Visit Guna Yala—once known as the San Blas Islands—to experience the archipelago's Guna culture and uninhabited cays.
- ▶ Explore idyllic islands, snorkel vibrant coral reefs, and search for wildlife in healthy mangroves.
- ▶ Get an insider's look into the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's work to uncover the mysteries of tropical ecosystems, while you assist biologists in their research.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Tropical ecologist, filmmaker, and National Geographic Explorer **Peter Houlihan** is aboard the **Oct. 17, 2020** departure. Peter specializes in coordinating and leading scientific expeditions into some of the planet's least accessible and most threatened tropical environments for conservation. Over the past 15 years, he has led more than 40 extensive research and media expeditions across four continents, operating in more than 20 countries.

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*Cartagena, Colombia.*



**DAY 1: U.S./PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/ BALBOA/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Panama City, transfer by land to Balboa and embark *National Geographic Quest* to transit the Panama Canal. Head up on deck to feel the warm, tropical breeze as you experience the dramatically lit, man-made marvel. (D)

**DAY 2: GATÚN LAKE**

Anchor overnight in Gatún Lake during our canal transit. Through our long-standing association with Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, we have special access to research facilities on Barro Colorado Island, and will meet with biologists helping to gather data on tropical ecosystems. Afterward, choose from hikes, Zodiac cruises, or a boat ride to the mouth of the Chagres River for a rainforest hike. In the evening, we'll continue through the lock system of the canal. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: PORTOBELLO**

Dubbed the "beautiful port," we arrive this morning along the Caribbean coast of Panama and step ashore at Portobelo, complete with a dynamic and colorful past. We land our Zodiacs on the very same shores where the ruthless pirate Henry Morgan landed, later to be followed by the British and Spanish colonial rulers. Our exploration today will take us on a journey through the past into Spanish colonial fortifications of the area, designated by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. Later, we hike into Portobelo's lush jungles in search of mantled howler monkeys, toucans, and a variety of parrots. In the afternoon, *National Geographic Quest* repositions down the Panamanian coast and we set out with snorkel, mask, and fins to explore the multi-colored undersea world of the Caribbean. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: GUNA YALA**

Wake up amid the archipelago of Guna Yala (also known as the San Blas islands), a constellation of 368 tiny, white-sand isles scattered off the northeast coast of Panama. Get to know the indigenous Guna people, one of the first native groups to achieve political autonomy in Latin America. Spend the morning among the thatched huts of an island village, learning about Guna culture and handicrafts. Marvel at the intricate designs of handmade textiles called molas, which harken back to a female tradition of body painting. In the afternoon, explore the vibrant marine world around the islands by snorkel, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: NECOCLÍ, COLOMBIA**

Discover the little-explored coastal community of Necoclí and the surrounding region. Our exploration begins with Zodiac excursions into lagoons fringed by mangroves, part of a protected coastal wetlands area. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including a variety of colorful bird species such as great and snowy egrets, and Amazon and green kingfishers. After lunch, visit a local cocoa farm, where residents are striving to incorporate the UN's Sustainable Development Goals into their agricultural community. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SANTA CRUZ DEL ISLOTE/ SAN BERNARDO ARCHIPELAGO/SAN ANTERO/TUCHÍN**

Santa Cruz del Isote is one of the most densely populated islands on Earth, where some 600 inhabitants live squeezed together in an area the size of two soccer fields, surrounded by turquoise seas and coral reefs. Stroll the island's motor-free streets, past brightly painted houses and bustling docks; and experience daily life on this unusual island as you chat with local residents. Later, we cruise through the San



Bernardo archipelago calling at San Antero. Our afternoon excursion takes us to Tuchín, an indigenous village celebrated as the birthplace of the sombrero *vueltillo*, a type of hat considered a national symbol of Colombia. Observe *vueltillo* makers at work, and then meet with members of the local Zenú community, known for their ingenious irrigation systems. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: SANTA CRUZ DE LORICA/ CISPATÁ BAY**

Disembark this morning for our short drive to Santa Cruz de Loricá, a charming riverside town influenced by several waves of immigration from France, Belgium, England, Syria, and Lebanon. Stroll through the central square, overlooked by a stunning Spanish-colonial cathedral and historic buildings in colorful Arabic styles. Enjoy a late afternoon cruise in the rarely-explored Cispatá Bay, timed for optimum wildlife spotting, as native creatures emerge from their mid-day rest. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: CARTAGENA/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

After breakfast on board, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Oct. 10, 17\*, 24, 31\*

\*These departures travel in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*  
 Cat. 1 from \$5,990; Cat. 5 from \$9,340  
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**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** to receive a **\$450 air credit** on all 2020 departures. See page 136.



Mantled howler monkey.

# GALÁPAGOS

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*

It's different in Galápagos, “a little world within itself,” as Darwin described it, where magical encounters with animals—curious or sublimely indifferent to our presence—happen like nowhere else. Each island is different, and over 50 years of regularly visiting these islands, we've learned how to provide the optimal balance in terms of terrain and wildlife. When you explore with us, you are assured a remarkable experience.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Our classic immersive exploration, with a full week in Galápagos.
- ▶ Walk among wildlife unfazed by your presence.
- ▶ Snorkel with sea lions, turtles, and abundant fish.
- ▶ Adventure by kayak, paddleboard, glass-bottom boat (*National Geographic Endeavour II*), and Zodiac.
- ▶ Observe giant Galápagos tortoises in the wild.
- ▶ Join any of our Photo Expeditions, or our new six-day pre-voyage photo-exclusive extension. Visit [expeditions.com/galaphoto](https://expeditions.com/galaphoto).
- ▶ Add a pre-voyage extension to Mashpi and Quito, or continue to iconic Machu Picchu or the Amazon for even more. Call or visit [expeditions.com](https://expeditions.com).

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



We're celebrating 50+ years of exploring Galápagos. We've introduced generations of travelers to its magic and mystery. We're committed to Galápagos; and have raised millions, along with our guests, for its conservation. And we're fully invested, too; we operate two ships based there year round. An expedition leader, our team of naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, wellness specialist, and video chronicler all contribute to your experience of the wonders of Galápagos.

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*Up-close encounter with sea lions.*

**DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR**

Upon arrival in Guayaquil, transfer to the Hotel del Parque (*National Geographic Islander*) or Hotel Hilton Colón (*National Geographic Endeavour II*) or similar. Ask about extra nights.

**DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/ EMBARK**

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board *National Geographic Islander* or *National Geographic Endeavour II*. After lunch, we begin our exploration of the islands and their remarkable wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 3–8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS**

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition.\* (B,L,D)

**NORTH SEYMOUR:** Follow coastal trails past playful Galápagos sea lions on this wildlife-rich central island. Continue inland through a silvery forest of endemic palo santo trees, where frigatebirds nest, blue-footed boobies dance, and where we may also encounter prehistoric-looking land iguanas feeding on cactus.

**ISABELA:** Cross the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela’s six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins, sea turtles, and other marine creatures. Over two days, land in the footsteps of Darwin and Melville, and look for wildlife along the wildly eroded volcanic shore.

**FERNANDINA:** One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and home to the strange flightless cormorant, Galápagos penguins, and the largest marine iguanas. Hikes ashore lead across impressive recent lava flows.

**ESPAÑOLA:** See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and, seasonally, the world’s only population of waved albatross at this birdy paradise, also home to vividly colored marine iguanas. Watch sea lions on the wide sand beach, and snorkel offshore, at Gardner Bay.

**FLOREANA:** Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

**SANTA CRUZ:** Visit Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. See the monument to Lonesome George, and tour the giant tortoise breeding corrals. See the giant tortoises roaming in the wild in the lush, green highlands.

**BARTOLOMÉ:** Climb the steps to the summit of this 300-foot volcanic wonderland for stunning views. Explore, swim, and snorkel from the beach. You might even see Galápagos penguins, one of the world’s rarest.

**SANTIAGO:** Explore tide pools and look for fur seals sheltered in quiet grottos of black basalt. Swim, snorkel, kayak, and paddleboard along Santiago’s spectacular coast, and explore an enchanting coastal forest where Charles Darwin once walked.

**GENOVESA:** Sail across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos, surrounded by warmer tropical waters.

**SAN CRISTÓBAL:** Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island, and dig your toes into the powdery white sand at a gorgeous beach fronted by iconic Kicker Rock.

**DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/DISEMBARK/ GUAYAQUIL**

Return this morning to Guayaquil, where we transfer to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel del Parque (*Islander*) or Hotel Hilton Colón (*Endeavour II*) or similar. (B)

**DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

*\*Please Note: Our in-depth expeditions sail between Isla San Cristóbal and Isla Baltra, and include Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of islands and visitor sites. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations, including that no single site can be visited by the same ship more than once in a two-week period. In fact, you could join for two weeks and see all the sites. Please be assured that there is no better week to experience Galápagos—just nuances from one week to the other.*



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES: 2020–2021:** Ten-day expeditions, departing Fridays on *National Geographic Endeavour II* and Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endeavour II*  
Cat. 1 from \$7,410; Suite C from \$14,920

*National Geographic Islander*  
Cat. 1 from \$7,290; Cat. 5 from \$12,720

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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** on select 2020 and 2021 departures for **FREE AIRFARE** between Miami and Galápagos OR fly from select home cities from \$249 or \$349 per person. Upgrade to business class starting from \$750.
- Make the most of your time in the region. Add an **Upper Amazon** expedition to your **Galápagos** voyage and **save 10%**. See page 136 for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**  
Add a six-day pre-voyage extension, featuring **Quito** and **Mashpi Lodge**, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World in one of the world’s biodiversity hotspots. Visit [expeditions.com/mashpi](http://expeditions.com/mashpi) for details.

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# GALÁPAGOS + MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

16 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* + Land Excursion

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from a cultural and archaeological perspective. Explore the Sacred Valley of the Inca, the majesty of Machu Picchu and the winding colonial streets of Cusco on this popular combination program.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Gain insights from National Geographic Grantee **Peter Frost**—a writer, photographer, historian, and independent scholar who has explored the Andes and Amazon for 35 years—or a colleague on *Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca*.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts).

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk and snorkel among the abundant and fearless wildlife of Galápagos.
- ▶ See daybreak over the ruins at Machu Picchu from the fabled Sun Gate.
- ▶ Discover Cusco's varied influences and visit the Sacred Valley of the Inca.
- ▶ Also available as a stand-alone, eight-day Peru only program.  
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*Machu Picchu.*

**DAYS 1-8: AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 48-49.**



Blue-footed boobies.

**DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU**

Depart Galápagos this morning and continue by air to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in the evening. Overnight at the convenient Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY**

Fly this morning to Cusco and continue to Moray—a visually stunning Inca site in the heart of the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley. After lunch and a visit to a local market, check-in at Sol y Luna. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA**

Spend the day exploring the archaeological sites and culture of the Sacred Valley in the company of National Geographic Expert Peter Frost. He or a colleague joins us for a talk at our hotel and a visit to the massive Inca stone

fortress of Ollantaytambo, set above a thriving Inca community. National Geographic grantee Nilda Callanaupa, founder of *El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco*, demonstrates Inca weaving traditions. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/MACHU PICCHU**

Marvel at the dramatic scenery this morning on the train to Machu Picchu, the Inca royal retreat introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Check in at the historic 31-room Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, adjacent to the World Heritage Site, with the leisure to explore over two days. Lunch and dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO**

Awaken this morning at Machu Picchu, where options include an early hike to the Sun Gate, ancient final checkpoint to Machu Picchu on the Inca Trail. After lunch, return by train and bus to Cusco—center of the Inca universe and a burgeoning cultural capital. Check in at the Belmond Hotel Monasterio in the heart of Cusco for two nights. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: CUSCO**

Explore the magnificently ornate 17th-century cathedral, sacred Inca Temple of the Sun, and other treasures of Cusco. Visit nearby Sacsayhuaman, where imposing terrace walls command views over the city. Return to the hotel with the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. (B,L)



Peruvian woman weaving, The Sacred Valley.



**DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA**

Return to vibrant coastal Lima this morning, where we stroll the Plaza Mayor and delight in a private farewell lunch with a special musical presentation at Casa Aliaga, one of the oldest houses in Lima. After a visit to the extraordinary Larco Museum, check in at Belmond Miraflores Park, set along the fashionable seaside promenade. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

**DAY 16: LIMA/U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home—or onto Iquitos and Amazon. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES: 2020–2021:** weekly departures following *Galápagos* aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endeavour II*  
Cat. 1 from \$13,480; Suite C from \$20,990  
*National Geographic Islander*  
Cat. 1 from \$13,850; Cat. 5 from \$18,790  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **Mar. 31, 2020** on select dates for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy group airfare from Miami to Galápagos/Lima to Cusco (up to \$2,100 value); ask about other U.S. gateways. Upgrade to business class from \$750 to Guayaquil on select dates (space available). See page 136 or call for details.

# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

7 Days/6 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Islander*

Pack a ton of adventure into one action-packed week. With multiple adventures each day on land and undersea—including options for walks and hikes, kayaking, paddleboarding, and snorkeling—you'll be assured of the full Lindblad-National Geographic Galápagos experience.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience all Galápagos offers in just one week, with departures on Saturday and Thursday.
- ▶ Snorkel and kayak in rich waters among shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions.
- ▶ Walk among colonies of wildlife and seabirds unfazed by your presence.
- ▶ Maximize your time in the islands with options every day.
- ▶ Follow the mystery and magic of Galápagos with a 3-day cultural experience in Colonial Quito and Otavalo on a post-voyage extension.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Join National Geographic Grantee, writer, and marine biologist **Greg Stone** on the **Nov. 7 & 12, 2020** departures. A leading expert on ocean science and conservation, he has logged more than 8,000 scuba dives throughout the world, lived underwater for 30 days, and explored the ocean in submersibles to a depth of 18,000 feet.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).*

*Snorkeling with sea turtles.*

**DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR**  
Arrive in Guayaquil and transfer to the 44-room Hotel del Parque. Call for recommended international flights or additional nights at the hotel.

**DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/ EMBARK**

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the Tropical Pacific. We are welcomed by our naturalist staff and start exploring the islands. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 3–6: GALÁPAGOS**

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition.\* (B,L,D)

**NORTH SEYMOUR:** Encounter nesting frigatebirds, plus land and marine iguanas, and enjoy a beautiful coastal walk.

**SANTA CRUZ:** Call at Puerto Ayora, the largest town and headquarters of both the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Research Station. Head to the lush, green highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in the wild.

**ISABELA:** Toast crossing the Equator at Volcán Ecuador, northernmost of Isabela’s six great shield volcanoes. Keep an eye open for whales and dolphins as you ply these rich waters, once the haunt of whalers and pirates.

**FERNANDINA:** One of the most active oceanic volcanoes in the world, it’s the youngest and most pristine island in Galápagos—and

home to the strange flightless cormorant and the largest marine iguanas.

**SAN CRISTÓBAL:** Search for red-footed boobies and the endemic mockingbird and lava lizard—found only on this easternmost island. Explore Baquerizo Moreno, where sea lions thrive in the middle of town.

**ESPAÑOLA:** Home to swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, Nazca boobies and seasonally, the world’s only population of waved albatross at Punta Suarez.

**FLOREANA:** Follow a trail past a rose pink-tinted lagoon frequented by flamingos. Snorkel among sea lions and abundant fish, or cruise along Champion Islet by Zodiac. Visit the famous barrel at Post Office Bay.

**DAY 7: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/ GUAYAQUIL/U.S.**

Return by air to Guayaquil, where we enjoy dayrooms at the Hotel del Parque before flights home—or continue to Quito for an optional two-night extension. You may also opt to overnight and fly home on **Day 8** at no additional cost. Ask your Expedition Specialist for details. (B)

*\*Please note: Our expeditions begin and end at Baltra, and include visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes, and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.*



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES: 2020–2021:** Seven-day expeditions depart Thursdays and Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Islander*  
Cat. 1 from \$5,800; Cat. 5 from \$9,330  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** for **FREE AIRFARE** from Ecuador to Galápagos on select 2020-2021 departures. See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a three-day post voyage extension to UNESCO-designated **Quito** & famous **Otavalo** market. Take the day to explore the celebrated handicraft markets, visit a nearby weaving village and relax over lunch at a historic hacienda. Visit [expeditions.com/quito](http://expeditions.com/quito) for details.



# WILD GALÁPAGOS & PERU ESCAPE

## 9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Islander* + Land Excursion

Experience the best of Galápagos, and Machu Picchu too, in nine action-packed days. Starting in Lima, stay two nights in the Sacred Valley, enjoy fabled Machu Picchu and see Cusco, imperial capital of the Inca. Then journey to Galápagos to actively explore each day on land and under the sea, and encounter the abundant, iconic wildlife, unfazed by your presence.



### DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima, Peru's thriving capital, and transfer to the convenient Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. You may also opt to arrive a day or two early. Please call for details.

### DAY 2: LIMA/CUSCO/SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco and explore this Inca imperial city. Continue through the fabled and fertile Urubamba Valley to Tambo del Inka. National Geographic Grantee Nilda Callañaupa, founder of *El Centro de Textiles Tradicionales de Cusco*, joins us to demonstrate Inca weaving traditions. Dinner tonight is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: MACHU PICCHU

Drive to Ollantaytambo, where we board our train to Machu Picchu. Set at less than 8,000 feet in the "eyebrow of the jungle," the sanctuary is surrounded by tropical mountain forest with diverse birds and orchids. We linger after day-visitors are gone, returning to Machu Picchu Pueblo for the train back to the Sacred Valley and Tambo del Inka this evening. Dinner is served aboard the first-class train. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY/GUAYAQUIL

Bid farewell to Peru and continue to Ecuador for part two of our expedition with flights from Cusco via Lima to Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city. Overnight at Hotel del Parque. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 5–8: GUAYAQUIL/EMBARK/GALÁPAGOS\*

Fly on Day 5 to Galápagos. Each day we join our naturalists on interpretive walks, swim, snorkel, or explore by kayak or Zodiac—all the while witnessing incredible interactions between animals in their natural habitat. Start exploring with a trip over the highlands of **Santa Cruz**. We search for penguins on stark black lava at Sullivan Bay on **Santiago**, hike through a forest of cactus on **Santa Fe**, snorkel in crystal-clear water at **Sombrero Chino**, sail across the Equator into the flooded caldera at **Genovesa**, a seabird paradise, and wander among sea lions and land iguanas on **Plaza Sur**. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: DISEMBARK/BALTRA/GUAYAQUIL/U.S.

Fly to Guayaquil, where dayrooms are reserved



at the Hotel del Parque before late flights to the U.S. Or, spend the night and return home on **Day 10** at no additional cost. Ask your Expedition Specialist about options. (B)

*\*Please note: Our expeditions begin and end at Baltra, and include visits to Isla Santa Cruz and a careful selection of diverse islands. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes, and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.*

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES: 2020–2021:** Nine-day expeditions depart Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Islander*

Cat. 1 from \$6,660; Cat. 5 from \$9,490.

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** for **FREE AIRFARE** from Ecuador to Galápagos on select 2020–2021 departures. See page 136.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Arrive early in **Lima** to rest and relax before your journey. Or, add a post-voyage extension to **Quito & Otavalo**. Visit [expeditions.com/wildgalaperu-ext](http://expeditions.com/wildgalaperu-ext) for details.



NEW

# WILD PERU ESCAPE: AMAZON & MACHU PICCHU

9 Days/8 Nights—Aboard *Delfin II* + Land Excursion

Combine a journey in the Amazon aboard *Delfin II* with the wonders of the Inca on this new, nine-day Wild Peru Escape. After a stay in vibrant, cosmopolitan Lima, fly to Cusco for two nights at Machu Picchu, a full-day at the Sanctuary, capping your time in the Andes with a night in Cusco, imperial capital of the Inca. Journey to Iquitos for a five-day voyage in the mega-diverse Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve.



## DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima, Peru's thriving capital, and transfer to the Wyndham Costa del Sol. You may also elect to arrive early for a Lima pre-voyage extension. Please call for details.

## DAY 2: LIMA/CUSCO/MACHU PICCHU

Fly to Cusco, continuing by land through the Sacred Valley. Join National Geographic Grantee Nilda Callañaupa for lunch and a demonstration of Inca weaving traditions. Board a late afternoon scenic train to Machu Picchu, where we stay for two nights at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World with Andean-style casitas set along the Urubamba River. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: MACHU PICCHU

Take the full day to explore Machu Picchu, the Inca royal retreat introduced to the world by Hiram Bingham in the April 1913 National Geographic magazine. Choose to hike to the Sun Gate or tackle Huayna Picchu, which towers over the sanctuary. Dinner tonight is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY/CUSCO

Return to Ollantaytambo by train and continue to Cusco, center of the Inca empire. Explore the 17th-century cathedral and Plaza de Armas, sacred Inca Temple of the Sun and other treasures. Check-in at Palacio del Inka. Dinner is on your own to relax or sample local fare. (B,L)

## DAY 5: CUSCO/IQUITOS/EMBARK

After breakfast, fly to Iquitos via Lima. Continue overland to Nauta and embark *Delfin II*. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 6-8: AMAZON

Explore the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve. This pristine swath of jungle, stretching more than five million acres, harbors some of the Amazon's most diverse flora and fauna. The powerful Marañón and the Ucayali rivers converge to create the famed Amazon. Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, walks on dry land. Spot sloths and monkeys, including tamarins and howlers. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from



tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and macaws. Look for *paiche* (the Amazon's largest fish), pink dolphins, and the famous piranhas. An unexpected joy of traveling in the region is the interaction with the local *ribereños*, the people who live on the river. (B,L,D)

## DAY 9: DISEMBARK/IQUITOS/LIMA/U.S.

Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon Rescue Center on the way to Iquitos. Fly to Lima, where we visit Museo Larco and celebrate with a farewell dinner before late night flights home. Ask your Expedition Specialist about options to extend your stay. (B,L,D)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2021: Feb. 12; Apr. 2; Aug. 20; Oct. 15

## PRICING:

### *Delfin II*

Suite from \$7,990; Master Suite from \$9,250. Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](https://www.expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day pre-voyage extension in vibrant, cosmopolitan Lima. Visit [expeditions.com/](https://www.expeditions.com/) SeeLima for details.

# UPPER AMAZON

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *Delfin II*

Voyage to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon in the heart of Peru's rainforest aboard the elegant riverboat *Delfin II*. Slip through an intricate network of jungle waterways in a skiff or kayak, spotting diverse birds, as well as caimans, tamarins, and sloths. Skim past massive lily pads, peer up at towering ceiba trees, and witness glorious sunsets on the still waters of the Amazon River basin.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced local naturalists.
- ▶ Spot elusive Amazon wildlife, including pink and gray dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- ▶ Get acquainted with native *ribereños* on a visit to a community at the river's edge, supported by our work with Minga Peru.
- ▶ Gaze at the wilderness from the comfort of the *Delfin II*, and enjoy delicious, local meals.
- ▶ Learn from a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board.
- ▶ Add *Galápagos* or *Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca* to your Amazon experience and save 10%. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join National Geographic photographer **Kike Calvo** on the **Mar. 20 & 27, 2021** departures. Specializing in culture and environment, he has been on assignment in more than 90 countries.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Travel with **Eliana Elias**, Co-founder and Executive Director of our non-profit partner, Minga Peru, on the **Jun. 6 & Sep. 19, 2020** departures.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts).



*Blue and yellow Macaw.*

**DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU**

Arrive in Lima in the late evening and transfer to our conveniently located hotel, Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel.

**DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/EMBARK**

After breakfast, fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE**

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—stretching more than five million acres, and harboring some of the Amazon’s most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by the glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, by foot on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety

of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive *paiche* fish, the Amazon’s largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve’s interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a birdwatching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then look for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats, and other creatures of the night.

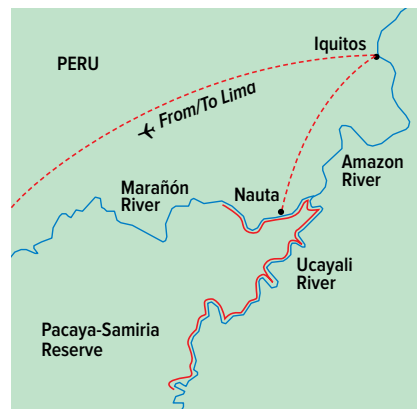
One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the upper Amazon of Peru is the interaction we have with the local *riberieños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the communities and see the projects that we support through a local non-profit, including a variety of handicrafts, women’s health initiative, and sustainable farming. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: DISEMBARK/NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA**

Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon Rescue Center on the drive to Iquitos. Fly to Lima, where we visit Museo Larco and celebrate with a farewell dinner. Overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: LIMA/U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 9, 16, 30; Jun. 6, 13, 20; Jul. 4, 11, 18; Sep. 19, 26; Oct. 3; Nov. 7, 14; Dec. 12, 19, 2021 Jan. 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; May 1, 8, 15, 29; Jun. 5, 12, 19; Jul. 3, 10, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14; Oct. 30; Nov. 6, 13; Dec. 25

Photo Expedition

Limited availability.

**PRICING:**

*Delfin II*  
Suite from \$7,410; Master Suite from \$8,850. Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by Mar. 31, 2020 and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP CHARTER AIR** between Lima/Iquitos on select 2020 **Upper Amazon** departures.
- Make the most of your time in the region. Add **Galápagos** or **Machu Picchu & Land of the Inca** to your Amazon experience and **save 10%**. See page 136 for details..

**ENJOY MORE OF LIMA**

Arrive early or linger later—let us help arrange a pre- or post-voyage stay in Lima at the luxurious **Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel**, set along a stunning seaside promenade in the city’s chicest district. Call for details.



Delfin II sails the Upper Amazon.

# EPIC PATAGONIA: FJORDS, PEAKS & FORESTS

20 Days/17 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

From Chiloé Island and the lush temperate rainforest of Pumalín, to the wilds of Tierra del Fuego, to the pinnacles of Torres del Paine National Park and the legendary Beagle Channel, experience the full sweep of Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Venture deep into Chile's glorious fjords. Pass incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers, and watch for elephant seals, Andean condors, guanacos, and penguins. With special permission, encounter the private parklands of Karukinka and Tantauco on Chiloé Island. Cap off the adventure on Argentina's Staten Island, coming face-to-face with nature's magnificence—aboard one of the only ships allowed to explore here.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Patagonia's signature Torres del Paine National Park, and discover the fjords of Chile's Southern Icefield, second largest anywhere, by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot.
- ▶ Venture through pristine wildlife reserves not easily accessible, including the privately held Karukinka Park and protected Pumalín-Douglas Tompkins National Park.
- ▶ Explore the culture and World Heritage Sites of Chiloé Island.
- ▶ By special permission, be one of the few people ever to explore Argentina's Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), located at the extreme end of South America.
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and sail Cape Horn, following the same route as some of history's great explorers.
- ▶ Extend your stay three ways. Visit [expeditions.com/patagoniaext](https://expeditions.com/patagoniaext).

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

**Kristine McDivitt Tompkins** is the president and co-founder of Tompkins Conservation and former CEO of Patagonia, Inc. In 2018, Kris, on behalf of Tompkins Conservation and her late husband, Douglas Tompkins, made the largest donation of privately held land in the world—donating one million acres to the Chilean government, who matched it with an additional nine million acres of federal land. Kris will join the 2020 expedition from **Oct. 8-18**. Guests will have special access to Pumalín-Douglas Tompkins National Park.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Adventure photographer **Krystle Wright** will join the **Oct. 8, 2020** departure.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).*

*Torres del Paine National Park.*

**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE**

Fly overnight to Santiago, and check in to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (or similar). The Andes are the backdrop to our guided tour. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: PUERTO MONTT/EMBARK**

Fly by charter from Santiago to Puerto Montt, Chile's northern gateway to Patagonia. Embark our ship. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: CHILOÉ ISLAND**

Explore Chiloé's culture including wooden churches, a UNESCO Site. Or, visit Tantauco Park for a hike in the wilderness. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: PUMALÍN NATIONAL PARK**

Pumalín's 750,000 acres are one of the only remaining areas of the *alerce* tree, sky-scraping ancient forests similar to California redwoods, with some specimens 2,000 years old. We walk the park trails. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6-10: THE INSIDE PASSAGE & THE CHILEAN FJORDS**

A vast area of snowcapped mountains, glaciers, islands, lakes, soaring granite walls, and waterfalls, the archipelago is virtually untouched by man. We make good use of our Zodiacs, kayaks, and undersea technology. Chile's Southern Icefield is the second largest in the world. We explore among the fjords of the Southern Icefield, such as Pio XI, Falcon, Penguin, or Europa, depending on weather. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

From Puerto Natales, drive to monumental Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere. The landscape is big, wide, and sprawling with razor-backed ridges. Spot Andean condors, guanacos, and rheas. The Torres del Paine are an amazing sight, jagged granite mountains topped with dark slate. Discover one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and colorful lagoons. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 12 & 13: TIERRA DEL FUEGO/KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK**

Tierra del Fuego is one of Patagonia's crown jewels. We have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit Karukinka

Natural Park, a private reserve that harbors endangered culpeo foxes, black-browed albatross, condors, and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14 & 15: THE CHILEAN FJORDS, BEAGLE CHANNEL, CAPE HORN**

Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. We cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel and explore some of its many possibilities. Then sail Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and conditions permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)



Magellanic penguins

**DAYS 16-18: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA**

By special permission, *National Geographic Explorer* is one of the only expedition ships ever to visit extraordinary Staten Island. It's a place of superlatives, barely touched in decades. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful. Spot Andean condors, Magellanic penguins, fur seals, and sea lions. See and photograph the San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel by the same name. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 19 & 20: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.**

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with overnight flights home. (Day 19: B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2020 Oct. 8

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$19,950; Cat. 7 from \$37,300  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy airfare Miami/Santiago, Buenos Aires/Miami, and internal flights Santiago/Puerto Montt, Ushuaia/Buenos Aires. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 136 for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Visit [expeditions.com/patagoniaext](http://expeditions.com/patagoniaext).



Guanacos, Torres Del Paine National Park.

# BEST OF CHILEAN PATAGONIA: FROM TORRES DEL PAINE TO CAPE HORN

## INCLUDES ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND

16 Days/13 Nights—Land & Sea Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

**O**n this land and sea expedition, you'll savor the grandeur of Torres del Paine's sunrises and sunsets, its iconic landscapes, and profusion of wildlife during a three-day stay at the Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, or Explora Patagonia Hotel Salto Chico. Then explore fjords, glaciers, and panoramic vistas aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Venturing out on Zodiac forays, kayaking the pristine fjords, or hiking virgin trails, you'll breathe the rarefied air of a near-mythic region. Enjoy special access to Argentina's Isla de los Estados (Staten Island)—a seldom-seen island covered in wind-sculpted flora. Watch for Magellanic penguins and fur seals. Discover the vast parklands of Karukinka. And check viewing legendary Cape Horn off your life list.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All Patagonia voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer to inspire you and share tips in the field. Award-winning photographer **Rich Reid**, who specializes in wildlife and adventure photography, joins us on the **Nov. 15, 2020** expedition (voyage only).

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts)

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover the wildlife-rich, iconic landscapes of Torres del Paine, Patagonia's jewel. Stay three days at the outstanding Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, or Explora Patagonia Hotel Salto Chico.
- ▶ Explore wild, windswept Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), which has largely been off limits to travelers since 1923.
- ▶ See storied places such as the Beagle Channel and Cape Horn.
- ▶ Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Karukinka Natural Park on Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ After Patagonia, you may wish to extend your journey with four days steeped in Easter Island's mysteries on select departures. Call or visit [expeditions.com/easterislandext](https://expeditions.com/easterislandext).

*Guanaco, Torres del Paine National Park.*



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE**

Fly overnight to Santiago, Chile. Check in to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (or similar) before exploring the Plaza de Armas, the main square and Presidential Palace. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: PUERTO NATALES**

Fly to Punta Arenas, then drive to Puerto Natales, one of Patagonia's southern gateways, and check in to The Singular Hotel Patagonia. Have an afternoon tour of town. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 4-6: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

Drive to this UNESCO Biosphere reserve and spend three days at our fine hotel, discovering one of the most wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests, grasslands, rivers, and colorful lagoons. Choose to walk, hike, horseback ride, sail amid icebergs to the immense Grey Glacier, visit the Salto Grande waterfall, and see the towers of the central massif from the Blue Lagoon. Look out for guanacos, gray foxes, rheas, and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK/PUERTO NATALES/EMBARK**

We have a final morning to explore Torres del Paine. We then drive to Puerto Natales, where we embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 8 & 9: KIRKE NARROWS & EXPLORING CHILEAN FJORDS**

Our Captain and local pilots guide us through Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small ship

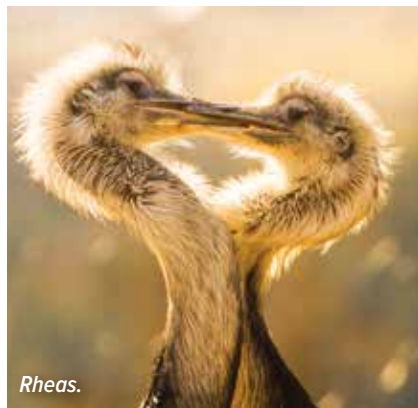


Karukinka Natural Park.

such as *National Geographic Orion*. We'll look to make stops in the extensive maze of channels and islands of the Chilean fjords, where we may go out to explore by Zodiac and kayak, or take a forest walk. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: EXPLORING TIERRA DEL FUEGO/KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK**

Tierra del Fuego is one of Patagonia's crown jewels. We have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit Karukinka Natural Park, home to nesting black-browed albatross, condors, and elephant seals. (B,L,D)



Rheas.

**DAYS 11 & 12: EXPLORING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL/CAPE HORN**

Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. Cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel, where we'll look to use our Zodiacs to land and explore one of the many intriguing sites. Next we sail Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and, weather permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 & 14: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA**

Discover extraordinary Staten Island. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful. Watch for Magellanic penguins, fur seals and sea lions. See the San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel by the same name. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 15 & 16: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/SANTIAGO/U.S.**

Disembark in Ushuaia. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home. (Day 15: B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Oct. 22; Nov. 15 2021 Mar. 7\*  
2022 Feb. 25\*

\*These voyages travel in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$16,230; Cat. 6 from \$25,600  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **July 31, 2020** on select departures for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy airfare Miami/Santiago. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and crew tips. See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a post-voyage extension to [Easter Island](#), on select departures. Visit [expeditions.com/easterislandext](http://expeditions.com/easterislandext).

**PATAGONIA: CHILEAN FJORDS & ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND**

12 Days/9 Nights

**DATES:** 2020 Oct. 26; Nov. 19 2021 Mar. 7\*  
2022 Feb. 25\*

**PRICING:** Cat. 1 from \$10,780; Cat. 6 from \$20,150  
This carefully curated expedition offers the peak experiences of Patagonia in a compact timeframe. Discover the fjords, glaciers, wildlife, and vistas that make Chilean Patagonia one of the most lauded nature destinations on Earth. Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Karukinka Natural Park, and explore seldom-seen Staten Island. Learn more at [expeditions.com/short\\_patagonia](http://expeditions.com/short_patagonia).

NEW

# SOUTHERN PATAGONIA: GLACIERS, FJORDS & WILDLIFE

19 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Long before humans arrived on the continent, glaciers carved the landscapes of Southern Patagonia and the Chilean fjords. Now it's a place for the grandest nature adventures: marveling at calving glaciers, whale and dolphin watching, hiking through rugged landscapes, Zodiac cruising among icebergs, and observing penguins by the thousands. Explore iconic Torres del Paine, where guanacos roam the vast steppe. Discover private reserves such as Karukinka; visit the newest marine reserve on the Chilean coast; take in the view of Cape Horn; and enjoy special access to Argentina's extraordinary Isla de los Estados (Staten Island). On hiking, kayaking, and Zodiac excursions, take in the natural treasures of a wilderness at the edge of the world.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Aboard the new *National Geographic Endurance*, glide into Patagonia's "Glacier Alley" and navigate among floating icebergs by Zodiac and kayak.
- ▶ Explore iconic Torres del Paine National Park with our naturalist staff.
- ▶ Visit Francisco Coloane Marine Park, where humpback whales and dolphins gather.
- ▶ Observe a Magellanic penguin colony on Isla Magdalena, and hike in search of the Andean fox and the Chilean flamingo.
- ▶ By special permission, explore the private reserve of Karukinka and the untouched landscapes of remote Isla de los Estados.
- ▶ Extend your stay five ways. Visit [expeditions.com/glaciersex](https://expeditions.com/glaciersex).

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Pulitzer prize-winning photographer **Jay Dickman** on the **Feb. 25, 2021** voyage. A photojournalist for more than 40 years, Jay has covered more than 25 assignments for National Geographic and has traveled to all seven continents.

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*Pia Glacier's sheer size and beauty are mesmerizing.*





**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and check into the Alvear Icon Hotel, or similar. Join our guided tour, seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK**

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Before embarking, enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. (B,L,D)



Elephant seal.

**DAYS 4 & 5: EXPLORING THE CHILEAN FJORDS: "GLACIER ALLEY"**

Sail into a vast wilderness of snow-capped peaks and mirror-like lakes, thick glaciers and islets blanketed with vegetation. Myriad fjords or *senos* cut between soaring granite walls and waterfalls splash down. This region is informally known as "Glacier Alley," part of a UNESCO Biosphere. Explore secluded Seno Pia and its impressive glacier; dramatic Seno Garibaldi and the stunning wall of ice that is Garibaldi Glacier; and Seno Agostini, the source of numerous glaciers originating at more than 6,600 feet in elevation. Explore by Zodiac, getting close to floating brash ice, watching for wildlife, and hoping to witness the thundering process of glacial calving. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: FRANCISCO COLOANE MARINE PARK**

Francisco Coloane Marine Park is the largest marine protected area along the Chilean coast. A large population of humpback whales feed in these waters, as do South American sea lions. Black and white Peale's dolphins are seen, and we search for the endemic and endangered Chilean dolphin. Discover the marine park by

Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Spot Andean condors, giant petrels, and Magellanic penguins. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 7 & 8: PUERTO NATALES & TORRES DEL PAINE**

From Puerto Natales, drive to monumental Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The landscape is big, wide, and sprawling with razor-backed ridges. Discover one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and gem-colored lagoons, crowned with the pinnacles of Torres del Paine. Watch for guanacos, rheas, flamingos, Andean condors, and more. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: KIRKE NARROWS & CHILEAN FJORDS**

Continuing our exploration of the Chilean fjords, we navigate the Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small ship such as *National Geographic Endurance*. Explore the extensive maze of channels and islands by Zodiac and kayak or take a walk in the surrounding forest. (B,L,D)



Humpback whale.

**DAY 11: PUNTA ARENAS & ISLA MAGDALENA**

Today begins in Punta Arenas, visiting the historic city center and the Salesian Museum to learn about the region's archaeology and wildlife. Alternatively, hike in the Magallanes National Reserve. Later, be on deck as our ship navigates the Strait of Magellan, en route to Isla Magdalena. Go ashore at the Penguins National Nature Reserve, home to thousands of nesting Magellanic penguins. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 12 & 13: TIERRA DEL FUEGO: KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK**

Continue to the newest and largest protected area on Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka. We have permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit this private reserve, which



harbors endangered culpeo foxes, guanacos, black-browed albatross, Andean condors, and elephant seals. Visit Bahia Ainsworth to explore the sub-polar Magellan forest. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 14-17: CAPE HORN & ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA**

Today we visit Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and conditions permitting, land there for panoramic views before continuing to Argentina. *National Geographic Endurance* is one of the few expedition ships granted permission to visit Isla de los Estados, whose wild, untouched landscapes are home to Magellanic penguins, fur seals, otters, sea lions, and countless water birds. See the "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel of the same name. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 18 & 19: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.**

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2021 Feb. 25

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$19,450; Cat. 7 from \$38,260  
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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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NEW

# WILD SOUTH AMERICA: THE GUIANAS TO BRAZIL

24 Days/22 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Extraordinary diversity and a dazzling array of points of interest await on this exploration through five countries, two legendary rivers, and a host of places few people ever see. Experience fascinating ecosystems from riverine to jungle to urban, within dramatic natural settings. Spot tropical wildlife from spinner dolphins to the spectacle of hundreds of scarlet ibis coming home to roost. Have the rare opportunity to explore pristine Fernando de Noronha, a UNESCO Site; grand Kaieteur Falls, two times the height of Victoria Falls; and well-preserved colonial towns with a dramatic history.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Spot tropical wildlife as we explore two legendary jungle rivers: the Amazon and the Essequibo.
- ▶ Birders will have their minds blown at Trinidad's renowned Asa Wright Nature Center, spotting many colorful specimens from the veranda viewing gallery.
- ▶ Explore three picturesque colonial cities from Paramaribo, Suriname, a UNESCO Site, to Belém, the gateway to the Amazon, and Salvador, Brazil's cultural heart. And visit notorious Devil's Island.
- ▶ Discover the rhythms of South America with live performances by leading musicians—curated by onboard ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar.
- ▶ Enjoy special access to the unspoiled islands of Fernando de Noronha, a World Heritage Site. Snorkel amid the rich marine life and see the rich population of spinner dolphins.


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*A flock of scarlet ibis returns in the late afternoon to its nightly roost on an island in the Caroni Swamp.*

**DAY 1: U.S./TRINIDAD & TOBAGO**

The sounds of the steel pan and calypso tell us we're in Trinidad & Tobago. Arrive and join us for a welcome reception before an overnight at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad Hotel. (D)

**DAYS 2 & 3: ASA WRIGHT NATURE CENTER/CARONI SWAMP/PORT OF SPAIN/EMBARK**

Drive through the lush Arima Valley to the Asa Wright Nature Center, a mecca for nature lovers. We'll have a choice of trails to walk as we look for toucans, hummingbirds, tanagers, motmots, and butterflies. Or, stay on the "birding veranda" and let the avifauna come to you. Then drive to the Caroni Swamp, where scarlet ibis return by the hundreds at dusk to roost—one of the world's great wildlife spectacles. The next day, enjoy a leisurely breakfast and perhaps a dip in the pool, with sweeping views of the Gulf of Paria, before embarking our ship in Port of Spain and settling in as we set sail southward. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: AT SEA (B,L,D)**

*Kaieteur Falls, Guyana.*

**DAYS 5-7: ESSEQUIBO RIVER, GUYANA/GEORGETOWN/AT SEA**

Little-visited Guyana has some of the planet's most pristine rainforest. On the Essequibo, spot colorful macaws, cotingas, and jacamars—a few of the more than 600 bird species for the area. Fly over Guyana's crown jewel: powerful 822-foot Kaieteur Falls. Once on the ground we explore the rainforest and look for rare parrots and toucans. In Georgetown, Guyana's capital, discover rich colonial architecture, historic markets, and spirited local music. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: PARAMARIBO, SURINAME**

Paramaribo's well-preserved Dutch colonial

architecture has earned it a UNESCO designation. Explore the waterfront with its wooden colonial buildings, and Fort Zeelandia, home to the fine Suriname Museum. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: DEVIL'S ISLAND, FRENCH GUIANA/AT SEA**

Devil's Island became notorious as a penal colony whose inmates included Alfred Dreyfus and Henri Charrière—who chronicled his escape in the book *Papillon*. Explore the remains of the prison and spot birds and monkeys in the surrounding jungle. Then relax on a day at sea. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11-13: AMAZON RIVER DELTA, BRAZIL**

Enter the great delta region of the Amazon, and have three days exploring the river and its tributaries by ship and by Zodiac. Spot macaws, toucans, and kingfishers, along with monkeys, and the two elusive species of river dolphin found here—the gray tucuxi and the pink boto. See some of the communities of local residents, called *caboclos*, who make their living in this rich but difficult environment. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: BELÉM**

The gateway to the Amazon, Belém has a rich colonial history evident on our walk in the Cidade Velha (Old City). Visit the Ver-O-Peso market, with an amazing variety of rainforest medicinal remedies, or the town of Icoaraci, known for its ceramics. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 15-17: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAYS 18-20: FERNANDO DE NORONHA**

The Fernando de Noronha archipelago is a UNESCO Site recognized for its marine life and breeding tropical seabirds. Enjoy three days exploring its beaches, birdlife, and rich marine life. Hike, swim, and snorkel. Or, go on a boat excursion to watch spinner dolphins, renowned for their acrobatics. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 21 & 22: AT SEA/SALVADOR**

After time at sea, arrive at colorful Salvador, capital of the state of Bahia and cultural center of Brazil. Salvador's music is legendary—the region is the birthplace of the samba. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 23 & 24: SALVADOR/ DISEMBARK/U.S.**

After breakfast, we disembark and have a walking tour of Salvador through the historic Pelourinho, a network of sweeping avenues lined with towering pink, yellow, and purple buildings finished with elegant white trims. Later, we transfer to the airport for overnight flights home. (Day 23: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2021 Sep. 27

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$25,820; Cat. 7 from \$48,270  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Combine this expedition with [Brazil & Argentina: Wildlife & Culture](#) to explore the full sweep of South America's east coast—and **save 10%**.
- Complimentary bar tab and crew tips. See page 136 or call for details.

*Scarlet macaw.*



NEW

# BRAZIL & ARGENTINA: WILDLIFE & CULTURE

23 Days/20 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Sail from the cultural capital of Salvador, Brazil to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Argentina and whale-rich Península Valdés aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Encounter the legacy of European empires in colonial towns that once boomed with the cacao and gold trade. See wildlife as we explore the pampas and the Atlantic Forest. And you'll learn about rich cultures from the tango music of Buenos Aires to the samba music of Rio to the gauchos of Uruguay. Every day brings a new opportunity to discover daily life, wildlife encounters, and the spirit of these vibrant areas.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Soak up the spirit of four of South America's most vibrant cities: Salvador, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and Montevideo. And explore colonial boomtowns: uninhabited Anchieta, 18th-century Parati, and the gold town of Ilhéus.
- ▶ Observe southern right whales at the height of the breeding season at the amazing Península Valdés, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ▶ Spot tropical birdlife in the Atlantic Forest, a World Heritage Site: yellow-rumped cacique, blue-crowned parakeets, the spectacular green-headed tanager, blue-backed manakins, and more. Look for humpback whales and calves at the Abrolhos Marine National Park.
- ▶ Discover the rhythms of South America with live performances by leading musicians—curated by onboard ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar.

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Discover the historic Pehourinho district, a UNESCO Site, in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil.



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./SALVADOR, BRAZIL**

Depart on an overnight flight to Salvador, renowned for its exuberant atmosphere. Settle into our hotel in the historic Pelourinho district. Enjoy a musical performance. (Day 2: D)

**DAY 3: SALVADOR/EMBARK**

Salvador's brilliantly hued center is a living museum of 17th- and 18th-century architecture. Explore the Pelourinho, a UNESCO Site; or choose to hear local music, visit a sea turtle preservation site, or a social project assisting street children. (B,L,D)



Green-headed tanager.

**DAY 4: ILHÉUS**

A former cacao capital, Ilhéus is also famed as the setting for Brazilian author Jorge Amado's novel, *Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon*. Explore the town; visit a sanctuary for slow-moving sloths; and have lunch at a cacao plantation. Go birdwatching in the Atlantic Forest, a UNESCO Site, in search of yellow-rumped cacique, blue-crowned parakeets, the spectacular green-headed tanager, and blue-backed manakin. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: AT SEA/ABROLHOS MARINE NATIONAL PARK**

Search for masked boobies and red-billed tropicbirds, as well as humpback whales, which come here to breed and give birth. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAYS 7 & 8: RIO DE JANEIRO**

Discover legendary Rio: ascend to the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer; visit a reserve for the endangered golden lion tamarin; explore the Botanical Garden and the Tijuca Forest, home to more than 200 bird species. Opt to experience a *favela* (shantytown) to meet the people working to improve conditions. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: PARATI**

Charming Parati, a UNESCO Site, was once a center of the gold trade. Walk along the cobble lanes. Alternatively, hike a section of the Caminho do Ouro, the "gold trail"—built to convey gold from the mines. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: ANCHIETA/AT SEA**

Visit tiny Anchieta, once a penal colony. Explore the ruins of the prison and swim from the beautiful beaches. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: CURITIBA & PARANAGUÁ**

Choose to ride the Serra Verde Express train, one of the world's great rail journeys, or hike to a waterfall in the Atlantic Forest. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAY 13: RIO GRANDE DO SUL**

Rio Grande do Sul is a birder's paradise for ibis, maguari storks, and spoonbills. See endearing capybaras, the world's largest rodent. Visit colonial Pelotas, with its 18th and 19th-century architecture, stopping at a family-run *charqueada* (ranch). Back onboard, enjoy a lively music performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAY 15: MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY**

Capture Montevideo's elegant Parisian-inspired architecture on a photo walk. Head into the country to a family-owned *estancia* (ranch) for a traditional *asado* (barbecue) lunch and stirring gaucho music. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Experience every facet of this beautiful and sophisticated city. See the city's Bohemian neighborhoods along with its Beaux-Arts palaces and Evita's famous balcony. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 17 & 18: AT SEA/BAHIA BLANCA**

After a day at sea, we hike the pampas at Bahía Blanca to view the flora and fauna and enjoy lunch at a marvelous ranch. (B,L,D)

**DAY 19: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAYS 20 & 21: PUERTO MADRYN/ PENÍNSULA VALDÉS**

The amazing Península Valdés, a UNESCO Site, is an important breeding ground for



the southern right whale. Observe these magnificent mammals, as well as southern elephant seals and killer whales. On land, look for guanacos, rheas, armadillos, and more. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 22 & 23: PUERTO MADRYN/ DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.**

Disembark in Puerto Madryn. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires and connect with overnight flights home. (Day 22: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2021 Oct. 17

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$23,470; Cat. 7 from \$43,880  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

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Humpback whale, Abrolhos Archipelago.

# ICEMASTERS OF THE POLAR FLEET

Collectively, the Captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet have navigated over 500 Antarctic expeditions, ensuring they have the crucial knowledge we demand. They are extraordinary mariners. And along with their Officers, they are keen spotters, as interested in observing birds, whales, orcas, narwhal, polar bears, leopard seals, and penguins as our naturalists and guests. That's why their Bridges are open and inviting. Hang out, observe their navigation, enjoy the playlists—their domain, expertise, and engaging personalities are integral to the fun of your expedition.

## CAPTAIN LEIF SKOG

Leif Skog, Lindblad V.P. Nautical, has been a member of IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) since 1998 and served as Chairman of the IAATO Marine Committee for five years, developing safety and emergency procedures, ensuring that all IAATO ships operating in the region keep in daily touch to form the initial response for any incident.

To recognize Captain Leif Skog's 'significant and sustained contribution in this field,' the U.K. Antarctic Place-names Committee recently approved the name **SKOG BAY** (66.53° S, 66.28° W).





### CAPTAIN OLIVER KRUESS

Oliver has been aboard expedition vessels since 1991, rising to command as a ship's Master in 1995. For nearly 20 years, he has been navigating polar waters, crossing the Antarctic convergence about 140 times, and logging north of the Arctic Circle in the Atlantic and Pacific more than 60 times. In total, Oliver has joined nearly 450 expedition cruises worldwide, including 10 years of South Pacific expeditions. An extraordinary mariner, he also has exceptional naturalist skills. He can circle his ship in slow steady arcs to keep a pod of hunting killer whales in steady view, or sight a bear on the Arctic pack ice before the on-duty spotter, making his Bridge a constant hub for guests. Captain Kruess has also served as a representative at IAATO and most frequently captains *National Geographic Explorer*.



### CAPTAIN AARON WOOD

Working at sea since leaving school, sailing cargo ships, oil vessels, and luxury ocean liners up to 2014, Aaron received an opportunity he couldn't refuse— expedition cruising with Lindblad Expeditions. Since then, he has navigated his ships worldwide and through the Antarctic Circle and polar waters as Navigation Officer, Safety Officer, Staff Captain, and today, Captain. A certified advanced ice navigator, Captain Wood has demonstrated extreme ice savvy in polar conditions and a passion for collaborating with his expedition leaders to create exceptional observations for guests. He recently completed technical training in next-generation ice-class navigation and tech systems to assume his new role as Captain aboard our brand-new Polar Class 5 vessel, *National Geographic Endurance*.



### CAPTAIN HEIDI NORLING

The first woman to captain a Lindblad-National Geographic ship, Heidi began sailing in the Stockholm archipelago as a teenager. Working as a cadet aboard Swedish cargo ships, navigating from the Great Lakes and the North Sea to the Mexican Gulf, her career launched in earnest aboard the expedition yacht *Hanse Explorer*, where she conducted a series of adventurous seasons in Antarctic ice. Back in Visby, Sweden on a break, she spotted her dream ship, *National Geographic Orion*, docked in the harbor. Mere months later she came aboard, and has since sailed *National Geographic Orion* to the South Pacific, Antarctica, Arctic, Alaska, and the Russian Far East.







### CAPTAIN MARTIN GRASER

Martin credits his 27 years of sea service to a long-standing passion for ice navigation and expedition travel, beginning in his childhood sailing the North and Baltic Seas aboard his father's hand-built boats. He began his career aboard the expedition yacht, *Hanse Explorer*, where he served from 2006 to 2015. Over the years, he has conducted many adventurous charters, including the 5-week National Geographic Pristine Seas expedition led by Dr. Enric Sala. Captaining *National Geographic Orion* since 2015, he is about to assume command of *National Geographic Endurance*, the most technologically advanced ice-class polar vessel in the world, taking the ship halfway around the world and deep into the polar ice.

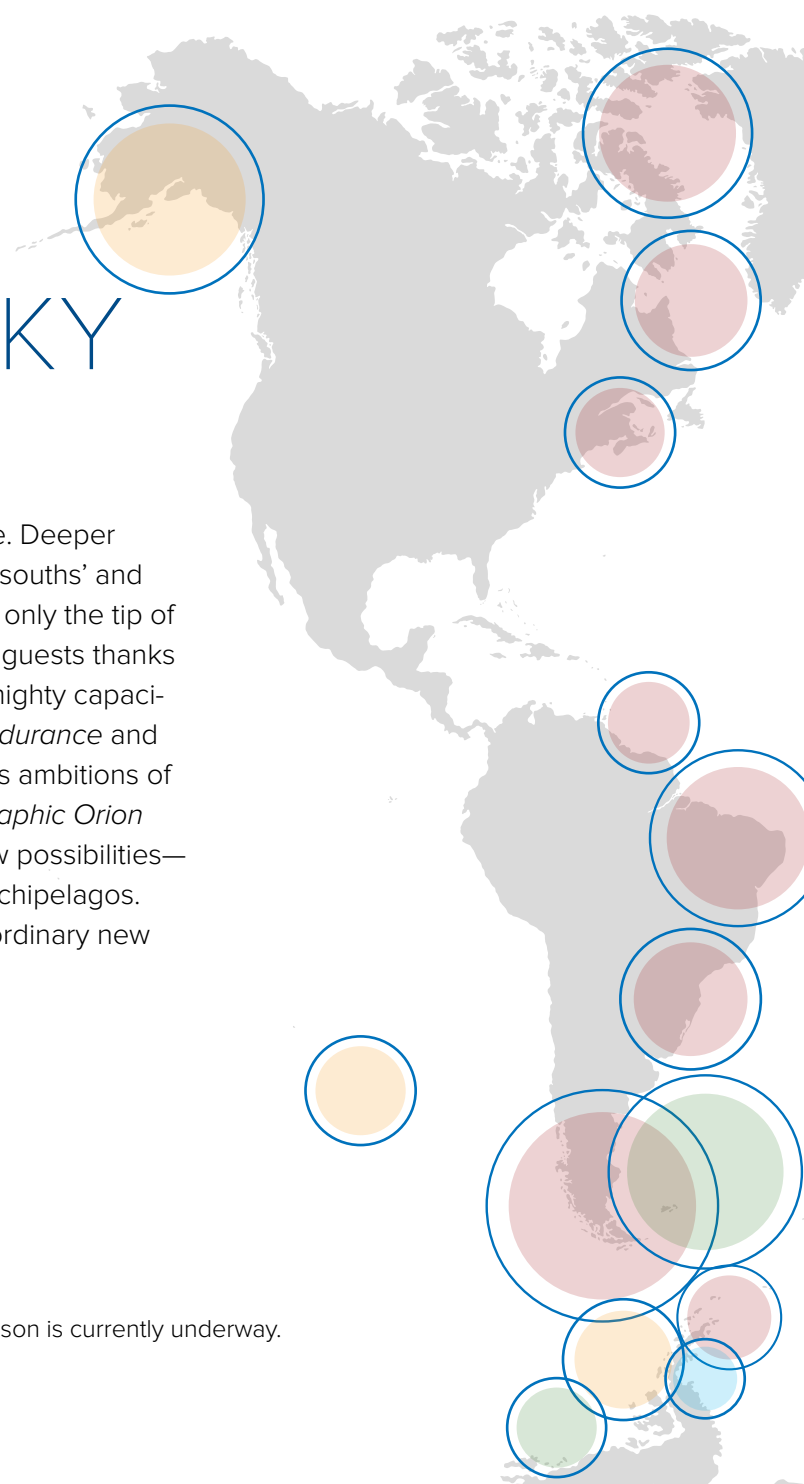


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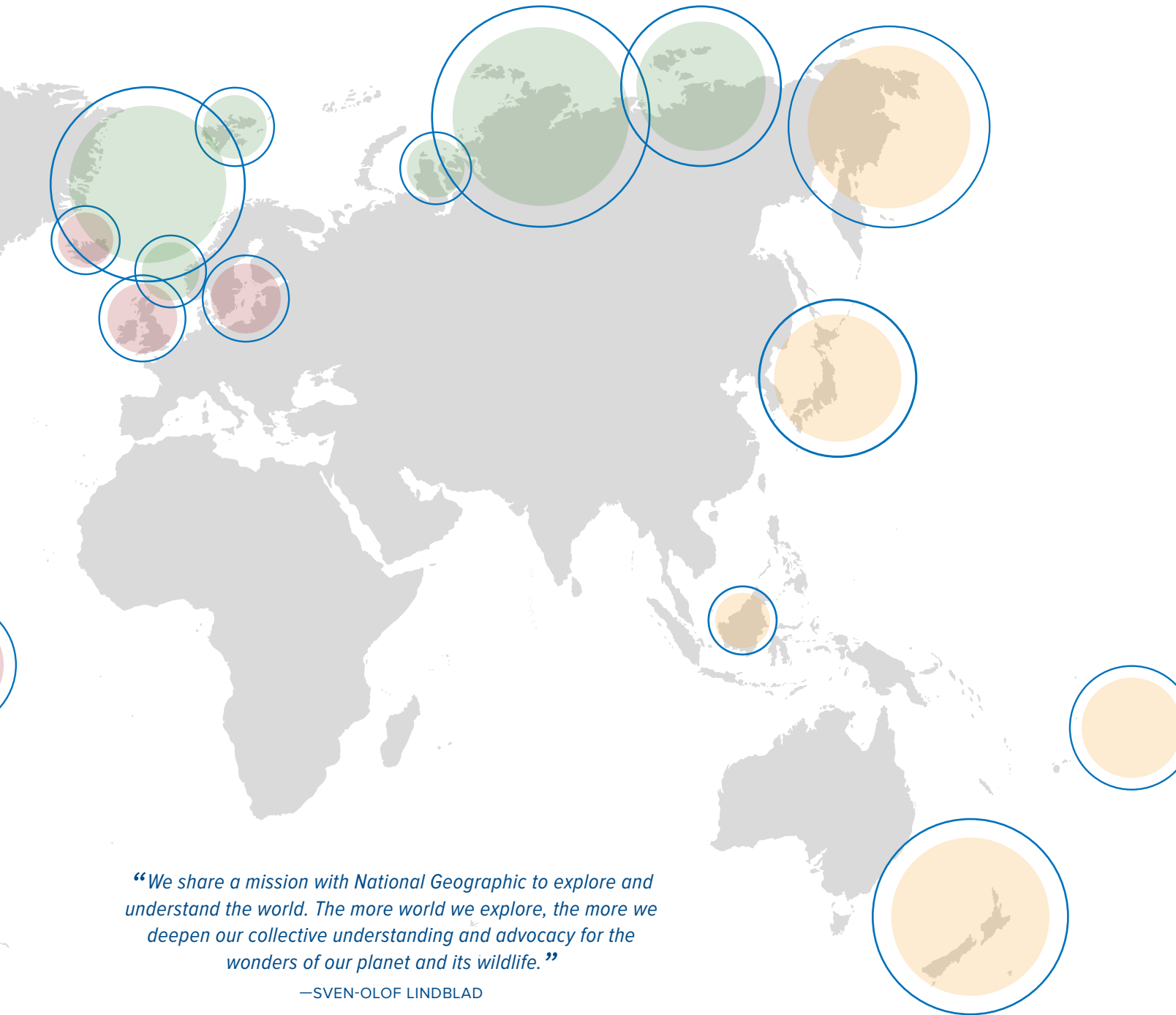
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-  NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

\*Itinerary development beyond the 2021-22 Antarctica season is currently underway.







*“We share a mission with National Geographic to explore and understand the world. The more world we explore, the more we deepen our collective understanding and advocacy for the wonders of our planet and its wildlife.”*

—SVEN-OLOF LINDBLAD

# JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

**14 Days/11 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*,  
*National Geographic Orion*, *National Geographic Endurance*, and  
*National Geographic Resolution***

**T**raveling aboard our state-of-the-art luxury expedition ships, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous icebergs by Zodiac, photograph the penguin colonies, take walks ashore, and kayak in complete tranquility.



## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists celebrating Lindblad's 50+-year heritage in Antarctica.
- ▶ View magnificent mountains and huge glaciers. On shore, observe thousands of penguins: gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.
- ▶ Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of wildlife.
- ▶ Kayak in protected waters, paddling as penguins swim nearby.
- ▶ Conditions permitting, early November departures on all ships offer the possibility to cross-country ski and snowshoe—on the frozen sea ice.
- ▶ Two days prior in warm Buenos Aires or Santiago? Or time post-voyage at Easter Island or Iguazú Falls? Call to discuss options or visit [expeditions.com/antarcticaext](http://expeditions.com/antarcticaext).

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

All *National Geographic Explorer* voyages travel with a Global Perspectives Guest Speaker. To date: polar explorer **Felicity Aston** on **Nov. 8, 2020**; **Kathryn Sullivan** on **Dec. 28, 2020**; **Dr. Joe MacInnis** on **Jan. 7 & 17, 2021**.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All Antarctica voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer to inspire you and share tips in the field. To date: **Sisse Brimberg** on **Jan. 6, 2021**; **Jay Dickman** on **Jan. 7 & 17, 2021**.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts).*

*A pair of gentoo penguins welcomes guests.*

**DAYS 1 & 2:** U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION*) Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires or Santiago. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Alvear Icon (*Endurance*), or similar, before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (*Orion & Resolution*), or similar, before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3:** FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

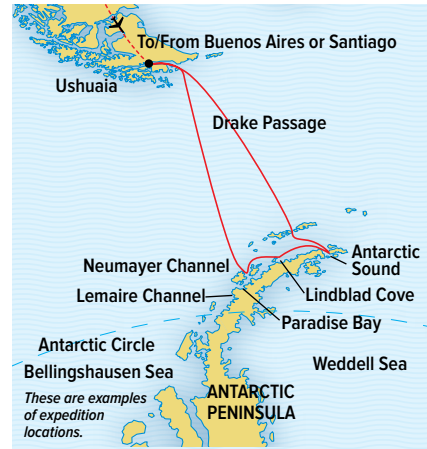
**DAY 4:** AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 5–10:** EXPLORING ANTARCTICA With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching

whales at play off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an unplanned excursion. We anticipate offering opportunities each day to cruise the beautiful coastline, take walks ashore, kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to thousands of Adélie and gentoo penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn, see, and experience more. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11 & 12:** AT SEA Enjoy the ship's amenities as the coast of Antarctica disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 & 14:** DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (*EXPLORER & ENDURANCE*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION & RESOLUTION*)/U.S. Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES *National Geographic Explorer*:**

2020 Nov. 8, 18, 28; Dec. 8, 18\*, 28\*  
2021 Jan. 7, 17, 27; Feb. 6; Nov. 8; Dec. 8, 18\*, 28\* 2022 Jan. 7; Feb. 6, 16

***National Geographic Orion*:**

2020 Nov. 27; Dec. 7, 17\* 2021 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5

***National Geographic Endurance*:**

2020 Nov. 27\*; Dec. 7, 17\* 2021 Nov. 7; Dec. 7, 17\*

***National Geographic Resolution*:**

2021 Dec. 7, 17\*, 27\* 2022 Jan. 6, 16, 26

*National Geographic Orion* and *National Geographic Resolution* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.

\*This voyage follows a slightly modified itinerary.  
†For holiday rates, visit our website.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$14,940; Cat. 7 from \$27,990  
*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$15,250; Cat. 6 from \$29,370  
*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$16,290; Cat. 7 from \$32,150  
*National Geographic Resolution*  
Cat. 1 from \$16,450; Cat. 7 from \$32,350  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** on select dates for **free round-trip** economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires or Santiago; ask about other U.S. gateways. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 136 for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Visit [expeditions.com/antarcticaext](http://expeditions.com/antarcticaext).



Sunset, Lemaire Channel.

NEW

# ANTARCTICA & PATAGONIA: LEGENDARY ICE & EPIC FJORDS

20 Days/17 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

The southernmost realms of the planet are places of unimaginable beauty, where humpback whales breach and penguins gather by the thousands, where icebergs shimmer and sapphire-hued fjords harbor snowcapped peaks and virgin forests. Join us on an odyssey aboard the *National Geographic Orion* that combines the celebrated wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula, southern Patagonia, and the Chilean fjords—all in a single, epic voyage. Follow in the wake of legendary explorers like Ernest Shackleton and Ferdinand Magellan to encounter otherworldly icescapes and calving glaciers, remote reserves and pristine parks, and the incredible creatures that thrive at the edge of the world.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Seek out Antarctica's iconic wildlife—including penguins, seals, and killer whales—and marvel at incandescent icebergs using our fleet of kayaks and Zodiacs.
- ▶ Navigate Chile's coastal fjords and explore the spectacular region known as "Glacier Alley," where monumental glaciers calve into the sea.
- ▶ Hike among the snowcapped "horns" of Torres del Paine National Park, and enjoy special access to Karukinka Natural Park, the largest protected land area in Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ Cruise the waters of Francisco Coloane Marine Park, searching for the humpback whales and dolphins that inhabit this vast marine reserve.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with **Dan Westergren** on **Nov. 3, 2020**. Dan has spent three decades producing award-winning images as a National Geographic Society photographer, photo editor, and is currently Director of Photography at *National Geographic Traveler*.

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Exploring Agostini Fjord's glacier by Zodiac.

**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE**

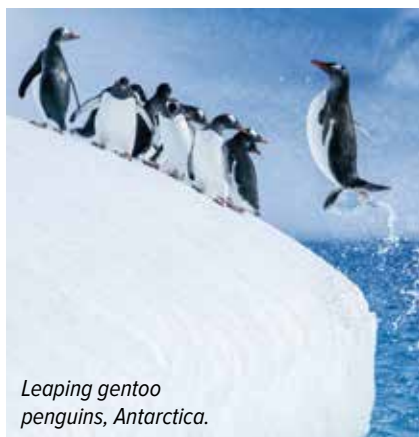
Depart on an overnight flight to Santiago. Settle into the Hyatt Centric (or similar) before a guided overview of the vibrant Chilean capital backed by the Andes. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ EMBARK**

Fly to Ushuaia, a colorful town perched at the southernmost tip of South America. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAYS 5-10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA**

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunities to explore. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected, whether we're watching whales at play off the bow of our ship or enjoying an evening Zodiac cruise amid glittering icebergs. One day, we might set out by kayak to encounter towering icebergs at water level; embark on a Zodiac excursion in search of seals and blue-eyed shags; or walk on a beach amid thousands of Adélie and gentoo penguins. The next, we might experience the thrill of the ship crunching through pack ice. Our expert expedition team will enrich our experiences. (B,L,D)



*Leaping gentoo penguins, Antarctica.*

**DAYS 11 & 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)****DAYS 13 & 14: EXPLORING THE CHILEAN FJORDS**

Sail into southern Patagonia's vast wilderness of forested isles, mirror-like lakes, and snowcapped peaks. Myriad fjords cut between soaring granite walls and waterfalls tumble from high above. Explore the region known

as Chile's "Glacier Alley," part of the UNESCO-recognized Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve. Cruise into the secluded Pia Fjord, admiring views of its massive glacier; and glide into Garibaldi Fjord in Alberto de Agostini National Park, where the Andes meet the sea. Get up close to the monumental wall of ice that marks the edge of Garibaldi Glacier, exploring by Zodiac or kayak. Continue to Agostini Fjord, where numerous glaciers originate from the nearby mountains, for a chance to witness thunderous glacial calving. (B,L,D)



*Southern elephant seals, Karukinka Park.*

**DAY 15: TIERRA DEL FUEGO: KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK & AINSWORTH BAY**

Cruise to Tierra del Fuego and venture into the archipelago's largest protected land area: Karukinka Natural Park. Visit this private reserve by special permission, searching for Andean foxes, guanacos, black-browed albatross, and more. Then sail to Ainsworth Bay, a stunning fjord surrounded by subpolar forest, keeping an eye out for elephant seals. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: FRANCISCO COLOANE MARINE PARK**

Today, we enter the Strait of Magellan to explore Francisco Coloane Marine Park. The park covers more than 165,000 acres of land and sea and is home to an abundance of wildlife, including humpback whales, two species of sea lions, and Magellanic penguins. Cruise along the coastline by Zodiac and kayak to spot black-and-white Peale's dolphins, the endangered Chilean dolphin, and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

**DAY 17: EXPLORING THE CHILEAN FJORDS: KIRKE NARROWS & PUERTO NATALES**

Continue our discovery of the Chilean fjords, where we may explore by ship or take a forest walk. Local pilots will join our Captain on the Bridge to guide us through the winding Kirke Narrows, accessible only to small expedition



ships. We dock for the night in picturesque Puerto Natales. (B,L,D)

**DAY 18: TORRES DEL PAINE PARK**

Explore majestic Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Set out by foot or by vehicle across the windswept, rugged landscape, which spans more than 550,000 acres and harbors an astounding variety of geological forms, from the soaring granite pillars of the "horns" to windswept grasslands to rivers, glaciers, and gem-colored lagoons. Keep an eye out for guanacos, rheas, foxes, and armadillos. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 19 & 20: PUERTO NATALES/ DISEMBARK/SANTIAGO/U.S.**

Disembark in Puerto Natales and board our flight to Santiago to connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 19: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2020 Nov. 3

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$22,440; Cat. 6 from \$42,800  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

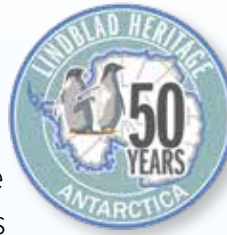
**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy group airfare Miami/Santiago. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and crew tips. See page 136.

# SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

**19 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer***

Steeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: gentoo and king penguins, enormous elephant seals and a thriving fur seal population. Here on South Georgia you can observe one of the world's great wildlife spectacles: literally tens of thousands of stately king penguins on a single beach. The Falkland Islands are equally impressive, with colonies of nesting albatross and rockhopper penguins. This British Territory also adds a human element, with remote settlements and people living off the land.



## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

All *National Geographic Explorer* voyages travel with a Global Perspectives Guest Speaker. Scheduled to date: Mountaineer **Jamling Tenzing Norgay** will join the **Mar. 8, 2021** voyage.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All Antarctica voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer to inspire you and share tips in the field. Scheduled to date: **Jasper Doest** on **Oct. 24, 2020**; **Jeff Mauritzen** on **Mar. 8, 2021**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fated Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition, weather permitting.
- ▶ See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- ▶ Observe magnificent black-browed albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- ▶ Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and Zodiac cruise in South Georgia's isolated bays.
- ▶ You'll have the special opportunity to fly by private charter from the Falklands to Santiago, eliminating the sea crossing one-way, on select voyages.
- ▶ Two days prior in warm Buenos Aires? Or time post-voyage at Easter Island? Call or visit [expeditions.com/southgeorgiaext](https://expeditions.com/southgeorgiaext).

*King penguin colony, South Georgia.*



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK**

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC**

Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare for the wildness in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the Bridge, scanning for petrels, penguins, and albatross. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 5 & 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

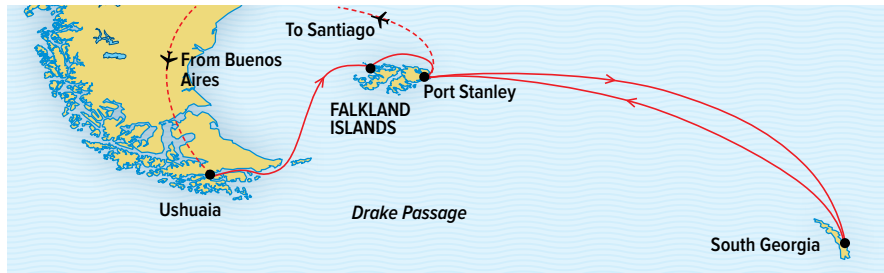
Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors, and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper, and Magellanic penguins, as well as magnificent albatross and sea lions. Walk along wildlife-filled beaches, meander through tussock grass or sit atop a cliff and ponder the views. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 7 & 8: AT SEA**

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna, and geology of South Georgia. Our naturalists help identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9–14: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

Explore the spectacular coastline of South Georgia Island. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking, and Zodiac excursions. Sailing along the coast, we plan to offer activities every day including visits to Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Harbour, where Shackleton, Tom Crean, and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. See huge elephant seals, and on a single beach, you will see thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

**DAYS 15–17: AT SEA/FALKLANDS**

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the Bridge, or spend these days enjoying the ship's spa, fitness center, library, and observation deck. After time at sea, our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature. Our afternoon visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to see the human face of the islands, to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a drink at a local pub, and stroll around this remote colonial town. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 18 & 19: DISEMBARK STANLEY, FALKLANDS/FLY TO SANTIAGO, CHILE/U.S.**

After breakfast, disembark in the Falklands capital city of Stanley, and transfer to the airport at Mount Pleasant for our private charter flight to Santiago to connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 18: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Oct. 24\* 2021 Mar. 8\*

2022 Feb. 26

\*These departures follow a modified itinerary. Visit our website for details.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*

Cat. 1 from \$18,290; Cat. 7 from \$35,380

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** to receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** (Miami/Buenos Aires, return Santiago/Miami, or vice versa) and charter flights (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia and Falklands/Santiago). And, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 136 or call for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires**. Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island**. On select departures, make the most of your time south and visit this mysterious island located almost 1,200 miles from its neighbor. Learn about its ancient culture and see the iconic stone statues. Visit [expeditions.com/southgeorgiaext](http://expeditions.com/southgeorgiaext).

NEW

# WILD COASTS OF ARGENTINA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

24 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Travel aboard the new *National Geographic Endurance* to the rarely visited shores and isles of the South Atlantic—places of stunning beauty that harbor a mesmerizing array of marine creatures. Enjoy a unique opportunity to experience Argentina’s rugged—and lesser-explored—eastern coast, seeking out secluded ports, wildlife-rich estuaries, and the whale-rich waters of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Península Valdés. Hike the rocky shores and atmospheric moors of the Falkland Islands among fur seals and the world’s largest colony of black-browed albatross. Then get immersed in a sea of black and white amid tens of thousands of king penguins on a remote beach in South Georgia.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Seek out one of the world’s largest and most spectacular marine mammals—the southern right whale—in its annual breeding grounds off Argentina’s eastern coast.
- ▶ Experience traditional gaucho culture and cuisine at splendid *estancias* (ranches) in Uruguay and Argentina.
- ▶ Capture the windswept beauty of the Falkland Islands—and the albatrosses, penguins, and sea lions that inhabit this remote archipelago—with guidance from a National Geographic photographer.
- ▶ Trace the spellbinding story of Shackleton’s fateful expedition on South Georgia, and walk a beach thronged with tens of thousands of stately king penguins.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

All *National Geographic Endurance* voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer to inspire you and share tips in the field. Join **Flip Nicklin** on the **Oct. 18, 2021** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*Southern right whale, Península Valdés.*





**DAYS 1-3: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA/EMBARK**

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and check in to the Alvear Icon Hotel, or similar. Set out on a guided tour of the city's Beaux-Arts palaces, bohemian neighborhoods, and the balcony immortalized by Eva Perón. Later, set sail on the *National Geographic Endurance*. (Day 2: L; Day 3: B,L,D)

**DAY 4: MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY**

Arrive in Montevideo, Uruguay's vibrant capital city, and discover its elegant mix of architectural styles ranging from Spanish colonial to art deco. Or opt to join a bird-watching excursion in nearby wetlands. Later, visit a family-owned *estancia*, or ranch. Here, vintage vehicles take us to Río de la Plata, where we enjoy a traditional *asado* barbecue lunch accompanied by gaucho music and dancing. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: AT SEA (B,L,D)**

**DAYS 6 & 7: BAHÍA BLANCA/BAHÍA SAN BLAS/RIO NEGRO**

Dock in the port city of Bahía Blanca. Travel into the hills to enjoy a barbecue lunch at a splendid ranch and discover the flora and fauna of the pampas on a guided hike. Explore the mangroves at Bahía San Blas by Zodiac and kayak. Visit the seaside village of Balneario el Cóndor, home to the world's largest colony of burrowing parrots—see thousands of the colorful birds that make their nests here. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 8 & 9: PUERTO MADRYN**

Spend two days exploring the coastal wonderland of Península Valdés. Granted World Heritage status as a marine sanctuary in 1999, Península Valdés is the world's most important breeding ground for endangered southern right whales. Our arrival coincides with the height of whale season. Set out by local boat to seek out whale calves and their often-curious mothers, which can grow up to 50 feet long. Step foot on secluded beaches frequented by southern elephant seals, nesting Magellanic penguins, and frolicking sea lions. Scan the shores for orcas, which are known to beach themselves here to hunt for prey. Keep an eye out for guanacos, armadillos, and rheas—a distant relative of the ostrich. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: PUERTO DESEADO/AT SEA**

Travel in small boats into the Reserva Natural Ría Deseado, home to the black-and-white Commerson's dolphin and a colony of rockhopper penguins. Later, at a local museum in Puerto Deseado, learn about the famous explorers who passed this way and peruse a collection of well-preserved artifacts retrieved from the shipwrecked H.M.S. *Swift*. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11 & 12: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Discover the remote Falkland Islands, where white-sand beaches, soaring cliffs, windswept moors, and swaying tussock grass set a stunning natural backdrop to encounters with wildlife—from thousands of gentoo, rockhopper, and Magellanic penguins to black-browed albatross, elephant and fur seals, and sea lions hauled out on rocks. (B,L,D)



*Rockhopper penguin, Falkland Islands.*

**DAYS 13 & 14: AT SEA (B,L,D)**

**DAYS 15-19: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

Spend five incredible days exploring the spectacular coastlines and abundant wildlife of South Georgia. Our schedule is flexible, and we anticipate opportunities to walk, hike, kayak, or explore by Zodiac most days. Take in unforgettable wildlife spectacles: the antics of elephant seals, leopard seals, and fur seals; cliffs inhabited by hundreds of nesting albatross; and shores peppered with tens of thousands of king penguins. Our stops may include visits to the abandoned whaling



station at Grytviken, which played a part in the extraordinary story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated expedition and is now the explorer's final resting place. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 20 & 21: AT SEA/FALKLANDS**

After time at sea, we return to the Falkland archipelago and its natural wonders. Stroll around the lively Victorian town of Port Stanley and mingle with islanders at a local pub in this remote outpost. (B,L,D)

**DAY 22: AT SEA (B,L,D)**

**DAYS 23 & 24: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.**

Disembark in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 23: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2021 Oct. 18

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$26,670; Cat. 7 from \$52,550  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

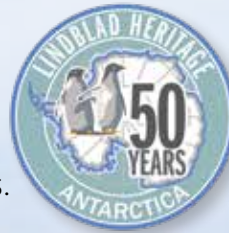
**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Travel aboard *National Geographic Endurance* and we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 136.

# ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

**24 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Orion*, *National Geographic Endurance*, and *National Geographic Resolution***

This voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland’s amazing albatross colonies. Traveling aboard one of our ice-class expedition ships spend five days discovering the Antarctic Peninsula. Stroll through lively crowds of penguins in stunning South Georgia, and hike the shores of the Falkland Islands. Experience boundless wildlife and captivating beauty as you venture into some of the planet’s most unspoiled landscapes.



## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

All *National Geographic Explorer* voyages travel with a Global Perspectives Guest Speaker. Scheduled to date: Mountaineer **Peter Hillary** will join the **Feb. 16, 2021** voyage.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All departures travel with a National Geographic photographer. Scheduled to date: **David Doubilet** and **Jen Hayes** travel on **Nov. 7, 2020**; **Susan Seubert** on **Oct. 18, 2020**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Trace the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s fateful journey in 1914 aboard *Endurance*, and toast “The Boss” at his gravesite in South Georgia.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 50 years of experience here.
- ▶ Conditions permitting, early November departures on all ships offer the possibility to cross-country ski and snowshoe—on the frozen sea ice.
- ▶ Two days prior in warm Buenos Aires or Santiago? Or time post-voyage at Easter Island or Iguazú Falls? Call to discuss options or visit [expeditions.com/antarcticaext](https://expeditions.com/antarcticaext).



*Sculpted iceberg in Lindblad Cove, Antarctica.*

**DAYS 1 & 2:** U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION) Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires or Santiago. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Alvear Icon (*Endurance*), or similar, before seeing the city's Beau-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Santiago (*Orion* & *Resolution*), or similar, before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the Andes. (Day 2: L)

**DAY 3:** FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4:** AT SEA (B,L,D)

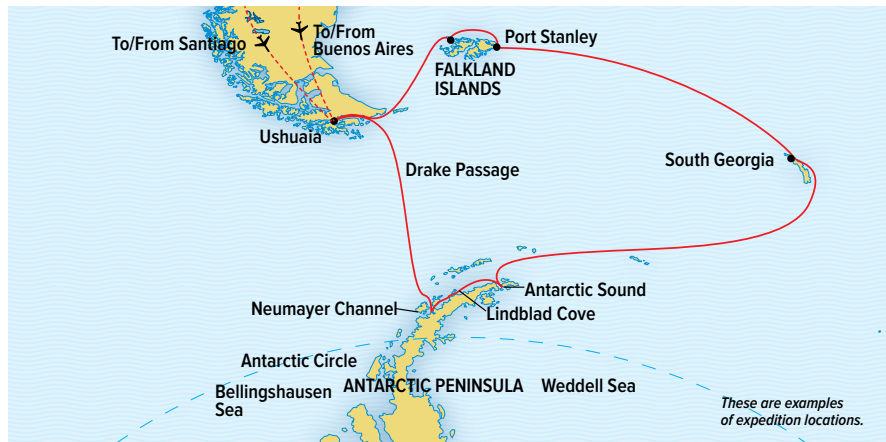


Cross-country ski on the frozen sea in early November (conditions permitting).

**DAYS 5–9:** ANTARCTICA With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We'll spend these days on the "White Continent," exploring via Zodiac, kayak, and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 10 & 11:** AT SEA (B,L,D)

**DAYS 12–17:** AT SEA/SOUTH GEORGIA This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, and conditions permitting, we'll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming



wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. And at a vast penguin colony you'll see tens of thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

**DAYS 18 & 19:** AT SEA (B,L,D)

**DAYS 20 & 21:** FALKLAND ISLANDS The Falklands boast albatross, blue-eyed shags, nesting rockhopper penguins, and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic colonial town of Stanley and visit the evocative Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

**DAY 22:** AT SEA

On our final day at sea, enjoy one last chance to view the marine life of these southern waters. Toast our epic voyage at a festive farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 23 & 24:** DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (EXPLORER & ENDURANCE) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION & RESOLUTION)/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 23: B,L)



King penguins.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES** *National Geographic Explorer:* 2021 Feb. 16\*, Nov. 18† 2022 Jan. 17

*National Geographic Orion:* 2021 Feb. 15

*National Geographic Endurance:* 2020 Oct. 18\*, Nov. 7\* 2021 Nov. 17†

*National Geographic Resolution:* 2021 Nov. 17\* 2022 Feb. 5

**Note:** *National Geographic Orion* and *National Geographic Resolution* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires.

\*These voyages follow a modified itinerary. †These voyages have the potential to view a solar eclipse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer* Cat. 1 from \$25,750; Cat. 7 from \$49,990

*National Geographic Orion* Cat. 1 from \$26,490; Cat. 6 from \$51,240

*National Geographic Endurance* Cat. 1 from \$28,580; Cat. 7 from \$56,380

*National Geographic Resolution* Cat. 1 from \$28,750; Cat. 7 from \$56,520

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book select departures by **Jul. 31, 2020** for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires (or Santiago). Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 136 for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Visit [expeditions.com/antarcticaext](http://expeditions.com/antarcticaext).

NEW

# EPIC ANTARCTICA VOYAGE: THE PENINSULA TO THE ROSS SEA & BEYOND

**35 Days/32 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance***

This extraordinary new voyage is like a blockbuster film—the star is the seventh continent. And the co-stars are the big ice of remote West Antarctica, where we are sure to set foot on ice where few humans ever have; the wildlife and impressive ice shelf of the Ross Sea region; and the sub-Antarctic islands of New Zealand and Australia, World Heritage Sites for thousands of seals and millions of penguins. This is wildness and wildlife at its finest. Following in the footsteps of polar explorers Scott, Ross, Amundsen, and Shackleton, perhaps only a few thousand people in the history of the planet have ever made this voyage. Too good to pass up.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Aboard the new Polar Class 5 *National Geographic Endurance*, venture where few others have gone before, including West Antarctica and the subantarctic islands of New Zealand and Australia.
- ▶ Marvel at the massive white wall that marks the edge of the Ross Ice Shelf, the world's largest.
- ▶ Gain insights from naturalists while observing abundant wildlife: royal penguins, seals and whales, and 100,000 pairs of king penguins on a single beach.
- ▶ Extend your journey five ways.  
Visit [expeditions.com/ross-sea-ext](http://expeditions.com/ross-sea-ext).

*Royal penguin, Macquarie Island.*

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

**Maria Stenzel** has photographed six assignments celebrating Antarctica for National Geographic. Travel with Maria on **Dec. 27, 2020**. Award-winning photographer **Tyrone Turner** has produced stories for National Geographic on a wide range of subjects, and enjoys sharing his passion for visual storytelling. Travel with Tyrone on **Jan. 26, 2021**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](http://expeditions.com/experts).



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires. Settle into the Alvear Icon (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux Arts palaces and the balcony made famous by Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

**DAYS 3 & 4: FLY TO USHUAIA/ EMBARK/AT SEA**

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. After lunch, embark our ship and settle into shipboard life. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 5-9: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA**

Our flexible schedule allows us to take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales perform off the bow or enjoying an after-dinner Zodiac cruise. We'll explore on foot, by Zodiac, or kayak, and experience amazing encounters with wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 10-17: WEST ANTARCTICA**

Your Captain and Expedition Leader will look for spots to "park" the ship in the fast ice for the thrill of disembarking onto a frozen sea for ice walks. And, there will be time to relax, unwind in the sauna, head up to the Bridge, and hear talks from our staff. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 18-25: EXPLORING THE ROSS SEA & THE ROSS ICE SHELF**

Following in the wake of Antarctic explorers, marvel at the Ross Ice Shelf, the world's

largest, roughly the size of France. Spot colonies of Adélie penguins, and explore by Zodiac and kayak. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 26-30: AT SEA/MACQUARIE ISLAND, AUSTRALIA/AT SEA**

Explore Macquarie Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site home to thousands of seals and millions of penguins including 500,000 pairs of endemic royal penguins. Zodiac along a beach thronged with 100,000 pairs of king penguins. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 31-33: NEW ZEALAND'S SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS**

Discover New Zealand's sub-Antarctic islands and the marine landscape, a World Heritage Site. The islands are considered "bird central" among top ornithologists. See the rocky Snares Islands, home to over a million seabird pairs and the endemic Snares crested penguin. Explore the larger Auckland Islands, with a fascinating human history. Conditions permitting, cruise by Zodiac to Enderby Island to spot rare yellow-eyed penguins. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 34-35: DUNEDIN, N.Z./ DISEMBARK/AUCKLAND/U.S.**

Disembark on New Zealand's South Island in the town of Dunedin. Fly to Auckland and overnight at the Sky City Grand Hotel (or similar). Fly home the next day. (Day 34: B,L,D; Day 35: B)

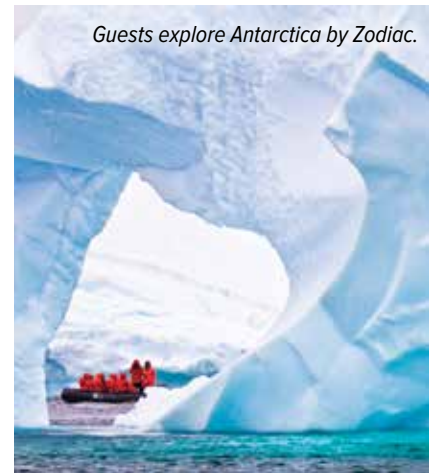


**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Dec. 27 2021 Jan. 26\*; Dec. 27 2022 Jan. 26\*

Limited Availability.

\*These departures travel in reverse.



**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$48,800; Cat. 7 from \$96,190  
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**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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NEW

# NORTHEAST PASSAGE: AN UNFORGETTABLE VOYAGE FROM NORWAY TO ALASKA

26 Days/24 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Thrill at remote Siberian shores and far northern archipelagos—including Franz Josef Land, New Siberian Islands, and Wrangel Island—where little changed since the days of Nordenskjöld, Amundsen, and other intrepid explorers of the last century. Join us as we navigate wind, wave, and weather, slaloming the lines of longitude in search of the wildlife and wonders hidden within this little-known passage.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail the pristine seas at the top of the planet, seeking out walruses among the ice floes, elusive narwhals, and whales swimming through iceberg-dotted waters.
- ▶ See the remote ice-draped coastlines of Novaya Zemlya and Severnaya Zemlya, and watch glaciers calve straight into the sea.
- ▶ Visit Wrangel Island, home to the world's highest density of ancestral polar bear dens.
- ▶ Extend your stay with a five-day pre-trip to either Alaska's Tutka Bay or Winterlake Lodges, or a five-day post trip to the Norwegian Fjords. Details on [expeditions.com/passageext](https://expeditions.com/passageext).

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

Whether it's on the deck, on walks on land, Zodiac cruises, or in enlightening lectures on board, your team of an expedition leader, a mix of historians, naturalists, archaeologists, a National Geographic photographer, and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor will illuminate all you see. Plus, our wellness specialist is on call for treatments.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*Atlantic Walrus and blue ice berg, Franz Josef Land.*



**AUG. 11: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, U.S./ NOME/EMBARK**

Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska and take a flight to Nome to embark the ship. As we transit the Bering Sea, we cross the international dateline where we advance to Aug. 13. (D)

**AUG. 13-30: EXPLORING THE RUSSIAN HIGH ARCTIC, SIBERIAN COAST & RUSSIAN FAR EAST**

In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our day-by-day itinerary will be flexible. Listed below are some of the stops that we plan to make during our expedition. (B,L,D)

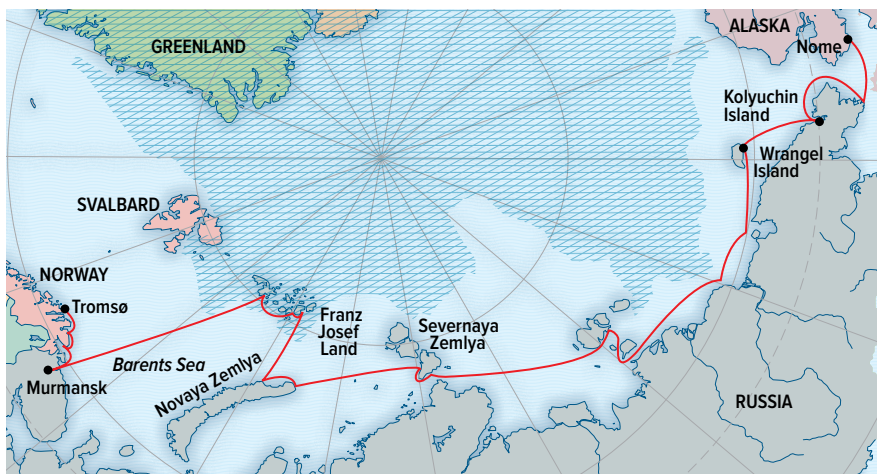
**CHUKCHI SEA:** An enormous tidal estuary, Kolyuchin Inlet offers excellent hiking and birding opportunities. Nearby, Kolyuchin Island is a high, cliff-lined isle where puffins and guillemots nest, and Pacific walruses occasionally sunbathe on the rocks below. Explore this remote and untouched coastline in a Zodiac, and conditions permitting, head ashore to go hiking with our naturalists.

**WRANGEL ISLAND:** Explore this World Heritage Site with the world's largest population of Pacific walruses and the highest density of ancestral polar bear dens. As we explore by ship, by Zodiac, and on foot, keep an eye out for gray whales, which can be found in these prime feeding grounds.

**EAST SIBERIAN SEA:** Depending on sailing conditions, explore granite towers, tundra, and ancient ceremonial sites along shores where mammoths once roamed. The surrounding pack ice is an ideal place to find walruses, polar bears, and other wildlife of the circumpolar north.

**NEW SIBERIAN ISLANDS:** Often surrounded by heavy pack ice, the volcanic spires, cliffs, and buttresses of these rocky outposts are a magnificent backdrop for abundant wildlife.

**SEVERNAYA ZEMLYA:** As we sail under 24 hours of daylight, our naturalists will be on deck, seeking out beluga whales and other marine mammals that inhabit the shallow coastal waters bordering the Severnaya Zemlya archipelago. Discovered only in 1930, this chain of isles—separated from the coast of northern Siberia by the Vil'kitskogo Strait—is one of the planet's most recently charted territories. Pass Cape Chelyuskin, the most northerly point of the Eurasian continent, on our way west.



**NOVAYA ZEMLYA:** Cruise the Barents Sea en route to the heavily glaciated coastlines of the Novaya Zemlya archipelago, a chain of mountainous islands draped in ice that have yet to be thoroughly explored. Seals, walruses, and polar bears may be found on coastal ice floes year-round, and rich birdlife inhabits the shorelines during the summer months.

**FRANZ JOSEF LAND:** Zodiac and kayak around the world's northernmost archipelago, where in 2013, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Eric Sala led an expedition in the surrounding Arctic waters as part of the Pristine Seas project, capturing the first deep-sea footage of the rare Greenland shark. View dramatic icescapes, seldom seen coastlines, and out-of-this-world scenery at the top of the planet. Observe polar bears from the ship deck and go ashore for naturalist-led walks to search for walruses and seabird colonies.

**SEP. 1 & 2: AT SEA/MURMANSK**

Learn the WWII history of the largest seaport above the Arctic Circle and see its modern fishing industry. Visit the gold-domed Russian Orthodox church and lighthouse built to memorialize sailors lost at sea. Delve into the history of Arctic exploration along the Great Northern Sea Route, tour the Soviet-era nuclear-powered icebreaker *Lenin*, and learn about indigenous cultures. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 3: CRUISING NORWAY'S FJORDS**

Carved by glaciers over millions of years, these shores are laced with steep-walled fjords, mountainous islands, and chiseled peaks. Cruise along vertical rock faces, and through serene fjords. Be on the lookout for

seabirds and marine mammals and learn about the region from our expert natural history staff. (B,L,D)

**SEP. 4 & 5: DISEMBARK TROMSØ/ OSLO/U.S.**

Disembark the ship in Tromsø, take a tour of the city, and fly to Oslo. Check-in to the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. The evening is at leisure. After breakfast, take flights home. (Sep. 4: B,L; Sep. 5: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2021 Aug. 11

Note: Russian visa is required.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$36,990; Cat. 7 from \$72,900  
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**SPECIAL OFFER:**

- **BE OUR GUEST:** Take advantage of a complimentary pre-voyage night in Anchorage. Call for details.
- Travel aboard *National Geographic Endurance* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew. See page 136.

NEW

# EXPLORING THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC: FRANZ JOSEF LAND & THE KARA SEA

24 Days/22 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Venture where only the most intrepid explorers have gone before on a thrilling voyage to the Russian High Arctic and the Kara Sea, where isolated isles and ice-fringed waters harbor dazzling wildlife and intriguing histories. Experience exploration in its purest form aboard the Polar Class 5 *National Geographic Endurance*, charting a course from the fjord-laced coast of northern Norway to the historic port of Murmansk, Russia, to remote Arctic archipelagos including Franz Josef Land. Seek out thriving wildlife—including polar bears, whales, walruses, and seabird colonies—and experience a pristine wilderness reached by few visitors.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

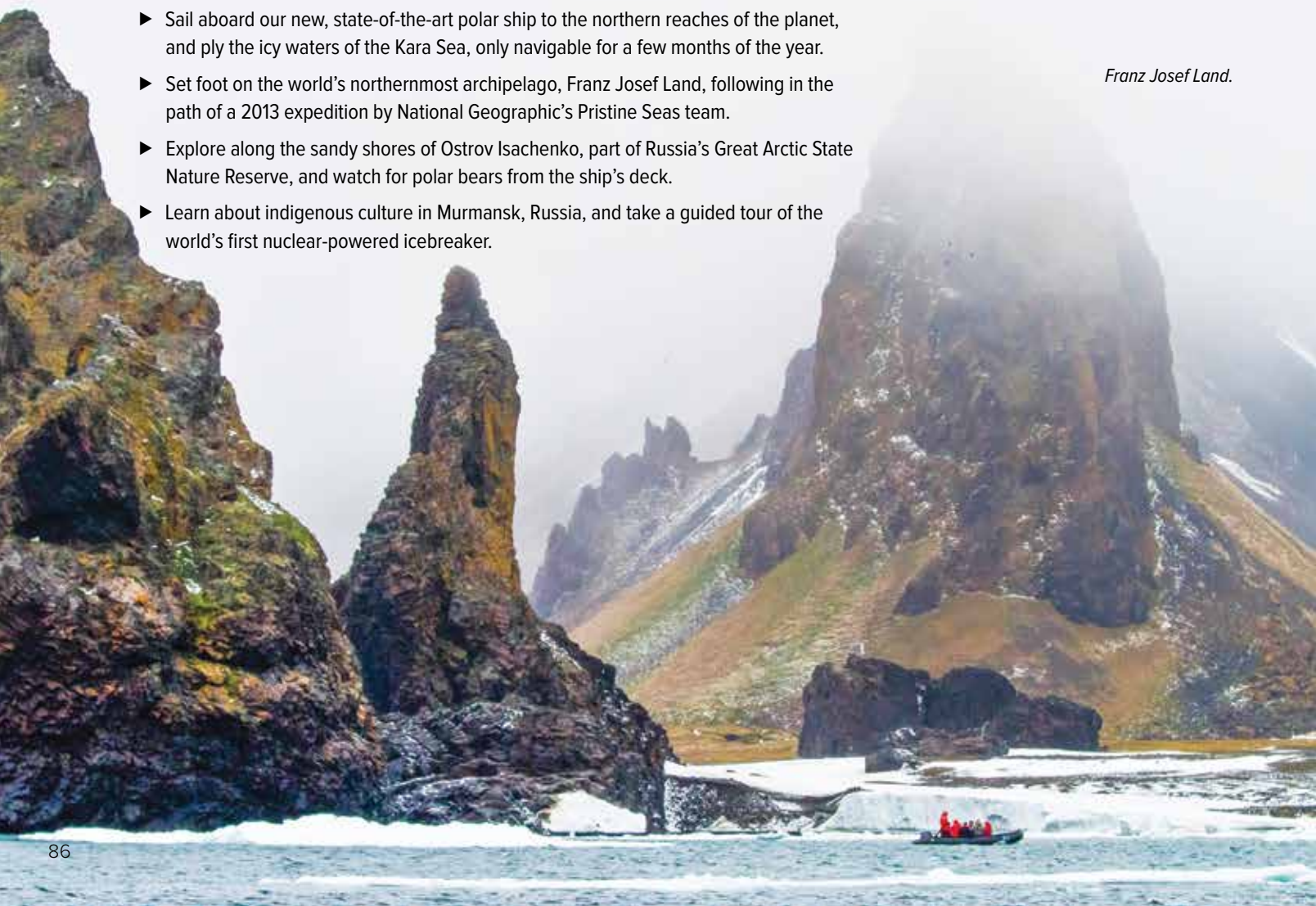
- ▶ Sail aboard our new, state-of-the-art polar ship to the northern reaches of the planet, and ply the icy waters of the Kara Sea, only navigable for a few months of the year.
- ▶ Set foot on the world's northernmost archipelago, Franz Josef Land, following in the path of a 2013 expedition by National Geographic's Pristine Seas team.
- ▶ Explore along the sandy shores of Ostrov Isachenko, part of Russia's Great Arctic State Nature Reserve, and watch for polar bears from the ship's deck.
- ▶ Learn about indigenous culture in Murmansk, Russia, and take a guided tour of the world's first nuclear-powered icebreaker.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Cory Richards** is a world class mountaineer and a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year who previously photographed Franz Josef Land on a Pristine Seas fact-finding expedition. Join him on **Jun. 28, 2021**.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*Franz Josef Land.*





**JUN. 28-30:** U.S./OSLO, NORWAY/  
TROMSØ/EMBARK

Fly overnight to Oslo and check in to our hotel upon arrival. In the afternoon, get acquainted with the charming capital on a guided tour. Enjoy an evening at leisure. Take a charter flight to Tromsø and embark *National Geographic Endurance*. (Jun. 29: L,D; Jun. 30: B,L,D)

**JUL. 1:** NORWAY'S FJORDS

Explore Norway's spectacular northern coast, which was carved by glaciers over millions of years. Glide through sublime, steep-walled fjords, marveling at the mountainous islands and chiseled peaks that lace these shores. Watch for seabirds and marine mammals and learn about the region's natural history from our expedition team. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 2:** MURMANSK, RUSSIA

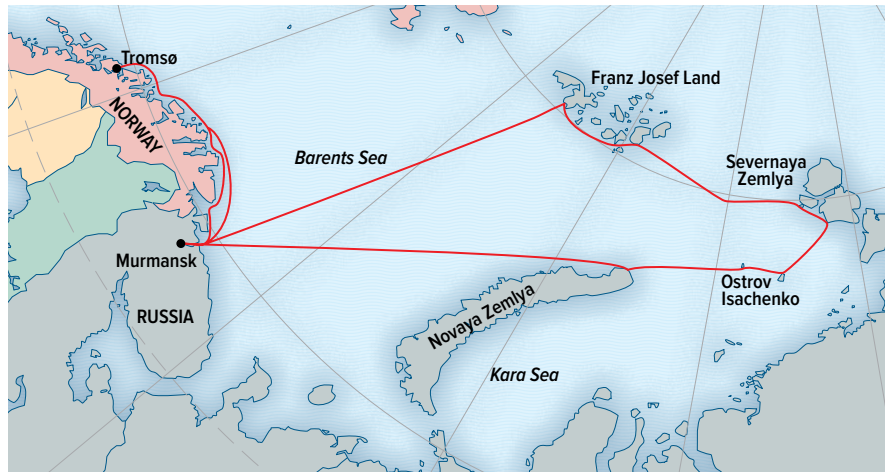
Enter Russia at Murmansk, the largest seaport above the Arctic Circle and the final city founded by the Russian Empire. This ice-free harbor served as a vital supply port during World War II, and today supports a thriving fishing industry. See its gold-domed Russian Orthodox church and pay your respects at the scenic lighthouse, built to memorialize sailors lost at sea. At the Museum of Murmansk Shipping Company, delve into the history of Russian Arctic exploration. Then, step aboard the Soviet-era *Lenin*, a nuclear-powered icebreaker turned fascinating museum, and learn about indigenous culture at the Museum of Regional Studies. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 3 & 4:** AT SEA

Enjoy the *National Geographic Endurance*'s many amenities as we cross the Barents Sea and continue east toward the Kara Sea. Soak in the ship's infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, take in panoramic views from the rooftop observation deck, and enjoy talks from our onboard experts about the wildlife and geology that await us. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 5-7:** NOVAYA ZEMLYA

Spend a few days exploring the ice-draped coastlines of the Novaya Zemlya ("New Land"), a chain of rugged islands that has yet to be thoroughly explored. Watch for Arctic wildlife as we navigate past Ice Harbor, where Dutch explorer Willem Barents was marooned for the winter of 1596 to 1597. Seals, walrus, and polar bears may be found on coastal ice floes year-round, and rich birdlife inhabits the shorelines during the summer months. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 8 & 9:** EXPLORING THE KARA SEA

Frozen for most of the year, these waters provide an important source for fish—including cod and salmon—and are home to a variety of marine mammals. In keeping with the nature of a true Arctic expedition, we'll leverage the extensive experience of our Captain and crew, as well as of our technological resources, to chart a course through one of the most remote regions on Earth. Walk along the shores Ostrov Uyediniya and Ostrov Isachenko, part of the Great Arctic State Nature Reserve. Explore onshore with our naturalists, spot birds on sandy beaches and in the fertile intertidal zone, and enjoy daily adventures by kayak or Zodiac. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 10-12:** SEVERNAYA ZEMLYA

Separated from the Siberian mainland by the Vil'kitskogo Strait, this chain of islands is roughly the size of Indiana and remains one of the planet's most recently charted territories—only known since 1913, when an ocean expedition discovered this vast expanse of Arctic tundra. Depending on ice and weather, we will schedule a variety of hikes and Zodiac cruises to best explore the area. Continue east and pass Cape Chelyuskin, the most northerly point of the Eurasian continent. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 13-19:** FRANZ JOSEF LAND/AT SEA

Experience the grandeur of life at the top of the planet amid the dramatic scenery of the world's northernmost archipelago, Franz Josef Land. For much of the year, vast ice sheets cover the surface of these uninhabited islands. Learn about the 2013 expedition led by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala as part of the Pristine Seas project, resulting in the first deep-sea footage of the rare Greenland

shark. Set out by Zodiac and kayak to experience dramatic icescapes and seldom-seen coastlines. Search for wildlife on the shores or in the sky. Venture ashore with our National Geographic photographer and naturalists to explore this untouched wilderness. (B,L,D)



*Polar Bear, Franz Josef Land.*

**JUL. 20 & 21:** TROMSØ, NORWAY/  
OSLO/U.S.

Disembark the ship in Tromsø and fly to Oslo, where you'll check in to our hotel. The evening is at leisure. After breakfast, take flights home. (Jul. 20: B,L; Jul. 21: B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATE:** 2021 Jun. 28

Note: Russian visa is required.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endurance*  
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# EXPLORING RUSSIA'S FAR EAST & WRANGEL ISLAND

13 Days/12 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

This fascinating exploration of the remote Russian Far East promises rich culture and an astounding wealth of wildlife. Visit rugged Kolyuchin Island, where steep cliffs host populations of roaming polar bears and walrus making their summer home. Meet indigenous artists known for their intricate walrus ivory carvings, take in dramatic bird cliffs teeming with auklets and guillemots, then forge farther north, well above the Arctic Circle to Wrangel Island Reserve. Spend several days in this pristine landscape that's home to a high density of polar bear dens, the world's largest population of Pacific walrus, and a unique variety of plant life.

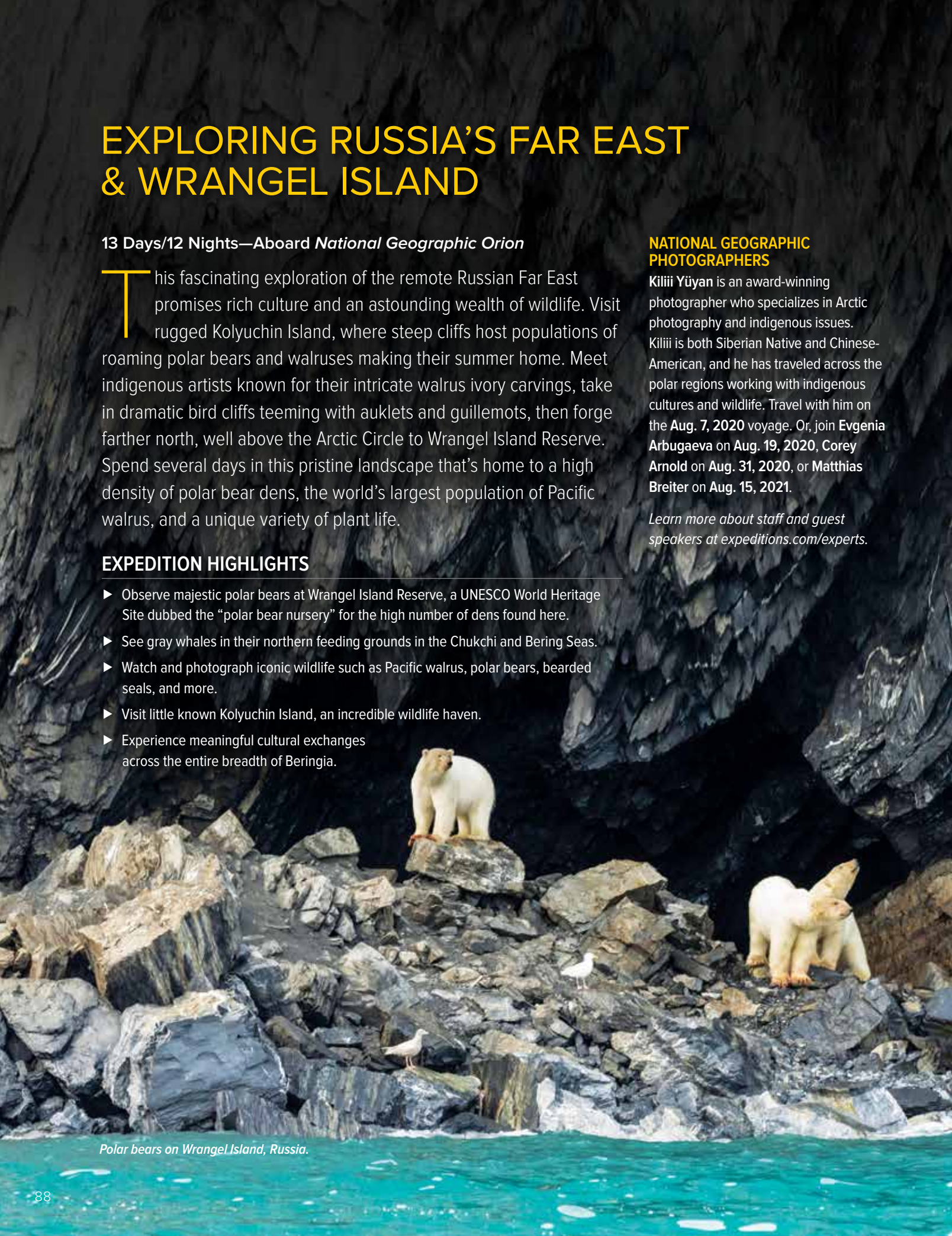
## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Observe majestic polar bears at Wrangel Island Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dubbed the "polar bear nursery" for the high number of dens found here.
- ▶ See gray whales in their northern feeding grounds in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.
- ▶ Watch and photograph iconic wildlife such as Pacific walrus, polar bears, bearded seals, and more.
- ▶ Visit little known Kolyuchin Island, an incredible wildlife haven.
- ▶ Experience meaningful cultural exchanges across the entire breadth of Beringia.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

**Kiliii Yüyan** is an award-winning photographer who specializes in Arctic photography and indigenous issues. Kiliii is both Siberian Native and Chinese-American, and he has traveled across the polar regions working with indigenous cultures and wildlife. Travel with him on the **Aug. 7, 2020** voyage. Or, join **Evgenia Arbugaeva** on **Aug. 19, 2020**, **Corey Arnold** on **Aug. 31, 2020**, or **Matthias Breiter** on **Aug. 15, 2021**.

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*Polar bears on Wrangel Island, Russia.*

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

Arrive in Anchorage and fly to Nome. Embark *National Geographic Orion* in the afternoon and cross the international date line as we transit the Bering Strait. (L,D)



Native woman in traditional attire, Provideniya, Russia.

**DAY 2: PROVIDENIYA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

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

**DAY 3: CAPE DEZHNEV/UJELN VILLAGE**

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

**DAY 4: KOLYUCHIN ISLAND & KOLYUCHIN BAY**

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

**DAYS 5–8: AT SEA/WRANGEL ISLAND**

This UNESCO World Heritage Site has the highest level of biodiversity in the High Arctic. Spend three fascinating days discovering the

island’s abundant plant life and searching for polar bears, Pacific walrus, musk oxen, arctic fox, gray whales, and 100 migratory bird species. You may also spot the bones and tusks of woolly mammoths jutting out from gravelly riverbeds—Wrangel Island was the last refuge for these ancient beasts. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: AT SEA/LORINO VILLAGE**

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

**DAY 11: CHUKOTKA COAST/ PROVIDENIYA**

Continuing our journey down the coast of the rugged Russian Far East, we’ll take advantage of the flexibility of our schedule to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and by foot. In Provideniya we’ll conduct our clearance formalities before heading east to Nome. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: AT SEA/CROSSING THE BERING STRAIT**

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

**DAY 13: NOME, U.S./DISEMBARK/ ANCHORAGE**

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



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Aug. 7, 19, 31 2021 Aug. 3, 15, 27

Note: Russian visa is required.

**PRICING:**

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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- **BE OUR GUEST:** Take advantage of a complimentary pre-voyage night in Anchorage. Call for details.
- Travel aboard *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew. See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a four-night pre- or post-voyage extension. Stay at the [Tutka Bay Lodge](#) on the Kenai Peninsula, or at [Winterlake Lodge](#) in the foothills of the Alaskan Range—both National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Call or visit [expeditions.com/alaskalodges](http://expeditions.com/alaskalodges).



Pacific walrus, Russia.

# EXPLORING GREENLAND & THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

18 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Canadian 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 at northern Baffin Island. 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 icebergs, and hike the wild islands that dot Canada's northern shores.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO Site.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, whales, ringed seals and, with much luck, narwhal in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Visit Inuit communities in Greenland and Canada, whose way of life is inextricably linked to the land and sea around them.
- ▶ Extend your stay in Iceland with a pre-voyage extension to the Golden Circle or post-voyage extension to explore Iceland's natural wonders. Details on [expeditions.com/highext](https://expeditions.com/highext).

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

**Jeff Kerby** is an award-winning natural history photographer with a PhD in Arctic ecology. Join Jeff on the **Aug. 6, 2020** voyage.

**Acacia Johnson** is a photographer, writer and artist who has focused on the Inuit of Baffin Island and was recently published in the Sep. 2019 *National Geographic* magazine issue. Join Acacia on the **Aug. 14, 2021** voyage.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

**Minik Rosing** is a renowned geologist, who discovered evidence of photosynthesis occurring 3.7 billion years ago. Travel with him on **Aug. 6, 2020**.

*Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).*

*Guests hike through the Sermermiut Valley to the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord.*

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

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

**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 6-13: 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. 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. Cruise along the extraordinary scenery of southern Ellesmere Island. Look for gyrfalcons, hunting above the sod and stone dwellings once inhabited by the Thule people. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: 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 15: 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 16: 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 17 & 18: KANGERLUSSUAQ/DISEMBARK/REYKJAVÍK/KEFLAVÍK/U.S.**

Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and take a charter flight to Reykjavík where we will overnight once again. On our final day in Reykjavík you have your choice of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or a tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula. After lunch, transfer to the airport in Keflavík for flights home. (Day 17: B,L,D; Day 18: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Aug. 6 2021 Aug. 14

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$17,290; Cat. 7 from \$33,370  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#) or a four-day post-voyage extension exploring [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). Visit [expeditions.com/highext](http://expeditions.com/highext).



*Inuk guide at Thule site just outside Pond Inlet, Mittimatalik, Nunavut, Canada.*

NEW

# FABLED LANDS OF THE NORTH: GREENLAND TO NEWFOUNDLAND

17 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

**O**n this north-to-south expedition, we begin with the spectacular, 100-mile-long Kangerlussuaq Fjord. We'll sail through ice-thronged waters to confront the wondrous Ilulissat Icefjord and navigate the Davis Strait to Baffin Island. We'll encounter Inuit culture through artisans and their traditional crafts and hike the tundra, eyes peeled for caribou and arctic fox. Crossing Hudson Strait, we make our way, like the Vikings before us, further south to Newfoundland and Labrador, navigating magnificent icebergs. L'Anse aux Meadows is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and for we modern, ship-based explorers, it might well be the point where we feel the stir of our ancient inner Vikings.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO Site.
- ▶ Wander amid the ruins of the Viking village of L'Anse aux Meadows.
- ▶ Meet Inuit artisans and learn about their carving and weaving traditions.
- ▶ Search for Arctic wildlife: whales, walruses, and polar bears.
- ▶ Extend your stay in Iceland with a pre-voyage chance to explore the wonders of the Golden Circle. Details on [expeditions.com/fabledext](https://expeditions.com/fabledext).

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER


Pulitzer-Prize winner **Jay Dickman** has photographed more than twenty-five assignments for National Geographic, including a week under the Arctic ice in a nuclear attack sub, and joins the **Aug. 20, 2020** departure.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

**Carl Safina** is a conservationist and writer who spent a decade working to ban high-seas drift nets and overhaul U.S. fishing policy. Travel with him on **Aug. 20, 2020**.

**Jared Diamond** is a Pulitzer prize-winning author of five best-selling books, professor of geography at UCLA, and Director of WWF U.S. Travel with him on **Aug. 28, 2021**.

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*Guests hike across the Arctic tundra in Ilulissat, West Greenland.*

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

Depart on an overnight flight to Keflavík and transfer to Reykjavík where you will have the option of either a soak in the Blue Lagoon or to experience a local hot springs, geothermal plant, and an Icelandic horse farm. 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)



*Aurora Borealis in Greenland.*

**DAY 4: SISIMIUT, GREENLAND'S  
WEST COAST**

Cruise down the length of Kangerlussuaq Fjord en route to Sisimiut. 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)

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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 6: AT SEA/DAVIS STRAIT**

Explore Davis Strait as we look for massive icebergs on our way to Baffin Island. Join us on the Bridge to search for whales. Hear talks about Arctic wildlife and peoples, and prepare for our visit to Canada. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: CUMBERLAND PENINSULA,  
BAFFIN ISLAND, CANADA**

At Pangnirtung, the traditional home of the Inuit for more than 1,000 years, there is still a thriving community of artists. Visit a craft center to see soapstone carvings, weavings, and prints depicting arctic life. Hike along a riverside trail for wonderful views of Auyuittuq

National Park. See the remains of a bygone whaling era on Kekerten Island. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: HALL PENINSULA, BAFFIN  
ISLAND**

Spend today in true expedition style, exploring the unspoiled landscapes of the Hall Peninsula. Hike the tundra in search of arctic fox, and an incredible diversity of plant life. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: SOUTH BAFFIN ISLAND**

As the pack ice retreats during the summer, polar bears are often found on Lower Savage and Resolution islands. We'll keep our plans flexible today so that we can make the most of wildlife sightings. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: BUTTON ISLANDS, NUNAVUT**

Scattered across the entrance to Hudson Strait, the Button Islands attract thousands of seabirds and marine mammals. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 11-14: EXPLORING THE  
LABRADOR COAST**

A Moravian Mission was established in Hebron in the 1830s to minister to the Inuit, and we see the original buildings. Next stop is Mugford Tickle, yet another scenic highlight with the 4,000-foot-high Kaumajet Mountains. Spend a day on the island of Quaker Hat, shaped like a broad-brimmed hat, exploring the fishing settlement of Indian Harbour and observing vast colonies of common murres. Continue to Battle Harbour, a beautifully preserved 19th-century fishing outpost. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS**

The remains of a Viking village established in A.D. 1,000 were discovered at L'Anse aux Meadows, now a UNESCO Site. See the Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts, and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America—500 years before Columbus arrived. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: NORTHERN NEWFOUNDLAND**

Northern Newfoundland is graced by cliffs, fjords, and beaches. Hike, kayak, and Zodiac cruise amid the beautiful scenery of the far north. (B,L,D)

**DAY 17: ST. JOHN'S/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Sail through The Narrows in the early morning into the picturesque harbor of St. John's. Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Aug. 20 2021 Aug. 28

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$16,210; Cat. 7 from \$31,290  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book now and receive **FREE ONE-WAY CHARTER AIR** from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq—a \$835 value—plus bar tab and tips for the crew. See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#) or a four-day pre-voyage extension exploring [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). Visit [expeditions.com/fabledext](http://expeditions.com/fabledext).

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

11 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

**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 Endurance*, 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 walruses, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.
- ▶ Spend five days in Norway's Fjords before, or four days amid Iceland's Wonders after your Arctic adventure. Check out our extensions at [expeditions.com/bearext](https://expeditions.com/bearext).

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Wildlife photographer, cinematographer, and author **Matthias Breiter** has spent most of the past 30 years researching the daily lives and habits of black, brown, grizzly, and polar bears. He joins the **Apr. 26** and **May 3, 2021** departures.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).



*Polar Bear on pack ice, Svalbard.*



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY**

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into Hotel Bristol. 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. Join our welcome reception and then the evening is at leisure and dinner is on your own. (Day 2: L)



Close-up of an Arctic fox.

**DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/ EMBARK**

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

**DAYS 4–9: EXPLORING SVALBARD**

This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of

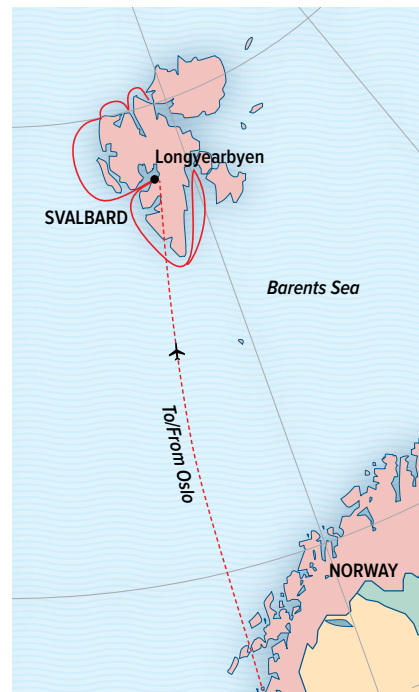
discovery, and our travel in the archipelago is exploratory by design. In a region ruled not by humans but by polar bears, we let nature guide our course. Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer midnight sun never sets. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able 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 take a short bus ride to Camp Barentz in the nearby Advent Valley for a taste of Arctic culture. Here you'll discover a unique collection of buildings including an authentic *gamme*, a traditional round building with an open fire in the center, and a *lavvo*, the traditional tent of the Sami people. Enjoy refreshments and meet some of the friendly sled dogs that reside at camp. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 11: OSLO/U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2021 Apr. 26; May 3, 10, 17

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$11,750; Cat. 7 from \$23,150  
Rates are per person, double occupancy;  
solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com)  
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Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

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Scenic Svalbard.

# NORWAY'S FJORDS & ARCTIC SVALBARD

## 17 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Explore stunning northern landscapes on an itinerary perfected over time. Follow Norway's fjord-carved coast from Bergen to Svalbard's icy shores. Stroll charming hamlets, kayak narrow inlets, and search for arctic wildlife—including walrus and polar bears. Be among the first to enjoy *National Geographic Endurance*.



Lofoten archipelago, Norway.

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

After an overnight flight, arrive in picturesque Bergen. Stroll historic Bryggen's Wharf, a UNESCO Site, before embarkation. (D)

### DAYS 3-6: FJORDS OF NORWAY

Enter lovely Nordfjord and take in views of turquoise-colored lakes and breathtaking mountains. Walk the flat trails to the Kjenndal Glacier. Each of Norway's fjords is different, with endless opportunities to explore: hike, Zodiac along vertical rock faces, and kayak near cascading waterfalls. Discover spectacular and little-known Melfjord—a highlight. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 7 & 8: LOFOTEN ISLANDS/ TYSFJORDEN

The enchanting Lofoten archipelago is dotted with seaside villages. Visit Værøy, where cod fishing is common. Enter dramatic Trollfjord and hear the tales of mythical trolls. Navigate along miles of Tysfjorden's vertical walls, and hike the Hellemobotn valley, which cuts nearly to Sweden. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 9 & 10: TROMSØ/BEAR ISLAND

Visit Tromsø's Polar Museum and Arctic Cathedral. Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, and guillemots. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 11-15: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Search for walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, reindeer, whales, and magnificent polar bears. Get out daily to hike, cruise by Zodiac for close-up views of the wildlife, or kayak amid the ice. Our flexible itinerary and years of experience allow us to give you the best experience in the Arctic. (B,L,D)

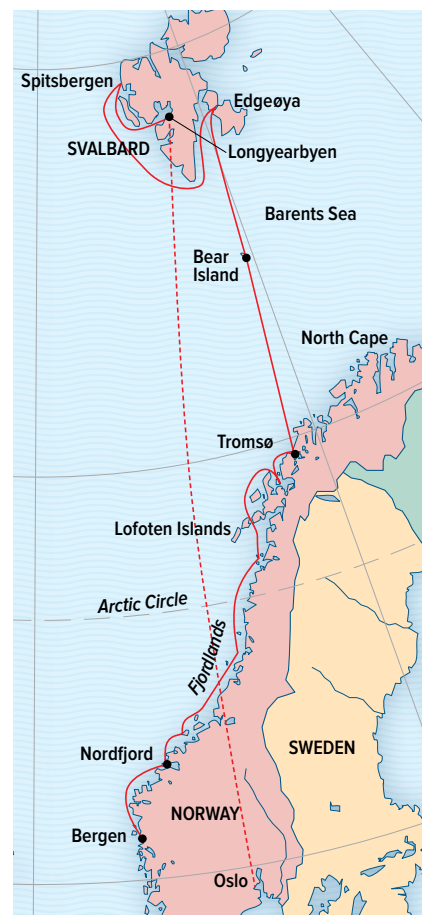
### DAYS 16 & 17: LONGYEARBYEN/ DISEMBARK/OSLO/U.S.

Disembark in Longyearbyen and fly to Oslo. Check into the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel and fly home the next day. (Day 16: B,L; Day 17: B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2020 Apr. 30\*; May 29;  
2021 May 24\*; Jun. 8

\*These voyages travel in reverse.



## PRICING:

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$19,420; Cat. 7 from \$38,440  
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## SPECIAL OFFERS:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Endurance* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew. See page 136.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join Erika Larsen on Apr. 30, 2020 and Sisse Brimberg on May 29, 2020.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Visit [expeditions.com/capeext](http://expeditions.com/capeext).

NEW

# NORWEGIAN DISCOVERY: SVALBARD & THE NORTHERN FJORDS

11 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Discover the remote islands and fjords of northern Norway, including the high Arctic archipelago of Svalbard. Spend several remarkable days amid the ice floes of Svalbard and follow nature's rhythms in search of walrus, seals, and polar bears. Continue to Bear Island to encounter towering cliffs populated with thousands of seabirds. Then head further south to the spectacular isles of Sørøya and Senja, where nature flourishes amid vibrant coastal cultures.

## JUN. 21 & 22: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Depart on an overnight flight to Oslo and check in to the Hotel Bristol upon arrival. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Frogner Park among the famed Vigeland sculptures and visit the Fram Museum. Join our welcome reception and then the evening is at leisure and dinner is on your own. (Jun. 22: L)

## JUN. 23: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/ EMBARK

After a scenic charter flight arrive in Longyearbyen. Visit the Svalbard Museum and explore the Svalbard Art Gallery. Later, embark the *National Geographic Endurance*, your floating base camp for the next six days. (B,L,D)

## JUN. 24-26: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Search for walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, reindeer, whales, and magnificent polar bears. Get out daily to hike, cruise by Zodiac for close-up views of the wildlife, or kayak amid the ice. Our flexible itinerary and years of experience allow us to give you the best experience in the Arctic. (B,L,D)



Kittiwakes, Bear Island.

## JUN. 27: BJØRNØYA (BEAR ISLAND)

Board a Zodiac to explore the coves and inlets of this mist-shrouded island. Gaze up at sheer cliffs and use your binoculars to take in the spectacular sight of tens of thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, and murre. (B,L,D)

## JUN. 28: SØRØYA ISLAND

This mountainous island, known for its scenic bays, pristine nature reserves, and long sandy beaches is also home to large populations of skrei, or cod. We plan to make an in-depth visit to this beautiful island, with opportunities to explore its surrounding fjords by Zodiac and kayak, and hike on shore. (B,L,D)

## JUN. 29: SENJA ISLAND

The second largest island in mainland Norway, is characterized by dramatic mountains, colorful fishing villages, and a coastline split by beautiful fjords. Spend a day exploring the island and fjords, and, if you wish, join our naturalists on a spectacular hike in Ånderdalen National Park more than 70 square miles of pristine wilderness that is home to reindeer, elk, red foxes, and more. (B,L,D)

## JUN. 30: TROMSØ/DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Tromsø and explore this charming coastal city before our charter flight to Oslo. Check in to the SAS Radisson Blu Airport Hotel and the rest of the evening is at leisure. (B,L,D)

## JUL. 1: OSLO/U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



Senja Island.

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2021 Jun. 21

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$10,990; Cat. 7 from \$21,590  
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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Visit [expeditions.com/nord-ext](http://expeditions.com/nord-ext).

NEW

# EAST GREENLAND: WILD SHORES OF THE HIGH ARCTIC

## 20 Days/18 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Immerse yourself in the iconic fjords and islets of the stunning Norwegian coast at Tysfjord and the Lofoten islands. Cross the sea to go ashore at seldom-visited Jan Mayen, a remote island situated partway between Greenland and Norway. Our late summer voyage allows us to dive deep into Greenland's eastern coast to the largest national park in the world—Northeast Greenland National Park—to spot polar bears, musk oxen, and more. In this remote Arctic paradise where animals outnumber humans, take in dramatic mountain views at every turn.



### SEP. 2-4: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY/ TROMSØ/EMBARK

After an overnight flight, arrive in Oslo. Check in to Hotel Bristol, then tour the Vigeland sculptures in Frogner Park and the Fram Museum. The next day fly to Tromsø and embark *National Geographic Endurance*. Join our welcome reception and then the evening is at leisure and dinner is on your own. (Sep. 3: L; Sep. 4: B,L,D)

### SEP. 5-10: FJORDS OF NORWAY/ AT SEA/JAN MAYEN

Explore the glacier-carved Norwegian coastline of Tysfjorden, where the fjord's almost-vertical walls surround the ship. Cruise along the dramatic cliffs of Trollfjord. Zodiac cruise or kayak along the shores of

Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park. Wander through remote coastal villages in the Lofoten islands. Visit the incredible volcanic isle of Jan Mayen. See its remote weather station and explore the island's coastline. (B,L,D)

### SEP. 11-18: EXPLORING NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK/ SCORESBYSUND/AT SEA

Navigate the region's dense pack ice and explore up close the coastline and inlets of the largest national park in the world. There, you'll find towering mountains, glacial lagoons, and tremendous wildlife—polar bears, musk oxen, and walrus. Head south to Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world. Be on the lookout for the elusive narwhal and scan the skies for a Northern Lights display. (B,L,D)



### SEP. 19-21: EXPLORING ICELAND'S WESTERN COAST/REYKJAVÍK/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Explore the stunning scenery in Iceland's Westfjords. Visit remote Icelandic villages and hike in the fjords at the dramatic change of seasons from summer to autumn. Visit tiny Flatey Island, a colorful village and a trade center for generations. See the Westman Islands, and hike in places where recent volcanic activity is still visible all around. Disembark in Reykjavík with options to visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or a hot springs, a geothermal power plant, and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to the flight home. (Sep. 19 & 20: B,L,D; Sep. 21: B,L)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2021 Sep. 2

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$24,750; Cat. 7 from \$48,720  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFERS:

We will cover your bar tab and crew tips.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Visit [expeditions.com/green-ext](http://expeditions.com/green-ext).

NEW

# ARCTIC EXPLORATION: A VOYAGE TO ICELAND, EAST GREENLAND & NORWAY

## 17 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Join us at the height of midsummer in the Arctic, for an epic journey from the remote reaches of Iceland to the rugged, ice-sculpted shores of Greenland and the spectacular fjords of Norway. See incredible nesting sea birds and a myriad of wildflowers in Iceland and Norway. Go ashore in the volcanic Westman Islands, then trace the route of legendary Viking explorer Erik the Red to Greenland’s ice-etched eastern coast, home to the world’s largest fjord system.



Lofoten Islands.

### JUL. 3-7: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík and tour the Hallgrímskirkja church and National Museum before embarking *National Geographic Endurance* to sail up Iceland’s west coast and explore outlying islands. In the Westman Islands hike across the still-hot earth of the Eldfell volcanic crater and see Surtsey, one of the world’s newest islands. Explore charming Flatey Island on foot and via Zodiac, and sail past the soaring Látrabjarg cliffs teeming with thousands of razorbills and puffins. Hike to a remote waterfall in Northwestern Iceland. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and anchor at Vigur Island to visit an eider farm for a slice of local life. (Jun. 4: L,D; Jun. 5-7: B,L,D)

### JUL. 8-12: AT SEA/EXPLORING EAST GREENLAND

After a day at sea, we’ll reach the country’s fjord-laced eastern coast, where mountains rise straight from the sea and glistening

glaciers calve massive chunks of ice off the Greenland ice cap. The region also harbors an array of wildlife, including polar bears, seals, whales, and rich birdlife. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, we’ll chart our course based on the rhythms of our environment. Set out by kayak or Zodiac to see spectacular iceberg-dotted seascapes. (B,L,D)

### JUL. 13 & 14: JAN MAYEN, NORWAY/ AT SEA

On Jan Mayen, go for a hike on this remote volcanic island used as a weather station. Spend a relaxing day at sea en route to Norway. (B,L,D)

### JUL. 15-17: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

Carved by glaciers over millions of years, Norway’s northern coast is laced with steep-walled fjords, mountainous islands, and chiseled peaks. Walk ashore at the remote

fishing village of Værøy, in the Lofoten islands, cruise through Trollfjorden, one of Norway’s most dramatic fjords, hike the birch meadows and kayak the protected waters of Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park and explore the u-shaped valley of Tysfjorden. This is the season for seabirds and wildflowers, and Norway has both in abundance. (B,L,D)

### JUL. 18 & 19: TROMSØ/DISEMBARK/ OSLO/U.S.

Disembark in Tromsø, and visit the Arctic Cathedral and Polar Museum, before your chartered flight to Oslo. Overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel, flying home the next morning. (Jul. 18: B,L,D; Jul. 19: B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2020 Jul. 3

### PRICING:

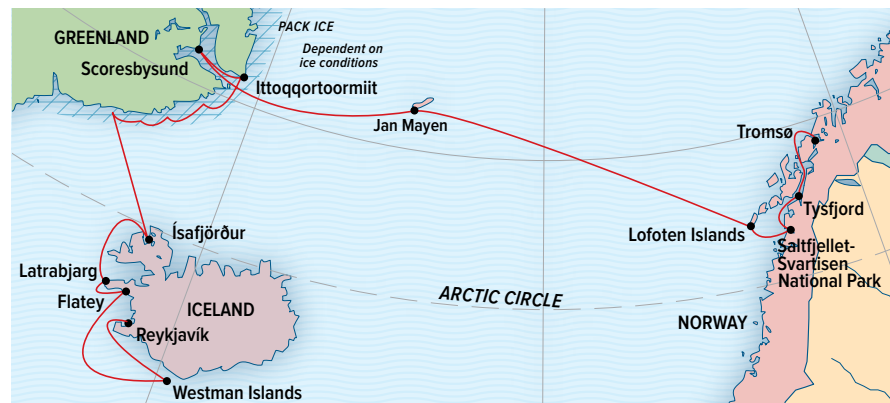
*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$17,160; Cat. 7 from \$33,900  
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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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# A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

**11 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer***

Experience an enchanting land of geological extremes on a circumnavigation of Iceland. Encounter vast volcanic landscapes on 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 the incredible tundra-covered landscape in Iceland's dramatic Westfjords.
- ▶ 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 once-booming herring industry to eider-down production.
- ▶ Don't miss a moment: take a day before to tour the Golden Circle; or after choose three days Heli-hiking, three days exploring the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, or three days at Deplar Farm. Details on [expeditions.com/iceland-ext](http://expeditions.com/iceland-ext).

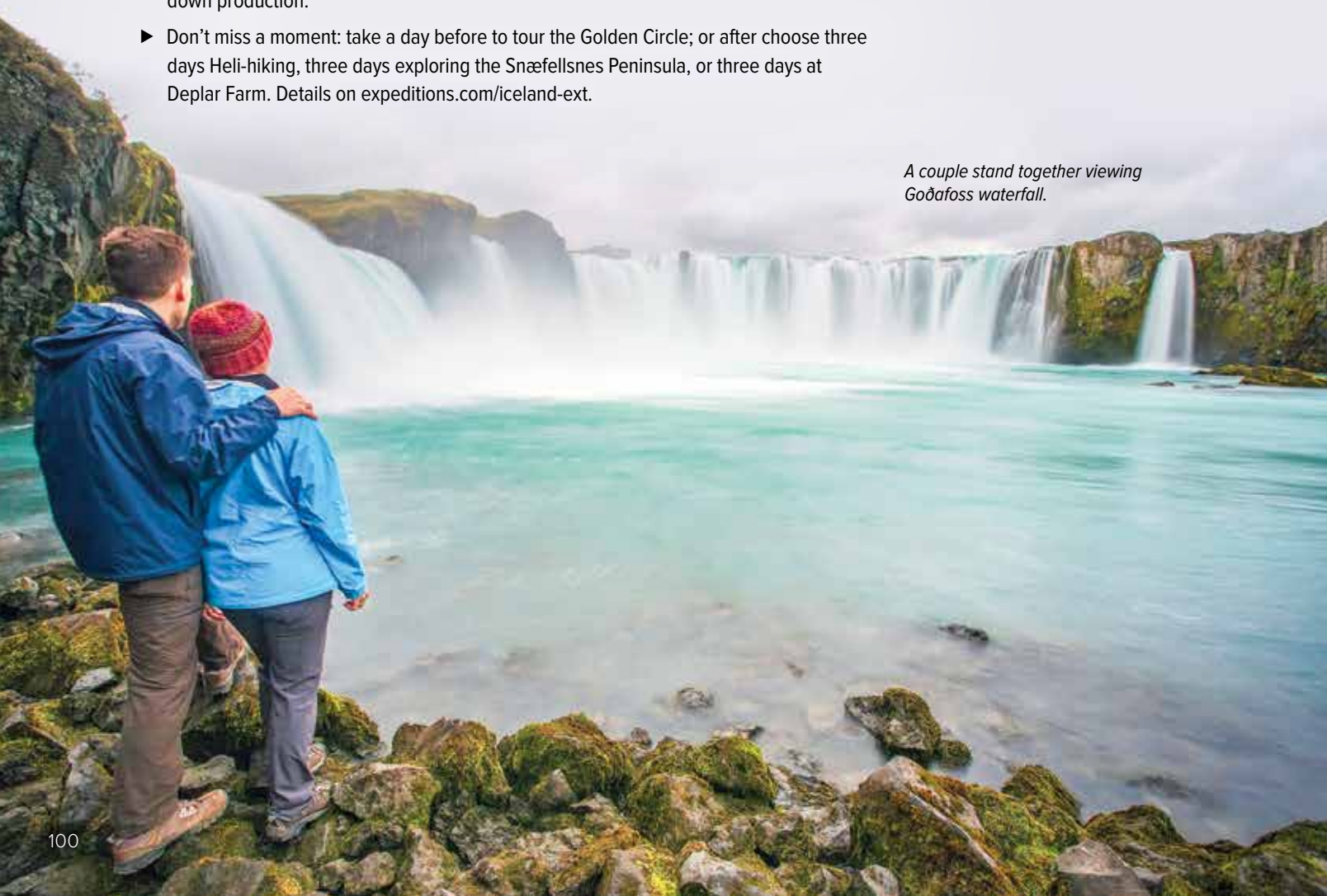
## SPECIAL MUSIC EXPERIENCES

Each departure will have the influence of an ethnomusicologist, who has arranged entertaining performances by leading Icelandic musicians, on and off the ship.



Visit [expeditions.com/icemusic](http://expeditions.com/icemusic) to hear Icelandic artists and to read staff bios for these expeditions.

*A couple stand together viewing Goðafoss waterfall.*



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

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Have a guided overview of the Old Town, including a photo stop at the Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral, and visit the National Museum, home to Viking treasures such as 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. Walk 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, boasting incredible geology and in the height of summer a nesting population of razorbills. (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 stunning scenery. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and land at Vigur Island to visit an eider farm and view the down cleaning process. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ÍSAFJÖRÐUR**

Located in the Westfjords, Ísafjörður is surrounded by water on three sides, sculpted by glaciers. Take a bike ride along the coast of the fjord or explore Icelandic cuisine. Explore by Zodiac and hike ashore to view the local landscape and photograph flowering plants. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SIGLUFJÖRÐUR & AKUREYRI**

At Siglufjörður, once the center of Iceland's

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

**DAY 7: LAKE MÝVATN & 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 toward Seyðisfjörður. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: DJÚPIVOGUR**

Dock in Djúpivogur and drive down the coast. Choose to get up close and personal with the deep blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón Lagoon, or go by 4x4 vehicle to visit some of the secluded valleys and remote waterfalls in the countryside around Djupivogur, or visit a traditional farm that produces hand-made woolen items. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: ISLANDS OF HEIMAËY & SURTSEY, WESTMAN ISLANDS**

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. Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the newest island, Surtsey. (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 a local hot springs, a geothermal power plant, and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 20; Jul. 3, 16, 25

2021 Jul. 11, 24; Aug. 2

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$11,320; Cat. 7 from \$22,870  
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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#), or choose a three-day post-voyage extension [Glacier Heli-Hiking](#), to the [Snæfellsnes Peninsula](#), or to [Deplar Farm](#). Visit [expeditions.com/iceland-ext](https://www.expeditions.com/iceland-ext).

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Travel with Alison Wright on Jun. 20, 2020; and Erika Skogg on Jul. 16 & 25, 2020.

[Learn more at expeditions.com/photo](https://www.expeditions.com/photo).

Zodiac ride by basalt columns at Raudanes.



NEW

# WILD ICELAND ESCAPE

6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Discover why Iceland is known as the “land of fire and ice” on an active voyage to the remote fjords and volcanic isles along the country’s western coast. Venture across the stark landscape of an island formed by volcanic eruptions, where the ground is still warmed by geothermal activity. Set out by Zodiac to view towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds and snow-capped plateaus rising into the clouds. Explore the legacy of Viking explorers and intrepid fishermen as you visit historic villages and navigate dramatic shorelines from the wild Westfjords region to the volcanic Westman Islands.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Actively explore Iceland’s pristine fjords and fascinating tundra on daily hikes, kayaking forays, and more while accompanied by a dedicated team of naturalists.
- ▶ Encounter evidence of volcanic activity as we hike over cooled lava fields and view Iceland’s newest isle, Surtsey.
- ▶ Discover the rich biodiversity of the remote Westfjords, spotting nesting puffins and gannets on the Látrabjarg cliffs and watching for humpback and minke whales in the surrounding waters.
- ▶ Choose your own adventure on one of five optional trip extensions, from a hiking excursion across Iceland’s untamed highlands to an exploration of the Snæfellsnes peninsula’s epic natural wonders.

*Panoramic of the Strandir Coast; Djúpavík, Westfjords, Iceland.*

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join National Geographic photographers **Phil Schermeister** on **Jun. 29, 2020** and **Erika Skogg** on **Jul. 12, 2020**.

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

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

**DAY 3: DJÚPAVÍK**

A morning at sea learning about Iceland sets up our afternoon on the remote, seldom-visited eastern side of the Westfjords to experience rural Iceland. We will take advantage of the dramatic landscape of the fjord to offer hiking, leisurely explorations of the tundra, and a visit to the town's tiny herring museum. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: ARNAFJÖRÐUR AND LÁTRABJARG CLIFFS**

Choose to hike several miles along the foot of the fjord to visit spectacular Dynjandi Waterfall or go by Zodiac to walk up to the base. Sail past the immense Látrabjarg Cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills. Conditions permitting, we may also launch our Zodiacs to see the incredible cliffs from the waterline. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ISLANDS OF SURTSEY & HEIMAÆY, WESTMAN ISLANDS**

Drive between the two volcanoes of the island then visit the ruins of old Viking houses dating back to the year A.D. 900. Opt to hike up Eldfell volcano and watch for nesting Atlantic puffins and gannets. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Today we disembark in Reykjavík. Visit either the Blue Lagoon thermal baths for a soak, or a geothermal plant, a local hot spring, and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to flying home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 29; Jul. 12 2021 Jul. 7, 20

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*

Cat. 1 from \$5,030; Cat. 7 from \$10,170

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## OPTIONAL LAND EXTENSIONS

**CHOOSE YOUR ICELAND ADVENTURE**

Opt to extend your trip with five options to experience a different side of Iceland. Full itinerary details of [Reykjavík's Golden Circle](#) pre-voyage extension as well as the other four extensions below can be found at [expeditions.com/wildiceext](http://expeditions.com/wildiceext).

**ADD ICELAND'S HIGHLANDS AND LOWLANDS: AN ACTIVE ADVENTURE**

*Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon.*

**POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**

2020/21\*: From \$3,990 pp, dbl. occupancy. Discover Iceland's southern coast highlands and lowlands via super jeep and on foot. Hike through Landmannalaugar's dramatic lava fields. Glide past blue icebergs in the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon. Explore Svínafellsjökull Glacier on foot, and encounter incredible views and stunning regional geology.

**ADD SNÆFELLSNES: FIRE & ICE**

*Kirkjufell mountain and Kirkjufellfoss waterfall.*

**POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

2020/21\*: From \$2,900 pp, dbl. occupancy. Enter Langjökull Glacier's aquamarine Ice Cave and venture inside Víðgelmir lava tube cave. Drive and walk parts of the coastline of the stunning Snæfellsnes National Park to see black pebble beaches, basalt sea stack columns, and perhaps a glimpse of the imposing Snæfellsjökull Mountain.

**ADD ICELAND'S VOLCANIC NORTHEAST**

*Mývatn Nature Baths.*

**POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

2020/21\*: From \$2,970 pp, dbl. occupancy. Explore the volcanic Lake Mývatn region. Walk through Dimmuborgir lava field of stacks and caves, hike the black sand of Hverfjall Crater, hear the thundering roar of Dettifoss Waterfall, Iceland's largest. Venture into Asbyrgi canyon. Relax in two different geothermal spas.

**ADD ICELAND HELI-HIKING**

*Our comfortable helicopter.*

**POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

2020/21\*: From \$7,990 pp, dbl. occupancy. 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.

\*Airfare is not included on all extensions.

NEW

# NORWEGIAN FJORDS & SCOTTISH ISLES

9 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

**N**ational Geographic *Endurance* follows in the wake of Vikings—traversing a legendary route across the North Sea that takes you past Norway’s staggering ice-carved fjords and snow-dusted mountains to the dramatic landscapes of the Scottish Isles. Along the way explore an array of remote, ancient sites—Bronze Age ruins on the rugged Shetland Islands, the Viking tombs of Orkney, the 5,000-year-old settlement of Skara Brae—all juxtaposed against the dynamic, bustling cities of Bergen and Edinburgh.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide beneath the dramatic cliffs of the second largest fjord in Norway, Hardangerfjord.
- ▶ Cruise below the towering cliffs of Noss, a nature reserve which harbors thousands of seabirds including northern gannets.
- ▶ Cruise past the U.K.’s northern-most lighthouse at Unst.
- ▶ Extend your stay with two options: pre- or post-trips to either Scotland or Bergen. Learn more at [expeditions.com/islesext](https://expeditions.com/islesext).

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Jim Richardson** has photographed more than 50 stories for National Geographic, including several on the Scottish Isles, and joins the **May 15 & 22, 2020** departures.

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*Discover the ancient and mysterious UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ring of Brodgar.*



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Bergen. Upon arrival, tour Bryggen—the colorful old wharf and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, then embark our ship. (Day 2: L,D)

**DAY 3: HARDANGERFJORDEN**

Norway’s glacier-carved western coast boasts some of the most dramatic landscapes in the world. Launch kayaks and Zodiacs to explore the sublime Hardangerfjorden, the second longest fjord in the country and the fourth longest in the world. Cruise beneath staggering cliffs and rushing waterfalls. Then venture ashore to hike or bike against a backdrop of snow-dusted mountains, emerald valleys, and fruit orchards. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: HIDRA/AT SEA**

Come ashore at charming Hidra Island. Choose to explore the picturesque village of Kirkehamn by Zodiac or kayak or stroll amid the white wooden houses of the Dutch Quarter of Flekkefjord. Then visit the local museum with a variety of traditional Norwegian interiors and textiles. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND/ISLE OF NOSS/LERWICK**

Cruise below the towering bird cliffs of Noss, a nature reserve which harbors thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, and

northern gannets. Later, depart the bustling seaport of Lerwick to discover the prehistoric settlement of Jarlshof and examine Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: UNST**

Take to the trails onshore to skirt towering cliffs and heather-covered hills. Weather permitting, paddle the scenic coastline by kayak or cruise in a Zodiac to the farthest northern lighthouse in the U.K. Or, visit the Unst Heritage Centre, which features local artifacts including handspun knit and lace, fishing tools, and wooden boats. (B,L,D)



Skara Brae.

**DAYS 7 & 8: ORKNEY**

Explore fascinating Stone Age sites, including the megaliths of the Ring of Brodgar, the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae, and the medieval St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: EDINBURGH/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in Edinburgh and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



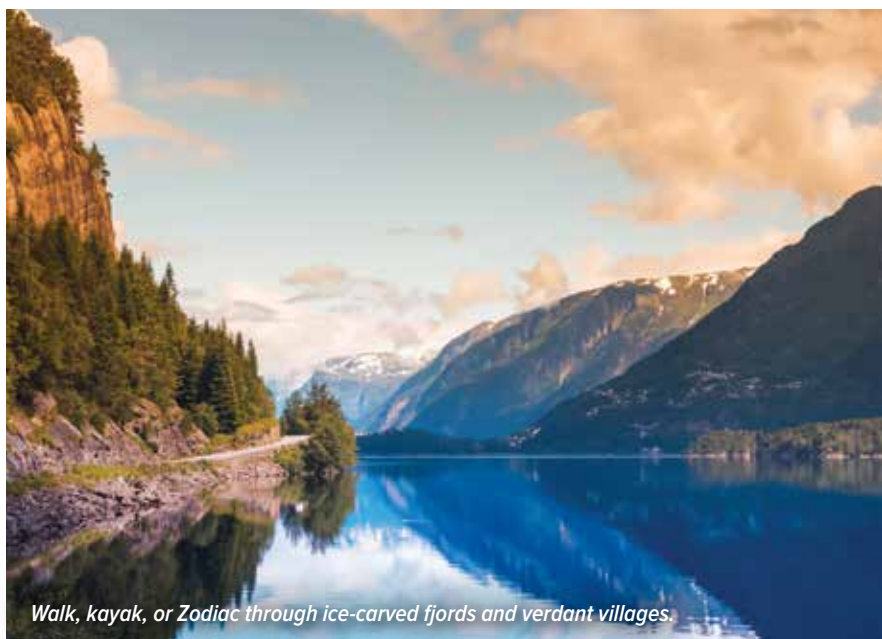
**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 15, 22\*

\*This departure travels in reverse.



Hidra Island, Norway.



Walk, kayak, or Zodiac through ice-carved fjords and verdant villages.

**PRICING:**

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**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Travel aboard *National Geographic Endurance* and we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew. See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add pre- or post- trips to [Scotland](#) or [Bergen](#). Details at [expeditions.com/islesex](http://expeditions.com/islesex).

# ANCIENT ISLES: ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND

15 Days/13 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Despite our renown for expeditions to remote, wild locations, this ranks among our most loved voyages by staff and guests alike. It is an absolutely captivating and seldom-seen take on familiar isles—focused on the isles’ 5,000 years of continuous habitation. See pre-history juxtaposed against the present as you explore ancient sites in moody landscapes including historic Orkney and St. Kilda, dramatic Iona, and Skellig Michael with its huts of ascetic Celtic monks. See Stone Age Skara Brae, enter the stunning columnar basalt cave at Staffa, and hoist a pint with spirited locals in cozy pubs along these coasts. Past and present, culture and history in an entertaining and illuminating journey.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Trace a maritime thread around the isles, exploring the wild and beautiful places where Celtic and Viking influences still thrive in local languages and customs.
- ▶ Sail around magical Skellig Michael, which is crowned with the remains of a monastery, composed of stone, beehive huts.
- ▶ See 12th-century Iona Abbey, site of Macbeth’s grave; and Fingal’s Cave in Scotland that inspired Mendelssohn’s *Hebrides Overture*.
- ▶ Explore wild, windswept outer isles; search for whales, dolphins, and seals; and see vast, important seabird nesting sites.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Mauritzen’s work has taken him to all seven continents and his photography has appeared in National Geographic books and several *National Geographic Traveler* magazine articles, including a feature on Ireland. Travel with him on the **May 26, 2020** departure.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Join Tim Severin, British explorer and historian on the **May 26, 2020** departure. Tim’s passion for his native Isles paired with his pedigree as a bona fide explorer will richly enhance your expedition.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*Flock of northern gannets flying over Skellig Islands.*

**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./LONDON, ENGLAND/ EMBARK**

Fly overnight to London. Embark in the city center in time for lunch as we set sail down the Thames. (Day 2: L,D)

**DAY 3: PORTSMOUTH**

Visit the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to climb inside the HMS *Victory*, and visit the partially restored Tudor warship *Mary Rose*, deployed by King Henry VIII. Alternatively, join our naturalists for a drive to the lively estuary at Titchfield Haven to walk the trails and look for visiting birds. (B,L,D)



View of the HMS *Victory*.

**DAY 4: FOWEY**

Join naturalists on an exploration of the Eden Project, a botanical garden with vast biomes, or visit the recently restored Lost Gardens of Heligan. In the afternoon, stroll through the quaint town of Fowey or stretch your legs on an invigorating hike through the scenic Cornwall countryside. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ISLES OF SCILLY**

See Tresco Abbey Garden, filled with historic ruins and subtropical plants. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: COBH, IRELAND**

Arrive in colorful Cobh, a place steeped in maritime history. Visit the fascinating Heritage Centre and walk in the footsteps of the many Irish who fled the hardships of 19th-century Ireland and immigrated to America. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: THE SKELLIGS/DINGLE**

Sail by Skellig Michael, a Celtic Christian hermitage where beehive huts and remains of a 7th-century monastery still stand. Spend the afternoon discovering the picturesque seaside town of Dingle. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: INISHMORE, ARAN ISLANDS**

Visit Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands.

Known for its religious and cultural heritage, we make a visit to Dun Aengus, a Celtic stone fort perched on a cliff's edge. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: EXPLORING NORTHWESTERN IRELAND**

Today we discover northwestern Ireland: a wild and windswept region where Gaelic is still spoken. Steeped in history and folklore, we explore the dramatic landscape of county Donegal with our expert historian and archaeologist. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND**

Visit the sacred island of Iona and its 12th-century abbey, believed to be the origin of the Book of Kells. Explore Staffa Island, famed for its geometric basalt columns, and Zodiac into dramatic Fingal's Cave. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: ST. KILDA/CALLANISH**

Visit the Outer Hebrides of Scotland, boasting incredible seabird colonies. Conditions permitting; we hope to make a landing at uninhabited St. Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, see the Neolithic Callanish Standing Stones on the Isle of Lewis. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: ORKNEY**

Discover the Stone Age megaliths of the Ring of Brodgar and the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into medieval St. Magnus Cathedral, crafted from local red and yellow sandstone. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: EXPLORING THE SHETLAND ISLANDS**

The Shetland Islands archipelago is characterized by incredible cultural traditions and dramatic landscapes. Experience this for yourself as we step ashore at one of the many remote islands in the region. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: SHETLAND/AT SEA**

Drive through a rolling landscape with Shetland ponies. Explore the ruins at Jarlshof, which reveal 4,000 years of near-continuous settlement. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: BERGEN, NORWAY/ DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to airport for your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 26 2021 May 29\*; Jun. 12

\*This voyage travels in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
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**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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**EXPLORE MORE IN 2021**

Spend an extra day exploring [Shetland](#) on a 16-day/14-night voyage.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a four-day [Scotland](#) pre- or post-voyage extension and visit Edinburgh and the Scottish Highlands, or a post-trip extension in [Bergen, Norway](#). Visit [expeditions.com/brit-ext](http://expeditions.com/brit-ext).



Stones of Callanish.

# SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS

## 9 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *Lord Of The Glens*

On a voyage through Scotland's famed lochs, the Caledonian Canal and the Inner Hebrides aboard *Lord of the Glens*, experience evocative landscapes dotted with medieval castles and churches. Trace Scotland's compelling history on visits to battlefields, fortresses, and ancient tombs. Cruise Loch Ness; descend through the intricate lock system of Neptune's Staircase; and explore serene hills and harbor villages on the picturesque islands of Mull, Iona, Eigg, and Skye.

### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Stroll across the battlefield at Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie was dramatically defeated in 1746.
- ▶ Hike through stunning scenery on the Isle of Skye, and learn about the tiny communities on the remote islands of Eigg or Rum.
- ▶ Kayak on picturesque Loch Linnhe running parallel to the West Highland Train Line, and wander through the charming seaside town of Tobermory.
- ▶ Discover Scotland from the prehistoric Clava Cairns to contemporary communities where traditions live on.
- ▶ Get more culture and tradition on a two-day pre- or post-voyage exploration of Edinburgh's storied history, architecture, and culture. Details at [expeditions.com/scotlandext](https://expeditions.com/scotlandext).

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with **Jeff Mauritzen**, whose work has taken him to all seven continents, on **Sep. 6, 2020**. Join **Jim Richardson**, who has spent years photographing the Celtic realm, on the **Aug. 29, 2021** voyage.

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*Glenfinnan Viaduct.*



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./INVERNESS, SCOTLAND/EMBARK**

Fly overnight and arrive in Inverness. Board *Lord of the Glens* and settle into your cabin. Gather for a reception, dinner on board, and a performance by junior Scottish dancers. (Day 2: D)

**DAY 3: CULLODEN/CLAVA CAIRNS/ LOCH NESS/FORT AUGUSTUS**

Visit Culloden, the infamous battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces were defeated in 1746. See the prehistoric standing stones and passage tombs of Clava Cairns. This afternoon, set sail on the Caledonian Canal and enter Loch Ness, where we'll learn about the legendary monster said to inhabit the loch. Ascend an impressive flight of locks that run through the heart of Fort Augustus to moor at the top of the village. Set out on a hike this evening. (B,L,D)



*Our pathway through the heart of Scotland, the Caledonian Canal.*

**DAY 4: LAGGAN LOCKS/GLENFINNAN/ CORPACH**

Continue along the Caledonian Canal, ascending to 106 feet at Laggan Locks, after gliding along the tree-lined canal known as Laggan Avenue. Sail onward across picturesque Lochs Oich and Lochy before descending Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks dropping 64 feet to the sea loch at Corpach. From Corpach, drive to Glenfinnan to explore the spectacularly scenic location now famous for Harry Potter, or choose to explore Loch Linnhe by kayak from our moorings in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: LOCH LINNHE/OBAN**

Sail through Loch Linnhe to the town of Oban, set on a picturesque bay on the Firth of Lorn. There is time to explore this lively town on foot, visiting a whisky distillery and McCaig's Folly, a monument

on a hill overlooking the town and bay that was inspired by the Roman Colosseum. This evening, we have a whisky tasting onboard ship. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SOUND OF MULL/IONA/DUART CASTLE/TOBERMORY**

Sail to the Isle of Mull, in the Inner Hebrides. Drive across Mull, then cross to Iona by ferry to explore this picturesque island. Visit the medieval abbey ruins and the rebuilt abbey church. Stroll through St. Oran's Chapel and the royal graveyard where Scottish kings, including Macbeth, are buried. On Mull, visit Duart Castle, home to Clan MacLean. Re-joining our ship, we sail the dramatic Sound of Mull for our overnight berth at the picturesque fishing community of Tobermory. This evening we plan to meet with a member of the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust to learn about their efforts to protect marine mammals in these waters. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: TOBERMORY/ISLE OF EIGG OR ISLE OF RUM (SMALL ISLES)/INVERIE**

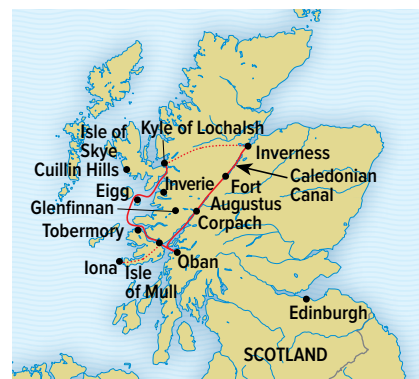
Sail north to either Eigg or Rum, depending on weather conditions. The islands have populations of fewer than one hundred souls, and teem with wildlife. Look for marine animals, including Atlantic seals, minke whales, basking sharks, harbor porpoises, and a colony of Manx shearwaters. Then sail to the tiny village of Inverie, where you can have a drink at the Old Forge, the most remote pub in the British Isles. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: ISLE OF SKYE/KYLE OF LOCHALSH**

Continue north to the Isle of Skye. At the Museum of the Isles, trace the legacy of the 1,300-year-old Clan MacDonald, the Lords of the Isles, who once ruled the west coast of Scotland. See the ruins of Armadale Castle, ancestral home of the MacDonalds, and take a walk through the beautiful woodlands and gardens. Then sail for Kyle of Lochalsh, where afternoon options include a guided walk on the Balmacara Estate or exploration of Eilean Donan Castle. Celebrate your voyage with a Scottish farewell dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: KYLE OF LOCHALSH/ DISEMBARK/INVERNESS/U.S.**

Disembark in Kyle of Lochalsh and drive through the highlands to Inverness. Then transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 7, 14\*; Jul. 19, 26\*; Aug. 2, 9\*, 16, 23\*, 30; Sep. 6\*

2021 Jun. 6, 13\*, 20, 27\*; Jul. 4, 11\*, 18, 25\*; Aug. 1, 8\*, 15, 22\*, 29

\*These departures travel n reverse.

Limited availability.

**PRICING:**

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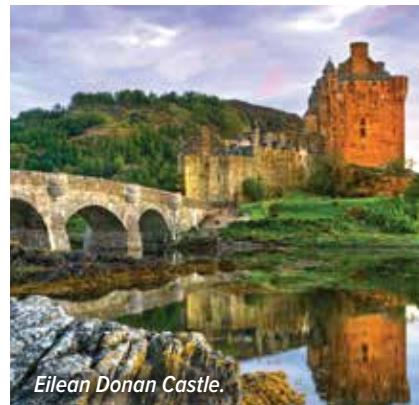
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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Discover the rich history and vibrant present of [Edinburgh](http://Edinburgh) on a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension. Visit [expeditions.com/scotlandext](http://expeditions.com/scotlandext) for details.



*Eilean Donan Castle.*

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# SCANDINAVIA BY SEA: DENMARK, SWEDEN & NORWAY

10 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Set sail aboard the *National Geographic Explorer* to experience the natural beauty and delightful cultures of Europe's Nordic nations. Discover some of Scandinavia's most remote and spectacular coastal scenery, from the picturesque fishing village of Skagen in Denmark to Sweden's enchanting Weather Islands, and Norway's fjord-laced western coast. Stroll past brightly-colored fishing huts clinging to rocky outcrops, kayak 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 World War II fortresses.
- ▶ Walk the windswept beaches of Skagen, Denmark and discover the island's artistic traditions.
- ▶ Kayak into the sheltered coves of Sweden's Weather Islands to seek out seals, seabirds, and other marine life.
- ▶ Glide along the waters of Norway's magnificent, mountain-framed Hardangerfjord, and opt to sample Norwegian culinary specialties in Oslo.

## EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

Whether it's on the deck, on walks through coastal towns and historical sites, or in enlightening lectures on board, your team of an expedition leader, a mix of historians, naturalists, archaeologists, a National Geographic photographer, and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor will illuminate all you see. Plus, our wellness specialist is on call for treatments.

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*Skagen, Denmark.*





**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./COPENHAGEN, DENMARK/EMBARK**

Arrive on an overnight flight to Copenhagen. Enjoy a boat tour of the city's canals and see its historic waterfront before embarking the *National Geographic Explorer*. Cast off this afternoon, sailing north toward the Kattegat strait. (L,D)

**DAY 3: SKAGEN, DENMARK**

Dotted with yellow and red clapboard houses, Skagen is perched along windswept dunes at the northern tip of Denmark. Explore this charming fishing village, discover rich birdlife with our naturalists, and delve into the history of the Skagen Painters—a community of Scandinavian artists who settled here beginning in the late 19th century, drawn by the town's magnificent landscapes and remarkable light. Cap off the day with a taste of the famous "Skagen sild," a local herring dish best enjoyed with a cold Danish beer. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: WEATHER ISLANDS, SWEDEN**

Today, journey across the Skagerrak Strait to Sweden's westernmost archipelago: the Väderöarna, or Weather Islands. This seascape of rugged islets, skerries, and picture-perfect villages boasts some of the most stunning scenery in Scandinavia. Set out by kayak or Zodiac to encounter seal colonies and an array of seabirds, and explore the islands' stunning vistas on foot. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: OSLO, NORWAY**

Sail up the epic Oslofjorden to discover the delights of Norway's cosmopolitan capital. Visit the Fram Museum and learn about the early Norwegian polar expeditions, or spend time with our National Geographic photographer at Vigeland Park, training your lens on more than two hundred life-size human figures by native sculptor Gustav Vigeland. Alternatively, tour a gourmet food market to learn about—and taste—Norwegian culinary specialties. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: RISØR**

Sail back down the Oslofjorden and anchor outside the coastal town of Risør, adorned with white wooden houses. Enjoy a walk through the quaint center, viewing historic 17th-century buildings that were once home to merchants and sailors. Later, take a short Zodiac ride to nearby Stangholmen skerry for a walk to its

lighthouse. Conditions permitting, perhaps go kayaking near one of the island's ancient "potholes"—small lagoons formed over the centuries by waves. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: HIDRA**

Arrive early this morning on the shores of Flekkefjorden and join our naturalists for a hike on Hidra—a lush island steeped in a rich maritime history dating back to before the Vikings. Visit the World War II-era Hågasån Fort, stroll past quaint wooden houses, and cruise in a Zodiac through the scenic channel that splits the island in two. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 8 & 9: EXPLORING NORWAY'S FJORDS**

Spend two days exploring Norway's stunning fjords, considered one of Europe's greatest natural attractions. Our explorations may take us deep in the Hardangerfjorden—the fourth-longest fjord in the world—where we'll cruise beneath staggering cliffs, snow-dusted mountains, and rolling valleys dotted with tiny settlements. From our quiet anchorage, head out with naturalists to explore the area on a variety of Zodiac, kayak, and hiking excursions. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: BERGEN/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Arrive in beautiful Bergen, perched on a fjord and ringed by seven hills. After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2021 May 21

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$9,570; Cat. 7 from \$17,370  
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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Sisse Brimberg has published more than 30 stories. Travel with her on this voyage.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

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*Hardangerfjorden, Norway.*



# EASTER ISLAND TO TAHITI: TALES OF THE PACIFIC

20 Days/17 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From remote and enigmatic Easter Island, to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to Tahiti, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. The voyage begins in one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island. Walk the length of untouched tropical beaches, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of the Tuamotu Archipelago, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the Pitcairn Islands, identified as one of the most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.
- ▶ Trace the legend of the ill-fated H.M.S. *Bounty* from Tahiti to Pitcairn Island, where descendants of its mutineers still live today.
- ▶ Explore the unusual geology and wildlife of Henderson Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and look for endemic bird species.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Chris Rainier** is an acclaimed documentary photographer known for his work to highlight and preserve endangered cultures and languages. He also served as a cultural editor and photographer for *National Geographic Traveler* magazine for over a decade. He is aboard **Mar. 26, 2021**.

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*Easter Island, shrouded in mystery and guarded by the famous moai statues.*

**DAYS 1-5: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE/ EASTER ISLAND/EMBARK**

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. Upon arrival, transfer to the Mandarin Oriental in central Santiago then join your Lindblad-National Geographic staff this evening for a welcome reception. Early the next morning, fly to Easter Island where you will check into the Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa (or similar) for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal *moai* statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (Day 3: L,D; Days 4 & 5: B,L,D)

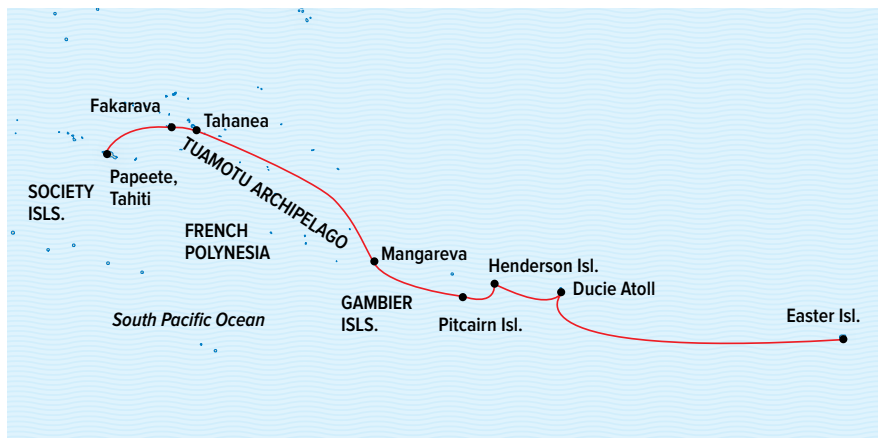
**DAYS 6-10: AT SEA/PITCAIRN ISLANDS**

Set sail from Easter Island on our journey west, listening to talks by our experts as we sail for two days. We begin our exploration in Ducie Atoll, where we spend time watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs. Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. Discover the island's four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology.



*Friendly local in the Tuamotus.*

Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Meet the residents and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of the last surviving *Bounty* mutineer, John Adams, and see the *Bounty*'s anchor, which was salvaged in 1957. (B,L,D)



*White fairy tern, Ducie Atoll.*

**DAYS 11 & 12: AT SEA/MANGAREVA, FRENCH POLYNESIA**

Spend a day at sea scanning the horizon with our naturalists, or relaxing on deck with a good book. We then arrive at Mangareva, the largest of the Gambier Islands, with its interesting history and beautiful lagoon. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their home here, or go on a hike with our naturalists. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13-18: AT SEA/TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO**

We spend the next few days making our way through the Gambier Islands to the Tuamotu Islands, both part of French Polynesia. Navigate reefs and islets during a day at sea and then in true expedition mode, explore one of the uninhabited atolls such as Tahanea. Continue to Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Conditions permitting, snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 19 & 20: PAPEETE/ DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Arrive in Papeete, and take a tour of Tahiti before your overnight flight home. (Day 19: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Mar. 28 2021 Mar. 26

Limited availability.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$19,520; Cat. 6 from \$41,270.  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** between Los Angeles/Santiago and Papeete/Los Angeles. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *National Geographic Orion* departures.
  - **SAVE 10%** when you book two or more voyages in South Pacific aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Call for details.
- See page 136 for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a three-day post-voyage **Mo'orea** extension. Call or visit [expeditions.com/moorea](http://expeditions.com/moorea) for details.



*Venture underwater to snorkel or dive.*

# FRENCH POLYNESIA: BEYOND THE POSTCARD

10 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Venture to the heart of Polynesian culture on this highly immersive expedition where options abound. Choose to kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or take a bike ride for independent exploration and connect with these people and islands on a personal level. Explore one of the world's most important *marae*, a historic, ceremonial site on Ra'iatea, where Polynesian seafarers would begin their bold expeditions sailing into the unknown—expeditions that would eventually lead to populating Hawai'i and New Zealand. Sail among some of the 80 atolls of the Tuamotu Archipelago, a string of tiny islands in an azure sea that hides thriving reefs we'll explore while scuba diving and snorkeling.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit one of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea on Ra'iatea, recently named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive some of the healthiest reefs of the Pacific in the Tuamotu Archipelago.
- ▶ Learn stand-up paddleboarding in gorgeous turquoise lagoons.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates Tiputa Pass into the lagoon at Rangiroa, one of the largest atolls in the world.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Andy Bardon** has traveled to some of the most remote regions on earth to document human interactions with the natural world. His work with National Geographic has included documenting a story about the pearl farming industry in French Polynesia that sought to gain a better understanding of its environmental impacts and sustainability. Travel with him on the **May 5** or **May 12, 2020** departures.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*Marae Taputapuatea on Ra'iatea.*



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA/EMBARK**

Depart the U.S., arrive in Tahiti, and check in to your room at the InterContinental Tahiti. Join your fellow travelers for lunch and a brief tour of the island before embarking *National Geographic Orion* on day 2. (Day 2: B,L,D)



Freshly picked vanilla pods, Taha'a.

**DAY 3: BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS**

Begin your voyage with a view of one of the South Pacific's most iconic images, the angular crags of Bora Bora's Mount Otemanu. Explore the island's turquoise lagoon and snorkel, dive, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard from one of the motus on the outer reef. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: RA'IA TEA/TAHA'A**

Encircled by a single fringing reef, and sharing a common lagoon, Ra'iatea and Taha'a are islands well worth exploring. One of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea was a center for Polynesian seafarers and the location from which they set out for Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Hawai'i, and New Zealand. Watch from on deck as we navigate lagoon channels en route to Taha'a, then go ashore for a visit to a small, family-run vanilla plantation. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: HUAHINE**

One of Polynesia's best-kept secrets, Huahine is well off the beaten path. Once the home of Tahitian royalty, Huahine maintains the highest

density of ancient *marae* in French Polynesia. Visit these sites with cultural experts and archaeologists who bring them to life. Explore the verdant shoreline by kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or Zodiac. Finish the day with a swim in the island's crystal-clear lagoon. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6 & 7: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO**

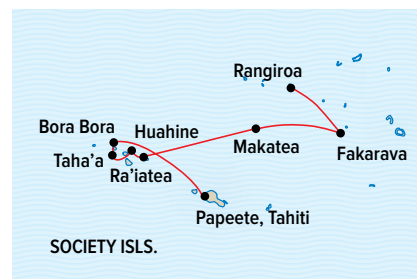
Spend two days exploring some of the nearly 80 islands and atolls in the "Dangerous Archipelago." An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search for endemic fruit doves and myriad seabirds. Fakarava is one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: RANGIROA**

The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands known for some of the best diving and snorkeling in French Polynesia. The turquoise lagoon at its center is the second-largest in the world. Our ship passes between the islets of Tiputa. Kayak, snorkel, and scuba dive in the rich waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, and sea turtles. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: RANGIROA/DISEMBARK/PAPEETE/U.S.**

Disembark this morning and take a short flight back to Papeete, where you'll connect to international overnight flights home. (Day 9: B,L)



**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 5, 12\*

2021† Apr. 12; May 3, 10\*

Limited availability.

\*These departures travel in reverse.

†2021 departures follow a modified itinerary.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

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Snorkel or dive and discover the healthy reef of Fakarava.

# AZURE SEAS FROM TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS

17 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Remote and enigmatic, the Marquesas are islands that belong to the past. Some of them virtually untouched since the era of European exploration, their isolation has given way to a proud people whose unique Marquesan dialect is a direct link to the ancient Polynesian language of Maohi. Indeed, it is believed locally that the spirits of the ancient Maohi live among the islands' saw-toothed peaks and lush, verdant valleys, and the limestone caves and grottos that we'll explore. Herman Melville penned his novel *Typee* based on his time on Nuku Hiva and established himself as the "man who lived among the cannibals," and Robert Louis Stevenson landed here aboard his yacht *Casco* in the late 19th century.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ In-depth exploration of the Marquesas, one of the most remote and culturally unique island groups on Earth, both on land and by sea.
- ▶ See ancient stone sculptures, including one of the largest *tikis* in Polynesia, on Hiva Oa.
- ▶ Hike to a remote waterfall and search for rare birds on far-flung Fatu Hiva.
- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of the Tuamotu Archipelago and search for manta rays in the pristine waters around the Marquesas.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

For more than a decade, **Krista Rossow** has worked as a photographer, photo editor, and educator for National Geographic. Travel with her on the **Apr. 21, 2020** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).



*Hanavave Bay, Fatu Hiva, Marquesas.*

**DAY 1: DEPART U.S.**

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Tahiti.

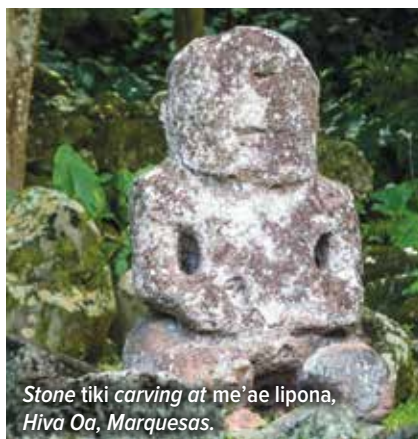
**DAY 2: PAPEETE/RANGIROA/EMBARK**

Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti early this morning and take a short, very scenic flight to the nearby atoll of Rangiroa. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 3–5: AT SEA/TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO**

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” at Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Conditions permitting, snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive.

Continue to Raroia, one of the easternmost atolls in this chain, and the site where Thor Heyerdahl’s famous *Kon-Tiki* raft made landfall in 1947. (B,L,D)



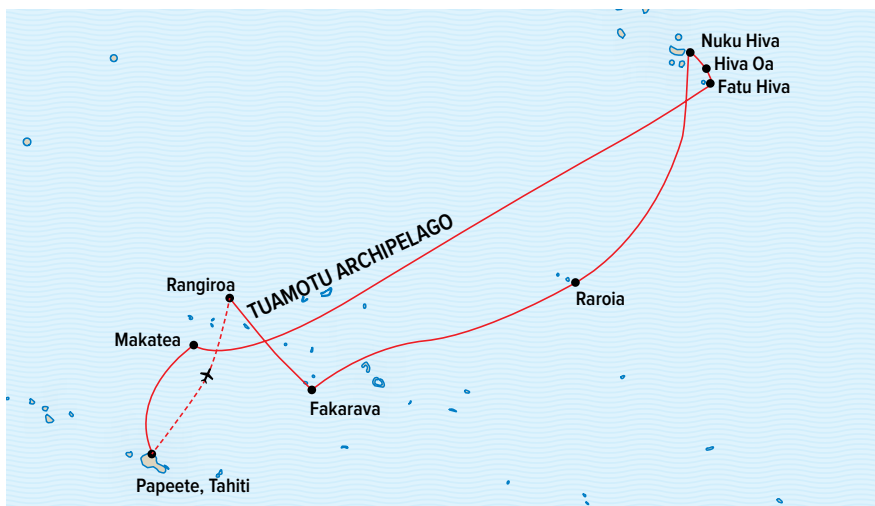
Stone tiki carving at me'ae lipona, Hiva Oa, Marquesas.

**DAYS 6 & 7: AT SEA/NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS**

A day at sea brings us to one of the most remote island groups on Earth, the Marquesas Islands. We begin our exploration of this archipelago at Hatihe'u Bay, on the north shore of Nuku Hiva Island. Visit ancient petroglyphs and witness a spectacular dance performance at a Marquesan *me'ae*, or hike up the valley with the naturalists and local guides in search of rare birds and spectacular views. Later, sample local foods in the village, and peruse unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: HIVA OA, MARQUESAS**

At Hiva Oa, go ashore at the village of Puamau to visit the stunning Marquesan *me'ae lipona*, and photograph one of the largest *tikis* in Polynesia. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS**

Be sure you're on deck this morning to photograph the volcanic pillars of Hanavave Bay, as *National Geographic Orion* approaches one of the most storied shorelines in the entire Pacific. Visit a remote village where you'll see displays of uniquely Marquesan arts and crafts. Choose a challenging hike to a remote waterfall, or take Zodiacs to the next bay where local transport takes you on a birdwatching foray deep into the Omoa Valley. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 10–12: EXPLORING THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS/AT SEA**

Our last two days in the Marquesas are open for exploration. Dive some of the incredible waters here and search for rare charismatic megafauna with your naturalists and marvel at the rugged volcanic silhouettes of these legendary islands from the Zodiacs and kayaks. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 & 14: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO**

We let nature be our guide for these days as we explore some of the more than 80 islands and atolls that make up this seldom-visited archipelago. Snorkel or dive stunning reefs, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard on turquoise lagoons, and walk pristine beaches beneath coconut palms. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: MAKATEA**

An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search for bird species, then snorkel and dive among colorful fish on

the nearby reef. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 16 & 17: DISEMBARK/ PAPEETE/U.S.**

Disembark in Papeete this morning and tour Tahiti before overnight flights home. (Day 16: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Apr. 21 2021\* Apr. 19

Additional cost for charter flight applies.

\*2021 departure will originate in Bora Bora.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$16,720; Cat. 6 from \$36,580

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** from Los Angeles to Papeete. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *National Geographic Orion* departures.
  - **SAVE 10%** when you book two or more voyages in South Pacific aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Call for details.
- See page 136.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

In 2020, add a three-day post-voyage **Mo'orea** extension. In 2021, add a two-day post-voyage **Bora Bora** extension. Visit [expeditions.com/marq-ext](http://expeditions.com/marq-ext).

# TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS: FRENCH POLYNESIAN DISCOVERY

10 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

Follow in the path of early Polynesian navigators on this epic voyage. From the aquamarine atolls of the Tuamotu Islands to the lush volcanic peaks of the mysterious Marquesas, you'll visit some of the most remote and compelling sites in the far reaches of French Polynesia. You'll have the option to continue onboard with us on a relaxing seven-day sea voyage, as we trace the path of master Polynesian navigators and make our way across the equator to Hawai'i.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture into the lush tropical forest and discover ancient Polynesian sacred sites on the verdant island of Hiva Oa.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive in the Tuamotus and see abundant fish and thriving coral reef ecosystems.
- ▶ Learn stand-up paddleboarding in gorgeous turquoise lagoons.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates into dramatic Hanavave Bay.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Josh Humbert** specializes in photographing marine environments and focuses his work on images that tell a deeper story for conservation. Josh documented a story for National Geographic about the conservation thread surrounding Tahitian pearl farming.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

As longtime former Executive Vice President and Chief Scientist for Oceans of Conservation International, **Greg Stone** is a leading expert on marine science and conservation. An adventurous scientist, he once lived underwater for 30 days and has authored articles for *National Geographic* magazine and three award-winning books.

Travel with them on the **May 18, 2020** departure.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at [expeditions.com/experts](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*Manta ray, South Pacific.*



**DAY 1: U.S./PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA**

Depart the U.S. and arrive in Tahiti the same evening. Check into your room at the InterContinental Tahiti.

**DAY 2: PAPEETE**

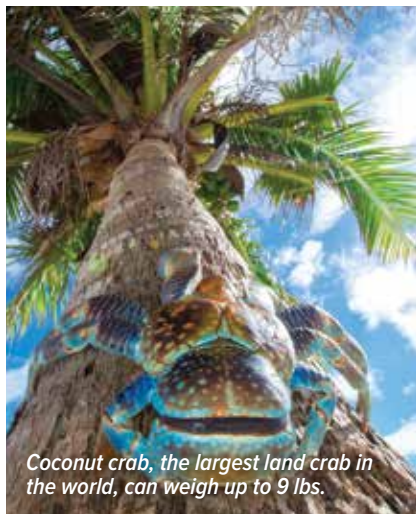
Spend the day adjusting to island time and enjoying the resort's many amenities, or join us for a leisurely afternoon excursion. This evening, connect with your fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail party.

**DAY 3: PAPEETE/EMBARK**

Today, join an island tour and have lunch at a local restaurant before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 4 & 5: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO**

Spend two days exploring this idyllic archipelago. Experience with all your senses while learning the geological distinction between volcanic islands, atolls, and uplifted coral atolls. The atoll of Rangiroa is a ring of slender islands known for some of the best diving and snorkeling in French Polynesia. The turquoise lagoon at its center is the second-largest in the world. Our ship passes between the islets to anchor inside the lagoon near the village of Tiputa, where local musicians greet us. Visit the village and kayak, snorkel, and scuba dive in the rich waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, and sea turtles. Snorkelers will revel in the protected reefs of gorgeous Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.



Coconut crab, the largest land crab in the world, can weigh up to 9 lbs.

Conditions permitting, ride the current into the vast lagoon on a world-famous drift dive or snorkel. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6 & 7: AT SEA/FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS**

A relaxing day at sea brings us to one of the most remote and historic island groups on Earth, the Marquesas. One never forgets the first sight of lovely Hanavave Bay, fronting one of the world's most soul-stirringly beautiful islands—Fatu Hiva. Be sure you're on deck and camera-armed as we arrive at one of the most storied shorelines in the entire Pacific. Enjoy a warm Polynesian welcome on a visit to a remote village where you'll see displays of well-made, uniquely Marquesan arts and crafts. Choose a challenging hike through landscapes studded with sculptural granite and stunning flora to a remote waterfall, or Zodiac to the next bay where local transport takes you birdwatching deep in the Omoa Valley. (B,L,D)



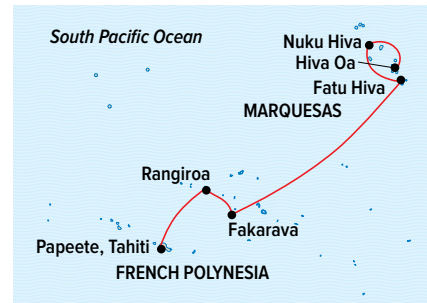
Traditional tattoo, Marquesas.

**DAY 8: NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS**

If you read Herman Melville's *Typee* in prep for your voyage, you'll thrill doubly to the green-mantled, rugged silhouette of Nuku Hiva, the largest and most imposing of the Marquesas. Visit ancient petroglyphs and witness a spectacular dance performance at a Marquesan me'ae, or hike up the valley with the naturalists and local guides in search of rare birds and spectacular views. Later, sample local foods in the village, and peruse unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: HIVA OA, MARQUESAS/ DISEMBARK/PAPEETE/U.S.**

At Hiva Oa, we'll visit the village of Puamau to explore a well-maintained Marquesan sacred site, a me'ae lipona. Accompanied by our team and knowledgeable local guides, we'll learn about religious rites, and photograph one of the largest, most arresting ancient tikis in Polynesia. Choose to end your Polynesia



adventure here, and fly back to Papeete, where you'll connect to your flight home. Or continue: spend seven relaxing days at sea following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers north to Hawai'i. (Day 9: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 18 2021 May 16

Limited availability.

Additional cost applies for flight between Nuku Hiva and Papeete.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$8,360; Cat. 6 from \$18,290

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by **Jul. 31, 2020** and receive either **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIR** from Los Angeles to Papeete or **\$1,500 AIR CREDIT** if you continue to Hawai'i. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *National Geographic Orion* departures.
- **SAVE 10%** when you book two or more voyages in South Pacific aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Call for details.

See page 136 for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Join our National Geographic Experts for an informative seven-day journey from **Marquesas to Hawai'i**—following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers. Read, relax, unwind—plus, enjoy a complimentary three-day stay on the Big Island. Visit [expeditions.com/hawaii](http://expeditions.com/hawaii) or call for details. Or, add a three-day post-voyage **Mo'orea** extension. Visit [expeditions.com/moorea](http://expeditions.com/moorea) or call for details.

# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA: ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER

15 Days/12 Nights—Featuring 7 Nights Aboard *The Jahan*

inked by the mighty Mekong River, Vietnam and Cambodia abound with magnificent carved temples, lush landscapes, and cities where rich imperial and colonial legacies mingle. Encounter the incomparable treasures of Angkor, and take a river voyage aboard the elegant *Jahan* between the Tonle Sap River and Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Explore traditional villages, and gain insight into the daily lives of farmers, monks, and craftspeople.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Watch the sunrise at Angkor Wat, and spend two full days immersed in the splendor of Angkor's temples and palaces.
- ▶ Take in the magic of a private candlelit dinner at a temple of Angkor, and enjoy a cocktail reception at the residence of former U.S. ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant cities of Phnom Penh and Saigon, and experience rural life on visits to floating homes, farms, and traditional villages.
- ▶ You're traveling far; see more on an eight-day pre- or post-voyage extension. Discover Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi, and Halong Bay/Lan Ha Bay. Visit [expeditions.com/vietnamext](http://expeditions.com/vietnamext) for details.

## EXCITING WAYS TO GET AROUND

*Cyclo*. Longboat. Oxcart. And, of course, *tuk-tuk*. These are all indigenous forms of transportation that will take you from one unforgettable excursion to the next. Zip through the countryside in a three-wheeled, motorized rickshaw. Or travel through rice paddies using a traditional two-wheeled oxcart, a bouncy but exhilarating ride. Live like a local and get an up-close view of the fascinating and varied ways of life along the Mekong.



*Fisherman tossing a net on Mekong River.*



**DAYS 1–3: U.S./SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**  
Depart in the evening, “lose” a day crossing the international date line, and arrive in Siem Reap on Day 3. Settle into our outstanding Khmer style hotel, La Résidence d’Angkor, on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

**DAYS 4 & 5: ANGKOR**

Rise early to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat. This 12th-century Khmer temple, one of the world’s largest religious monuments, is adorned with elaborate bas-reliefs and sculptures. Ride a *tuk-tuk*, or motorized rickshaw, to the walled city of Angkor Thom. Discover the shrines of Ta Prohm and the temple of Banteay Srei. Visit a workshop where local youth are trained in age-old Khmer arts. Enjoy traditional Cambodian music and dance at a beautifully lit private dinner at one of Angkor’s temples. (Day 4: B,L,D; Day 5: B,D)

**DAY 6: KAMPONG CHAM/EMBARK**

Drive to the bustling city of Kampong Cham and embark *The Jahan*, our home for the next seven nights. (B,L,D)



*Kids in a local school, Kampong Chhnang.*

**DAY 7: WAT HANCHEY OR KOH DACH/ ANGKOR BAN**

At Wat Hanchey, see a variety of temples, including an 8th-century temple from the pre-Angkor Chenla period, or on the reverse itinerary see the silk-weaving village of Koh Dach. Continue to the village of Angkor Ban, with its traditional houses and friendly residents. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: KAMPONG TRALACH/ KAMPONG CHHNANG**

In the morning, take an oxcart ride through rice paddies to a local school in Kampong Tralach. Later, visit a village where artisans make traditional pottery, and board local boats to see the clustered houses and shops that float in midstream. (B,L,D)

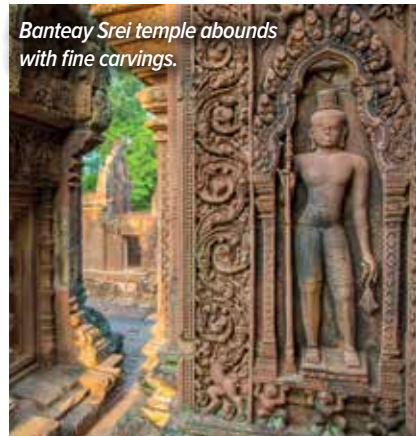
**DAY 9: PHNOM PENH**

Explore the Cambodian capital by *cyclo* (bicycle taxi), and visit the Royal Palace and the

National Museum of Cambodia. Learn about the reign of the Khmer Rouge on a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening, enjoy an apsara dance performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: CRUISING THE MEKONG**

Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by our experts, and join our chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. Cross the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)



*Banteay Srei temple abounds with fine carvings.*

**DAY 11: CHAU DOC OR TAN CHAU, VIETNAM**

Chau Doc has one of Vietnam’s most interesting markets, with an astonishing variety of tropical fruits, vegetables, and other goods. We continue to a floating market on the river and a fish farm, where we see fish being fed through trap doors in the floating platforms. In the afternoon, we continue sailing the Mekong. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: SA DEC/CAI BE**

Take a local boat to experience rural life in the Mekong Delta. See the floating market of Cai Be, step into a rice “factory” to watch rice-based candies being made, and cruise among floating markets and fish farms. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner aboard *The Jahan*. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: MY THO/DISEMBARK/SAIGON**

Disembark in My Tho and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Then journey to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) and embark on a tour of Saigon’s landmarks, including the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. After lunch, check into the Park Hyatt Saigon for two nights. Meet with a local expert on Vietnam’s modern development, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)



**DAYS 14 & 15: SAIGON/U.S.**

In the morning, visit the Cu Chi tunnels. The afternoon and lunch are at leisure. In the evening, we’ll take in a performance of water puppetry—a distinctive Vietnamese folk art, practiced here for over 300 years, followed by a visit to the former residence of U.S. ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. for a private cocktail reception. Dinner is at leisure. Depart Saigon on Day 15, arriving home the same day. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2021 Jan. 4, 18, 26\*; Feb. 15, 23\*

\*These departures travel from Saigon to Siem Reap.

**PRICING:**

*The Jahan*

Cat. 1 from \$11,890; Suites from \$17,770

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. Visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for all categories, current rates, and details, or call an Expedition Specialist or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

We will cover your bar tab and crew tips.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Head north to explore more of Vietnam’s historic and beautiful locales on our eight-day extension in [Hanoi](#), [Halong Bay/Lan Ha Bay](#), [Hoi An](#), and [Hue](#). Visit [expeditions.com/vietnamext](http://expeditions.com/vietnamext).



*Hoi An, Vietnam.*



## 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. 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.

**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. Cabins are equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, aerial remote controlled camera and video microscope.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and 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.



*From top: Glass-enclosed fitness center; lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations.*



Clockwise from left: Category 7 suite; the observation lounge provides unparalleled views; Category 5 cabin.

**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

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

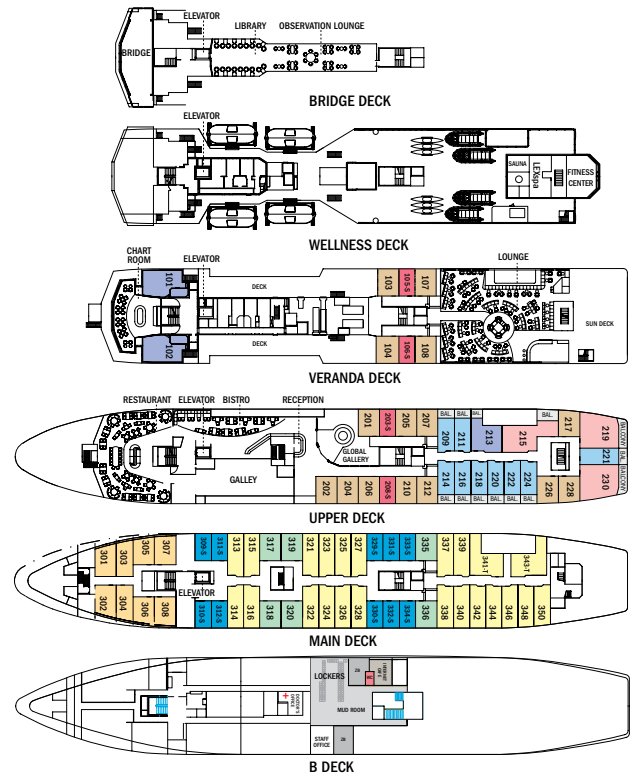
**CATEGORY B SOLO:** Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

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

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Available in Categories 1 and 2.

**SOLO 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.



▶ **SEE MORE ONLINE:** Learn more about *National Geographic Explorer* at [expeditions.com/explorer](http://expeditions.com/explorer)



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION

**CAPACITY:** 126 guests in 69 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 406 feet.

*National Geographic Endurance* and *National Geographic Resolution* are next-generation expedition ships, purpose-built for polar navigation. Fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessels, they are designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. The patented X-bow® is key to their design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride even in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck for superior observation. They carry a full suite of expedition tools, and offer a variety of experience enhancing amenities.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Two restaurants, a chef's table for small group dining, observation lounge with bar, gym, wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, library, main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage, state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations, and a photo workshop area; plus, an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear, and an "open Bridge" for access to our Captain, officers and the art of navigation.

**MEALS:** Two restaurants, featuring local, sustainable choices and unassigned seating for flexible, inclusive dining; plus a Chef's table for intimate, small group dining. Main restaurant has 270° views, and the Observation deck restaurant features lighter, made-to-order fare.

**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with large windows, private facilities and climate controls. 53 cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers.

**EXPEDITION TOOLS:** Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snowshoes, cross-country skis, undersea specialist operating a remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and underwater video camera for unique access to polar marine world, hydrophone, aerial remote-controlled camera and video microscope.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by our wellness specialists and features a glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high- and low-heat saunas with ocean views.



*From top: Artist rendering of main restaurant Two Seven Zero°; an expansive studio for yoga and stretch sessions.*



Clockwise from left: Artist's rendering of the Ice Lounge is the expedition community hub for recap, presentations and sociability; standard cabin; suite with balcony.

**CATEGORY 1:** Fore Deck with two large windows, alcove seating, relax chair #406, 408, 411, 413, 415

**CATEGORY 2:** Fore Deck with two large windows, alcove seating, relax chair #410, 412, 414, 416-419, 421-427

**CATEGORY 3:** Main Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #512-524

**CATEGORY 4:** Lounge Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #608, 610, 612, 613-623

**CATEGORY 5:** Bridge Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #708, 709, 711, 713

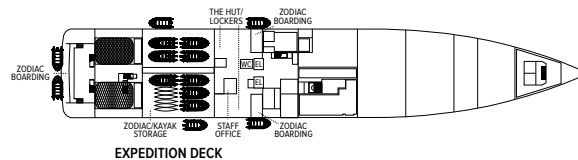
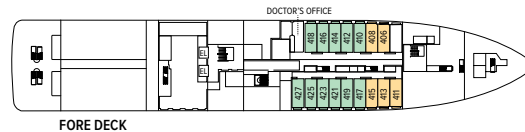
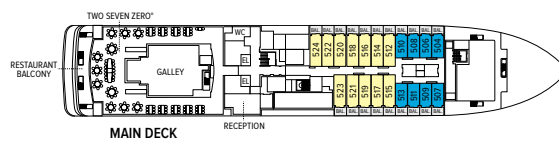
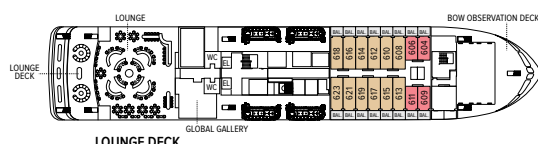
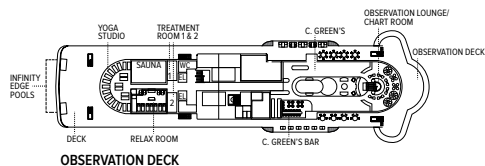
**CATEGORY 6:** Bridge Deck—Junior Balcony Suite with large balcony, sofa bed #710

**CATEGORY 7:** Bridge Deck—Large Balcony Suite with large balcony, sofa bed, bathtub, walk-in closet #700-707, 712, 714-717

**CATEGORY A SOLO:** Main Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #504-510, 513

**CATEGORY B SOLO:** Lounge Deck—Suite with balcony and sofa #604, 606, 609, 611

All cabins have: Ability to set up as queen or two twins, command center with docking for multiple devices, atlas, clock, barometer, TV, phone, digital tablet for onboard info, hair dryer, safe, refrigerator.



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Learn more about *National Geographic Resolution* at [expeditions.com/resolution](http://expeditions.com/resolution)



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

**CAPACITY:** 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 feet.

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull. *National Geographic Orion* is at home navigating polar ice, as well as island harbors in the South Pacific.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Outdoor café, lounge with bar and state-of-the-art facilities, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, and marina platform. The whirlpool hot tub doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates. Our “open Bridge” allows guests to meet our Captain and officers and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

**CABINS:** All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies. Single cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, a crow’s nest camera, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, video microscope, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Plus, for South Pacific voyages, there is snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for a number of pre-qualified guests, stand-up paddleboards, glass-bottom Zodiac, and splash-cam.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Laundry, a full-time doctor, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus an undersea specialist and video chronicler. On all South Pacific voyages, there are two dive masters.

**WELLNESS:** A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.



*From top: Dining excellence and regional flavors are a hallmark of our expeditions; alfresco dining on the aft deck.*





Clockwise: Observation lounge and library; Main lounge and bar; Category 5 suite with French balcony.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317

**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419

**CATEGORY 4:** Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515

**CATEGORY 5:** Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508

**CATEGORY 6:** Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with French balcony #502, 507, 509\*, 510

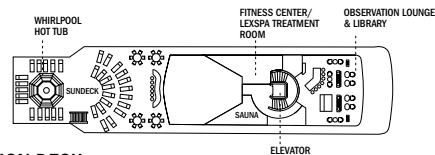
\*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

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

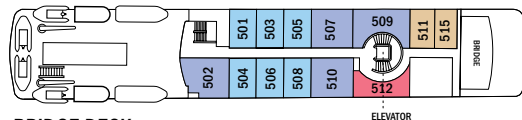
**CATEGORY 3 SOLO:** Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

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

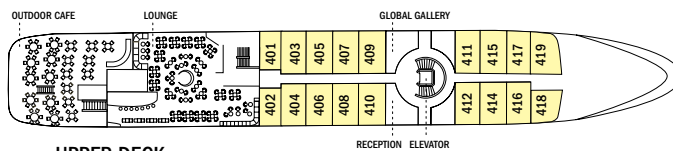
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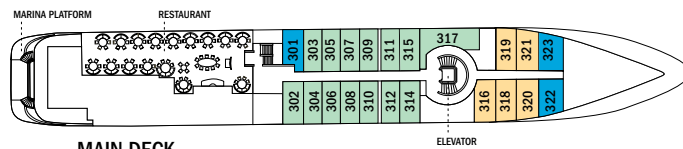
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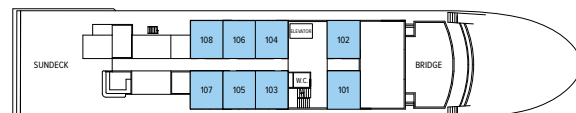


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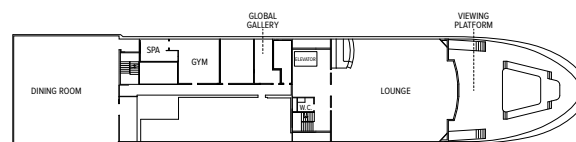
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From left to right: The lounge with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Category 4 cabins feature one Queen bed (that can be converted to two singles), and a balcony.



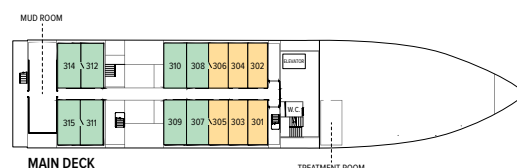
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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

**CAPACITY:** 100 guests in 50 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* (launched 2019) are the latest additions to our fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A., both ships set a new standard in exploration and comfort.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast and lunch are wide-selection buffets with chef-action stations, while dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable).

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler and undersea specialist.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #301-306 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck #307-315 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

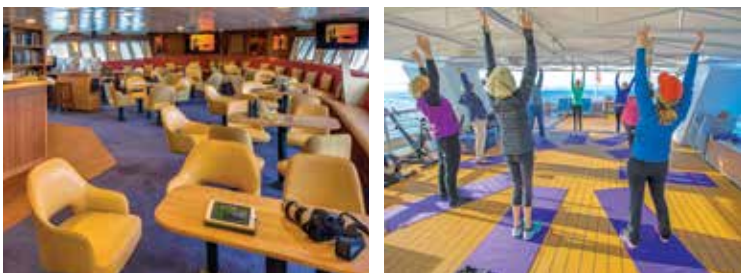
**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two large view windows.

**CATEGORY 4:** Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door, and small, private balcony.

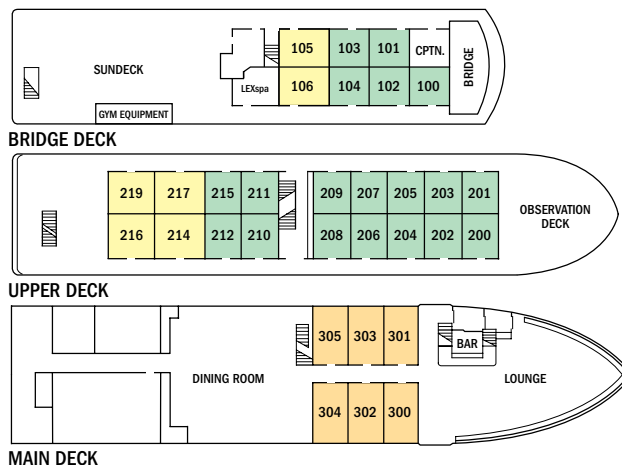
**CATEGORY 5 (SUITE):** Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

**NOTE:** Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

**Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access:**  
Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227



From left to right: Lounge with expedition library and flatscreen TVs for vibrant presentations; Morning yoga on the back deck.



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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

**CAPACITY:** 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 152 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfasts are wide-selection buffets and lunch is often served family style. Dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

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

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, fleet of paddleboards, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits and snorkel gear in Baja California, and expedition landing craft.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access. A certified photo instructor and a video chronicler are on board all voyages. A ship’s doctor is on board in Baja. An undersea specialist is on board in Baja and Alaska.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #300-305—Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, and a large view window.

**CATEGORY 2:** Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215—These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

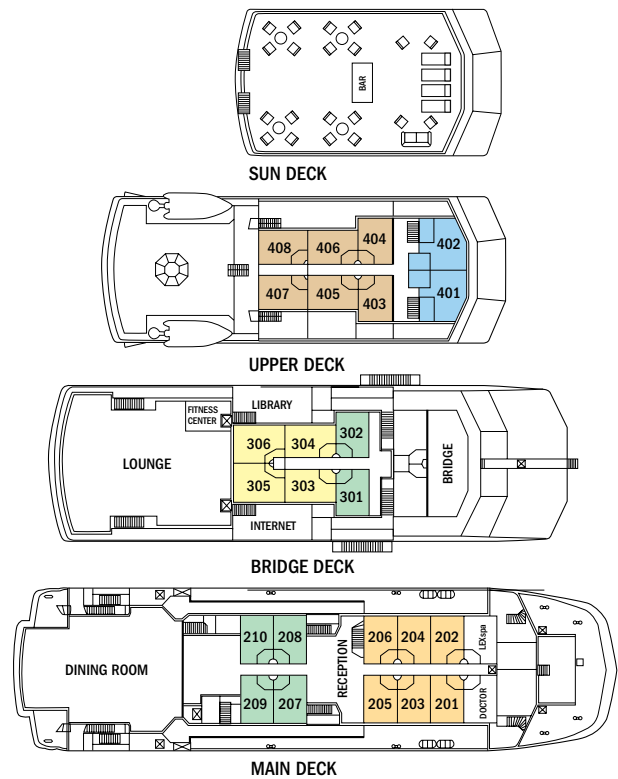
**CATEGORY 3:** Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219—These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

**NOTE:** Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



Clockwise from top: National Geographic Islander anchors close to shore; relaxing on the covered upper deck; category 5 cabin.



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

YACHT-SCALED AND TRIM, OFFERING EXPEDITION AMENITIES FOR JUST 48 GUESTS

**CAPACITY:** 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Open-air observation deck, second covered outside deck with hammocks, tables and chairs. Lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, dining room, library, Mac kiosks and Internet. The Captain and officers welcome guests to visit the open Bridge.

**MEALS:** Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

**CABINS:** All have a window with an outside view, private facilities, ample storage and climate controls. Bed can be configured as two twins or as a single queen.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiacs, a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Shipboard doctor, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, National Geographic Global Explorers family program, Global Gallery.

**WELLNESS:** LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck, Forward #201-206

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck #207-210, Bridge Deck #301, 302

**CATEGORY 3:** Bridge Deck #303-306. Cabins 305 and 306 can accommodate a third person with sofa bed.

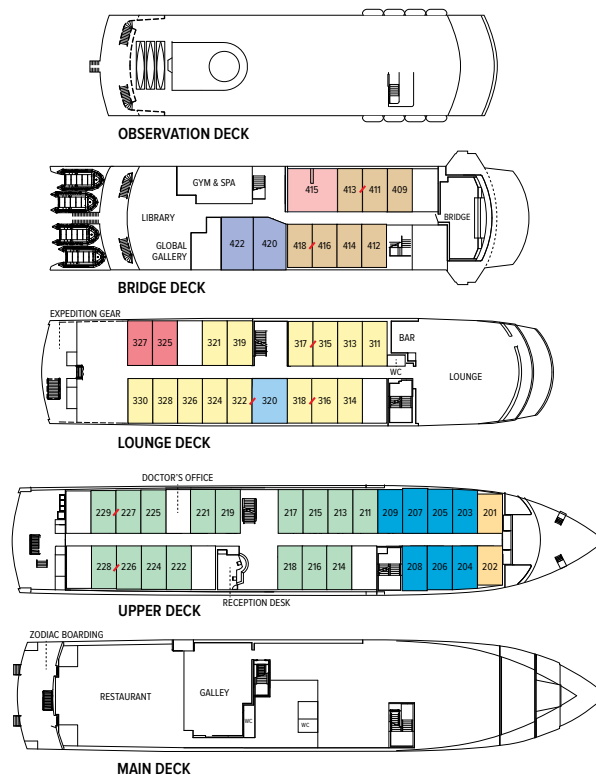
**CATEGORY 4:** Upper Deck #403-408—with outside, glassed-in terraces with windowed door and seating.

**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck, #401 and 402—forward facing with additional seating, desk, wrap-around windows, glassed-in terrace with seating. Largest cabins aboard.

**NOTE:** All cabins offer two twin beds that can be converted to a queen. Solo occupancy in categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates for cabins 305 and 306 are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

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Clockwise from top: National Geographic Endeavour II features 52 cabins accommodating 96 guests; category 1 cabin; dining room.

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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II

### OFFERING EXPEDITION AMENITIES FOR 96 GUESTS

**CAPACITY:** 96 guests in 52 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 236 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Forward lounge and bar accommodating all guests for presentations and gatherings, restaurant, large library with Mac kiosks, open-air observation deck, underwater gear area and dual Zodiac boarding platform, and “open Bridge,” where guests can meet the Captain and officers and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in a single, unassigned seating in a sociable, informal atmosphere with Ecuadorian flair.

**CABINS:** All face outside with large windows, and feature twin beds that convert to a queen. With private facilities and climate control, nightstands, desk, and storage. Seven sets of cabins with a connecting door.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiacs, glass-bottom boat, kayaks and paddleboards, snorkel gear and wetsuits for both adults and children, video microscope and underwater video camera.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, shipboard doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic Global Explorers family program, snorkel instruction, Wi-Fi access, laundry service, Global Gallery.

**WELLNESS:** LEXSpa and fitness center, exercise classes, and wellness specialist.

**CATEGORY 1:** Upper Deck, Forward #201, 202

**CATEGORY 2:** Upper Deck #211, 213-219, 221, 222, 224-229

**CATEGORY 3:** Lounge Deck #311, 313-319, 321, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330

**CATEGORY 4:** Bridge Deck #409, 411-414, 416, 418

**SUITE A:** Lounge Deck, Mid-Ship #320—with two windows, larger bath, arm chair. Connecting door to #322.

**SUITE B:** Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #420, 422—with two floor-to-ceiling windows, larger bath, convertible sofa for a third person.

**SUITE C:** Bridge Deck, Mid-Ship #415—with two large windows, larger bath, separate sitting area with convertible sofa for a third person and arm chairs, largest cabin on ship.

**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** Upper Deck #203-209

**CATEGORY 3 SOLO:** Lounge Deck #325, 327

**NOTE:** All cabins feature the option of two twins or a queen bed, plus large window(s), desk, chair, and closet.

**CONNECTING CABINS:** #226/228, 227/229, 315/317, 316/318, 320/322, 411/413, 416/418

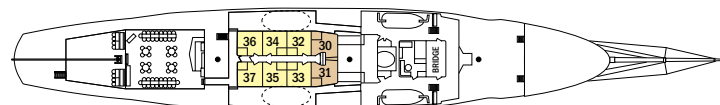
**TRIPLE OCCUPANCY:** #224, 225, 326, 328 with fold-down upper third bunk, Suites B and C with convertible sofa bed. Third person rates are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

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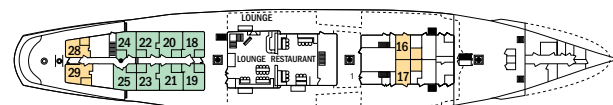
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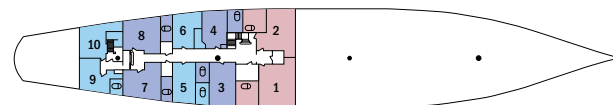
Clockwise from top: Sea Cloud under full sail; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's suite, which is one of the original cabins.



CAPTAIN'S AND LIDO DECK



PROMENADE DECK



MAIN DECK

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## SEA CLOUD

**CAPACITY:** 58 guests in 30 cabins including two owner's suites.  
**REGISTRY:** Malta. **OVERALL LENGTH** 360 feet.

Built in 1931 by Wall Street businessman E. F. Hutton for his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post, *Sea Cloud* carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 square feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** The covered Lido Bar is a superb place to congregate and enjoy the outdoors. The open-air "Blue Lagoon" is a wonderful place to relax. There is a sumptuous lounge and guests are welcome on the "open Bridge" to learn how *Sea Cloud* is navigated and sailed.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings and in a casual setting, meals focus on local and Continental cuisine. Wines are included at lunch and dinner. Refreshments are always available.

**CABINS:** The Main Deck cabins have antique and period-style furniture. These cabins are the ship's original cabins, including the owner's suites originally occupied by E.F. Hutton and Marjorie Merriweather Post. Cabins on the Promenade and Captain's Decks have modern, stylish, comfortable furniture.

**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** #16-17: Upper and lower single beds and a porthole. These cabins once housed the ship's officers.

**CATEGORY 1:** #28-29: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers.

**CATEGORY 2:** #18-25: Cabins have two single beds, a window and showers.

**CATEGORY 3:** #32-37: Cabins have two single beds (which can be pushed together to make a queen-size bed, with one side against the wall), a window and showers.

**CATEGORY 4:** #30-31: Cabins have a queen-size bed, a forward-facing window and showers.

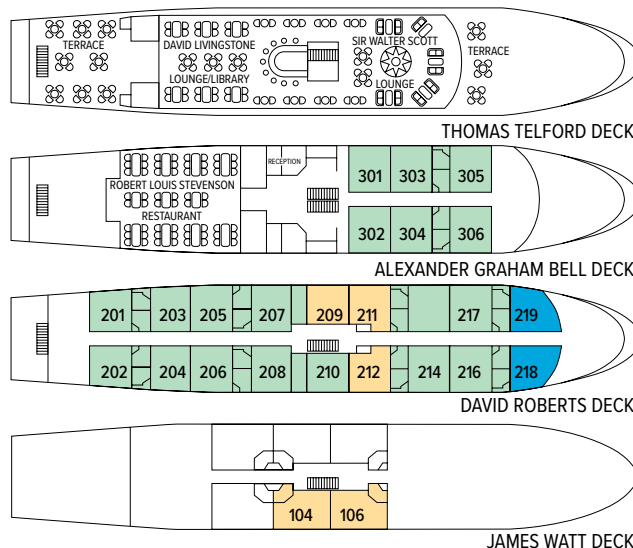
**ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY B:** Original and deluxe cabins, #5, 6, 9, 10: Located on the Main Deck, these large cabins, originally occupied by guests (and the nannies, #9-10) of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with tub or shower. All have portholes.

**ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY A:** Original/deluxe cabins, #3, 4, 7, 8: Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with bathtubs. All have portholes.

**OWNER'S SUITES:** Original owner's suites #1-2: These incomparable suites were occupied by Marjorie Merriweather Post (#1) and E.F. Hutton (#2). They have king-size beds and grand marble bathrooms with bathtubs. Both suites have portholes.



Clockwise from top: Lord of the Glens, Scotland; Sir Walter Scott Lounge; Category 2 cabin with a double bed.



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## LORD OF THE GLENS

**CAPACITY:** 48 guests in 25 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Great Britain. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 150 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** With exterior teak decks, hardwood finished interiors, and fine fabrics, *Lord of the Glens* offers a stylish and relaxing ambience. The two lounges and two open-air viewing areas are social hubs aboard ship. There is a bar, and space to read books from the library.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling, meals focus on healthy cuisine including fresh Scottish poultry, trout, and other options.

**CABINS:** Cabins are tasteful, comfortable, and amply sized, with outside views. Most cabins have picture windows (three have two large portholes high in the cabin). Facilities include a private bathroom with shower, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, television, music system, hair dryer, telephone, safety deposit box, bathrobes, and toiletries.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** There is complimentary Wi-Fi on board and a computer in the reception area. Bicycles are provided

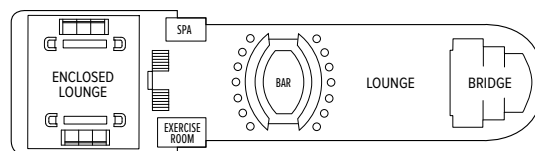
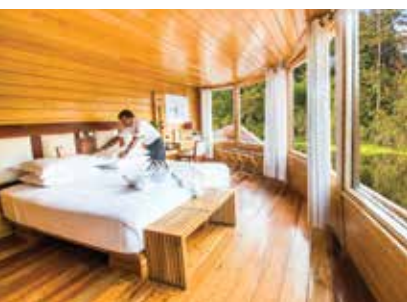
along our route at no additional cost, and weather permitting a kayaking excursion will be offered during the voyage. *Lord of the Glens* is the only ship of its kind able to both navigate the locks of the Caledonian Canal and sail among the islands of the Inner Hebrides. She offers us the unique ability to explore both the Highlands and the fabled Scottish isles.

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.

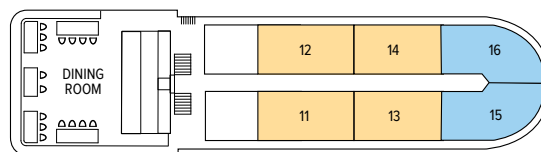
**CATEGORY 1:** James Watt Deck #104, 106 (2 lower beds, 2 portholes); David Roberts Deck #209 (2 lower beds, picture window), #211-212 (1 double bed, picture window).

**CATEGORY 2:** David Roberts Deck #201-208, 210, 214, 216-217 (2 lower beds, picture window); Alexander Graham Bell Deck #301-306 (2 lower beds, large picture window).

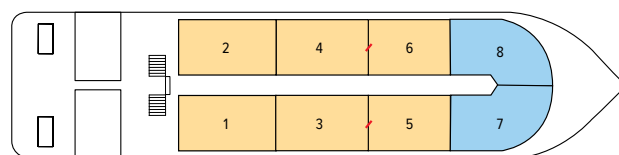
**CATEGORY 2 SOLO:** David Roberts Deck Solo Occupancy #218-219 (1 double bed, picture window).



OBSERVATION DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

*red line indicates adjoining cabins*

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Clockwise from top: *Delfin II* on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious suites offer comfort and panoramic views.

## DELFIN II

**CAPACITY:** 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

**REGISTRY:** Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 120 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, open-air lounge and bar up top, and dining room with a 270-degree panorama. With a small library, exercise room and spa. Open Bridge, where you are welcome to visit and watch the river go by.

**MEALS:** The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

**SUITES:** Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** 10-person skiffs—with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for up-close, personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided when needed.

**SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 — Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area. Suites 4/6 and 3/5 are available as interconnecting.

**MASTER SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 — The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90-degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck and Upper Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king.

**SOLO OCCUPANCY & SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Due to the limited number of cabins available, solo occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.





Clockwise from top: The river ship The Jahan; Category 2 cabin; Category 3 cabin.

## THE JAHAN

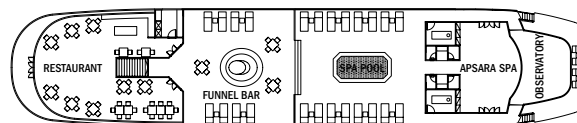
**CAPACITY:** 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Vietnam. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 230 feet.

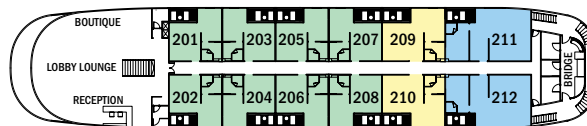
**PUBLIC AREAS:** The ship is fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the Terrace Deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a small swimming pool, and a full service bar. The lounge, located on the Upper Deck, has a library and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations. Guests are welcome on the “open Bridge” to meet the Captain and officers and learn about navigation.

**CABINS:** Every cabin is exceptionally spacious and comfortable. All face outside, and all have glass doors and private balconies for enjoying the scenery along the Mekong River and its tributaries. There is a mix of twin-bedded and queen-size bedded cabins. Each has private facilities and hair dryer, individual climate control, and a mini bar. A choice of pillows is provided on request.

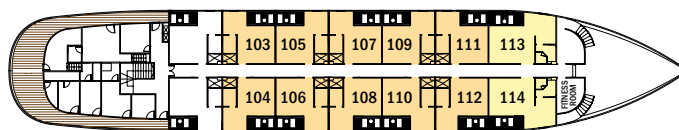
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** There is a spa, offering a choice of massage treatments, and fitness room with steam bath and treadmill, stationary bicycle, and elliptical trainer. The boutique has a fine selection of local artwork and textiles. Morning Tai Chi classes are offered on the Terrace Deck.



TERRACE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #103-112. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 103-104 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #105-112 have queen-size beds.

**CATEGORY 2:** Upper Deck #201-208. Each of these large 3 cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 201-202 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and 203-208 have queen-size beds.

**CATEGORY 3:** Main Deck #113-114 and Upper Deck #209-210. Each exceptionally large cabin has a queen-size bed and a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. There is a television and private DVD player. Each balcony has two sun beds and a table.

**SUITES:** Upper Deck #211-212. These are the largest and finest accommodations on board. Each has a queen-size bed, a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light, a television, a DVD player, and a private Jacuzzi.

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We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as part of your expedition aboard ship and ashore. The only things not included are those of a personal nature—alcohol\*, internet usage, tips to the crew\*, wellness treatments, and other specialized arrangements.

### ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages\*
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

### ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

### ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkeling and paddleboarding (where indicated)
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

*Note: Amenities vary across fleet, and are provided where applicable.*

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