

# EXPLORATIONS



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TRANSFORMATIVE  
EXPERIENCES

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**NEW!** WILD ESCAPES  
ALASKA, CALIFORNIA,  
BAJA & GUANACASTE

**NEW!** SOUTHERN  
PATAGONIA

**NEW!** COLOMBIA &  
PANAMA ALONG THE  
CARIBBEAN COAST



Frederick Sound, Alaska

57.13° N, 134.12° W

Your Expedition Leader woke you  
with a gentle 2 a.m. alert. Now  
you're on deck in pjs & a parka  
living the dream. That's the  
*exhilaration of discovery.*















## DEAR TRAVELER,

It's time to explore, to celebrate our relationship with wild places that represent nature's splendor. We should use every opportunity we can at home and in our travels to strengthen our reverence for the Earth and all its inhabitants.



You and I both know that the relationship of humans and the planet is way out of balance. It is a subject that our children see clearly, even as many adults do not. They are deeply concerned, and, in many cases, fearful. That is just not fair, or right.

But, we have the tools and the knowledge to rebalance—all we need is the will to seriously act and live up to our responsibility to future generations.

All of us who have had the privilege of seeing the world's wonders know how much joy they bring us; how good we feel when we walk in a forest; see a polar bear trundling across the sea ice; or a group of humpback whales breaching incessantly. We get a feeling of harmony and peace, something primeval.

I can't even imagine a world where nature is not a primary ingredient—herds of elephants roaming the plain; coral reefs astounding us with their myriad colors; seabirds clouding the evening sky, returning to roost—and, I'm sure you can't either.

So, as I said in the beginning, it's time to explore and not only enjoy the wonder that is still out there, but to nurture a love, reverence, and understanding for why nature is vital and important to everything we find meaningful: our health, our security, our joy.

So, hopefully, you will be inspired by the following pages. We wish nothing more than to have the privilege of being a meaningful part of your life.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

*Cover: Snow angels on the sea ice, Antarctic Peninsula. © Ralph Lee Hopkins*

*Left: Vivid tropical fish in the lagoon of Rangiroa, French Polynesia. © Sven-Olof Lindblad*





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*From top, clockwise: Humpback whale off Mo'orea, French Polynesia; King penguins in South Georgia; Scarlet macaw in the Amazon; Brown bear family in Katmai National Park, Alaska; Guests get a front row seat to an incredible orca sighting in the Galápagos.*



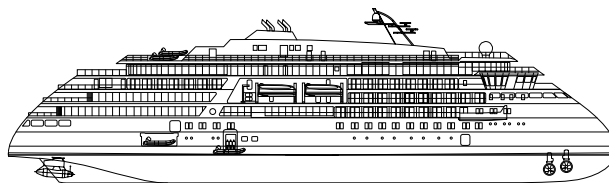
# THERE'S NOTHING NEUTRAL WE'RE PASSIONATE ADVOCATE

But there is one subject we're neutral on—carbon. As of January 1, 2019, we are officially a carbon neutral company, offsetting the emissions of our fleet, employee travel worldwide, offices in New York and Seattle, all land-based operations, and beyond. Working in partnership with South Pole, the world's leading developer of international emission reduction projects, we now have a portfolio of six carbon project investments that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



Our investments focus on renewable energy, reforestation, and community-based projects in the regions our fleet visits, and beyond.

We'll continue looking for ways to lessen our carbon footprint at all levels of our business, including equipping new ships with advanced engines and systems for reducing emissions, fuel, and waste.



Soon appearing in every cabin fleet-wide—our new insulated water bottle for hot or cold liquids! A swell-egant design, it helps you stay hydrated on ship and off. Travel with us and you won't find any single-use plastic aboard. We've eliminated all single-use plastic bottles, cups, straws, and stirrers. This effort, along with future plans including crew uniforms crafted from recycled plastic, support National Geographic's "Planet or Plastic?" campaign. Together we are helping to raise awareness about reducing the amount of plastic in the world's oceans.





# ABOUT OUR POSITION— TES FOR THE PLANET



We serve only the most sustainable options on our ships, with the aim of keeping our oceans healthy and fish stocks constantly regenerating. Local, fresh, and sustainable food—not usually a feature of shipboard menus, is at the heart of our culinary program. Using a holistic approach and our reputable network for the research, we review every species we serve in terms of fish quotas, stock levels in particular ocean zones, method of catch, maturity levels, and feed. We are also dedicated to supporting local communities in their sustainable fishing efforts, as well as creating ocean awareness among our staff, crew, guests, suppliers, and the travel industry at large.



Our pioneering Galápagos program is rooted in our commitment to sustainability. To date, we have provisioned more than 20 tons of organic and local produce from Galápagos' farms. And not importing produce means less risk of invasive species entering the islands.



Our Antarctica parka has been revised to eliminate Velcro on the front closure—to comply with best environmental practices for South Georgia and other regions where invasive seed/plant material poses a threat.



Our commitment to sustainability is ongoing—we've been dedicated to it for 50+ years—and we will continue to make the decisions that have kept us the leaders in responsible tourism, so stay tuned. Now, you have even more reasons to feel good about exploring with us.

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

# EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS

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

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Quest* or *National Geographic Venture* 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 and learn about Alaska's rich Tlingit heritage.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through lush forests and muskegs, kayak into secluded inlets, and cruise by Zodiac among electric blue icebergs and curious wildlife.
- By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park.
- 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 and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska.

## 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, 2020** departure.

**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](https://expeditions.com/experts).

*A humpback whale breaches.*



**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 Glacier up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac 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**

Navigate the serpentine waterway of the Wrangell Narrows en route to the small, true Alaskan fishing town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. 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**

Explore along the rugged coast seeking out humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. Expert staff will interpret their life histories and behaviors. Later we will explore the shoreline by kayak or go ashore to explore the rainforest ecosystem. (B,L,D)

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

Explore among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of wildlife and sea birds reside. We'll search for marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Strait and 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. Wilderness 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)

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

*National Geographic Venture*: May 17\*, 24, 31\*; Jun. 7, 14\*, 21, 28\*; Jul. 5, 12\*, 19, 26\*; Aug. 2, 9\*, 16, 23\*, 30

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

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

\*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  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/alaskawilderness-rates](https://expeditions.com/alaskawilderness-rates), 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](https://expeditions.com/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. Call for details.

**CELEBRATE MILESTONES**

Celebrate a birthday, graduation, or other milestone with eight or more companions and receive special benefits such as discounts, credits, custom photograph, cake, and more! Visit [expeditions.com/milestones](https://expeditions.com/milestones) or call for details.



NEW

# 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 big white boats. 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 the *National Geographic Sea Lion*. (D)

## DAY 2: LECONTE GLACIER/ THOMAS BAY

This morning we maneuver among the ice of LeConte Glacier. Our captain will bring the ship in as close to the glacier as conditions allow, where we will deploy our expedition landing craft and kayaks to explore among the ice. This afternoon we transit the Wrangell Narrows, a breathtakingly beautiful 22-mile waterway. Our small, maneuverable ship safely delivers you an incredible journey through this passage where eagles decorate the spruce trees. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: EXPLORING SUMNER STRAIT

Our expert staff will keep a lookout on deck as we explore 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 bear, Alexander 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)

*Bald eagles perched atop an iceberg.*



## 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\* 📷; 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:

*National Geographic Sea Lion*

Cat. 1 from \$4,420; Cat. 3 from \$6,170

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/alaskasouth-rates](https://expeditions.com/alaskasouth-rates), 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 on select departures. See page 136 or call for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with National Geographic photographer Rich Reid on Jun. 10 & 15, 2020.

## NEW! GLACIER BAY EXTENSION

New for 2020, add a three-day extension to [Glacier Bay National Park](#). Call for pricing.

# WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: SITKA TO JUNEAU

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

Explore 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. Take long hikes on world-class trails 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.

**Stay aboard to see it all and save by combining this itinerary with Juneau to Ketchikan at 10% off the booking fare. See page 136 for details.**

## DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Walk the Totem Trail in Sitka National Historic Park stopping in 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 Island's 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 an optional flightseeing excursion over Glacier Bay National Park. 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:** 2020 *National Geographic Sea Bird*: May 17, 22\*, 27; Jun. 1\*, 6, 11\*, 16, 21\*, 26; Jul. 1\*, 6, 16, 21\*, 26, 31\*; Aug. 5, 10\*, 15, 20\*, 25, 30\*  
*National Geographic Sea Lion*: May 16, 31\*; Jun. 5 📷, 20\* 📷, 25; Jul. 10\*, 15 📷, 30\* 📷; Aug. 4, 19\*, 24, 29\*

2021 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: May 16; Jun. 10\*, 15 📷, 30\* 📷; Jul. 5, 20\* 📷, 25 📷; Aug. 29\*

📷 Photo Expedition, joined by a National Geographic photographer.

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# A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & HAIDA GWAI

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

Join a unique expedition in Alaska's Inside Passage and British Columbia including Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) off the coast of British Columbia. We are the only company with ships carrying more than 22 guests permitted to visit Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage site. Stand in the shadows of the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and meet with local artisans in a region rich with history seldom-seen.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Spend four days in Haida Gwaii: Experience ancestral Haida villages, see ancient totem poles, take part in a traditional dance performance, and much more.
- ▶ Explore hidden coves, Glacier Bay National Park, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.
- ▶ Kayak spectacular bays, see waterfalls cascading from glacially-carved walls, and hike old-growth forest where paw prints outnumber footprints.
- ▶ Extend the adventure: include a seven-day pre-voyage stay at Denali's North Face Lodge on select departures. Call or visit [expeditions.com/denali](http://expeditions.com/denali) for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

National Geographic photographer **Ronan Donovan** joins the **May 3, 2020** departure. A biologist turned photographer and filmmaker, Ronan's camera has taken him to all seven continents in search of elusive wildlife and stories about our natural world.

Award-winning photographer **Michael Melford** has produced more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines over the past 30 years. Join him on the **Sep. 5, 2020** departure.

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

*Ancient totems at SGang Gwaay.*



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

Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird* or *National Geographic Sea Lion*. (D)

**DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Cruise amid the lush Gulf Islands in the Strait of Georgia—which runs between mainland British Columbia and Vancouver Island—and search for some of the many marine mammals that inhabit these waters. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Visit the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, where we'll watch traditional First Nations performances and learn about the art and culture of the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 4 & 5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Sail northward along the steep and rugged coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak the remote bays and inlets. (B,L,D)



Guests visit with carvers, Haida Gwaii.

**DAYS 6–9: HAIDA GWAI**

With very special permission, we explore the islands of Haida Gwaii, including the incredible Gwaii Haanas National Park and Haida Heritage Site. We will be joined by Haida Interpreters for our days among the islands, wildlife and cultural sites. We'll join in a ceremonial potlatch celebration, meet Haida artists in their environment, and participate in hands-on workshops learning ancient skills like cedar bark weaving. Visit the Haida Heritage Center at Kay Llnagaay to learn about the incredible history of the Haida people and their renowned artwork, a spiritual endeavor. Walk among the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay, kayak, and take expedition landing craft around the incredibly biodiverse islands in Gwaii Haanas. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 10–12: ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE**

Spend three days encountering spectacular scenery and wildlife in Alaska's famed Inside Passage. Explore the forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument by kayak or expedition landing craft. Go ashore to visit the charming fishing village of Petersburg, and explore the surrounding area on a forest walk, bicycle ride, or an optional flightseeing excursion. Cruise past the glacially carved cliffs of Tracy or Endicott Arm—both spectacular fjords whose ice floes offer safe shelter to harbor seals. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise on an expedition landing craft for an unparalleled view of sculpted iridescent icebergs. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 & 14: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK/INIAN ISLANDS/ CHICHAGOF ISLAND**

By special park permit, spend a full day among the enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. A national park ranger and a Tlingit cultural interpreter join us to interpret the area's geology and ecosystem. Then spend a day kayaking and hiking among incredible wildlife around the Inian Islands and Chichagof Island. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen for whale communications. Enjoy a farewell dinner on our final night. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE**

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. (B)



Calving glacier.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 *National Geographic Sea Bird*: May 3; Sep. 5\*

*National Geographic Sea Lion*: May 2; Sep. 3\*  
2021 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: May 2; Sep. 3\*

\*These departures travel in reverse.

Photo Expedition

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Sea Bird* / *National Geographic Sea Lion*  
Cat. 1 from \$11,230; Cat. 3 from \$14,970  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/remarkable-rates](https://www.expeditions.com/remarkable-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Receive **FREE ONE-WAY AIR** (Sitka/Seattle or vice versa) on 2020 departures. See page 136 or call for details.

# TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE: ALASKA & BRITISH COLUMBIA

**14 Days/13 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture***

Board the newest ships in the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture*, on an in-depth exploration of the San Juan Islands, British Columbia, and Alaska. Linger in the temperate rainforests and wildlife-rich channels of British Columbia, and enjoy ample time to explore the breathtaking fjords and towering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. Plus, discover the cultural facets of this coast during captivating performances and interactions with the Kwakwaka'wakw people of Alert Bay.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the charming city of Victoria, British Columbia via custom curated tours and enjoy a private reception surrounded by incredible artwork at The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature, formerly the Robert Bateman Centre.
- ▶ Experience the wild and sublimely tranquil San Juan and Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Observe a moving Kwakwaka'wakw performance at the Big House at Alert Bay.
- ▶ By special permit from the U.S. Forest Service, go ashore in the wild and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest.
- ▶ Extend the adventure: consider our seven-day Denali extension which includes a stay at Denali's North Face Lodge on select departures. Visit [expeditions.com/denali](https://expeditions.com/denali) or call for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Marine biologist and National Geographic expert **Flip Nicklin** is one of the world's leading photographers of whales. He travels frequently aboard our ships, sharing the adventure with guests on expedition cruises to Alaska, Baja, and beyond. Join him on the **May 4, 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 10, 2020** departure.

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

*Misty, mountainous landscape on the glassy waters of Takatz Bay, Baranof Island, Alaska.*



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

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the *National Geographic Quest* or *National Geographic Venture*. (D)

**DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS**

Spend a full day exploring the San Juan Islands via kayak and naturalist-led hikes. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: 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, take a historical 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)



Inner Harbour, Victoria, British Columbia.

**DAY 4: GULF ISLANDS**

Located in the Strait of Georgia, between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands are a little slice of paradise. Hike ashore and discover the unique geology, meet the local island caretaker, and see the remains of a bygone era. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the Big House, and learn of long passed down stories from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 6 & 7: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Head northward along the pristine coastline in search of whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak among the many bays and inlets. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA**

Cruise past glacially carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fjords' forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: PETERSBURG**

Navigate the serpentine waterway of the Wrangell Narrows en route towards the small, Norwegian fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg," with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Later, enjoy an evening crab feast. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: 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 Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK**

Via special park permit, spend the entire day looking for wildlife that inhabit this expansive glacially carved bay as you make your way to the face of Marjorie Glacier. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. A National Park Ranger and Tlingit cultural interpreter will join us to share the lore and legend of the area. Wilderness abounds! (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: INIAN ISLANDS/ICY STRAIT**

Cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of wildlife reside. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND**

Spend a full day searching for humpback whales in the rich waters off Chichagof or Baranof Island, kayak, hike and enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: SITKA/DISEMBARK**

Arrive in Sitka and walk through the Sitka National Historical Park, where totem poles line trails, and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**2020 National Geographic Venture:** May 4  
**National Geographic Quest:** May 10; Aug. 29\*

**2021 National Geographic Venture:** May 3  
**National Geographic Quest:** May 9; Sep. 11

\*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 \$10,290; Cat. 5 from \$13,280  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/treasures-rates](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/treasures-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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# 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 a unique petrified forest round out this immersive expedition.

## 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, grizzly, 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.

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

## 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 rafts of sea otters 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 Katmai National Park.



*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: AT SEA/PRIBILOF ISLANDS, U.S.**

A naturalist’s paradise, the Pribilof Islands welcome three million seabirds and a million marine mammals each summer as they arrive to breed. Go ashore at St. Paul to 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 its dramatic sea cliffs. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 7 & 8: UNALASKA/ALASKA PENINSULA**

This morning, arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world’s most important fishing ports. Continue to the Baby Islands, just east of Unalaska, where

dynamic tides offer exciting potential to spot sea otters and Steller sea lions, as well as rare seabirds, both from the ship’s deck and from Zodiacs. Continue along the eastern shore of the Alaska Peninsula, with time for exploration and wildlife watching. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: SHUMAGIN ISLANDS**

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

**DAY 10: KATMAI NATIONAL PARK**

Spend today exploring the shorelines and waters of coastal Katmai National Park & Preserve, known for its abundant brown bear population, this area provides countless opportunities to watch and photograph bears digging for clams at low tide, or 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 Jul. 5 2021 Jul. 1

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$17,340; Cat. 6 from \$33,110  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/beringsea-rates](https://expeditions.com/beringsea-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**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.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a four-night 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](https://expeditions.com/alaskalodges).



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

# 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.

## 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 murres and rare whiskered auklets.
- Explore the wild and pristine Zhupanova River, the legendary flagship waterway of Kamchatka, as you search for Steller's sea eagles and their nests.
- Watch brown bears digging for clams or fishing for salmon in Katmai National Park.
- Visit a Koryak village in northern Kamchatka, and Vitus Bering's gravesite in the Commander Islands.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

**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." He is aboard **Jun. 14, 2020**.

**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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*Walrus, Arctic Russia.*



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

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

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

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

**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 sea otters and fur seals, as well as rare seabirds. Arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce WWII battle and now one of the world's most important fishing ports. (B,L,D)

**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)

**DAY 12: ZHUPANOVA RIVER**

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



*Traditional Koryak reindeer dress, Russia.*

**DAYS 13 & 14: COMMANDER ISLANDS**

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

**DAYS 15–19: EXPLORING THE KORYAK AND CHUKOTKA COASTS**

Explore the seldom-visited east coasts of Kamchatka and Chukotka, the remote Russian Far East. Hike from one bay to the next, surrounded by volcanic mountains and tundra plants. Photograph brown bears, walruses, and three species of seals in rookeries onshore. Learn about Koryak reindeer-herding culture in either Tymlat or Ossora village. (B,L,D)

**DAY 20: PROVIDENIYA**

At the western limit of the rich transboundary area known as Beringia, Provideniya is often called "The Gateway to the Arctic." Visit the excellent museum, and witness a cultural music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

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

Spend the final day at sea, crossing one of the most iconic bodies of water on the planet.

Linger on deck with binoculars in hand—the chances are high to spot whales and rare seabirds. (B,L,D)

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

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

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 14; Jul. 17

2021 Jun. 10; Jul. 13

Note: Russian visa is required

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$27,440; Cat. 6 from \$52,790

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

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

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# 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 after at Newfoundland's gorgeous, gracious Fogo Island Inn, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of The World. Visit [expeditions.com/fogoinn](https://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.

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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)



#### DAY 5: HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE, QUÉBEC

Today we'll touch the beautiful and wild coast of Labrador Peninsula in Québec, at the town of Havre-Saint-Pierre. Make a visit to the incredible sandstone sea stacks of the Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve. (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  
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# 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 channels of British Columbia that teem with sea life, 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.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak, hike, and explore aboard Zodiacs along the wildlife-rich coasts of Desolation Sound and the Gulf Islands.
- Learn the history of First Nations 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 museum of acclaimed natural history artist Robert Bateman.

## 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. Join her on board the **Oct. 5 & 12, 2019** departures.

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

*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)



*Victoria, British Columbia.*

**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)

**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 yachter'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 village sites 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.

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)

**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:** 2019 Oct. 5, 12\* 2020 Oct. 4\*, 11

\*These departures travel in reverse.

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

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$4,990; Cat 5. from \$7,790

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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** and receive a **\$500 AIR CREDIT** on the Oct. 5 and 12, 2019 departures. Plus we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins on the Oct. 5 & 12, 2019 departures. See page 136 or call for details.



*Killer whales in Johnstone Strait.*

# 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 PHOTOGRAPHER**

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.

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



John Day Lock and Dam.

**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 trek the trails of Tom McCall Nature reserve, home to over 200 plant species. (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: EXPLORING THE 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. 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:** 2020 *National Geographic Sea Bird/ Sea Lion*: Apr. 16<sup>†</sup>, 22<sup>\*\*</sup>; Sep. 19, 22, 26<sup>\*</sup>, 29<sup>\*</sup>; Oct. 3, 10<sup>\*</sup>, 17, 24<sup>\*</sup>

*National Geographic Venture*: Oct. 22, 29<sup>\*</sup>

2021 *National Geographic Sea Lion*:

Apr. 14<sup>†</sup>, 21<sup>\*\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>These departures travel in reverse.

<sup>†</sup>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 \$4,670; Cat. 3 from \$6,160

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$5,940; Cat. 5 from \$9,940

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/columbiasnake-rates](http://expeditions.com/columbiasnake-rates), 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 OFFER:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** and receive a **\$500 AIR CREDIT** on select departures. See page 136 or call for details.



Palouse Falls.

NEW

# WILD CALIFORNIA ESCAPE: SAN FRANCISCO TO MONTEREY BAY

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

San Francisco's dazzling skyline is even more spectacular when seen from the deck of the *National Geographic Venture* as we embark on our exploration of the Bay Area. You'll delve into California history on Angel Island, and taste your way through the renowned wine country. You will also enjoy behind-the-scenes access to Northern California's acclaimed Monterey Bay Aquarium and have the opportunity to participate in conservation efforts in the Monterey Bay area.



Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.

**NOV. 21: SAN FRANCISCO/EMBARK**  
Arrive in San Francisco and drop your bags at a hospitality room near historic Fisherman's Wharf. Explore on your own before embarking on your ship. (D)

**NOV. 22: ANGEL ISLAND**  
Visit Angel Island, once an entry point for immigrants, and learn about its dynamic history. Join leisurely shore walks or more strenuous hikes to the island's summit offering stunning views. Or set out by kayak to explore the rugged shoreline from the water, keeping an eye out for seals, sea lions, blue herons, and pelicans. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 23: MONTEREY BAY MARINE SANCTUARY/POINT LOBOS**  
Cruise into the sweeping crescent of Monterey Bay, a hotspot of biodiversity. Take an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which stands at the forefront of research into delicate marine ecosystems. Then

hit the streets of Monterey to discover historic Cannery Row, and later, explore Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 24: MONTEREY BAY MARINE SANCTUARY**  
Get involved in the preservation of Monterey's spectacular ecosystems by pitching in with a local conservation project. Working alongside local leaders and volunteers, we will learn about the area's natural and cultural heritage, gaining a deeper understanding of what's at stake. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 25: VALLEJO/CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY**  
This morning, dock at the historic Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the first U.S. Navy Base established on the Pacific Ocean and a hub of submarine and shipbuilding activity. From here, head inland to explore the rolling golden hills of California wine country and stop at quaint towns to learn about the area's history.



Enjoy wine tasting and lunch at the Culinary Institute of America. (B,L,D)

**NOV. 26: SAN FRANCISCO/DISEMBARK**  
Disembark in San Francisco and transfer to the airport to connect with your flight home. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2019 Nov. 21

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Venture*  
Cat. 1 from \$3,770; Cat. 5 from \$6,640  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wildsf-rates](http://expeditions.com/wildsf-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

### SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and receive **\$350 AIR CREDIT** per person. Plus, we will waive the solo premium on solo cabins. 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 which 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.

**DAY 1: LOS ANGELES, EMBARK**

Embark 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 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 sea arches. During lunch we'll reposition to Santa Cruz Island for an afternoon of exploration. (B,L,D)

**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, meet a Catalina Conservancy member to learn about their work on the island before 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 take the 30-minute stroll 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)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2019 *National Geographic Venture*: Dec. 3, 7\*

2020 *National Geographic Quest*: Apr. 25, 29; Sep. 19, 23

*National Geographic Venture*: Nov. 10, 14

*National Geographic Sea Bird*: Oct. 11, 15

2021 *National Geographic Quest*: Apr. 21, 25

\*This departure embarks and disembarks in San Diego. Call for details.

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

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest /*

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$3,010; Cat. 5 from \$5,310

*National Geographic Sea Bird*

Cat. 1 from \$2,990; Cat. 3 from \$3,940

Rates are per person, double occupancy;

solo rates available. For all categories,

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For best pricing book early.

call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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



# FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BAJA: SAILING THE PACIFIC COAST

## 12 Days/11 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Enter a time machine: see the SoCal coast as it is and as it was, while making time-warping discoveries. Depart Los Angeles' bustling port for the nearby Channel Islands to witness intact wildness, complete with thriving endemic species, mere nautical miles from a sprawling megalopolis. Making our way south we encounter world-class food and wine, and lessons in sustainability. Scour the horizon for migrating whales and birds. And enjoy daily morning stretch classes on deck as we slip back into the era of historic missions punctuating desert landscapes where ancient cacti stand sentinel. Count on your entire expedition team to do whatever it takes to ensure an unforgettable voyage.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover one of the nation's best-kept secrets, Channel Islands National Park.
- ▶ See why everyone is talking about the vineyards of Valle de Guadalupe.
- ▶ Learn about the region's industry with a private tour of the world's largest salt mine in Guerrero Negro; and meet the fishermen of Isla Natividad's model fishing co-op.
- ▶ Explore the ever-shifting sand dunes of Isla Magdalena, home to over 40 bird species.
- ▶ Snorkel in Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, the only hard coral reef in North America; featuring over 220 species of fish.

## SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS

Fall under the spell of enchanting La Paz as you delve into the region's rich history through its cuisine, architecture, and charming museums. Then cap it off with a thrilling, once-in-a-lifetime swim with the largest fish on the planet, the gentle giant whale shark. Learn more at [expeditions.com/whaleshark](https://expeditions.com/whaleshark)

*Torrey pine on Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park.*



## DAY 1: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA/ EMBARK

Arrive in Los Angeles, where you'll embark the *National Geographic Venture*. (D)

## DAY 2: CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Home to diverse, endemic flora and fauna, and with more than 600 plant species, 140 birds and 11 land mammal species, there is plenty to see in Channel Islands National Park. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: ENSENADA AND THE VALLE DE GUADALUPE, MEXICO

Vineyards and culinary marvels await in one of the world's hottest up-and-coming wine regions. See what the hype is all about as we visit a family-run vineyard for a private tour, tasting, and lunch. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: SAN QUINTÍN EXPLORATION

A day exploring in the Bahía de San Quintín and surrounding islands—home to 400+ species of plants, animals, and birds, including 23 seabird species. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: OJO DE LIEBRE LAGOON/ GUERRERO NEGRO

Explore the colorful Ojo de Liebre Lagoon, then tour the world's largest salt works, producing seven million tons of salt per year. Learn more about community efforts to balance this booming industry with the fragile surrounding environment. (B,L,D)

## DAY 6: ISLAS SAN BENITO/ISLA NATIVIDAD

Observe the breeding elephant seals that

occupy the beaches of Islas San Benitos, then sail to Isla Natividad, a model community for sustainability. Their exemplary protection of the land and surrounding Vizcaino Biosphere is admired and will be imitated by other communities. Meet with residents of Isla Natividad when they come aboard to share their story. (B,L,D)

## DAY 7: 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, including the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. Hear naturalist talks, and learn photography tips and tricks during this day at sea. (B,L,D)

## DAY 8: 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. Birders take note: these fertile shorelines are home to over 40 species of birds. (B,L,D)

## DAY 9: LOS CABOS AND GORDA BANKS

Cruise past Friars Rocks and visit the historic town center of San José del Cabo before cruising Gorda Banks seamount or La Fortuna, renowned gathering places for whales, dolphins, and other marine life. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 10 & 11: CABO PULMO/ LOS ISLOTES

Snorkel the pristine reefs of Cabo Pulmo National Park and chat with locals about their advocacy to protect this unique place. With luck, swim with curious sea lions at Los Isotes before relaxing ashore. Swim, kayak, or hike



on a nearby uninhabited island and end the day with a beach barbeque, bonfire, and star-filled sky. (B,L,D)

## DAY 12: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK/ SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO

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

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Dec. 12 2020 Nov. 30

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Venture*  
Cat. 1 from \$9,390; Cat. 5 from \$14,710  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/latolapaz-rates](https://expeditions.com/latolapaz-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFERS

Book now and receive a **\$350 AIR CREDIT** per person on the 2019 departure. Plus we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins on the 2019 departure. See page 136 or call for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist and filmmaker **Greg Marshall** will join the **Dec. 12, 2019** departure.



*Isla Magdalena, home to over 40 species of birds.*

# 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 the breeding grounds of gray whales and observe their calves on an intimate close-up encounter.
- Go snorkeling amid sea lions, brilliant blue damselfish, and schools of king angelfish.
- Kayak clear blue waters on the lookout for a variety of bird species including magnificent frigatebirds.
- Explore diverse landscapes, including sand dunes, a cactus forest, and deserted islands.
- Extend your stay to see the cultural highlights of lovely Loreto and a chance to see magnificent blue and fin whales, the two largest animals on Earth. Visit [expeditions.com/loreto](http://expeditions.com/loreto) to find out more about our two-night post-voyage extension.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist and filmmaker Tierney Thys will join the Jan. 11 & 18, 2020 departures. As past Director of Research for Sea Studios Foundation, Tierney helped produce the award-winning PBS series *Strange Days on Planet Earth* and *Shape of Life*.

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

*Gray whale, Magdalena Bay.*





**DAY 1: 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 the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. 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 (which we provide) 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, complete with 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 diversity offered in the Sea of Cortez, and with some luck, spot the amazing wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK**

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:** 2020 Jan. 11\*, 18, 25\*; Feb. 1, 8\*, 15, 22\*, 29; Mar. 7\*

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 \$5,990; Cat. 5 from \$8,880

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

**SPECIAL OFFER**

- Book by Dec. 31, 2019 and receive a **\$350 AIR CREDIT** on the Jan. 11 & 18, 2020 departures. See page 136 or call for details.
- **EXCLUSIVE FAMILY OFFER:** On select 2020 departures, take **\$1,000 off** for children or grandchildren age 21 and under. See page 136 or call for details.

**BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION**

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



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

# BAJA CALIFORNIA: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

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

Embark on a comprehensive photo 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

**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 **Mar. 16, 2020** departure.

**Michael Melford** is an award-winning photographer who has produced more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines over the past 30 years. He will be on board the **Mar. 30, 2020** departure. Read full bios and find out more about Photo Expeditions at [expeditions.com/photo](http://expeditions.com/photo).

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



**DAY 1: 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, including the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. (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. 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, on Zodiacs, or kayaks, we will be in prime position to observe them all. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: LORETO/DISEMBARK**

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:** 2020 *National Geographic Venture*:

Mar. 16\* 📷, 30 📷

2021 *National Geographic Venture*:

Mar. 15\* 📷, 29 📷

*National Geographic Sea Lion*: Mar. 15 📷

📷 Photo Expedition

\*These departures travel in reverse.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture*

Cat. 1 from \$11,530; Cat. 5 from \$16,740

*National Geographic Sea Lion*

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

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/remarkablebaja-rates](https://www.expeditions.com/remarkablebaja-rates), 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-footed 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 slands, such as Isla Rasa, a breeding ground for 90% of the world’s Heermann’s gulls and a large population of elegant 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.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist, photographer, and conservationist **Octavio Aburto** will join the **Apr. 13, 2020** departure. Octavio focuses his photographic outreach and scientific research on the conservation of marine habitats and commercially important species and their fisheries.

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



*California sea lions basking in the sun.*



**DAY 1: 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. Snorkel with sea lions and discover rare wildlife among the desert islands.



*Kayaking, Isla San Marcos.*

**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 part 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 (which we'll gladly provide) 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**

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

2021 *National Geographic Venture*: Apr. 12

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Venture* /  
*National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$6,570; Cat. 5 from \$9,450  
Rates are per person, double occupancy;  
solo rates available. For all categories,  
current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wildislands-rates](https://www.expeditions.com/wildislands-rates), call an Expedition  
Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best  
pricing book early.



*Swim with graceful sea lions.*

NEW

# 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.

**DAY 1: 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 of the voyage. 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. Dip your toes and 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. Within its narrow channels, bordered by mangroves and sand dunes, and filled with diverse bird species, we'll hang out on deck with our keen-eyed naturalists to spot wildlife and hear expert commentary. Weather permitting, we'll explore the vast 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, we'll head out to explore the breeding grounds of Boca de Soledad. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 4 & 5: BOCA DE SOLEDAD**  
Each winter, during their long migration, 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 have an opportunity to explore the beaches, and if you're feeling 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**

After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to Loreto's 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:** 2020 Jan. 17, 22, 27; Feb. 1, 6, 11, 16, 21; Mar. 2, 7, 12, 17  
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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/magbay-rates](https://expeditions.com/magbay-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

## SPECIAL OFFER:

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

## BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION

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



Swimming with graceful sea lions.

### DAY 1: 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

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

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Dec. 23, 29 2020 Jan. 2, 6; Dec. 12, 16 2021 Jan. 3

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Venture*  
Cat. 1 from \$2,780; Cat. 5 from \$5,190  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/bajacortez-rates](https://expeditions.com/bajacortez-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins for select departures. Or book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price. See page 136 or call for details.

### SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS

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

# SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

## 8 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *Sea Cloud*

Set sail aboard the magnificent four-masted barque *Sea Cloud*, 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

- Sail the sparkling Caribbean Sea aboard the historic square-rigger *Sea Cloud*.
- 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

Join award-winning travel and editorial photographer **Susan Seubert** on the **Feb. 14, 2020** departure. Susan has photographed more than 30 feature stories for *National Geographic Traveler*. In addition to being widely published and exhibited, she also lectures regularly about her work at such institutions as Harvard University and the Portland Art Museum.

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*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:** 2020 Feb. 14, 21, 28

2021 Feb. 16, 23; Mar. 2

Limited availability.

**PRICING:**

*Sea Cloud*

Cat. 1 from \$8,990;

Owner's Suite from \$17,690

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

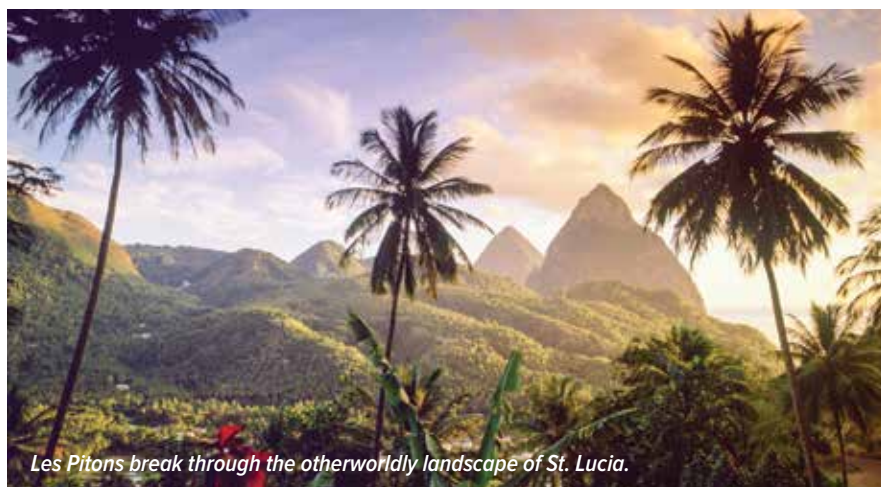
**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

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

**SEE MORE ONLINE**

Take a virtual tour of *Sea Cloud*, with 360-degree images, at [expeditions.com/seacloudtour](https://expeditions.com/seacloudtour)

Watch exciting aerial footage of *Sea Cloud* under sail at [expeditions.com/seacloudsail](https://expeditions.com/seacloudsail)



*Les Pitons break through the otherworldly landscape of St. Lucia.*

# 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.
- ▶ Add a pre-voyage extension to Mashpi and Quito, or continue to iconic Machu Picchu or the Amazon for even more. See page 48 for details.

## 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*). Ask your Expedition Specialist 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 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*). (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: 2019–2021:** Ten-day expeditions, departing Fridays on *National Geographic Endeavour II* and Saturdays on *National Geographic Islander*.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endeavour II*  
Cat. 1 from \$7,650; Suite C from \$12,620.  
*National Geographic Islander*  
Cat. 1 from \$7,290; Cat. 5 from \$14,790.  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/gala-et-rates](http://expeditions.com/gala-et-rates) or [expeditions.com/gala-il-rates](http://expeditions.com/gala-il-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** on select 2019–2021 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. See page 136 or call for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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. See page 48 for details or visit [expeditions.com/mashpi](http://expeditions.com/mashpi).

**COMBINE YOUR ADVENTURE**

With **Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca**, the **Upper Amazon** aboard *Delfin II* or even all three, making the most of your time in the region. See page 48 for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Join **Rich Reid** on the **Jan. 11 & 18, 2020** departures and **Annie Griffiths** on the **Aug. 15 & 22, 2020** departures.

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

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

**A**s 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, archaeologist, 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*.

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## **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.



*Machu Picchu.*



**DAYS 1-8: AS PER GALÁPAGOS ITINERARY ON PAGES 40-41.**



*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)



**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: 2019–2021:** weekly departures following *Galápagos* aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Endeavour II*  
Cat. 1 from \$13,180; Suite C from \$20,680.  
*National Geographic Islander*  
Cat. 1 from \$13,540; Cat. 5 from \$18,510.  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/galaparu-et-rates](http://expeditions.com/galaparu-et-rates) or [expeditions.com/galaparu-il-rates](http://expeditions.com/galaparu-il-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** 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.



*Peruvian woman with an Alpaca.*

# WILD GALÁPAGOS ESCAPE

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

**P**ack 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.



**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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wildgala-rates](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/wildgala-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. **For best pricing book early.**

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** for **FREE AIRFARE** from Ecuador to Galápagos on select 2020–2021 departures. See page 136.



# WILD GALÁPAGOS & PERU ESCAPE

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

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 Lima Airport Holiday Inn. 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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wildgalaperu-rates](https://expeditions.com/wildgalaperu-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

### SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** for **FREE AIRFARE** from Ecuador to Galápagos on select 2020–2021 departures. See page 136.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a post-voyage extension to **Quito & Otavalo** on either *Wild Galápagos Escape* or *Wild Galápagos & Peru Escape*. See page 48 or visit [expeditions.com/quito](https://expeditions.com/quito) 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 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.
- ▶ 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%. See page 136 or visit our website for details.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join National Geographic photographers **Jeff Mauritzen** on the **Mar. 7 and 14, 2020** departures and **Kike Calvo** on the **Mar. 20 and 27, 2021** departures.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

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

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



*Red-and-green 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.

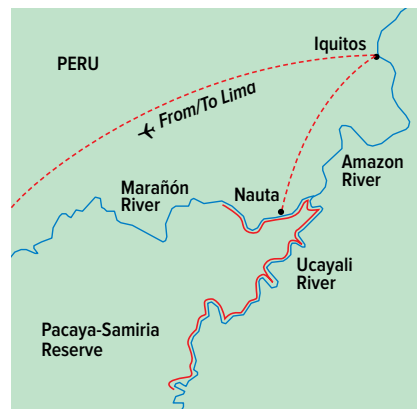
One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the upper Amazon of Peru is the interaction we have with the local *riberños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the communities and see the projects that we support through a local non-profit, including a variety of handicrafts, 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:** 2019 Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 30; Dec. 7, 14  
 2020 Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; 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  
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Limited availability.

**PRICING:***Delfin II*

Suite from \$7,290; Master Suite from \$8,690. Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/amazon-rates](https://expeditions.com/amazon-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE & SAVE**

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%.

**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.*



*Belmond Miraflores Park Hotel.*

# OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



## ADD TROPICAL ANDES & COLONIAL QUITO

### PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION/6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2020/21\*: From \$2,390 per person, double occupancy.

Explore Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its dazzling colonial churches and bustling traditional markets. Then, immerse yourself in the Ecuadorian Choco, one of the world's top biodiversity hotspots, at Mashpi Lodge, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World, set in a private reserve. Add it before *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* voyages to **Galápagos**.



## ADD QUITO & OTAVALO

### POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020/21\*: from \$535 per person, double occupancy .

Explore Ecuador's beautifully preserved colonial capital and Otavalo in the Andean Highlands on this post-voyage taste of the cultural riches of Ecuador. Take the day to explore the celebrated handicraft markets, visit a nearby weaving village and relax over lunch at a historic hacienda. Add it after **Wild Galápagos Escape** and **Wild Galápagos & Peru Escape** aboard *National Geographic Islander*.



## ADD UPPER AMAZON

### POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION/10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

2020/21\*: From \$7,290 per person, double occupancy.

Fall under the spell of the Amazon and discover the pulse and flow of the world's mightiest river by seamlessly linking your *Galápagos* voyage to an *Upper Amazon* expedition aboard the lovely *Delfin II*. Add it after select dates on *National Geographic Endeavour II* voyages to **Galápagos**. Save 10% when combining these expeditions.



## ADD MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S LAND OF THE INCA

### PRE-VOYAGE OPTION

2020/21\*: From \$5,890 per person, double occupancy.

After the wonders of Galápagos, it's only natural to extend your stay to Machu Picchu, the royal retreat of the Inca. See daybreak over the ruins from the fabled Sun Gate and explore other treasures of the Sacred Valley of the Inca with a National Geographic Expert. Available after select departures aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* voyages to **Galápagos**.

► FOR ADDITIONAL ADD-ON OPTIONS, VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/ECUADOR](https://www.expeditions.com/ecuador)



NEW

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

**6 Days/5 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *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 intriguing archaeological sites provide insight into Costa Rica's ancient past. Experience the wildness and bask in the *pura vida* that infuses this ecologically-rich region.

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

Arrive in San José and embark our ship. Enjoy a sunset dinner on board as we chart a course for Guanacaste. (D)

**DAY 2: BAT ISLANDS/SANTA ROSA  
NATIONAL PARK**

Today, we set sail for the Bat Islands, and weather permitting, don a snorkel and fins to discover a rich underwater world. In the afternoon we'll arrive at Santa Rosa National Park, home to countless bird species. Venture out by kayak or stand-up paddleboard to explore the coastline or relax on a white-sand beach. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: CUAJINIKIL/RINCÓN DE LA  
VIEJA NATIONAL PARK**

Today we explore Rincón de la Vieja National Park, encompassing more than 34,000 acres and housing two active volcanoes. Hike through dense green woodland, dotted with bubbling mud pots, keeping an eye out for exotic wildlife. Soak in the Rio Negro hot springs or choose between several excursions, such as horseback riding, canyoning, or ziplining. (B/L/D)

*Please note: We will sail to Nicaragua overnight where necessary immigration requirements will be completed prior to returning to Costa Rica on Day 4.*

**DAY 4: ZAPOTAL BEACH/TAMARINDO**

Drop anchor off remote Zapotal Beach, where we'll spend the morning soaking up the sun, snorkeling in crystal-clear waters, and exploring the coastline by kayak or paddleboard. This afternoon, head off in search of local flora and fauna with our naturalists. (B/L/D)

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

Delve into a hotspot of biodiversity at Curú Wildlife Refuge. Learn about the hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, and mammals that inhabit this thriving ecosystem. Later cruise to a cluster of offshore islets collectively called Isla Tortuga. Cap off the day with a sunset barbecue dinner on the beach. (B,L,D)



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

Disembark in San José and transfer to the airport to connect with your flight home. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: Nov. 30; Dec. 5, 10, 15, 23, 28

2020 *National Geographic Sea Lion*: Jan. 2  
*National Geographic Quest*: Mar. 30; Nov. 9, 14, 19, 24, 29

## PRICING:

*National Geographic Sea Lion*

Cat. 1 from \$3,740; Cat. 3 from \$4,930

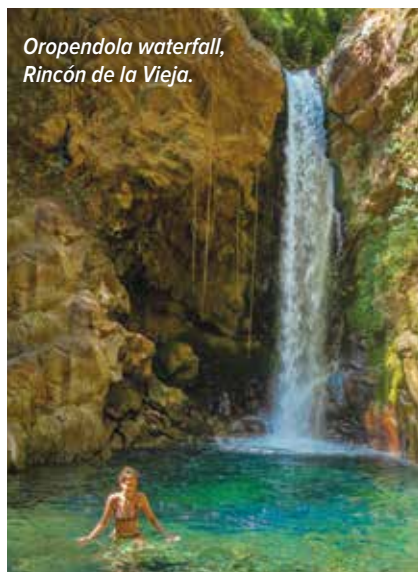
*National Geographic Quest*

Cat. 1 from \$3,990; Cat. 5 from \$5,570

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/guanacaste-rates](http://expeditions.com/guanacaste-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

## SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book now and we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins for select departures. Or book a group of six or more and save 10% off the total price. See page 136 or call for details.



# 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 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.

### NEW! 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. Available exclusively on the **Nov. 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2019; and Mar. 23, 2020** departures. 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 *National Geographic Quest*. (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 four species of monkeys—squirrel, howler, spider, and capuchin. (B,L,D)



Mantled howler monkeys

**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 general 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, go 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 or kayak. 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)

**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 to the mouth of the Chagres River and hike on the Panama Rainforest Discovery Center trails.



Panama Canal.

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:** 2019 Nov. 24; Dec. 1\*, 8, 15\*, 22, 29\*

2020 Jan. 5, 12\*, 19, 26\*; Feb. 2; Mar. 8\*, 15, 23\*; Dec. 6, 13\*, 20, 27\*

2021 Jan. 3, 10\*, 17, 24\*, 31; Mar. 12\*

\*These departures travel in reverse.

Limited availability.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*

Cat. 1 from \$6,170; Cat. 5 from \$8,950

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

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** between Miami and San Jose/Panama City on select departures (see page 136), OR instead choose a complimentary two-day extension in Panama City. Plus we will **waive the solo premium** on solo cabins on select 2019 and 2020 departures.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS**

Experts **Taylor Edwards** and **Luisa Arnedo** join the **Dec. 8 & 15, 2019** and **Mar. 23, 2020** departures, respectively.

# MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST + COSTA RICA TO PANAMA

## 11 Days/10 Nights—Land Excursion + *National Geographic Quest*

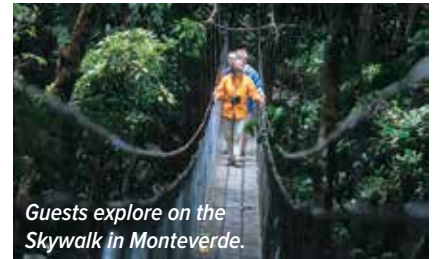
A scenic drive will take you to Monteverde Cloud Forest. Ascend the Skywalk for a birds-eye view of the rainforest canopy and a chance to see the resplendent quetzal. Learn about life in the early Monteverde community from an original Quaker homesteader. Spend each night at a charming family-owned lodge, then board your ship for *Costa Rica & the Panama Canal*.

**Day 1:** San José, Costa Rica  
**Days 2 & 3:** Monteverde Cloud Forest  
**Day 4:** Monteverde/Puerto Caldera/Embark  
**Day 5:** Corcovado National Park  
**Day 6:** Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica/Osa Peninsula  
**Day 7:** Golfo Dulce  
**Day 8:** Coiba National Park, Panama

**Day 9:** Gulf of Panama Islets/Panama Canal Transit  
**Day 10:** Gatún Lake/Panama Canal Transit  
**Day 11:** Colón/Disembark/Panama City

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Nov. 21; Dec. 5, 19 2020 Jan. 2, 16, 30



Guests explore on the Skywalk in Monteverde.

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Quest*  
 Cat. 1 from \$8,060; Cat. 5 from \$10,840  
 Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/monteverde-rates](https://expeditions.com/monteverde-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

See complete itinerary at [expeditions.com/monteverde](https://expeditions.com/monteverde)

# PANAMA TO COSTA RICA + MONTEVERDE, ARENAL VOLCANO & TORTUGUERO

## 15 Days/14 Nights—*National Geographic Quest* + Land Excursion

Expand your *Costa Rica & the Panama Canal* adventure in this diverse region with this delightful and comprehensive land excursion. Hike among the mist and mosses of the Monteverde cloud forest; walk the hanging bridges of Arenal; and tour the wildlife-rich canals of Tortuguero National Park.

**Day 1:** Panama City, Panama/Colon/Embark  
**Day 2:** Gatún Lake/Panama Canal Transit  
**Day 3:** Gulf of Panama Islets/Panama Canal Transit  
**Day 4:** Coiba National Park  
**Day 5:** Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica  
**Day 6:** Osa Peninsula  
**Day 7:** Corcovado National Park

**Day 8:** Puerto Caldera/Monteverde  
**Days 9 & 10:** Monteverde/Arenal  
**Days 11 & 12:** Arenal/Tortuguero  
**Days 13 & 14:** Tortuguero/San José  
**Day 15:** San José

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Dec. 1, 15, 29 2020 Jan. 12, 26; Mar. 23



Resplendent quetzal.

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Quest*  
 Cat. 1 from \$10,810; Cat. 5 from \$13,590  
 Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/arenal-rates](https://expeditions.com/arenal-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

See complete itinerary at [expeditions.com/arenal](https://expeditions.com/arenal)



# EXPLORING COSTA RICA: CLOUD FOREST TO THE CARIBBEAN

## 9 Days/8 Nights—Land-Only Excursion

Walk trails with butterflies and birds, watching for the rare, resplendent quetzal. Ascend a series of suspension bridges for a birds-eye view of the forest canopy. Cross Lake Arenal in small boats for a fresh perspective of the volcano there. All days end with a delicious meal, including a farewell dinner.

### DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Fly to the airport in San José, Costa Rica, transfer to your hotel. Meet your naturalist guide and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

### DAY 2: SAN JOSÉ/TÁRCOLES RIVER/MONTEVERDE

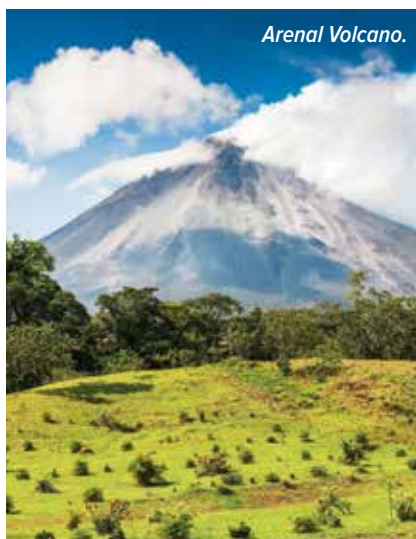
Search for American crocodiles on the Tárcoles River. Later, walk the trails of Curi-Cancha Reserve, listening for the mournful song of the black-faced Solitaire or searching the undergrowth for agoutis, a shy mammal of the tropics. Check into a family-owned retreat, nestled in the misty cloud forest of Monteverde, offering unforgettable views. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: MONTEVERDE

After breakfast, visit the renowned Bat Jungle and learn about these fascinating night creatures, essential to the tropical forests. Hike into the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and seek out white-headed capuchins and agile, long-limbed spider monkeys. An astonishing 30 species of hummingbirds are here, including the violet sabrewing with its glowing iridescence. With luck, spot the rare and resplendent quetzal. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: MONTEVERDE/ARENAL

We begin our day at a butterfly farm where we'll see dozens of local species, including blue morphos displaying their fantastic azure coloration. Later, drive to Lake Arenal and cross in small boats for a striking perspective on the volcano. Check into and enjoy our elegant hotel surrounded by tropical forests and gardens, with views towards the smoldering Arenal Volcano. (B,L,D)



### DAY 5: ARENAL VOLCANO

Take a morning excursion to Finca Don Juan to learn about sustainable farming practices before enjoying an organic lunch. Later, walk the Arenal Mistico Hanging Bridges, and watch for three-toed sloths, howler monkeys, and stunning tropical birds. Or, for a more active exploration of the tropical canopy, choose to travel by zipline. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: ARENAL/TORTUGUERO

Departing Lake Arenal, we make our way to Tortuguero, a spectacular lowland forest on Costa Rica's northeast coast. Stroll through the car-less village before visiting the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the largest green sea turtle rookery in the Western Hemisphere. Dine tonight at Miss Junies, a restaurant with an Afro-Caribbean flair, before overnighting in our rustic lodge at the water's edge. (B,L,D)



### DAYS 7 & 8: TORTUGUERO/SAN JOSÉ

Set out by guided boat to explore Tortuguero National Park's canals, watching for sungrebes, tiger-herons, crocodiles, and mammals including coatis and spider monkeys. Later, choose between additional excursions into the canals or enjoy our lodge's amenities. The next morning, board the charter flight to San José and visit Sibú Chocolatier followed by chocolate tasting. After lunch, we check into our hotel, the Costa Rica Marriott Hacienda Belén. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: SAN JOSÉ/U.S.

Transfer to the San José airport for flights home. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2019 Dec. 7, 21 2020 Jan. 4, 18; Feb. 29; Mar. 6, 20, 29

### PRICING:

Pricing from \$4,960

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

### EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Take advantage of your proximity—add this land-only excursion to *Costa Rica & the Panama Canal* or *Wild Belize Escape: Wildlife, Reefs & Rivers* ship-based expeditions. See pages 50 and 54.

# WILD BELIZE ESCAPE: WILDLIFE, REEFS & RIVERS

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

**M**uch of Belize remains genuine wilderness, with large expanses of dense tropical forest, miles of wild rivers, abundant bird life—and the largest, healthiest 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. Extend your voyage and venture to the ancient Maya ruins of Tikal to explore the stories and archaeological sites of the stone temples swathed in the rain forest teeming with wildlife.

### 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 turtles, 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.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Marine biologist, filmmaker, and former National Geographic Fellow **Greg Marshall** will join the **February 23 & 28, 2020** departures.

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

### 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 venture off on your own to 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 sea turtles, swarms of tropical fish, and harmless nurse sharks. Certified scuba divers may opt to join a reef dive (at additional cost). (B,L,D)



*The Garifuna Collective.*

**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:** 2020 Feb. 13, 18, 23, 28 2021 Feb. 11, 16, 21, 26; Mar. 3

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$3,970; Cat. 5 from \$5,520  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/belize-escape-rates](https://expeditions.com/belize-escape-rates), 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 or call for details.

## ENHANCE YOUR VOYAGE AND VISIT THE RUINS OF THE MAYA WORLD

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

Stay with us a little longer and explore the extensive Maya ruins of the Petén region, once the hub of Classic Maya Civilization.

**Day 6:** Puerto Santo Tomás, Guatemala/ Disembark/Flores

**Day 7:** Tikal National Park

**Day 8:** Yaxhá

**Day 9:** Flores/Guatemala City/U.S.

See complete itinerary at [expeditions.com/belize](https://expeditions.com/belize)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Feb. 13, 18, 23, 28  
2021 Feb. 11, 16, 21, 26; Mar. 3



*Tikal temple.*

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Quest*  
Cat. 1 from \$5,760; Cat. 5 from \$5,760  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/belize-rates](https://expeditions.com/belize-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Book any 2020 departure of the extended, nine-day itinerary by **Dec. 31, 2019** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy group airfare between Miami/ Guatemala City or save \$350 as an air credit. Plus upgrade to Business Class for just \$550. See page 136 or call for details.

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# PANAMA & COLOMBIA: EXPLORING THE CARIBBEAN COAST

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

Bursting 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.

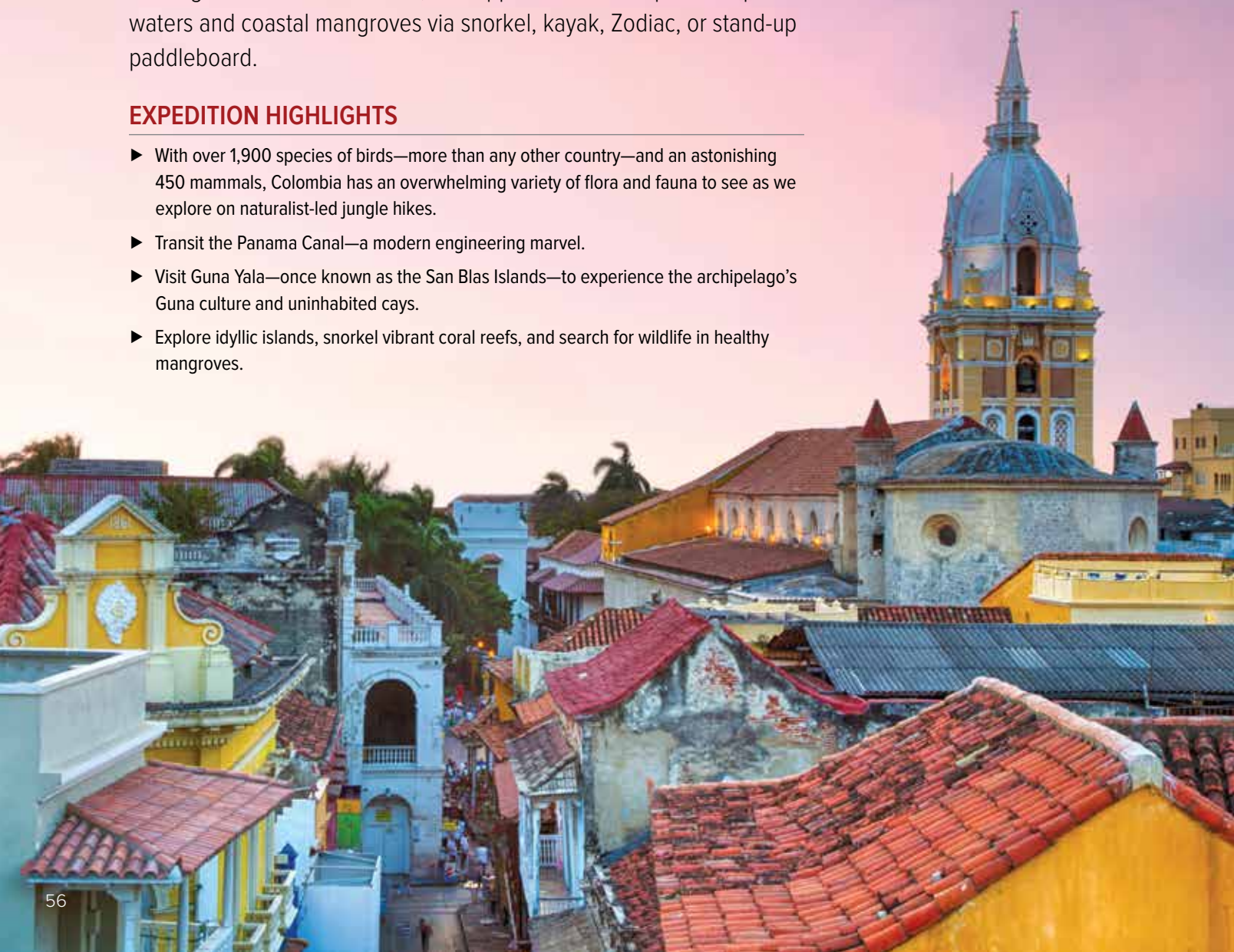
## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 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.

## SPECIAL SMITHSONIAN ACCESS

Join us for an insider's look into the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's work to uncover the mysteries of tropical ecosystems on Panama's Barro Colorado Island. You'll assist biologists in their innovative research into how tropical forests and their inhabitants change over time.

*Cartagena, Colombia.*





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

Upon arrival in Panama City, transfer by land to Amador 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)



Panama Canal.

**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: GUNA YALA**

Made up of 365 islands, Guna Yala (once known as the San Blas Islands) is home to the indigenous Guna people. During our morning visit, enjoy the culture and handicrafts of the

Guna, particularly their fantastically patterned, handmade textiles known as *molos*. In the afternoon, snorkel, paddleboard, or kayak in one of the many tropical cays. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: CAPURGANA & SAPZURRO VILLAGE, COLOMBIA**

The isolated villages of Sapzurro and Capurgana welcome us with laid-back Caribbean vibes. Choose an adventure that crosses from one continent to another and depart Sapzurro to hike across the border into Panama, then to the beautiful beach at La Miel. Or explore Capurgana on a nature walk to look for two different species of howler monkeys, yellow-throated toucans, and myriad parrot species on the way to El Cielo waterfall. The area is renowned for its snorkeling opportunities as we take to the water for views of the Caribbean undersea world. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: BOCAS DEL ATRATO/TULENAPA**

In the morning, explore the mangroves and back channels of Bocas del Atrato by boat, looking for a variety of wildlife, including the highly localized sooty-capped puffbird. Visit an isolated village among the mangroves where, for nearly a century, descendants of escaped Caribbean slaves have lived. In the afternoon, we set out for Tulenapa Reserve in Los Katios National Park to search for more wildlife—birds such as the whooping motmot, chestnut-winged chachalaca, or black-chested jay; three-toed sloth; and cotton-top tamarin monkey. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: COVENAS/LORICA/TUCHIN**

Disembark in Covenas and drive inland to the town of Lorica. On our walk through the historic city center, notice the Spanish colonial-style buildings next to edifices with a distinctly Lebanese-Syrian character. Following lunch, choose to visit the small indigenous village of Tuchen, the birthplace of the Colombian sombrero or *vueltiao*—the national symbol of Colombia. Observe the traditional hat-making process, still practiced today, and meet with the *vueltiao* makers. Then visit with members of the Zenu indigenous community. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: SANTA CRUZ DEL ISLOTE/SAN BERNARDO ARCHIPELAGO**

The residents of Santa Cruz del Isote, numbering 1,200, live in an area the size of two soccer fields. Zodiac to shore to meet the residents and learn about day-to-day life on the world's most densely populated island. Later, stand-up paddleboard and kayak in the San Bernardo Archipelago. (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

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



Mantled howler monkey.

# EPIC PATAGONIA: FJORDS, PEAKS & FORESTS

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

From 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 penguin colonies. With special permission, encounter the private parklands of Karukinka. 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 Chilean fjords by Zodiac, kayak and on foot.
- ▶ See and photograph the fjords of Chile's Southern Icefield, second largest anywhere.
- ▶ Venture through pristine wildlife reserves not easily accessible, including the privately held Karukinka Park and protected Pumalín Park.
- ▶ Explore the culture and World Heritage sites of Chiloé Island, a place beloved by Chileans.
- ▶ 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 take in the view of Cape Horn, following the same route as some of history's great explorers.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY—THREE DIFFERENT WAYS

Start your journey in **Santiago, Chile** discovering culture, cuisine, and superb wine on our two-day extension. Or choose one of our post-voyage options: Spend three days exploring astounding **Iguazú Falls**, set in a subtropical forest that's home to toucans, parrots, butterflies, orchids, and jaguars. Or for four days steep in the mysteries of **Easter Island**, the site of more than 600 massive ancient stone statues. Visit [expeditions.com/patagoniaext](https://expeditions.com/patagoniaext)

*Torres del Paine National Park.*

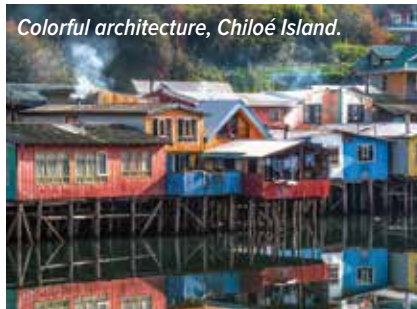


**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE**

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)



*Colorful architecture, Chiloe Island.*

**DAY 4: CASTRO (CHILOÉ ISLAND)**

Explore Chiloe's culture including its *palafitos*, colorful stilt houses along the water and its wooden churches, a UNESCO site. Or, visit one of Chiloe's parks 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, thousands of 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 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, Andean condors, flamingos, 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 round Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and conditions permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

**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. Search for colonies of Magellanic penguins and large assemblages of 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)



*Magellanic penguins.*

**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

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

See page 96 for details.

**PRICING:**

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

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** 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.

# 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. 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, with abundant South American fur seals and Magellanic penguins. Discover the vast parklands of Karukinka. And check viewing legendary Cape Horn off your life list.

### 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.
- ▶ 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).

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

All Patagonia voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer. **Kike Calvo** joins us aboard ship on **Mar. 8, 2020**. He has authored nine books, including *Staten Island: A Visual Journey to the Lighthouse at the End of the World*.

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*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 Tierra Patagonia 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

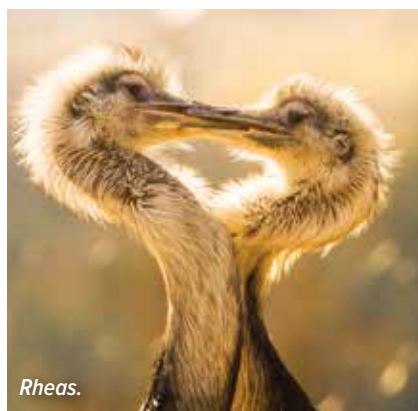


Karukinka Natural Park.

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**

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 round Cape Horn, the southern tip of the continent, and, weather permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 & 14: 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 Mar. 8\*; Oct. 22; Nov. 15  
2021 Mar. 7\*

\*These voyages travel in reverse.

Limited availability.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a post-voyage extension to [Easter Island](#), on select departures. See page 96 for details.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$16,230; Cat. 6 from \$27,360

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

**SPECIAL OFFER:**

Travel on board *National Geographic Orion* and we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew.

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

12 Days/10 Nights

**DATES:** 2020 Mar. 8\*; Oct. 26; Nov. 19  
2021 Mar. 7\*

Limited availability.

**PRICING:** Cat. 1 from \$10,780; Cat. 6 from \$20,150

This carefully curated expedition offers the peak experiences of Patagonia and its surrounding environs 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](#)

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 *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.
- ▶ Get up close to a vast 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, wildlife-filled landscapes of remote Isla de los Estados.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

All *National Geographic Endurance* voyages travel with a National Geographic photographer to inspire you and share tips in the field

*Learn more about staff at [expeditions.com/experts](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/experts).*

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



**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 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 Antarctic petrels, and visit a Magellanic penguin colony. (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, flamingos, and rheas. 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. Spend time in Puerto Natales to learn more about the indigenous culture and burgeoning Chilean gastronomic scene. Or, opt to go birding for Andean condors. (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 120,000 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 at the base of Marinelli Glacier to explore the sub-polar Magellanic forest. (B,L,D)

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

Today we round 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  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/glaciers-rates](https://expeditions.com/glaciers-rates), 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.



# TWO POLES, THREE SHIPS

Exploring a polar region should be a pinnacle event in a traveler's life. We're committed to doing whatever it takes to make your experience the most memorable ever—and our expedition ships are key. Our ships, top-tier Ice Class vessels, are purpose-designed and built, incorporating 50+ years of polar experience, for exploring the ice in comfort and safety. The captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet are extraordinary mariners, with decades of ice navigation expertise. Our expedition teams are hand-picked for their knowledge of polar natural history and their ice skills. Each ship has its own personality, a product of its interior design and careful attention to details and amenities, and the unique warmth of its hotel staff. Each ship, equipped with state-of-the-art tools, provides an unparalleled base for explorations. And the logistics on each are superb, designed to swiftly and efficiently get you off ship on your choice of thrilling daily forays. Travel aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Orion*, or the new *National Geographic Endurance* for the ultimate Antarctic or Arctic adventure.



### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

was built for service along Norway's coast as part of the famed Coastal Express, and her excellent maneuverability and just-right size made her a natural for our fleet. Re-outfitted for expedition travel with a fleet of Zodiacs, sea kayaks, and deluxe accommodations, *National Geographic Explorer* carries 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins.



**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION** was born an expedition ship, created to traverse vast expanses of the Southern Ocean, from the tropics to the polar reaches. Her design enables her to slip into slender straits, coves, and inlets and handle the Drake Passage, too. Equipped with a fleet of Zodiacs—plus sea kayaks, *National Geographic Orion* promises up-close exploration for 102 guests in 53 outside-facing cabins.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE**, a next-generation expedition ship making her debut in 2020, is designed to navigate polar passages year-round and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort and innovative new onboard features. Her patented X-BOW® provides a smooth ride in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck. She is equipped for personal exploration with Zodiacs and sea kayaks. *National Geographic Endurance* voyages with 126 guests in 69 outside-facing cabins.



# JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

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

**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.
- ▶ 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

Travel with David Yarnold on Dec. 17, 2019; Jon Bowermaster on Nov. 27, 2019; Kathryn Sullivan on Jan. 6, 2020; Robert Bindschadler on Dec. 27, 2019; Felicity Aston on Jan. 16, 2020; and Christiana Figueres on Feb. 5, 2020.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Nick Cobbing on Dec. 9 & 19, 2019; Chris Rainier on Dec. 27, 2019; Phil Schermeister on Dec. 29, 2019 & Jan. 8, 2020; Jasper Doest on Jan. 26 & Feb. 5, 2020; and Sisse Brimberg on Jan. 28 & Feb. 7, 2020, and Jan. 6, 2021.

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*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*)

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*), 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

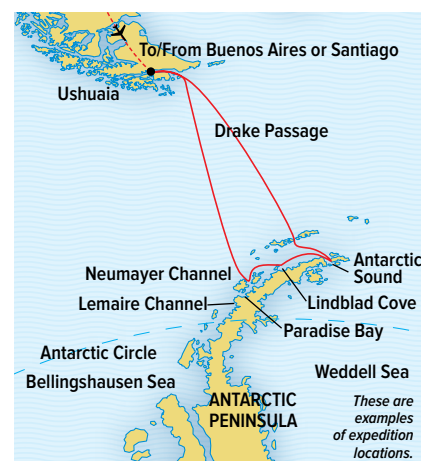
after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an unplanned excursion. We anticipate offering opportunities each day to cruise the beautiful coastline, take walks ashore, kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch 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 on board. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13 & 14:** DISEMBARK USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (*EXPLORER & ENDURANCE*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION*)/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*):**

2019 Nov. 27; Dec. 7, 17\*, 27\*

2020 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5; 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

**DATES (*National Geographic Orion*):**

2019 Dec. 9, 19\*, 29\*; 2020 Jan. 8, 28; Feb. 7; Nov. 27 Dec. 7, 17\* 2021 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5; Dec. 7, 17\*, 27\* 2022 Jan. 6, 16, 26

**DATES (*National Geographic Endurance*):**

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

Limited availability.

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

\*For holiday rates, visit our website.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

See page 96 for details.

**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

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

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by Dec. 31, 2019 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.



Sunset, Lemaire Channel.



# 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 SPEAKER

As a contributing editor to *National Geographic Traveler*, travel writer **Andrew Evans** has crisscrossed the globe and is the author of the epic travel memoir, *The Black Penguin*. Join him on **Mar. 6, 2020**.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with award-winning photographer and filmmaker **Pete McBride** on **Mar. 6, 2020**. Pete has traveled to all seven continents, and whether it involves vantages from 20,000 feet or below icebergs, he is passionate about creating unique photos and stories.

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Weather permitting, hike in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fated Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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)

*Blue-eyed shags, Falkland Islands.*

**DAYS 5 & 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS**

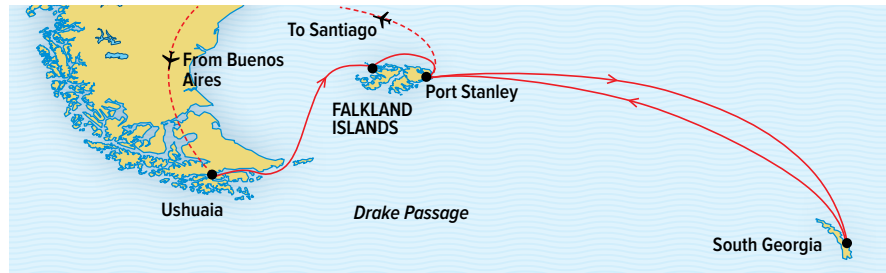
Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors, and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as magnificent albatross and fur seals. 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 9–15: 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 16 & 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 Mar. 6; 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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/southgeorgia-rates](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** 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. See page 96 or call for details.

*Southern elephant seal weaners, South Georgia.*



# ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

**24 Days/21 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Endurance*, and *National Geographic Orion***

**T**his 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 *National Geographic Explorer*, *National Geographic Endurance*, or *National Geographic Orion*, 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

Travel with polar expert **Andrew Clarke** on **Nov. 7, 2019**; mountaineer **Peter Hillary**, on **Feb. 15, 2020 & Feb. 16, 2021**.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

All departures travel with a National Geographic photographer: **Ralph Lee Hopkins** on **Nov. 7, 2019**; **Krista Rossow** on **Nov. 19, 2019**, **Tommy Heinrich** on **Feb. 15, 2020**; and **Krystle Wright** on **Feb. 17, 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 at his gravesite in South Georgia.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 50 years of experience here.
- ▶ 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)

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*), 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 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

Settle in to shipboard life as we sail to Antarctica. Keep a lookout for albatross that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)



*Cross-country ski on the frozen sea in November (conditions permitting).*

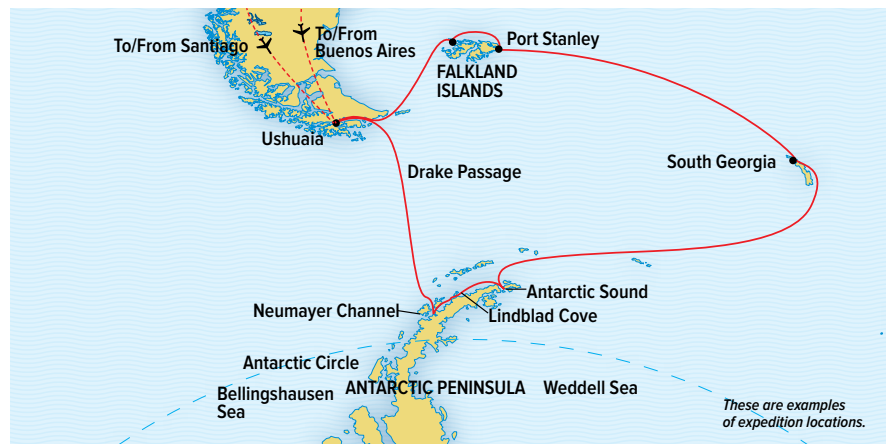
**DAYS 5–10:** ANTARCTICA

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 11 & 12:** AT SEA (B,L,D)

**DAYS 13–17:** SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

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)/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):**

2019 Nov. 7\*; 2020 Feb. 15; 2021 Feb. 16\*, Nov. 18; 2022 Jan. 17

**DATES (National Geographic Orion):**

2019 Nov. 19\*; 2020 Feb. 17; 2021 Feb. 15, Nov. 17 2022 Feb. 5

**DATES (National Geographic Endurance)**

2020 Oct. 18\*; Nov. 7\*; 2021 Nov. 17

*Limited availability.*

**Note:** *National Geographic Orion* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires.

\*These departures travel in reverse.

\*These voyages fly one-way directly to or from the Falkland Islands, visit [expeditions.com/flythecrossing](http://expeditions.com/flythecrossing)

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

See page 96 for details.

**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

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

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

Book select departures by Dec. 31, 2019 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.

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 no other humans ever have; the prolific wildlife and impressive ice shelf of the Ross Sea region; and the sub-Antarctic islands of New Zealand and Australia, World Heritage sites for the thousands of seals and millions of penguins here. This is wildness and wildlife at its finest. Following in the footsteps of 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 isles 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 150,000 pairs of king penguins on a single beach.

## 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](https://expeditions.com/experts).



*With luck, spot the elusive emperor penguin.*



## 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: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

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 close 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, cross-country skiing forays, and show-shoe hikes. 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. Stop at

small islands for nature walks, spot colonies of Adélie penguins, and explore by Zodiac and kayak. Conditions permitting, we may visit Coulman Island, where we hope to see emperor penguins. (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. Land on a beach thronged with 150,000 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. 27\*

*Limited Availability.*

\*These departures travel in reverse.



*Elephant seals on Macquarie Island.*

## PRICING:

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$48,800; Cat. 7 from \$96,190  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/ross-sea-rates](https://www.expeditions.com/ross-sea-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add two days in [Buenos Aires](#), a three-day extension at [Iguazú Falls](#), four days in [Easter Island](#), or spend time in [New Zealand](#). See page 96, or visit our website for details.

# EXPLORING RUSSIA'S FAR EAST & WRANGEL ISLAND

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

**T**his fascinating exploration of the remote Russian Far East promises rich culture and an astounding wealth of wildlife. 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. And before this expedition comes to an end, witness one more site few get to see—an ancient, mysterious display of whale bones and skulls erected on Yttygran Island.

## 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, puffins and more.
- Visit the evocative site known as Whale Bone Alley on the northern tip of remote Yttygran Island.
- Experience meaningful cultural exchanges across the entire breadth of Beringia.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**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. His four-year project on the subsistence whaling culture of the Alaskan Inuit appeared in the December 2018 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Travel with him on the **Aug. 7, 2020** voyage.

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



*Polar bear mother with full grown cubs, 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)

#### 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/UELEN 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)

Walrus, Chukotka, Russia.



#### 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: WRANGEL ISLAND

This UNESCO World Heritage site has the highest level of biodiversity in the High Arctic. Spend four 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: YTTYGRAN ISLAND/PROVIDENIYA

Originally created around 600 years ago, Yttygran is thought to have been a communal or ceremonial Yupik site. Here, visit the fascinating place known as Whale Bone Alley, a mysterious and haunting boneyard erected alongside a rugged and remote shoreline. 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/DISEMBARK/ANCHORAGE/U.S.

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:

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$17,500; Cat. 6 from \$33,430.  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/wrangel-rates](https://expeditions.com/wrangel-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

#### 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.

#### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-night 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](https://expeditions.com/alaskalodges).



Whale bones, Yttygran Island.

# EXPLORING GREENLAND AND THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC

**18 Days/16 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer***

Venture deep into the far reaches of the Arctic, a land where polar bears roam, whales congregate, and hardy Inuit communities maintain their traditional way of life. Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, trace the rugged fjords of Greenland and navigate the mouth of Canada's legendary Northwest Passage at southern Ellesmere 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 glaciers, and hike the wild islands that dot Canada's northern shores.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO site.
- ▶ Observe polar bears, whales, ringed seals and, with much luck, narwhal in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Visit Inuit communities in Greenland and Canada, whose way of life is inextricably linked to the land and sea around them.
- ▶ Extend your stay in Iceland with a pre- or post-voyage extension to explore Iceland's natural wonders. Details on [expeditions.com/highext](https://expeditions.com/highext)

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Jeff Kerby** is an award-winning natural history photographer with a PhD in Arctic ecology. Join Jeff on the **Aug. 6, 2020** 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 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 experience a hot springs, geothermal plant and 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% 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, walruses, and polar bears, as well as beluga whales and narwhal. Visit Devon Island and walk with our ship's archaeologist to learn about the Thule people that once inhabited this region and were the ancestors of all modern Inuit. Go ashore at Dundas Harbor for a chance to hike on the tundra and search for interesting flora and fauna, including extensive moss beds with interspersed flowering vascular plants. Cruise along the extraordinary scenery of southern Ellesmere Island at the mouth of the Northwest Passage. 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 Reykjavik where we will overnight in the Grand Hotel. On our final day in Reykjavik 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 Keflavik 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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/higharctic-rates](https://expeditions.com/higharctic-rates), 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.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#) or a four-day post-voyage extension exploring [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). See page 97, or visit our website.



*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. Ranging through the 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, walrus 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.

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

*Conditions permitting, be on the lookout for the Northern Lights at this time of year.*



**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 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)



**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)

**DAY 5: 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 6: AT SEA/DAVIS STRAIT**

Explore Davis Strait as we sail past 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 keep a lookout for polar bears. (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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/fabled-rates](https://expeditions.com/fabled-rates), 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. Call for details.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a one-day pre-voyage extension to see [Reykjavik's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon](#). See page 97, or visit our website.

NEW

# SVALBARD IN SPRING: POLAR BEARS, ARCTIC LIGHT & EPIC ICE

11 Days/9 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Voyage deep into and around the Svalbard Archipelago where Sven Lindblad and his team went on reconnaissance in March 2018. See what they discovered: Svalbard the way few have. A true Arctic refuge—covered in snow, surrounded by sea ice, where polar bears freed from their winter sleep stalk seals on the ice. Be stunned by the astonishing light, as the spring sun mounts ever higher in the Arctic sky each day. And capture it all with ace photographers.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Scan the icescapes for emerging bears, seals and other wildlife.
- ▶ Photograph the changing Arctic spring light with a National Geographic photographer.
- ▶ Conditions permitting, the ship will “park” in the ice and take a walk on the frozen tundra.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

**Ralph Lee Hopkins** is the founder and director of the Expedition Photography program for the Lindblad-National Geographic alliance and has led world-wide expeditions for over 20 years. Travel with Ralph on **Apr. 2, 2020**.

**David Wright** is a photographer and filmmaker who has worked in over 65 countries, including two years in the Arctic, on projects for National Geographic and others. Join David on **Apr. 16 & 23, 2020**.

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

*Polar bears walking across the tundra in early spring on Svalbard.*





**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY**

Fly overnight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the 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. (Day 2: B,D)

**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 story 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)

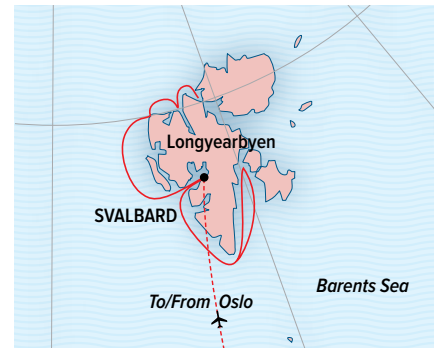
**DAYS 4-9: SVALBARD**

Our travel in the archipelago is truly exploratory by design, and our exact day-to-day movements will remain flexible, depending on local conditions. Our main focus is the search for Svalbard's amazing wildlife: polar bear, reindeer and walrus. Cruising in Svalbard's fjords, venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. We take our Zodiacs to cruise among beautiful icebergs and even set foot on the

frozen ice right off the ship. We will take advantage of the incredible, ever-changing light and exceptional photographic conditions. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/ OSLO**

Disembark in Longyearbyen, meet up with a local guide and take a short bus ride to Camp Barentz in the nearby Advent Valley for a taste of Arctic culture. Here, you'll discover a unique collection of buildings including an authentic gamme, a traditional round building with an open fire in the center, and a lavvo, the traditional tent of the Sami people. Enjoy refreshments and meet some of the friendly, sled dog huskies that reside at camp. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the SAS Radisson Blue Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 11: OSLO/U.S.**

After breakfast, proceed to the airport for the flight to the U.S., or continue on to other adventures. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23

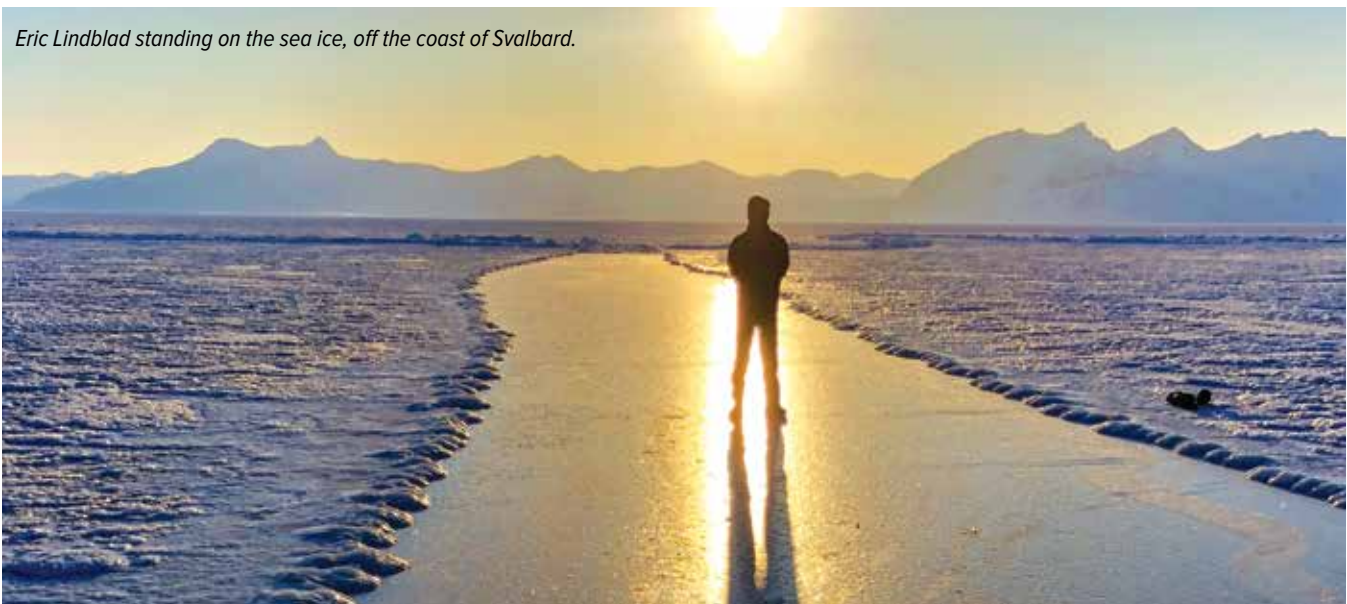
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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a five-day pre-voyage extension to explore the [Norwegian Fjords](#) or a four-day post-voyage extension to see [Iceland's Natural Wonders](#). See page 97, or visit our website.

*Eric Lindblad standing on the sea ice, off the coast of 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 bear. 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 Vaeroy, 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)

### **DAY 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 your hotel and fly home the next day. (B,L)



## 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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### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Join Erika Larsen on Apr. 30, 2020 and  
Sisse Brimberg on May 29, 2020.

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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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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.



Guests Zodiac cruising among the immense bird cliffs of Bear Island.

## DAYS 1 & 2: 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. (Day 2: B,D)

## DAY 3: 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)

## DAYS 4-6: 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)

## DAY 7: BJØRNØYA (BEAR ISLAND)

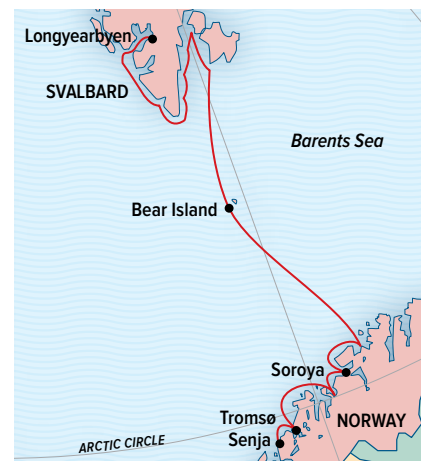
Board a Zodiac to explore the coves and inlets of this mist-shrouded island. Gaze up at sheer cliffs and use your binoculars to take in the spectacular sight of tens of thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, and murres. (B,L,D)

## DAY 8: 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)

## DAY 9: 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)

## DAY 10: 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 day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

## DAY 11: OSLO/U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Jun. 11 2021 Jun. 21

### PRICING:

*National Geographic Endurance*  
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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER**  
Join Sisse Brimberg on Jun. 11, 2020.

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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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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.



### **DAYS 1-3:** 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*. (Day 2: B,D; Day 3: B,L,D)

### **DAYS 4-9:** 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)

### **DAYS 10-17:** 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)



### **DAYS 18-20:** EXPLORING ICELAND'S WESTERN COAST/DISEMBARK REYKJAVÍK/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 hot springs, a geothermal power plant, and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to the flight home. (Days 18 & 19: B,L,D; Day 20: B,L)

## EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2020 Aug. 31 2021 Sep. 2

### PRICING:

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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

See page 97 for details.



NEW

# ICELAND'S WILD WEST COAST TO EAST GREENLAND

## 13 Days/11 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

Discover the wild west coast of Iceland with its towering bird cliffs, meadows carpeted in wildflowers, quiet coves, and majestic waterfalls. Explore the largest national park in the world—Northeast Greenland National Park—and search for polar bears, musk oxen, whales, and more. Sail into Scoresbysund, ice permitting, the world's largest and longest fjord system and home to a remote Inuit community. Learn how to capture Northern Lights displays, conditions permitting, with a National Geographic photographer by your side.



Aurora borealis.

### DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK

Fly overnight to Reykjavík. Explore its Old Town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral and the National Museum with its Viking treasures. Embark *National Geographic Endurance*. (Day 2: L,D)

### DAYS 3-5: EXPLORING THE WESTFJORDS/AT SEA

Visit charming Flatey Island for walks around the 19th-century hamlet and a Zodiac cruise of the coast. See this remote part of Iceland at the beautiful change of seasons, from summer to autumn, and hike in the dramatic fjords. Cross the Denmark Strait and be on the lookout for Northern Lights displays. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 6-12: EXPLORING SCORESBYSUND/NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK/ EXPLORING THE WESTFJORDS

Conditions permitting, we will explore the fjords, bays, nooks, and crannies of this stunning coastline. We hope to see the iconic arctic wildlife: polar bears, seals, and whales. We will also set a course for Scoresbysund, the largest and longest fjord system on earth, with an Inuit village at its entrance. This can also be an ideal time of year for Northern Lights displays in this region. Return across the Denmark Strait and spend a day exploring Iceland's remote Westfjords at charming Ísafjörður. (B,L,D)



### DAY 13: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Reykjavík. Soak in the Blue Lagoon before transferring to the airport for flights home. (B,L)

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2020 Sep. 18 2021 Sep. 20

#### PRICING:

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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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Reykjavik.

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. We'll chart a course north, seeking out big ice and fascinating Arctic wildlife before crossing the North Atlantic to Jan Mayen, a remote and mysterious volcanic island. We'll finish in Norway to explore the magical Lofoten islands and fjords that carve deeply into the country's wild interior.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ In Northwest Iceland, hike to a remote waterfall or Zodiac cruise beneath cliffs teeming with seabirds.
- ▶ Explore the massive ice of the largest fjord system in the world along Greenland's east coast and be on the lookout for an array of wildlife, including polar bears, seals, whales, and rich birdlife.
- ▶ Hike the birch meadows and kayak the protected waters of Saltfjellet–Svartisen National Park.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Nick Cobbing** is a photojournalist and filmmaker known for highlighting themes of natural history and science. Travel with Nick on **Jul. 3, 2020**.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Mountaineer **Peter Hillary** has climbed the highest peak on every continent and established a new overland route to the South Pole. Join Peter on **Jul. 3, 2020**.

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*Capture the scenic beauty of the coastal, fjord-carved Lofoten islands.*



**JUL. 3 & 4: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/ EMBARK**

Depart on an overnight flight to Reykjavík. Upon arrival, tour the Hallgrímskirkja church and National Museum before embarking *National Geographic Endurance*. (JUL. 4: L,D)

**JUL. 5: WESTMAN ISLANDS**

On Heimaey we'll visit the Eldfell volcanic crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in views over landscapes engulfed in lava rock. We'll keep an eye out for nesting puffins along the way. We'll cruise past Surtsey, one of the world's youngest islands. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 6: FLATEY ISLAND/LÁTRABJARG**

Explore the charming Flatey Island on foot and via Zodiac cruise. Later, sail past the soaring Látrabjarg cliffs, home to thousands of razorbills and puffins, nesting only in the summer months. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 7: EXPLORING NORTHWESTERN ICELAND**

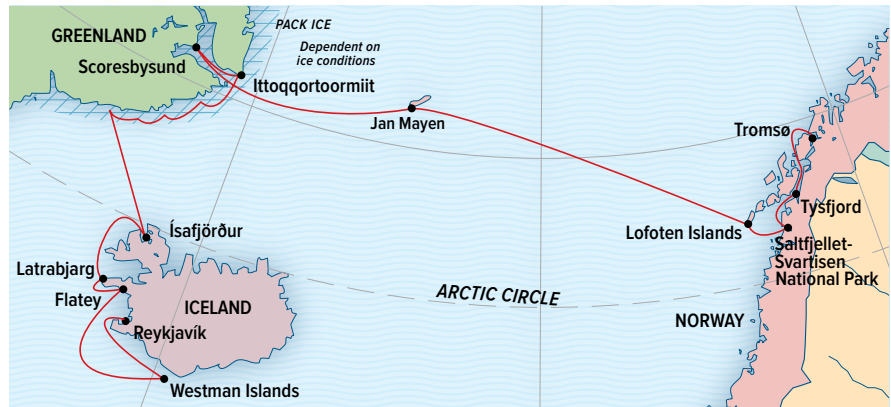
Head out on a hike to a remote waterfall, or cruise a Zodiac beneath cliffs teeming with seabirds. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and anchor at Vigur Island, where we'll visit an eider farm and view how the down of these ducks is processed. (B,L,D)



*Kayaking in Greenland.*

**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 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.



*Jan Mayen.*

**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:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

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*Guests hike the crater at Heimaey, Iceland.*

NEW

# COASTAL WONDERS OF NORWAY, THE FAROE ISLANDS & ICELAND

**17 Days/15 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Endurance***

Follow the Viking trail on a voyage from Norway to the far-flung islands and archipelagos of the North Atlantic. Cruise the famed Norwegian fjord lands and the magical Lofoten islands, explore Stone Age sites in Scotland's Shetland Islands, and come face-to-face with the legacy of the Vikings amid the turf-roofed cottages and ancient sites of the Faroes. Then trace Iceland's most remote shorelines, witnessing geological wonders from volcanoes to thundering waterfalls.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Glide into Norway's spectacular fjords, and explore secluded inlets and coves by kayak or Zodiac.
- Encounter the Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses of Jarlshof.
- Discover the striking landscape and unique culture of the Faroe Islands.
- Observe nesting seabirds in dramatic settings—on Iceland's skyscraping Látrabjarg cliffs and amid the towering peaks of the Lofoten islands.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

As the longtime photo editor for *National Geographic Traveler*, **Dan Westergren** has made more than 10 trips above the Arctic Circle. Join Dan on **Jun. 18, 2020**.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER

Mountaineer **Peter Hillary** has climbed peaks on every continent and established a new route to the South Pole. He once landed a small aircraft at the North Pole with Buzz Aldrin. Travel with Peter Hillary on **Jun. 18, 2020**.

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*Cruise through Hardangerfjord, with granite mountain backdrop and glacial falls at the edge of Svartisen National Park.*



**JUN. 18-20: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY/  
TROMSØ/EMBARK**

After an overnight flight, arrive in Oslo. Check-in to the Hotel Bristol then tour the Vigeland sculptures in Frogner Park and the Fram Museum. The next day fly to Tromsø and embark the ship. (Jun. 19: B, D; Jun. 20: B,L,D)

**JUN. 21-24: 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. Kayak through serene fjords in Tysfjorden, cruise in a Zodiac in the Lofoten archipelago, or go ashore at Værøy to hike amid verdant valleys and birch forests. (B,L,D)

**JUN. 25: AT SEA/SHETLAND ISLANDS,  
SCOTLAND**

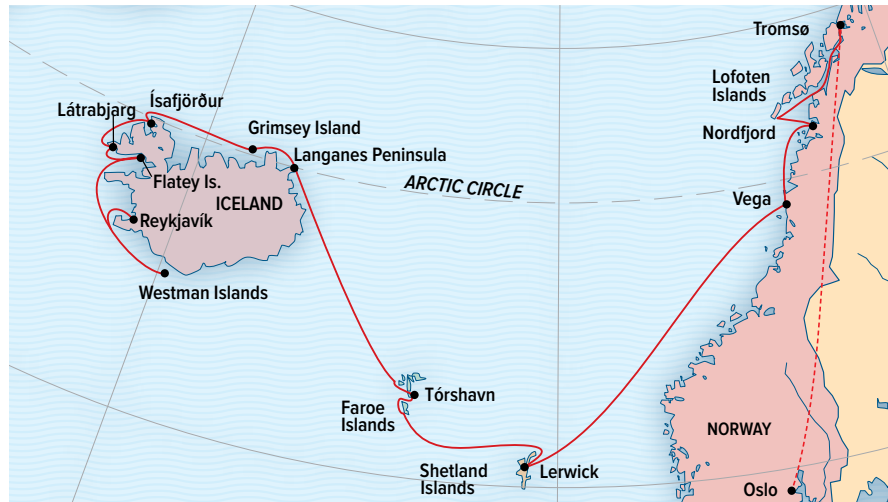
Spend a relaxing morning at sea as we sail toward the Shetland Islands, an archipelago of about one hundred islands and islets located north of the Scottish mainland. Glide past the towering cliffs of Noss to view murres, puffins, kittiwakes, and other seabirds. (B,L,D)

**JUN. 26: LERWICK/FOULA**

Explore the local culture and history at the Shetland Museum & Archives, or embark on a bird-watching or geology walk. Alternatively, venture to the prehistoric settlement of Jarlshof to examine its Bronze Age ruins and Viking longhouses. In the afternoon, continue to Foula, a stark but spectacular island edged with towering cliffs and blanketed with peat bogs, where people are drastically outnumbered by puffins. (B,L,D)

**JUN. 27 & 28: EXPLORING THE  
FAROE ISLANDS**

This entire archipelago is made up of islands gouged by dramatic fjords and almost completely covered in turf and peat. We will explore the stunning scenery with a variety of hikes and encounter Faroese art, culture, music, and food through unique interactions with locals. Visit the capital in Torshavn, to see the natural history museum and the Kirkjubøur archaeological site, a medieval farming and religious center. See the incredible bird cliffs and scenic landscapes of the southern island of Suðuroy. (B,L,D)



**JUN. 29 & 30: AT SEA/RAUDANES OR  
LANGANES PENINSULAS, ICELAND/  
GRÍMSEY**

After a day at sea, depending on the weather and tides, go for a Zodiac cruise to view the sea stacks near Raudanes peninsula or hike along a stretch of the Langanes peninsula. Continue to Grímsey on the Arctic Circle. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 1 & 2: ÍSAFJÖRÐUR/FLATEY  
ISLAND/LÁTRABJARG**

In remote Ísafjörður, choose to hike to a waterfall, explore the colorful town, or bicycle along the fjord. The next day, explore the charming Flatey island on foot and via Zodiac cruise. Cruise past Látarbjarg cliffs, home to thousands of razorbills and puffins. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 3: WESTMAN ISLANDS**

On Heimaey we'll visit the Eldfell volcanic crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in views over landscapes engulfed in lava rock. We'll cruise past Surtsey, one of the world's youngest islands. (B,L,D)

**JUL. 4: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Today we disembark in Reykjavik with options to visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or a local hot springs, geothermal power plant and an Icelandic horse farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2020 Jun. 18

**PRICING:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

See page 97 for details.



# 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](https://expeditions.com/iceland-ext)

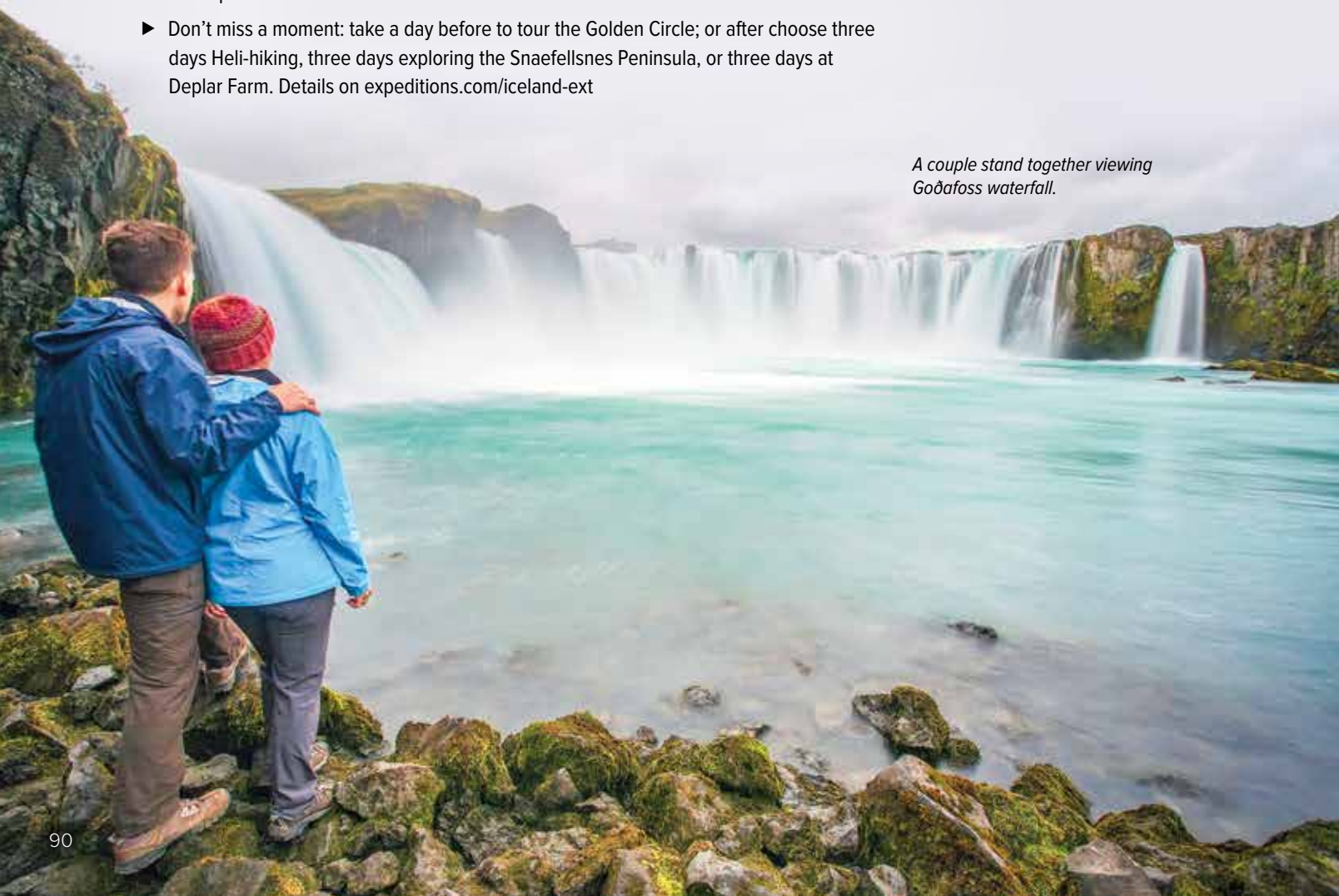
## SPECIAL MUSIC EXPERIENCES

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](https://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 and home to a huge 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 mid-night sun. Take Zodiacs ashore to the tiny island of Grimsey on the Arctic Circle and celebrate your official arrival to the Arctic. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: EXPLORING NORTHEAST ICELAND**

Today, explore Iceland's rugged eastern coast. This day is left to exploration and we may visit one of several locations. Perhaps we will go for a Zodiac cruise to view the sea stacks near Raudanes. We may hike along a stretch of the Langes Peninsula or make our way even further down the coast. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: DJÚPIVOGUR**

Dock in Djúpivogur and drive down the coast to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. 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 Djúpivogur, 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, 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

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

**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 [Snaefellsnes Peninsula](#) or to [Deplar Farm](#). See pages 93 or 97, or visit our website.

**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://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.*





**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 base 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, 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

Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/iceescape-rates](https://expeditions.com/iceescape-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor.

For best pricing book early.

**OPTIONAL LAND EXTENSIONS****CHOOSE YOUR ICELAND ADVENTURE**

Opt to extend your trip with five options to experience a different side of Iceland. See **Reykjavík's Golden Circle** pre-voyage extension details listed on page 97.

**ADD ICELAND'S HIGHLANDS AND LOWLANDS: AN ACTIVE ADVENTURE**

*Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon.*

**POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**

2020\*: 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 Svinafellsjökull Glacier on foot, and encounter incredible views and stunning regional geology.

**ADD SNAEFELLSNES: FIRE & ICE**

*Kirkjufell mountain and Kirkjufellfoss waterfall.*

**POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

2020\*: 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 Snaefellsnes National Park to see black pebble beaches, basalt sea stack columns, and perhaps a glimpse of the imposing Snaefellsjökull Mountain.

**ADD ICELAND'S VOLCANIC NORTHEAST**

*Mývatn Nature Baths.*

**POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

2020\*: 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**

2019/20\*: 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

# LEGENDARY NORTHERN ISLES: SCOTLAND, FAROES & ICELAND

**14 Days/12 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer***

Sail beneath the midnight sun, over seas steeped in Norse mythology, and along the route of the boldest Vikings who ventured west. On Scotland's outlying isles you'll discover a 5,000-year-old village and see the mysterious standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar. Meet the welcoming islanders who call the scenic Faroes home—Danes by nationality and Viking by blood. See the graves of their Viking ancestors and explore their tiny towns of turf-roofed homes. In the west, on a near circumnavigation of Iceland, see this geologically active land just as the Vikings must have, from thundering waterfalls and boiling springs, to islands so young the earth still steams.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Go back in time at Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old stone-slab village on Orkney and see the mysterious standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar.
- ▶ Walk with a historian through Jarlshof archaeological site, a complex of ancient settlements spanning 4,000 years of human history.
- ▶ Observe incredible birdlife—massive puffin colonies in the Faroes & Grimsey, and on the Cliffs of Noss, thousands of murres and kittiwakes.
- ▶ Experience a near circumnavigation of the geologic wonders of Iceland.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Alison Wright** photographs endangered cultures and covers issues concerning the human condition. Her work in post-disaster and conflict areas inspired her to establish a foundation called Faces of Hope, a non-profit that supports women and children's rights. Join her on **Jun. 8, 2020**.

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*Traditional Faroese turf-roofed homes, Saksun, Faroe Islands.*



**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY/ EMBARK**

Fly overnight to Bergen and embark our ship in the early afternoon. (Day 2: L,D)

**DAY 3: ORKNEY, SCOTLAND**

Enjoy a morning at sea, then see the standing stones at the Ring of Brodgar and the stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into the world of the Vikings at the red sandstone cathedral of St. Magnus, built in 1137. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: SHETLAND**

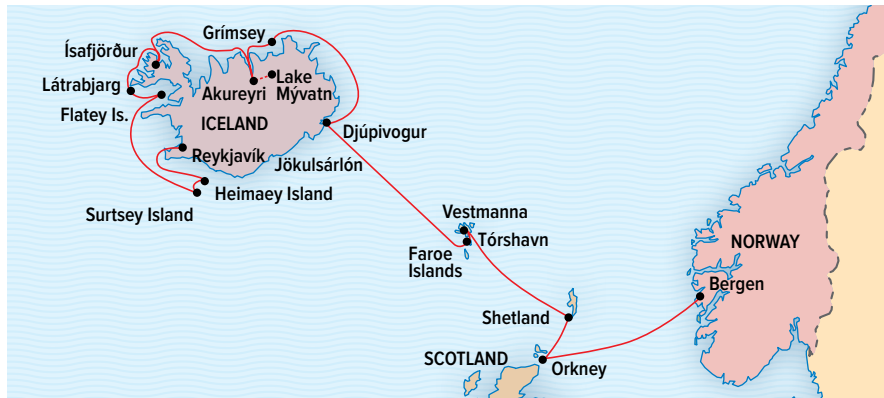
Our ship glides past the towering bird cliffs of Noss for views of murres and kittiwakes. Visit the Jarlshof archaeological site, drive along the length of the main island to see spectacular views, and see the famous Shetland ponies. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 5-7: EXPLORING THE FAROE ISLANDS**

The rugged Faroese are proud of their Viking ancestry, reflected in their ancient language and love of the sea. The entire archipelago is made up of islands gouged by dramatic fjords and almost completely covered in turf and peat. We will explore the stunning scenery with a variety of hikes and encounter Faroese art, culture, music and food through unique interactions with locals. Possible stops may include: a visit to the capital in Tórshavn, to visit the natural history museum and the Kirkjubøur archaeological site, a medieval farming and religious center; northern Streymoy, with its historic settlements and Viking graves. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: DJÚPIVOGUR, ICELAND**

Dock in Djúpivogur and drive down the coast to explore the vast Vatnajökull ice cap. 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 valley and



remote waterfalls in the countryside around Djúpivogur, or visit a traditional farm that produces hand-made woolen items. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: AT SEA/GRIMSEY**

Enjoy a morning at sea as we sail northward to the land of the midnight sun, going ashore in the evening at the tiny island of Grimsey. Home to nesting sea birds, it lies exactly on the Arctic Circle. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: LAKE MÝVATN/AKUREYRI**

Drive to Lake Mývatn, the most geologically active area in Iceland. See the mud pools at Hverarond and the unforgettable sight of Goðafoss, the waterfall of the gods. Visit the explosion crater at Viti. Drive to Akureyri with its beautiful period houses, backed by snow-capped mountains. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: ISAFJÖRÐUR**

Located in the Westfjords, the tiny town of Isafjörður is surrounded by water on three sides and is a great place to view the stunning fjord landscape and photograph tiny flowering plants. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: LÁTRABJARG/FLATEY ISLAND**

Cruise past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home

to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries. Walk around the charming hamlet that grew here. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: SURTSEY & HEIMAÆY, 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 14: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in Reykjavík and visit either the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths or the hot springs, geothermal power plant and an Icelandic farm, prior to our flight home. (B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 8 2021 Jun. 26

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$12,970; Cat. 7 from \$25,030  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/legend-rates](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/legend-rates), 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.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

See page 97 for details.



Shetland ponies.

# OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



## ADD VIBRANT BUENOS AIRES

### PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020/21\*: From \$2,390 per person, double occupancy.

Explore vibrant Buenos Aires on a curated two-day extension that showcases the beguiling personality of one of the world's greatest cities. Add it before *National Geographic Explorer* and select *National Geographic Endurance* voyages on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; and **Epic Antarctica**.



## ADD SANTIAGO: CHILE'S WINE & CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

### PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2020/21\*: From \$2,850 per person, double occupancy.

Get a taste for Santiago's world-famous cuisine at premier restaurants and have private tours and tastings at Chile's top wineries. Available on **Antarctica** for *National Geographic Orion* voyages only; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands** for *Orion* and select *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Endurance* voyages; and for **Epic Patagonia**.



## ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

### POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2020/21\*: From \$3,050 per person, double occupancy.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon—an incredible display of raw power. Stay at the only hotel within Iguazú National Park. Available for *National Geographic Explorer* and select *National Geographic Endurance* voyages on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**. Also available for **Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks & Forests**.



## ADD EASTER ISLAND

### POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS<sup>†</sup>

2020/21\*: From \$4,680 per person, double occupancy.

Visit one of the most mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island, home to more than 600 giant *moai* or stone statues. Add it after select departures on **Antarctica**; **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands**; **South Georgia & the Falklands**; **Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks & Forests**; **Best of Chilean Patagonia**; and **Patagonia: Chilean Fjords**.

<sup>†</sup>Note: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Buenos Aires (*Explorer* and *Endurance*) or Santiago (*Orion*); additional cost applies.





## ADD REYKJAVÍK'S GOLDEN CIRCLE

### PRE- OR POST-VOYAGE/1 DAY/1 NIGHT

2020\*: From \$1,290 per person, double occupancy.

Enjoy the surreal Blue Lagoon, and have a guided experience along the famed Golden Circle with its boiling pools and geysers. Add it before *A Circumnavigation of Iceland; Wild Iceland Escape; Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic; Fabled Lands of the North; Coastal Wonders of Norway, the Faroe Islands & Iceland; Arctic Exploration: A Voyage to Iceland, East Greenland & Norway; East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic*; and *Iceland's Wild West Coast to East Greenland*.



## NEW! ADD DEPLAR FARM, TROLL PENINSULA

### POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2020\*: From \$4,580 per person, double occupancy.

Enjoy a five-star, individually curated experience while at this beautiful, remote farm in Iceland. Hike the Troll Peninsula or soak in Deplar's geothermal pool. Ride an Icelandic horse and kayak the local rivers. Enjoy morning yoga, as well as phenomenal meals prepared by the onsite chef. Add it after *A Circumnavigation of Iceland*.



## ADD NORWAY'S FJORDS

### PRE-VOYAGE/5 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

2020\*: From \$4,590 per person, double occupancy.

The rich fjordland of Norway is the ideal addition to your adventures. Thundering waterfalls and snowy peaks offer wonderful photo ops. Take a thrilling ride on the Flam railway, traveling through spectacular scenery. Sail through the Naeroy and both arms of the Sognefjord. The Norwegian Fjords extension can be taken before *Svalbard in Spring; Coastal Wonders of Norway, the Faroe Islands & Iceland; Arctic Exploration: A Voyage to Iceland, East Greenland & Norway; East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic*; and *Norwegian Discovery: Svalbard & the Northern Fjords*.



## ADD ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS

### POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2020\*: From \$4,910 per person, double occupancy.

Explore bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers and the world-famous Goðafoss waterfalls in the north of Iceland. Luxuriate in the famous Blue Lagoon hot springs. And get to know the intimate yet cosmopolitan city of Reykjavík. Add it after *Exploring Greenland & the Canadian High Arctic; Svalbard in Spring; East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic; Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard*; and *Legendary Northern Isles: Scotland, Faroes & Iceland*.

\*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 puffins, guillemots, and kittiwakes.
- ▶ 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/islesex](https://expeditions.com/islesex).

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

**Jim Richardson** has photographed more than fifty stories for National Geographic, including several on the Scottish Isles, and joins the **May 15 & 22, 2020** departures.

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

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 Hydra 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, in the bustling seaport of Lerwick, choose from several options. Explore the town, strolling amid 18th-century sandstone warehouses; delve into local culture and history at the Shetland Museum & Archives; or embark on a birdwatching or a geology-focused excursion. Alternatively, 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)

## 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.



## PRICING:

*National Geographic Endurance*  
Cat. 1 from \$7,970; Cat. 7 from \$15,530  
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## SPECIAL OFFER:

Travel aboard *National Geographic Endurance* and we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Visit our website.



# 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 from Bergen to London.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$15,340; Cat. 7 from \$28,000  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/british-rates](https://www.expeditions.com/british-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

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Spend an extra day exploring Shetland on a 16-day/14-night voyage.

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Add a four-day [Scotland](#) pre-voyage extension and visit Edinburgh and the Scottish Highlands, or a post-trip extension in [Bergen, Norway](#). Call or visit our website for details.



Ring of Brodgar, Orkney, Scotland.



# SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS

## 9 Days/7 Nights—Aboard *Lord Of The Glens*

**O**n 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.
- ▶ 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 PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with **Jim Richardson** on the **Aug. 2, 2020** departure. Jim spent two years photographing the Celtic realm for the *National Geographic* magazine article, "Celt Appeal."

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

*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 and 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 chose 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 from Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness.

Limited availability.

**PRICING:**

*Lord of the Glens*

Cat. 1 from \$8,230; Cat. 2 from \$9,370

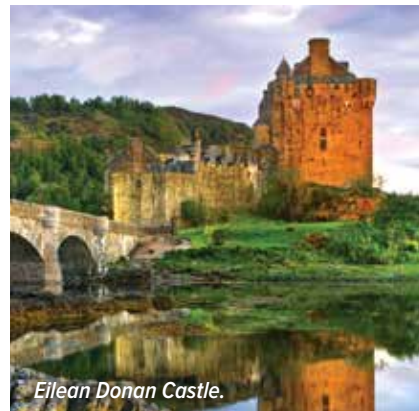
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**SPECIAL OFFER:**

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a two-day pre- or post-voyage extension in [Edinburgh](#). Visit our website or call for details.



*Eilean Donan Castle.*

NEW

# CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE BALTIC SEA

## 16 Days/14 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Explore nine countries united by the Baltic Sea, discover their intertwined histories, and encounter fascinating cultures. Wander along the medieval walled city of Visby, explore dazzling St. Petersburg over two days, dine on local specialties and enjoy private musical performances. Enjoy ample choices and avenues for exploration in each of the cities and explore from a privileged vantage point—going by ship allows us to sail routes of the old Hanseatic League, in the paths of early traders and nobles, and it lets us enter the cities as they were meant to be entered—by sea.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

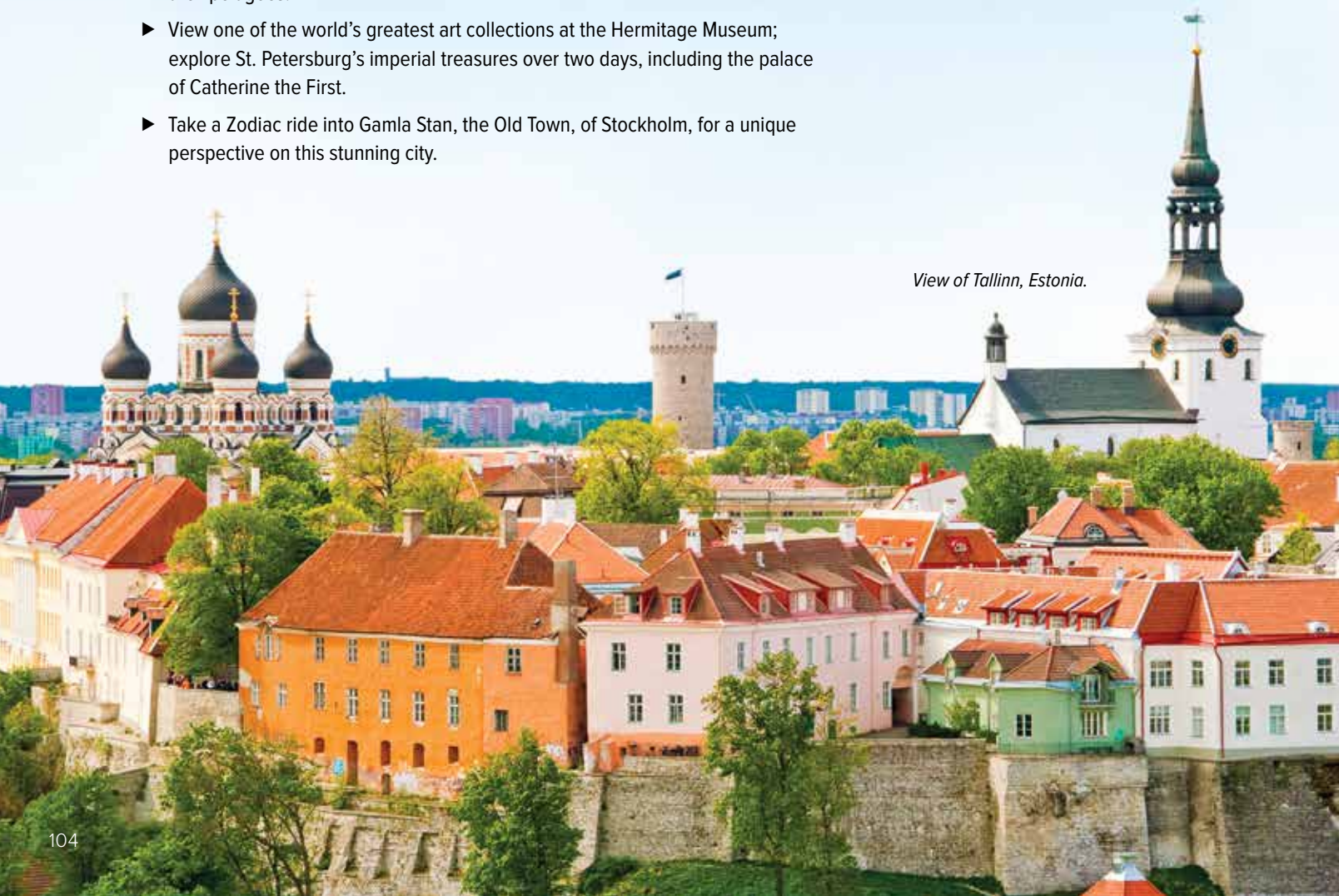
Todd Gipstein will be on board the **May 2, 2020** departure. He is an enthusiastic traveler and teacher, and his photos have been published in *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines and in many books.

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## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore UNESCO World Heritage sites in St. Petersburg; medieval Visby, Riga, and Tallinn; and the wild Curonian Spit of coastal Lithuania.
- ▶ Cruise through the tiny islands which are part of the Finnish and Swedish archipelagos.
- ▶ View one of the world's greatest art collections at the Hermitage Museum; explore St. Petersburg's imperial treasures over two days, including the palace of Catherine the First.
- ▶ Take a Zodiac ride into Gamla Stan, the Old Town, of Stockholm, for a unique perspective on this stunning city.

View of Tallinn, Estonia.





**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./COPENHAGEN, DENMARK/EMBARK**

Fly overnight and arrive in Denmark's capital of Copenhagen. Cruise the charming canals of this old maritime city before embarking *National Geographic Explorer*. (Day 2: L,D)



Lübeck, Germany.

**DAY 3: LÜBECK, GERMANY**

Lübeck, medieval capital of the Hanseatic League and its intact ensemble of step-gabled merchants' houses, red-bricked warehouses and narrow alleys are protected as a World Heritage Site. A walking tour will take us to Buddenbrookhaus, home of Lübeck's famous sons, authors Heinrich and Thomas Mann. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: CHRISTIANSØ AND BORNHOLM, DENMARK**

This will be an expedition morning on the tiny, fortified island of Christiansø. Walk among the colorful buildings and meet some of the friendly locals—a population less than 100. This afternoon on Bornholm you may hike up to the cliff-top ruins of Hammershus fortress, explore the island's round churches and white sandy beaches, or opt for a smoked herring tasting and a leisurely stroll around one of its fishing harbors. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: GDAŃSK, POLAND**

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

**DAY 6: KLAIPĖDA, LITHUANIA**

Explore the wild barrier peninsula called the Curonian Spit, a UNESCO World Heritage site shared by Lithuania and Russia. Learn of folk tales at the Hill of Witches and see some of Europe's tallest sand dune. Spend the morning at the Ventė Cape Ornithological Station to explore the lighthouse while learning about migratory bird populations. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: RIGA, LATVIA**

Tour Riga's wooden houses, Art Nouveau architecture, charming cafes, and the Central Market, housed in old Zeppelin hangars, making it Europe's largest. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: TALLINN, ESTONIA**

Cross the Gulf of Riga to Estonia, arriving in beautiful Tallinn this morning. You may choose to stroll the medieval streets to Town Hall Square on a guided walking excursion through the walled, cobblestoned Old Town with its Kiek in de Kōk, a 15th-century defensive tower. Take in the view of Tallinn's picturesque spires and gables from atop Dome Hill. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA**

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

**DAY 11: EXPLORING COASTAL FINLAND**

Today we'll explore Finland's intricate coastline with numerous bays, inlets, and islands rich with natural history and ripe for exploration. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: CRUISING STOCKHOLM ARCHIPELAGO, SWEDEN**

Cruise the Stockholm archipelago on your way from coastal Finland to Sweden's beautiful capital. Keep your camera handy through the scenic archipelago as we arrive in Stockholm, a city built on 14 islands. We stay docked overnight so you can enjoy this magical Scandinavian city. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**

See the royal warship *Vasa*, which sank only minutes into its maiden voyage in 1628. It was recovered from the harbor of Stockholm in



Visby, Gotland.



1961 and painstakingly restored to its original glory. Stroll the narrow, winding streets of Gamla Stan, the Old Town and perhaps stop for a *kanelbullar*—a local cinnamon bun. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: VISBY, GOTLAND**

Enjoy a walking tour of the Viking city of Visby, wandering through its cobblestoned streets to the edge of the city's stone walls. End at the Gotland Museum, where you'll learn of the island's fascinating history. Alternatively, opt to bike across the Gotland countryside with a local guide. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: EXPLORING SOUTHERN SWEDEN**

Spend the day exploring the Southern archipelago of Sweden. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: COPENHAGEN/ DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark ship this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 2 2021 May 7

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$17,330; Cat. 7 from \$32,400.  
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NEW

# NORTH SEA VOYAGE: NORTHERN EUROPE & THE NORMANDY BEACHES

12 Days/10 Nights—Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Voyage from Copenhagen to London along the canals and coastline of the North Sea, exploring beautiful coastal cities as well as the crucial and storied role the region has played in history. Stroll through charming, canal-side towns that rose up along Old-World trade routes. Marvel at the elaborate architecture of medieval ruling capitals. Reflect at the sites of battles that helped determine the outcome of World War II.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Take in the stunning architecture in Lübeck, a medieval German city founded in 1143 that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ▶ Cruise the storybook canals of Bruges on a private boat tour.
- ▶ Stop in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum to see *The Night Watch*, perhaps the most famous of Rembrandt's paintings.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of Allied soldiers along Omaha Beach, a WWII site that was part of the largest amphibious invasion in history.
- ▶ Sail past England's otherworldly Cliffs of Dover, white-chalk cliffs rising 350 feet from the sea.
- ▶ Navigate up the River Thames and under Tower Bridge, one of London's most recognizable landmarks.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Military historian, author, and podcast host **Mark Bielski** is currently the director at Stephen Ambrose Historical Tours. His expertise lies within World War II history in Europe and the American Civil War. Travel with him on **May 16, 2020**.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Pulitzer-Prize winner and National Geographic photographer **Jay Dickman** on the **May 16, 2020** voyage.

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*Bruges canal with beautiful houses.*





**MAY 16 & 17: U.S./COPENHAGEN, DENMARK/EMBARK**

Depart on an overnight flight to Copenhagen where you'll explore Nyhavn, the city's 17th-century waterfront neighborhood, on a private canal boat tour before embarking *National Geographic Explorer*. (Day 2: L,D)

**MAY 18: LÜBECK, GERMANY**

Cruise up the river Trave to the beautiful medieval city of Lübeck. Once the Queen City of the Hanseatic League, Lübeck boasts beautiful brick architecture, much of which was rebuilt after WWII. Taste locally produced marzipan, and visit the incredible medieval architecture of the Holsten Gate and Hospital of the Holy Spirit—two of the many fascinating buildings to grace this lovely, picturesque town. (B,L,D)

**MAY 19: AT SEA**

Overnight and into the morning, transit the Kiel Canal, a 61-mile waterway connecting the North Sea with the Baltic. In the morning, take in the beautiful views of the Schleswig-Holstein region from the ship until we reach the Brunsbüttel Lock and exit out into the North Sea to sail along the coast of mainland Europe. Unwind, head to the spa, browse the library, and hear talks from our staff. (B,L,D)

**MAY 20: AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS**

Cluttered with bicycles, bursting with flowers, and carved by canals, Amsterdam is a vibrant city with an arts scene that has flourished since the Middle Ages. Take in the unique character of the

canal-lined streets by boat or on foot, and experience the spectacular Rijksmuseum, reopened after a mammoth, nine-year renovation. On a guided tour, examine the works of Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other Dutch masters. (B,L,D)



U.S. Navy Monument, Utah Beach.

**MAY 21 & 22: BRUGES AND ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with Gothic architecture and serene waterways. Walk through the bustling and colorful Market Square, and listen as the bells of the medieval bell tower toll the hour. After a walking excursion, board small boats and glide down swan-dotted canals to experience the gem-like old town from another perspective. In contrast, Antwerp is a bustling port city, boasting its fair share of impressive Medieval architecture. Stroll the centuries-old diamond district, visit the Rubens House to view works by Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens, and admire the Renaissance architecture in Grote Markt. (B,L,D)

**MAY 23–26: BEACHES AND HISTORICAL BATTLEFIELDS OF WWII**  
Turn your focus toward one of the most

important historical events of the 20th century as you retrace the events of D-Day with a local historian. Sail past the Cliffs of Dover, a beacon to many WWII pilots returning home from battle on the continent and stop nearby to learn about the Allied's advance preparation for the attack. Cross the English Channel in the wake of troops heading to the front. Walk in the footsteps of the Allied troops at Omaha Beach, and pay your respects at the American Cemetery. Visit the famous Pegasus Bridge across the Caen Canal, where the British 6th Airborne Division glided in to land at the very start of the Allied invasion. See the remains of Mulberry Harbor, created from partially sunken blockships to provide a safe point of entry for supplies and equipment after the initial invasion began. Overnight, navigate up the River Thames, toward London. (B,L,D)

**MAY 27: LONDON, ENGLAND/ DISEMBARK/U.S.**

Disembark in London and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



Cliffs of Dover.

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

DATE: 2020 May 16

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Explorer*  
Cat. 1 from \$11,790; Cat. 7 from \$21,540  
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## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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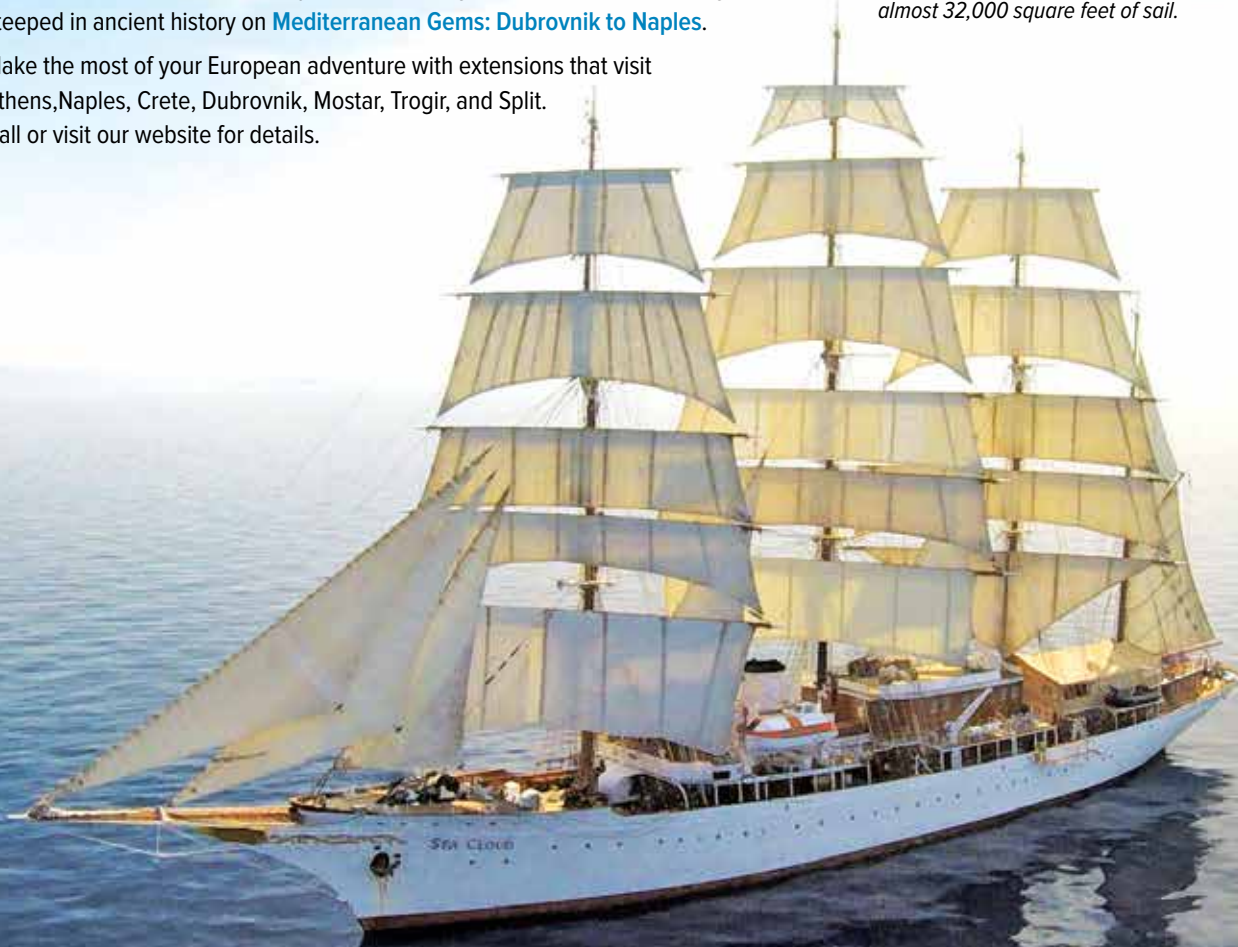
## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE SPEAKERS

An expert on Mediterranean history and nautical archaeology, **Robyn Woodward** has directed excavations and lectured extensively on the region's history and sites. Join her on *Mediterranean Gems: Dubrovnik to Naples* on **May 22, 2020** and on *Under Sail: Greece to the Dalmatian Coast* on **Jun. 1, 2020**.

Professor and Founding Director of the University of Tennessee's Humanities Center, **Tom Heffernan** lectures on the history of the ancient Mediterranean in the Greco-Roman era. Join him on *Sailing the Greek Isles* on **Jun. 11 & 18, 2020**.

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*Sea Cloud displaying her almost 32,000 square feet of sail.*





## UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

### ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

**Days 1 & 2:** U.S./Athens, Greece/  
Piraeus/Embark

**Day 3:** At Sea

**Day 4:** Olympia

**Day 5:** Ithaca/At Sea

**Day 6:** Sarandë and Butrint, Albania

**Day 7:** Durrës/Krujë

**Day 8:** Perast and Kotor, Montenegro

**Day 9:** Dubrovnik, Croatia

**Day 10:** At Sea/Korčula

**Day 11:** Hvar/At Sea

**Day 12:** Dubrovnik/Disembark/U.S.

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 1\*, Sep. 7 2021 May 31\*, Jul. 1;  
Aug. 26

Limited availability.

\*These departures travel in reverse.

### PRICING:

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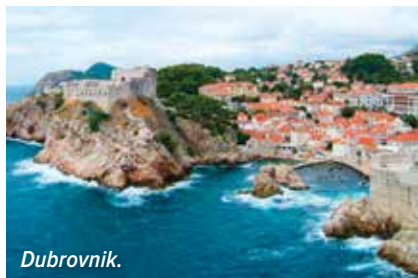
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### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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Dubrovnik.

Santorini Island, Greece.



## SAILING THE GREEK ISLES

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

### ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

**Days 1 & 2:** U.S./Athens, Greece/  
Piraeus/Embark

**Day 3:** At Sea

**Day 4:** Tinos

**Day 5:** Delos/Exploring

**Day 6:** Amorgós

**Day 7:** Santorini

**Day 8:** Sifnos/At Sea

**Day 9:** Piraeus/Disembark/Athens/U.S.

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2020 Jun. 11, 18, Aug. 24, 31 2021 Jun. 10,  
17, 24

Limited availability.

Note: To take advantage of optimum sailing  
opportunities, the order and choice of some  
smaller islands may change during the course  
of this expedition.

### PRICING:

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## MEDITERRANEAN GEMS: DUBROVNIK TO NAPLES

12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

### ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

**Days 1 & 2:** U.S./Dubrovnik, Croatia/  
Embark

**Day 3:** At Sea

**Day 4:** Otranto and Lecce, Italy

**Day 5:** At Sea/Gerace

**Day 6:** Siracusa

**Day 7:** Taormina

**Day 8:** At Sea/Lipari/Stromboli

**Day 9:** At Sea/Amalfi and Ravello

**Day 10:** Paestum/At Sea

**Day 11:** Salerno/Pompeii/At Sea

**Day 12:** Naples/Disembark/U.S.

### EXPEDITION DETAILS

**DATES:** 2020 May 22\*; Sep. 17 2021 May 21\*,  
Sep. 5

Limited availability.

\*These departures travel in reverse

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# 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.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer **Susan Seubert** has photographed more than 30 feature stories for *National Geographic Traveler*. Join her on the **Mar. 28, 2020** voyage.

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

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of Fakarava, 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.
- Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of the Tuamotu Archipelago, identified as one of the most unspoiled reef systems in the world by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala.

*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 (or similar) 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)

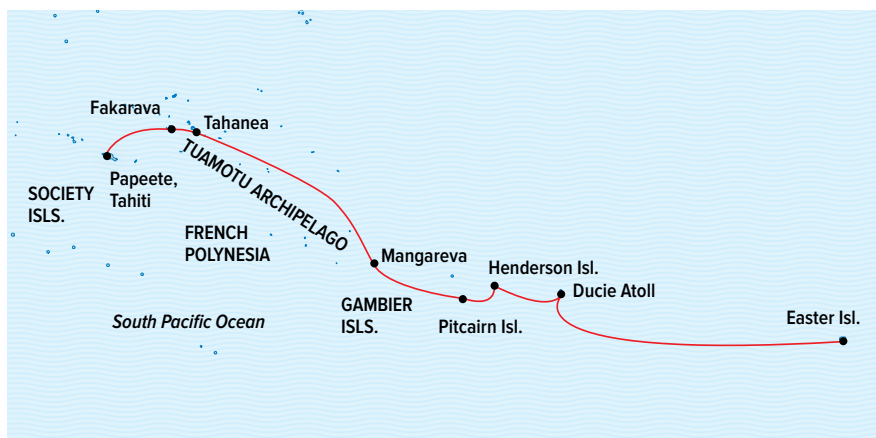
**DAYS 6-10: AT SEA/PITCAIRN ISLANDS**

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. 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

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*  
Cat. 1 from \$19,520; Cat. 6 from \$41,270.  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/easterisland-rates](https://expeditions.com/easterisland-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by **Dec. 31, 2019** 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. See page 136 for details.
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**OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a three-day post-voyage **Mo'orea** extension. Call or visit [expeditions.com/moorea](https://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 PHOTOGRAPHERS

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. 14, 2020** departure.

**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.

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*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 interior by 4WD for unparalleled views of the island's turquoise lagoon, then 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 Taputapuātea 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**

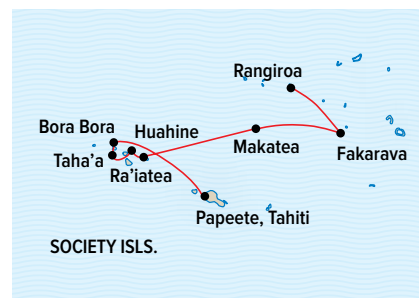
Spend two days exploring some of the nearly 80 islands and atolls in the "Dangerous Archipelago." An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search 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 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. (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 Apr. 14; 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*

Cat. 1 from \$8,360; Cat. 6 from \$18,290

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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.

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*Hanavave Bay, Fatu Hiva, Marquesas.*



**DAY 1: DEPART U.S.**

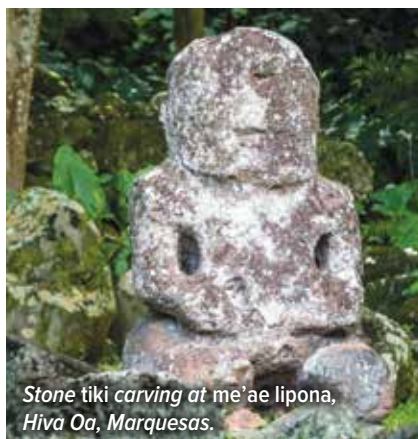
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Tahiti.

**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. 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)



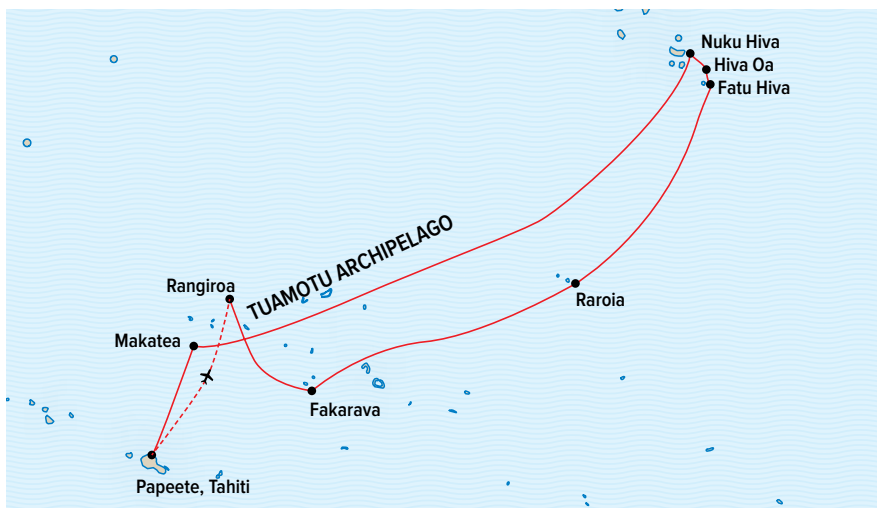
Stone tiki carving at me'ae lipona, Hiva Oa, Marquesas.

**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 healthy 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. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/marquesas-rates](https://expeditions.com/marquesas-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

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# 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.

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*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)



Coconut crab, the largest land crab in the world, can weigh up to 9 lbs.

**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, like the stunning island of Makatea, one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. See the spectral remains of a mining operation as you hike through a primeval landscape with your expedition team to discover an incredible limestone grotto. Birders might add endemics such as the imperial pigeon or the Makatea fruit dove to their lists. Snorkelers will revel in the protected reefs of gorgeous Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part



Traditional tattoo, Marquesas.

of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. 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**

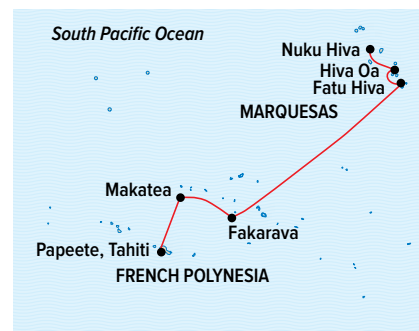
A relaxing day at sea brings us to one of the most remote and historic island groups on Earth, the Marquesas. One never forgets the first sight of lovely Hanavave Bay, fronting one of the world's most soul-stirring beautiful islands—Fatu Hiva. Be sure you're on deck and camera-armed as we arrive at one 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)

**DAY 8: HIVA OA, MARQUESAS**

Visit the village of Puamau to explore a well-maintained Marquesan sacred site, at *me'ae lipona*. Accompanied by our team and knowledgeable local guides, we'll learn about religious rites, and get the chance to photograph one of the largest, most arresting ancient *tikis* in Polynesia. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 9 & 10: NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS/DISEMBARK/PAPEETE/U.S.**

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.



Choose to end your Polynesia adventure here, fly back to Papeete, and connect to your flight home. Or choose to extend your trip and spend six relaxing days at sea and three nights on the Big Island of Hawai'i. (Day 9: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2020 May 18 2021 May 16

Additional cost applies for flight between Nuku Hiva and Papeete.

**PRICING:**

*National Geographic Orion*

Cat. 1 from \$8,360; Cat. 6 from \$18,290

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**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

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**OPTIONAL HAWAII EXTENSION**

Join our National Geographic experts, and our expedition staff for an informative seven-day journey from Marquesas to Hawai'i—following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers. Read, relax, unwind as you discover the skills required to master an ocean. Plus, enjoy a complimentary three-day stay on the Big Island. Visit [expeditions.com/hawaii](https://expeditions.com/hawaii) or call for details.

# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA: ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER

**15 Days/12 Nights—Featuring 7 Nights Aboard *Jahan***

Linked 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

- ▶ Spend the holidays on the Mekong on our Dec. 16, 2019 departure.
- ▶ 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 private cocktail reception at the former residence of U.S. ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. Dinner is at leisure. Depart Saigon on Day 15, arriving home the same day. (B)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2019 Dec. 16, 30 2020 Jan. 7\*; Feb. 4\*, 10 2021 Jan. 4, 18, 26\*; Feb. 15, 23\*

*Limited availability.*

\*These departures travel from Saigon to Siem Reap.

**PRICING:***Jahan*

Cat. 1 from \$11,760; Suites from \$17,650  
Rates are per person, double occupancy; solo rates available. For all categories, current rates, and details, visit [expeditions.com/mekong-rates](https://expeditions.com/mekong-rates), call an Expedition Specialist, or your Travel Advisor. For best pricing book early.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- **SAVE \$1,000 ON AIRFARE:** Book Category 2 or higher on the Dec. 16 or 30, 2019 departures and receive a **\$1,000 AIR CREDIT** per person. New bookings only. Call For details.
- Your bar tab and tips to the crew are complimentary aboard all departures on *Jahan*.

**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 our website or call for details.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTS**

Travel with art historian **Barry Till** on Dec. 30, 2019 or expert **Jan Nijman** on Feb. 10, 2020.

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

# 2019-2021 EXPEDITION CALENDAR

				2019								
				OCT	NOV	DEC						
				PAGE	# OF DAYS	SHIP				JAN	FEB	MAR
NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN												
Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness	8	8	NG Quest & NG Venture									
Wild Alaska Escape: Juneau to Ketchikan	10	6	NG Sea Lion									
Wild Alaska Escape: Sitka to Juneau	11	6	NG Sea Bird & NG Sea Lion									
A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii	12	15	NG Sea Bird & NG Sea Lion									
Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska & British Columbia	14	14	NG Quest & NG Venture									
Bering Sea Wilderness: Pribilofs, Katmai & Kodiak	16	13	NG Orion									
Across the Bering Sea: From Katmai to Kamchatka	18	22	NG Orion									
The Canadian Maritimes & Newfoundland	20	9	NG Explorer									
Exploring British Columbia & the San Juan Islands	22	8	NG Venture	■								
Columbia & Snake Rivers Journey: Spring Bloom & Fall Harvest	24	8	NG Sea Bird, NG Sea Lion & NG Venture	■								
Wild California Escape: San Francisco to Monterey Bay	26	6	NG Venture		■							
Wild California Escape: Channel Islands National Park	27	5	NG Sea Bird, NG Quest & NG Venture	■	■	■						
From Southern California to Baja: Sailing the Pacific Coast	28	12	NG Venture			■						
Baja California & the Sea of Cortez: Among the Great Whales	30	8	NG Venture					■	■		■	
Baja California: A Remarkable Journey	32	15	NG Sea Lion & NG Venture									■
Exploring the Sea of Cortez: A Living Sea & Desert Isles	34	8	NG Venture & NG Quest									
Wild Baja Escape: the Whales of Magdalena Bay	36	6	NG Sea Lion					■	■		■	
Wild Baja Escape: Serenity & Sea Life in the Sea of Cortez	37	5	NG Venture			■		■	■			
Sailing the Caribbean	38	8	Sea Cloud							■		
SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA												
Galápagos	40	10	NG Endeavour II & NG Islander	■	■	■		■	■		■	
Galápagos + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca	42	16	NG Endeavour II & NG Islander	■	■	■		■	■		■	
Wild Galápagos Escape	44	7	NG Islander							■		
Wild Galápagos & Peru Escape	45	9	NG Islander							■		
Upper Amazon	46	10	Delfin II	■	■	■		■	■		■	
Wild Costa Rica Escape: Guanacaste's Coral Reefs & Volcanic Peaks	49	6	NG Sea Lion & NG Quest		■	■		■				■
Costa Rica & The Panama Canal	50	8	NG Quest		■	■		■	■			
Monteverde Cloud Forest + Costa Rica to Panama	52	11	NG Quest		■	■		■	■			
Panama to Costa Rica + Monteverde, Arenal Volcano & Tortuguero	52	15	NG Quest		■	■		■	■			
Exploring Costa Rica: Cloud Forest to the Caribbean	53	9	Land Excursion		■	■		■	■			
Wild Belize Escape: Wildlife, Reefs & Rivers	54	6	NG Quest							■		
Panama & Colombia: Exploring the Caribbean Coast	56	8	NG Quest									
Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks & Forests	58	20	NG Explorer	■								
Best of Chilean Patagonia: From Torres Del Paine to Cape Horn	60	16	NG Orion									■
Patagonia: Chilean Fjords & Argentina's Staten Island	61	12	NG Orion									■
Southern Patagonia: Glaciers, Fjords & Wildlife	62	19	NG Endurance									
POLAR REGIONS & THE NORTHLANDS												
Journey to Antarctica: The White Continent	66	14	NG Explorer, NG Orion & NG Endurance		■	■		■	■			
South Georgia & the Falklands	68	19	NG Explorer	■								■
Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands	70	24	NG Explorer, NG Orion & NG Endurance		■					■		
Epic Antarctica: The Peninsula to the Ross Sea & Beyond	72	35	NG Endurance									
Exploring Russia's Far East & Wrangel Island	74	13	NG Orion									
Exploring Greenland and the Canadian High Arctic	76	18	NG Explorer									
Fabled Lands of the North: Greenland to Newfoundland	78	17	NG Explorer									
Svalbard in Spring: Polar Bears, Arctic Light & Epic Ice	80	11	NG Endurance									
Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard	82	17	NG Explorer & NG Endurance									
Norwegian Discovery: Svalbard & the Northern Fjords	83	11	NG Endurance									
East Greenland: Wild Shores of the High Arctic	84	20	NG Endurance									
Iceland's Wild West Coast to East Greenland	85	13	NG Endurance									
Arctic Exploration: A Voyage to Iceland, East Greenland & Norway	86	17	NG Endurance									
Coastal Wonders of Norway, the Faroe Islands & Iceland	88	17	NG Endurance									
A Circumnavigation of Iceland	90	11	NG Explorer									
Wild Iceland Escape	92	6	NG Explorer									
Legendary Northern Isles: Scotland, Faroes, & Iceland	94	14	NG Explorer									
EUROPE & THE MEDITERRANEAN												
Norwegian Fjords & Scottish Isles	98	9	NG Endurance									
Ancient Isles: England, Ireland & Scotland	100	15	NG Explorer									
Scotland's Highlands & Islands	102	9	Lord of the Glens									
Circumnavigating the Baltic Sea	104	16	NG Explorer									
North Sea Voyage: Northern Europe & the Normandy Beaches	106	12	NG Explorer									
Under Sail: Greece to the Dalmatian Coast	109	12	Sea Cloud									
Sailing the Greek Isles	109	9	Sea Cloud									
Mediterranean Gems: Dubrovnik to Naples	109	12	Sea Cloud									
SOUTH PACIFIC & SOUTHEAST ASIA												
Easter Island to Tahiti: Tales of the Pacific	110	20	NG Orion									■
French Polynesia: Beyond the Postcard	112	10	NG Orion									
Azure Seas from Tahiti to the Marquesas	114	17	NG Orion									
Tahiti to the Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery	116	10	NG Orion									
Vietnam & Cambodia: Along the Mekong River	118	15	Jahan			■		■	■			



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## 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 6 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

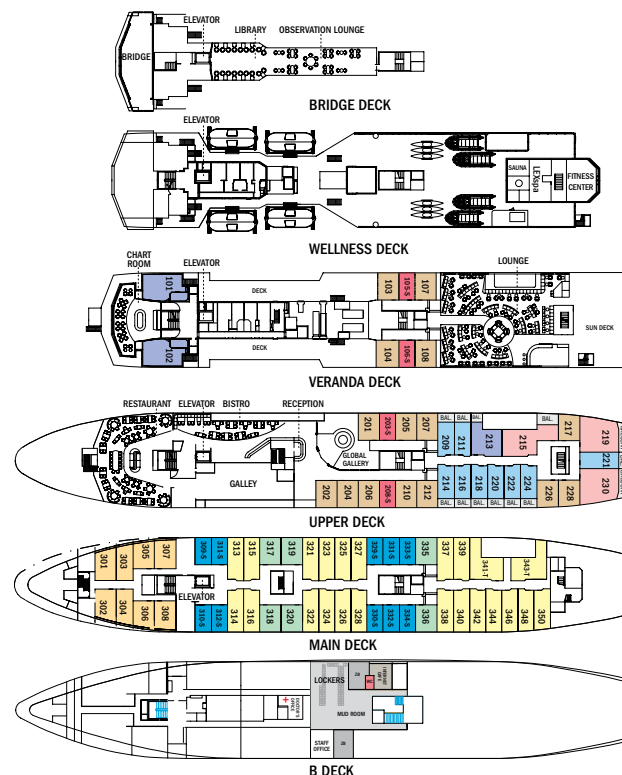
**CATEGORY B SOLO:** Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**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.



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## 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 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; al fresco 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

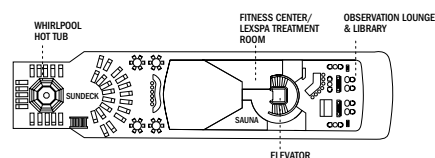
\*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.

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

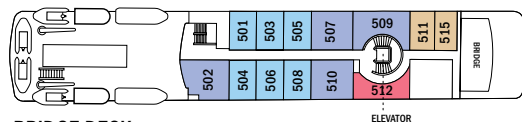
**CATEGORY 3 SOLO:** Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

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

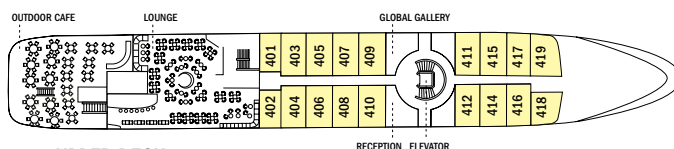
**NOTE:** Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.



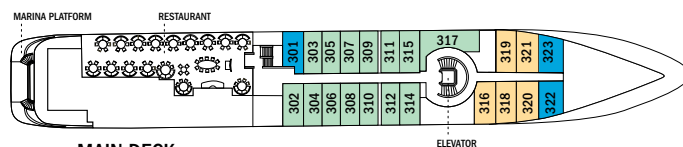
OBSERVATION DECK



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



EXPEDITION DECK

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NEW SHIP



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE

**CAPACITY:** 126 guests in 69 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 406 feet.

*National Geographic Endurance* is a next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. A fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessel, it is designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. Its patented X-bow® is key to its design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride even in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck for superior observation. She carries a full suite of expedition tools, and offers 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°; Artist Zaria Forman has curated Change, a permanent polar art exhibit aboard ship.*





Clockwise from left: Artist's rendering of the Ice Lounge is the expedition community hub for recap, presentations and sociability; standard cabin; an expansive studio for yoga and stretch sessions.

**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

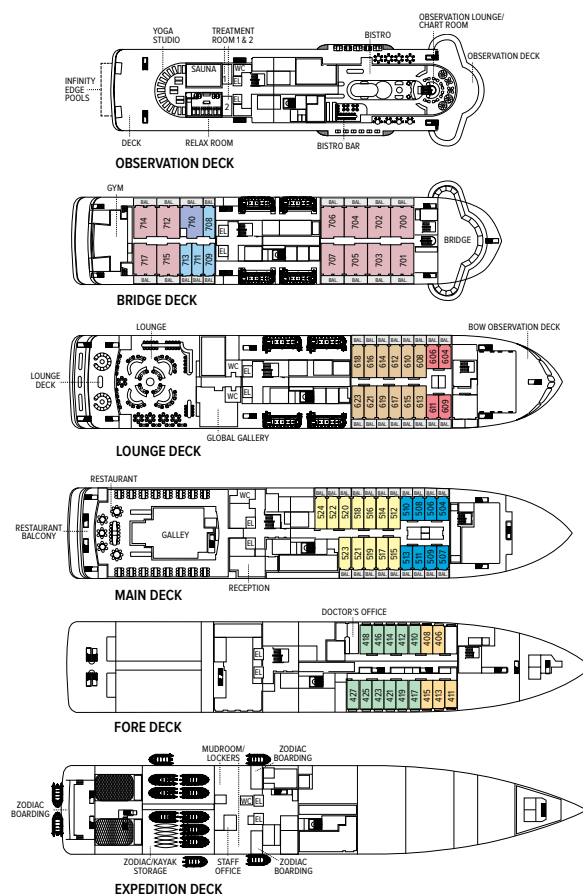
**CATEGORY 6:** Bridge Deck—Junior Balcony Suite with large balcony, sofa bed #710

**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

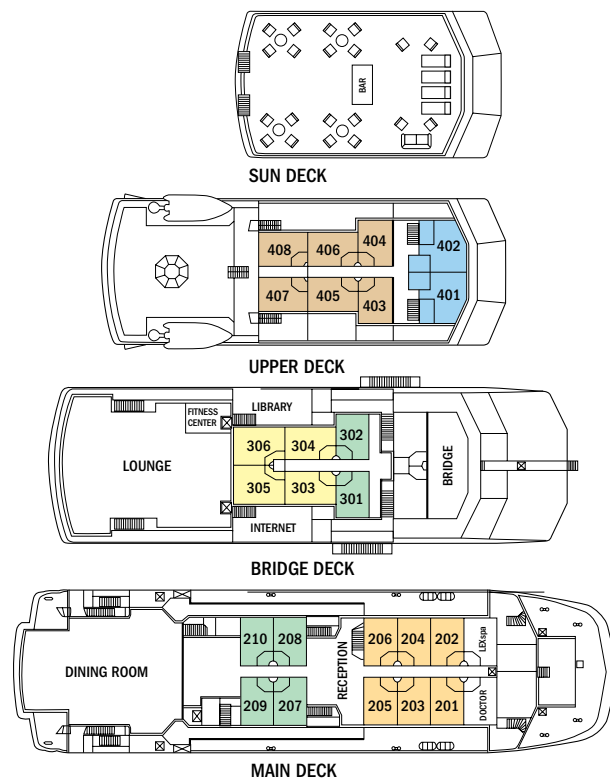
All cabins have: Ability to set up as queen or two twins, command center with docking for multiple devices, atlas, clock, barometer, TV, phone, digital tablet for onboard info, hair dryer, safe, refrigerator.



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*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.

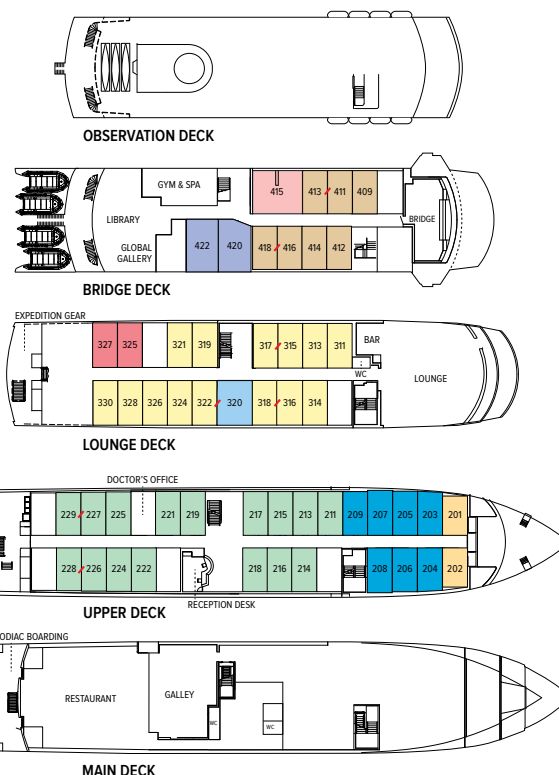
**CATEGORY 5:** Upper Deck, #401 and 402—forward facing with additional seating, desk, wrap-around windows, glassed-in terrace with seating. Largest cabins aboard.

**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.

**SEE MORE ONLINE:** Learn more about *National Geographic Islander* at [expeditions.com/islander](http://expeditions.com/islander)





Clockwise from top: National Geographic Endeavour II features 52 cabins accommodating 96 guests; category 1 cabin; dining room.

Red diagonal line indicates adjoining cabins

## 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

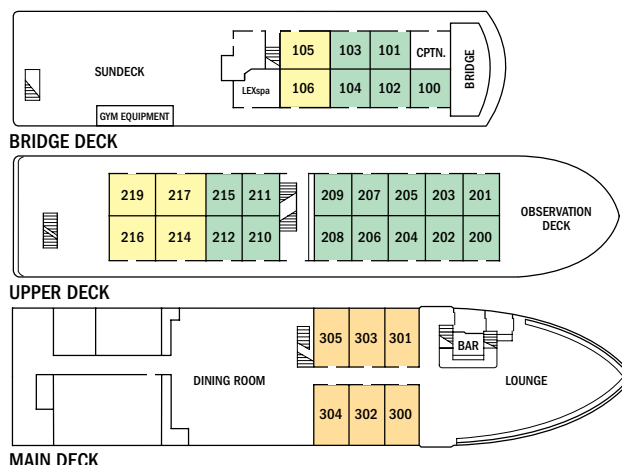
**TRIPLE OCCUPANCY:** #224, 225, 326, 328 with fold-down upper third bunk, Suites B and C with convertible sofa bed. Third person rates are one-half per person double occupancy rate.

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.

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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.

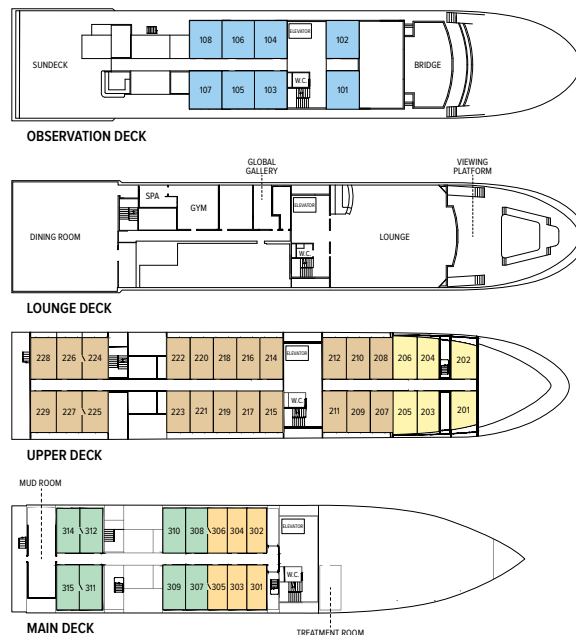
**CATEGORY 2:** Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215—These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

**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.





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From left to right: The lounge with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Category 3 cabins feature one Queen bed (that can be converted to two singles), a writing desk, and two portholes.

## 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



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.

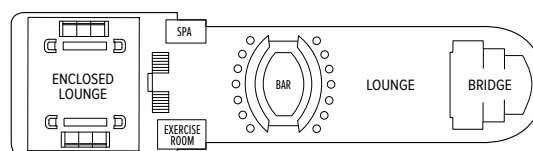
**REGISTRY:** Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 120 feet.

**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.

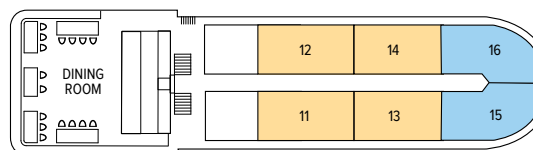
**MEALS:** The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

**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.

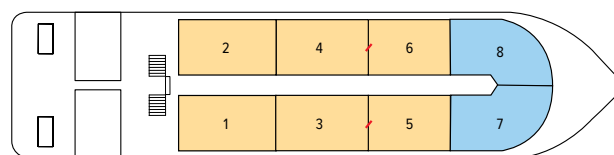
**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** 10-person skiffs—with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for up-close, personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided when needed.



OBSERVATION DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

indicates adjoining cabins

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**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 Jahan; Category 2 cabin; Category 3 cabin.

## JAHAN

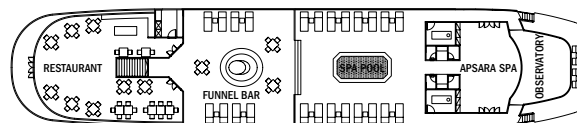
**CAPACITY:** 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

**REGISTRY:** Vietnam. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 230 feet.

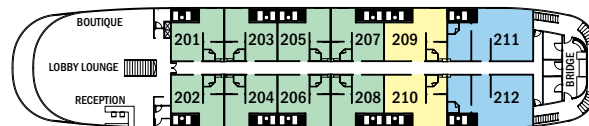
**PUBLIC AREAS:** The ship is fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the Terrace Deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a small swimming pool, and a full service bar. The lounge, located on the Upper Deck, has a library and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations. Guests are 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.

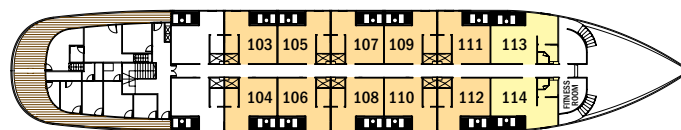
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** There is a spa, offering a choice of massage treatments, and fitness room with steam bath and treadmill, stationary bicycle, and elliptical trainer. The boutique has a fine selection of local artwork and textiles. Morning Tai Chi classes are offered on the Terrace Deck. DVD and iPod players are available on request.



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.

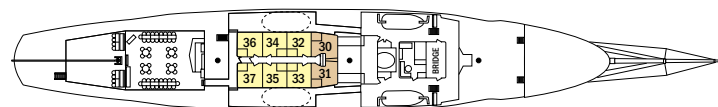
**CATEGORY 2:** Upper Deck #201-208. Each of these large 3 cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 201-202 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and 203-208 have queen-size beds.

**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.

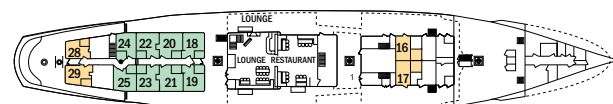
**SUITES:** Upper Deck #211-212. These are the largest and finest accommodations on board. Each has a queen-size bed, a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light, a television, a DVD player, and a private Jacuzzi.



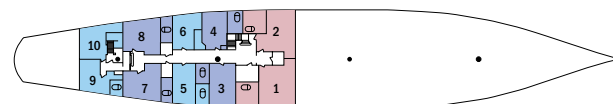
Clockwise from top: Sea Cloud under full sail; Original/Deluxe Category A cabin; Owner's suite, which is one of the original cabins.



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.

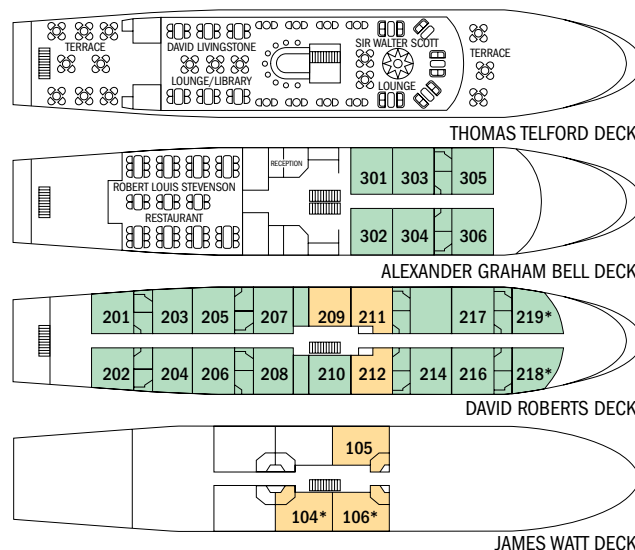
**ORIGINAL/DELUXE CATEGORY A:** Original/deluxe cabins, #3, 4, 7, 8: Located on the Main Deck, these very large cabins, originally occupied by guests of the owner, have a mix of bed types, decorative motifs, bathrooms with bathtubs. All have portholes.

**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 26 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 well-stocked 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.

**CATEGORY 1:** James Watt Deck #105 (2 lower beds, 2 portholes); James Watt Deck Solo Occupancy #104\*, 106\* (1 double bed, 2 portholes); David Roberts Deck #209 (2 lower beds), 211-212 (1 double bed, picture window).

**CATEGORY 2:** David Roberts Deck #201-208, 210, 214, 216-217 (2 lower beds, picture window); Solo Occupancy #218\*-219\* (1 double bed, picture window); Alexander Graham Bell Deck #301-306 (2 lower beds, large picture window).

**Shared Accommodations:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.

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- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

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- ✓ Snorkeling and paddleboarding (where indicated)
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge

*Note: Amenities vary across fleet, and are provided where applicable.*

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