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# Sail into the Wilds of North America

Majestic sky-scraping peaks. Cascading glaciers. Shimmering waters rich with marine life. Join Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic to discover the abundant wild beauty of North America. Voyage to rarely seen parts of familiar places and explore more deeply with insights from our expert naturalists, undersea specialists, and photographers. Step aboard, and experience North America like never before.

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# A Wilderness of Epic Proportions

The natural wonders of Alaska and the western United States rival those found anywhere on the planet. **Karen Kuest** is an Expedition Development Manager for Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic. Here, she discusses what you can expect from our expeditions in this wild part of the world.



### What are the benefits of exploring Alaska and the American West by small ship?

There are so many rugged places tucked into their coastal regions—places that are simply too remote

and secluded for larger ships to reach, like fishing holes frequented by brown bears and wild islands outfitted only with small docks. Small ships also have shallow drafts that let us get closer to



shore for wildlife observations. On one occasion in Glacier Bay, we spotted wolves playing and were able to nose up close to watch them. That experience wouldn't have been possible on a bigger ship.

#### The idea of 'active exploration' is key to Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic. Can you explain the concept?

Active exploration is about experiencing your surroundings in an immersive way, no matter your interests. That might mean hiking across sea cliffs in the Channel Islands or riding a Zodiac into the wild crevices of British Columbia. Or, it could mean reading about Lewis and Clark in the ship library as we sail the same route they took along the Columbia River. Whichever way you choose to explore, our expeditions and ships are designed to help enhance your discovery of your destination.



What unique perspectives can a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic voyage offer to families? Our voyages go beyond the well-traveled routes to show young explorers what true wilderness

looks like. And on our Alaska expeditions, we have an exclusive **National Geographic Global Explorers Program**, led by certified field educators who are experts at using the outdoors as a classroom. They guide kids in educational and fun activities, like identifying whale flukes and getting their Zodiac licenses.



#### Lindblad Expeditions has been exploring Alaska for over 40 years. What other special experiences do we offer there?

Our exclusive undersea program employs a diver and remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) to share footage of marine life and habitats—a part of Alaska most travelers never see. We've also made many wonderful connections during our time in the region, like our conservation partnership with the Alaska Whale Foundation, whose representatives join us onboard each voyage to tell guests about the local whale populations.

*Top: Humpback Whales breaching, Alaska; Left to right: Sea Lion guests return to ship from Glacier Bay; young global explorer getting a zodiac license.* 



# Our Ships The Ideal Base for Immersive Exploration

Our nimble expedition ships are designed to provide up-close experiences in the planet's wildest and most remote places. In North America, that means taking you to the face of towering glaciers, gliding into serene bays for a solitary snorkeling excursion, or visiting multiple islands in one day in Channel Islands National Park. Our ships have the additional advantage of being U.S.-flagged,



eliminating customs stops and allowing more time to explore.

Each vessel is stocked with a fleet of kayaks, stand-up

paddleboards and Zodiacs that enable us to explore without being dependent on ports or piers, safely observe a bear feeding along the Alaska coast or paddle into coves for a closer look at sea lions.

All four of our U.S.-flagged expedition ships feature open decks and large windows that keep travelers connected with extraordinary views of turquoise waters when we're not out exploring. The ships are equipped with a full suite of exploration tools: hydrophones, underwater video cameras, and video microscopes that give you a glimpse of the vast world beneath the waves.

The lounge is where fellow travelers gather to unwind and hear the Naturalists discuss the wonders we witness each day. Beautifully appointed cabins and common areas reflect the artistic traditions of the regions we explore. Take up the captain's open invitation to visit the Bridge and watch the crew navigate the rivers and bays that make these waters so extraordinary to explore.



Left: National Geographic Sea Bird in Baja, California; Young adult stand-up paddleboarding; guests gathered in the lounge of National Geographic Quest.

# Capture Once-in-a-Lifetime Moments With the Help of Photography Experts

#### While you're discovering new territory, whether it's the Channel Islands or Alaska's

Inside Passage, you'll have the benefit of a Lindblad-National Geographic certified

photo instructor (CPI) at your side and at your service. He or she can help you with anything from camera settings to the basics of composition. Because our CPIs are also trained naturalists they are able to anticipate wildlife behavior and help you capture fleeting moments, such as whales breaching. Every guest–from iPhone camera users to advanced hobbyists–can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with the photos of a lifetime.



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Designated Photo Expeditions include special programming and are joined by a National Geographic photography expert. Look for the **1** on the itinerary pages or visit **expeditions.com/photo** for details.

#### **EXCLUSIVE GEAR LOCKER**



Thanks to our partnership with camera manufacturer OM System formerly Olympus), guests have the opportunity to field test top-of-theline gear during their expeditions. Eager to try a powerful new lens? Researching a new camera purchase? Take advantage of the onboard OM System Gear Locker with our compliments.

View a pre-voyage photo webinar and enjoy exclusive gear discounts as well! Ask an Expedition Specialist, or visit expeditions.com/OM





Brown bear fishing.



### Celebrating 40 Years in Alaska A Legacy of Wild Exploration

#### **BY FRAN GOLDEN**

Award-winning writer Fran Golden has been traveling to Alaska since the mid-1990s and recently co-wrote the book 100 Things To Do In Alaska Before You Die. Here, she recounts the legacy of Lindblad Expeditions in the wilds of the 49th state.

In 1981, Sven Lindblad learned that the sister ship of a vessel he chartered in Baja California had an opening on its calendar. It was a welcome opportunity to expand into a new geography, and he set his sights on Alaska. On his reconnaissance of the region, the founder of Lindblad Expeditions chartered a floatplane and was amazed by what he discovered: "glaciers, whales, bears, and wilderness so vast it's hard to get your head around."

#### In Alaska, Experience Counts

From its earliest Alaska voyages, Lindblad Expeditions has avoided places where larger ships sail in favor of bays and fjords where guests can commune with wilderness. As the cruise industry has grown here, Lindblad Expeditions—partnered with National Geographic since 2004—continues to stand out, with a fleet of four U.S.-flagged ships, each carrying only 62 or 100 guests. Although the ships embark from tourist towns like Juneau and Sitka, they set course for places where civilization is just a speck on the map. "There are so many nooks and crannies we have discovered over the years," Lindblad says. "You build up knowledge, and it makes for an action-packed time."

#### Small Ships, Big Discoveries

Lindblad's original Alaska ships were National Geographic Sea Bird and National Geographic Sea Lion. In 2017, Lindblad added to their fleet National Geographic Quest, followed by sister ship, National Geographic Venture. Both vessels were purpose-built to explore here, with a shallow draft for navigating secluded inlets, large expanses of glass for optimal views, and twin Zodiac boarding platforms that help guests quickly disembark for wildlife encounters.

With one expedition team member for every 10 to 12 guests, it is an intimate experience. Most have worked in Alaska for years and many live locally, providing them a wealth of insider knowledge and a deep passion for the wonders in their backyards.

"I still remember the first time I was in front of a tidewater glacier, being awed by that wall of ice in front of me," says naturalist and expedition leader Sarah Friedlander. "No place does wilderness better than Alaska."

# Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness



#### 8 DAYS | FROM \$7,560/pp

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/alaskawilderness

Witness authentic Alaskan wildness up-close on an expedition honed over 40 years. Discover shallow, fast-moving channels where whales feed, ancestral forest trails carved by bears, and the majesty of Glacier Bay National Park.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike or bushwhack through lush forests and muskegs, kayak into secluded inlets, and cruise by Zodiac among blue icebergs and curious wildlife.
- By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.
- If schedules permit, our conservation partners from the Alaska Whale Foundation will come aboard to meet with us and speak about the local whale population.
- Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.
- Hike and kayak by special permit in the wild, remote areas of the Tongass National Forest.

Orca, Southeast Alaska.

#### DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA

Arrive in Juneau in early afternoon. Embark in time for cocktails and an introduction to staff and crew. (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 soaring glaciers up close and take a zodiac cruise among sculpted icebergs, keeping an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises, and arctic terns. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 3: PETERSBURG

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

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

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

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

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

#### DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 7: SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS, AND FJORDS

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

#### DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK

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



#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Quest National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 May, June, July, August

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

Starting in 2023—Complimentary beer and wine on all departures.

- Book by Jan. 13, 2023:
- 2024 departures at 2023 rates.
- Fourth person travels free.
- \$350 USD/pp air credit.

Select departures only. See page 44 for terms.

Interested in the same experience in a shorter timeframe? See our Wild Alaska Escapes, pages 12-15.

#### **DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

Add a seven-day pre- or post-voyage inland adventure to explore Denali National Park. See page 38 for details.



## Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell Island & Misty Fjords



#### 6 DAYS | FROM \$4,800/pp

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/alaskanorth

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cruise between Juneau and Ketchikan and sail into deep and narrow fjords in search of wildlife and stunning photo opportunities.
- Encounter iconic Alaskan wildlife, including humpback whales, sea otters, bears, bald eagles, and more.
- Visit a tribal house and see native petroglyphs at Wrangell, or take a jet boat excursion up the Stikine River.
- Explore Misty Fjords National Monument and hike the moss-draped cedar and spruce forests of nearby islands.

#### DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Juneau in the early afternoon. Embark the ship in time for cocktails and an introduction to the staff and crew. (D)

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

This morning, our captain will anchor near the ice flowing off LeConte Glacier. Explore among the ice by Zodiac, keeping an eye out for marine life. Later we transit the Wrangell Narrows, a breathtaking 22-mile waterway. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 3: EXPLORING SUMNER STRAIT

Expert staff will keep a lookout along the rugged coastlines of Kupreanof, Kuiu, or Prince of Wales Islands, seeking out humpbacks including black-tailed deer, black bears, 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)

#### 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 zodiac 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)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion 2023-2024 May, June, July, August

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Select departures are photo expeditions. Visit **expeditions.com/photo** or call for details.

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- \$350 USD/pp air credit.Save 10% on a group of 6 or more.
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## Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Inian Islands & Tracy Arm Fjord



#### 6 DAYS | FROM \$4,800/pp

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#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Actively explore Alaska's dramatic bays via kayak or Zodiac, keeping an eye out for wildlife.
- Raft the Chilkat River with local guides and call at the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan.
- Explore Haines, the "adventure capital of Alaska," via bike and hiking trails.
- Zip around incredible icebergs and view glaciers in Tracy or Endicott Arm.

#### DAY 1: SITKA, ALASKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka in the early afternoon. Embark the ship in time for cocktails and an introduction to the staff and crew. (D)



#### DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Islands' countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through 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." 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 & Preserve. Or choose to call into the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. (B,L,D)

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

Awake in 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 Zodiacs for views of a massive glacier. Conditions permitting, kayak along fjord walls soaring from the sea, and spot curious harbor seals trailing your wake. Cap off your adventure with a Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)





DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK Disembark in downtown Juneau and transfer to the airport. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion 2023-2024 May, June, July, August

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## Wild Alaska Escape: The Glaciers of Prince William Sound





6 DAYS | FROM \$4,800/pp

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Venture far beyond the large ports of Southeast Alaska to the untrammeled, glacial-ringed Prince William Sound. Home to rugged islands, the second largest national forest in the U.S., and an astounding 150 glaciers, this remote region contains endless natural marvels to explore, as well as a fascinating history and the charm of remote Alaska villages.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel in the wake of the 1899 Harriman Expedition to discover College Fjord, which one of its members described as "a great ice chest"
- Encounter diverse marine life including humpbacks, orcas, porpoises, sea lions, and seals from the bow of our small ship or at water-level on Zodiac cruises
- Explore the shoreline of the many islands populating the sound on foot, by kayak, or Zodiac.
- Explore the quintessential Alaskan town of Cordova, and taste the difference of famed Copper River salmon

#### DAY 1: CORDOVA/EMBARK

Arrive in Cordova by early afternoon. Explore the quaint downtown of this fishing community that is only accessible by air or sea. Visit the Cordova Historical Museum or Southeasterly, Cordova's Fisherman's Memorial by local sculptor Joan Bugbee Jackson. Board *National Geographic Sea Lion* in the afternoon, and enjoy a special welcome dinner of salmon fished directly from the famed Copper River salmon run. (D)

#### DAY 2: ESTHER PASSAGE AND COLLEGE FJORD

Cruise through serene Esther Passage walled by steep, tree-covered hillsides of the Chugach National Forest that become increasingly narrow before opening into College Fjord. Naturalist John Muir and professor Charles Palache of the 1899 Harriman Expedition named the glaciers lining the fjord after their lvy League alma maters. Pass Wellesley and Barnard and gaze up at Amherst and Dartmouth Glaciers as you make your way to Harvard Glacier, a one-and-a-half mile wide and 200-foot-high formation at the end of the bay. Cruise for an unbeatable view, keeping an eye out for harbor seals, sea lions and arctic terns. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: ESTHER ISLAND

Wake up this morning in Esther Bay, in the northwestern portion of Prince William Sound. Explore this remote area on the water via Zodiac, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard, or follow a naturalist on a hike along the coast or through the forest. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: VALDEZ

Known as "Little Switzerland" because of its mountainous surrounding, Valdez was once a starting point for miners headed to the Klondike Gold Rush. Today the town is the southern terminus of the trans-Alaska pipeline from Prudhoe Bay. Visit the Valdez Historical Museum and the Maxine and Jesse Whitney Museum, which contains one of the largest collections of Native Alaskan art and artifacts in the world. Hike or white-water raft just outside of the town of Valdez. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: EXPLORING

Today's destination in the east sound area will be determined by the Captain and your Expedition Leader. Spot wildlife such as whales, sea otters, and sea birds with the help of your naturalists; explore by ship, Zodiac, kayak stand-up paddleboard or on foot. Later this evening, enjoy the lavender glow of the landscapes as the midnight sun dips just behind the mountain tops. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 6: CORDOVA/DISEMBARK

After breakfast, disembark in Cordova and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



DEPARTURES National Geographic Sea Lion 2024 June, July

Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

New in 2024—We will cover your bar tab on all departures. See page 44 for terms.





## Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska and British Columbia



#### 14 DAYS | FROM \$10,960/pp

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Embark on an epic, in-depth exploration of the wild coasts and secluded waterways of Alaska, British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest, and enjoy ample time to take in breathtaking nature and the fascinating cultural facets of the region.

#### SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE VOYAGE

Celebrate Lindblad Expeditions' 40-year Alaska legacy on our Apr. 30, 2023 departure, featuring exclusive programming, special guest speakers, onboard giveaways and more.

Scan QR code for details.



- Sail among the more remote San Juan Islands to kayak or hike where seals, sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and occasionally killer whales congregate.
- By special permit, sail into Glacier Bay National Park and pass a full day taking in its grand scale.
- Stroll the streets of the 100-year-old town of Petersburg, Alaska, learning about its fishing industry and Norwegian heritage.
- In Misty Fjords National Monument, kayak along sheer, glacially carved cliffs and forested backwaters.
- In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Robert Bateman Centre.



DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/EMBARK Arrive in Seattle and transfer to the ship for embarkation. (D)

#### DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Explore the San Juan Islands via naturalist-led hikes, kayaks, and Zodiac cruises, keeping an eye out for wildlife. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Arrive in charming Victoria and choose from several options to explore. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through historic Old Town, or peruse the art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Robert Bateman Centre while taking in an incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: GULF ISLANDS

Located in the Strait of Georgia, the Gulf Islands are a kayaker's paradise. Explore the myriad islets and rocky coasts with an eye out for an array of sea birds, shore birds and birds of prey. (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 from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

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

Search the coastline for whales, dolphins, bears, and more. Go ashore to explore among the bays and inlets via kayak. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL

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

#### DAY 9: PETERSBURG

Bike or walk the small, fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Later, walk along



a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg." This evening enjoy a special crab feast. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: TRACY ARM-FORD'S TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise among electric blue sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Via special park permit, spend the entire day among enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. A Park Ranger and Tlingit cultural interpreter join us to share the lore and legend of the area. (B,L,D)

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

Cruise among the abundant, active marine life of the Inians, where the Pacific meets the Inside Passage and nutrients rush in. Hike, kayak, and search for whales in Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

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

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





#### DAY 14: SITKA/DISEMBARK

Visit the Sitka National Historic Park before transfer to the airport. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Quest 2023-2024 May, September

National Geographic Venture 2023 April 2024 May Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

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- Book by Jan. 13, 2023:
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- Complimentary limited-edition jacket on Apr. 30 and May 8, 2023 departures.
- \$200 USD/pp air credit.

### A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii



#### 15 DAYS | FROM \$12,160/pp

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/remarkable

Explore the most wild and pristine regions of coastal Alaska and British Columbia on a unique 15-day adventure. By special invitation, discover a nearly lost First Nations culture in the remote, moss-draped archipelago of Haida Gwaii.

### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- With special access, spend four days in Haida Gwaii, a UNESCO World Heritage site, learning from Haida interpreters about their nearly lost ancient culture and exploring these remote islands
- Sail deep into fjords, narrow channels and hidden coves and bays, searching for humpback whales, dolphins, bears, and eagles
- Kayak in Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm for an up-close view of calving glaciers, towering forests, and seals afloat on iridescent icebergs
- Explore the picturesque fishing village of Petersburg, and by special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT

Photographer **Karen Kasmauski** joins the **May 4, 2023** departure. She has produced 25 stories for National Geographic magazine on topics ranging from earthquakes in Japan to oil exploration in Alaska.

Learn more about staff and guest speakers at expeditions.com/experts.

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

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and transfer to your ship for embarkation. (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)



#### DAYS 6-9: HAIDA GWAII

With special permission, explore the islands of Haida Gwaii, including the 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. 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 LInagaay to learn the incredible history of the Haida people and their renowned artwork. Walk among the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay, kayak, and take Zodiacs around the biodiverse islands in Gwaii Haanas. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 10–12: ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE, ALASKA

Spend three days among spectacular scenery and wildlife in Alaska's Inside Passage. Explore the forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument by kayak or Zodiac. Explore the charming fishing village of Petersburg and the surrounding area on a forest walk, bicycle ride, or an optional flightseeing excursion. Board Zodiacs to cruise past the glacially carved cliffs of Tracy or Endicott Arm—both stunning fjords whose ice floes offer safe shelter to harbor seals. See soaring glaciers up close and gain 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 abundant 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

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. Transfer to airport for flights home. (B)





#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird 2023-2024 May, Sept

National Geographic Sea Lion 2023 May, Sept 2024 Apr, Sept

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#### SPECIAL OFFERS

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- Book by Jan. 13, 2023 for 2024 departures at 2023 rates.

### Voyage to the Great Bear Rainforest: Native Culture & Wildlife in the Land of the Spirit Bear



#### 8 DAYS | FROM \$5,560/pp

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Sail into the narrow, winding fjords of northern British Columbia and enter the domain of the rare Spirit Bear. Named one of National Geographic's "Places of a Lifetime", this protected coastal temperate rainforest is roughly the size of Ireland and features salmon-rich streams, forests of towering cedars, and abundant wildlife.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take kayaks and Zodiacs deep into verdant fjords and along wildlife-rich shores, keeping your eyes peeled for foraging bears, grey wolves, pods of killer whales, and more.
- Journey into remote, protected lands and experience the silence as you stand among towering cedars.
- Learn the human history of the region from our cultural interpreter and fascinating First Nations museums.
- Witness the surprisingly colorful undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist.

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

DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA Arrive in Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Center to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Embark *National Geographic Venture*. (D)



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

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

DAYS 3–6: EXPLORING GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST & COASTAL BC Over the next four days, we will cruise deep into the fjords and deep valleys that carve into the Coast Range looking for black and grizzly bears. We will be accompanied by a cultural interpreter who will share with you the legends of their people. Circumnavigate Gribbell Island, dubbed "Mother Island of the White Bear," in search of this elusive bear. It is believed that between 10-20 percent of bears in this region are born with the recessive gene that causes the white fur; fewer than 400 are estimated to exist. Almost 15 percent of the land in British Columbia is protected, with a wide range of provincial parks, national parks, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will go ashore and explore several remote locations where few people venture. Discover hidden gems by Zodiac and kayak, navigating the tidal narrows that lead to the spectacular Gilttoyees Inlet and gliding into rugged valleys of Owyacumish Bay-all while constantly scanning the rocky shoreline for bears. (B,L,D)

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

Sail alongside pods of killer whales and see foraging brown bears as we sail north through the narrow Grenville Channel, a dramatic navigational experience. Not only does the channel narrow to less than a quarter of a mile across, but a slight bend in the passage makes the waterway seem to disappear into the hills ahead and behind the ship. If



conditions allow, we will drop our Zodiacs and kayaks to explore the salmon stream at Verney Falls in Lowe Inlet Provincial Marine Park on our way to Ketchikan. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA/SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Return to Ketchikan and disembark the ship after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for a chartered flight to Seattle. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 September

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Columbia River Gorge at sunset.

# Wildlife & Natural Wonders in the Pacific Northwest

From killer whales frolicking in the waters around the San Juan Islands to bighorn sheep confidently climbing the rock faces of Hells Canyon, the wildlife and scenery of the Pacific Northwest are deeply varied. The adventure seekers and nature lovers on recent Lindblad-National Geographic expeditions share a few of their most memorable sightings from this awe-inspiring region.

Off the coast of Washington, near the San Juan Islands, guests spotted a pod of nine Bigg's killer whales. Naturalist Doug Gualtieri observed: "This tight-knit family group had just recently made a kill — they were playful at times, breaching, tail lobbing, and spyhopping, as well as rolling along the surface in close



contact with each other, likely portioning their recent kill."

Up north in British Columbia's Desolation Sound, a harbor seal haul-out was spotted.

To avoid hypothermia, harbor seals leave the chilly waters every few hours. Naturalist Victoria Souze noted: "About 75 seals watched us nonchalantly as we circled their haul-out while they scratched, groaned, and napped."

Inland, in the southeastern part of Washington State, the rushing waters of Palouse Falls drop almost 200 feet into a secluded and cavernous plunge pool. Along the Palouse River, winding through cattails, bulrushes, and a bit of tree debris left by a busy beaver, guests spotted bald and golden eagles, coots, northern flickers, ravens, and the abandoned nests of cliff swallows. Near where Idaho, Washington and Oregon meet, Hells Canyon is the deepest river gorge in North America, plunging 8,000 feet from rim to river. Historian Junius Rochester describes this geological wonderland: "Vertical basalt columns loom over the river, including entablature on top, multi-sided columns

in the middle, and talus around the base. Between the basalt scabs and cliffs, gently rounded hills of loess dominate the skyline.

Such spectacular sightings come with the territory, but each expedition to the Pacific Northwest brings a



new opportunity to discover its extraordinary scenery and wildlife, and create one's own unique stories to bring home.

This article has been edited and condensed. Learn more about Wildlife & Natural Wonders in Pacific Northwest at expeditions.com/PNW-Wildlife

### Columbia & Snake Rivers Journey: Spring Bloom & Fall Harvest



#### 8 DAYS | FROM \$5,710

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Explore in the wake of Lewis and Clark, savoring the beauty and abundance of a region that reminds us places close to home can be just as stunning as the most exotic faraway locales.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the Palouse River via kayak or Zodiac and visit the impressive Palouse Falls.
- Take an exhilarating jet boat ride through the spectacular Hells Canyon, North America's deepest gorge.
- Enjoy locally sourced, sustainable cuisine on board and on a special culinary excursion.
- On our Spring Bloom itinerary, visit Walla Walla and choose an optional whitewater rafting experience on the White Salmon River.
- On the Fall Harvest departures, in Astoria see Cape Disappointment where Meriwether Lewis first saw the Pacific in 1805.

Palouse River.

#### SPRING BLOOM ITINERARY:

DAY 1: PORTLAND, OREGON/EMBARK Arrive in Portland in the early afternoon. Board our ship and discover why the city is nicknamed "Bridgetown" as we sail under eight of the city's eclectic bridges. (D)

#### DAYS 2 & 3: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE/HOOD RIVER

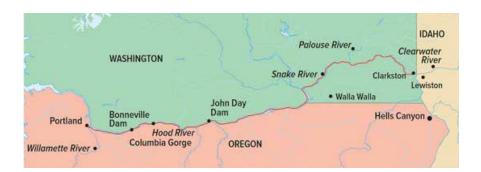
Gain a fresh perspective on such highlights as Bonneville Lock and Dam, Multnomah Falls, and Beacon Rock (perhaps even hike it if you are inclined). Visit the stunning Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center featuring 15,000 years of history before enjoying a farm-to-table orchard lunch overlooking the golden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

#### DAY 4: CRUISING THE COLUMBIA

Take in the most scenic and geologically interesting stretches of the Columbia River with the expert insight of our onboard geologist. Capture the diverse landscapes with the help of a certified photo instructor. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Drive through fertile areas of bright, rolling fields of sprouting wheat, asparagus, and



sweet onions. Visit the Whitman Mission, a National Historic Site. In the afternoon enjoy lunch and a tasting at one of the local wineries that garner Walla Walla's worldwide recognition. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: PALOUSE RIVER

Explore the still waters and basalt cliffs of the Palouse by Zodiac or kayak (conditions permitting). Visit marvelous Palouse Falls before sailing up the Snake River while enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

Today we reach Clarkston, more than 450 miles from 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)



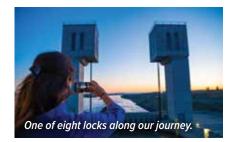
#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion 2023-2024 April, September\*, October\*

National Geographic Quest 2023 September\*, October\*

Certain departures travel in reverse.

\*These departures follow the 'Fall Harvest' itinerary, which includes a stop in Astoria, Oregon in lieu of Walla Walla Washington. See below.



'FALL HARVEST' ITINERARY AT A GLANCE Day 1: Portland, Oregon/Embark Days 2: Astoria Day 2 & 3: Columbia River Gorge/Hood River Day 5: Cruising Day 6: Exploring the Palouse River Day 7: Clarkston, Washington Day 8: Clarkston/Disembark Visit expeditions.com/columbiasnake for full day-by-day itinerary.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

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- 2024 departures at 2023 rates.
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- Waive the solo premium.

### **Exploring British Columbia** & the San Juan Islands



#### 8 DAYS | FROM \$5,560

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Discover the powerful wildness, First Nations history, and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest over a wide-ranging week in the San Juan Islands and British Columbia.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sail among remote islands where sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and white-sided dolphins can be found
- Go through Desolation Sound on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, a mecca for kayakers with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty
- In Alert Bay visit the U'Mista Cultural Center to see a stunning collection of potlatch masks created by the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples
- Search for humpbacks and orcas, visit the Whale Museum, and learn about local populations from a researcher for the Center for Whale Research
- In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Robert Bateman Centre

Sunset over the calm waters of the San Juan Islands.

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

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

### DAY 2: EXPLORING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

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

#### DAY 3: FRIDAY HARBOR

Explore picturesque Friday Harbor. Visit the Whale Museum's fascinating collection, and 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 communities in British Columbia. Alert Bay on Cormorant Island has been and continues to be the home of the Kwakwaka'wakw people and a center for the living culture found throughout the Northwest Coast.

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. 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)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 \*September, October

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\* Please note 2024 departures will operate round-trip Seattle, covering the same stops along the way.

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# The Endemic Flora & Fauna of California's Channel Islands

Less than 70 miles west of Los Angeles, California's mesmerizingly wild Channel Islands each tell their own story of biodiversity and ecological conservation.

The eight islands of the archipelago make up some of the continent's last natural Mediterranean ecosystems—which are known hotspots of biodiversity. An impressive 145 of the islands' 2,000-plus plant and animal species are endemic, and much like the Galápagos, these isolated isles and their inhabitants are as vulnerable as they are unique. However, four decades of collaborative efforts to restore and protect this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve are beginning to pay off.

Santa Cruz, the largest and most biodiverse island, has more than 60 endemic flora and fauna—and some of the most successful conservation



programs in the world. Take the island fox population. After dwindling to less than 100 individuals, it has made a record-fast rebound with help from a breeding program,

the eradication of land-hunting golden eagles and the invasive pigs that sustained them, and a reintroduction of bald eagles—who prefer marine meals. Since they've reclaimed their place as the top terrestrial predator, the entire ecosystem is successfully tipping back into balance.

On Santa Rosa Island, home to 500 plant species, the native flora is experiencing a similar

renaissance. The island is renowned for its endemic Torrey pine forest, one of only two left on Earth. Its windswept groves are likely rare descendents of a Pleistocene population, persisting through millennia in the cool coastal air. Unfortunately, they're an exception; many endemic plants have struggled to survive let alone thrive.

The island scrub-jay is a prime example of the aerial natives that will capture the attention of birdwatchers. A sapphire blue relative of the California scrub-jay, they're larger, more vibrant, and have even developed a distinct, raspy call. Ten more of the 60 resident landbirds are endemic, including the non-migratory Allen's hummingbird, Channel Island flycatcher, island horned lark, and dusky orange-crowned warbler.

Today, endemic Channel Islands icons like the island fox and island scrub-jay are thriving alongside conservation comeback kids—particularly bald eagles, brown pelicans, Steller sea lions, and gray whales. With them, the rugged landscapes are beginning to return to their true nature, resurrecting the beauty of an uninhabited coastal Southern California.



### Wild California Escape: Channel Islands National Park



#### 5 DAYS | FROM \$3,360

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Escape the clang of contemporary life for the alluring remoteness of California's Channel Islands, a one-of-a-kind National Park often considered "The Galápagos of North America."

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### AN UNPRECEDENTED EXPEDITION

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



#### DAY 1: LOS ANGELES, CA/EMBARK Embark the ship and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

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

After breakfast and optional yoga, head ashore to explore East Anacapa Island. Hike to aptly named Inspiration Point for stunning views over the islands, then stop at Anacapa Lighthouse built in 1912. Or, if you prefer a leisurely morning, explore the vast kelp fields and Arch Rock via Zodiac. In the afternoon we'll reposition to Santa Cruz Island for an afternoon of exploration. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: SANTA ROSA ISLAND

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

### DAY 4: SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

After breakfast, go trekking into the Catalina backcountry, or head to the shoreline to kayak or stand-up paddleboard. After lunch, the ship arrives in Avalon Harbor, the island's only incorporated city. Explore downtown or walk up Avalon Canyon to visit the Wrigley Monument and the Botanic Garden. Or visit an architectural gem: the famous Catalina





Casino, built in 1929. Scuba-certified? Our team will arrange diving and gear rental with a top local operator. Return to the ship for a farewell dinner and a final evening at sea, under the stars. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: LOS ANGELES/DISEMBARK Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Quest 2023-2024 April

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 October, November

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#### SPECIAL OFFERS

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- Save 10% on a group of 6 or more.





### A Southern Migration: From the Channel Islands to Baja California



#### ■ \_\_\_\_ 12 DAYS | FROM \$8,330

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Follow the migration of birds and humpbacks on an epic journey from Los Angeles to La Paz, witnessing intact wildness and serenity of Channel Islands National Park, Ensenada, Magdalena Bay, and more.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover the incredible biodiversity of Channel Islands National Park, home to over 2,000 species including 145 endemics.
- See why everyone is talking about the vineyards of Valle de Guadalupe.
- Explore the waters and experience the wildlife of peninsular Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve; meet the fishermen of Isla Natividad's model fishing co-op.
- Observe breaching humpbacks and acrobatic dolphins from the bow of a small ship.
- 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 on our extension, delving into the region's rich history through its architecture and charming museums. Then cap it off with a thrilling, oncein-a-lifetime swim with the largest fish on the planet, the gentle giant whale shark. Learn more at **expeditions.com/ whaleshark** 

#### DAY 1: LOS ANGELES/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, 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

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

#### DAYS 5 & 6: EXPLORING THE

VIZCAINO BIOSPHERE RESERVE As we continue our journey along the Baja California coast, we explore the nutrient-rich waters surrounding Vizcaino Peninsula. Encounter the resident northern elephant seals of Islas San Benito or learn about the sustainable fishing co-ops of Isla Natividad. Additional exploration opportunities abound in this seldom-visited section of Baja California. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: AT SEA

As we travel south, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life, including



humpback whales returning from Alaska. Hear naturalist talks, and learn photography tips and tricks. (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. Tidepooling can be excellent here, and 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 Islotes 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/U.S. Disembark in La Paz and transfer to Los Cabos airport for flights home. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 December

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

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# The Bahamas' Turtle Lake: A Story of Wildlife, Conservation & Family

The allure of the Bahamian archipelago's 700 islands goes far beyond powder-soft beaches and turquoise waters to dramatic limestone cliffs, hidden lagoons and remote islands where wildlife thrives. On one such island, a family's decades-long dedication has led to an ecological triumph.

Eleuthera, halfway down the Bahamian archipelago, is a curling, hooked sliver of an island, some 110 miles long and a mile-and-a-half at its widest point. Midway up that sliver lies a lake, a so-called blue hole, just a mile from the Atlantic and less than half-a-mile from the Caribbean. One might pass by and not think much of it, but this lake has stories to tell.

At about 68 acres, Turtle Lake is one of the largest inland blue holes in The Bahamas. Fed by the movement of the ocean and the rising and falling tide, the lake is connected to the Atlantic and Caribbean by underground caves. This unique configuration created an unprecedented

phenomenon in Bahamian blue holes: for generations green sea turtles have nested and flourished there. And thanks to



the mangroves which ring the lake and contain vital nutrients, the turtles grow to be larger there than in the vast sea, where those nutrients would be more easily dispersed. This thriving ecosystem didn't happen by itself. In the 1940s, Edwin and Gertrude Burrows settled the area, and they recognized the economic value of the lake. Edwin, an entrepreneur and a visionary, pictured his beloved lake full of life and nature, imagining a wonderful ecotourism destination.

He stocked the lake with sea turtles, lobsters, and wild fish. A section of mangrove was cleared, and a beach was created where sea turtles could come to nest. When baby turtles emerged from the sand, Edwin collected and reared them in a small rock-lined alcove to protect them from predators. When the turtles were ready, he would release some into the ocean and some back into the lake.

Edwin, Gertrude, their 12 children, and many grandchildren have worked tirelessly to preserve this unique environment and to foster awareness among ecologically minded travelers. The family's work continues today with plans to establish the Edwin Burrows Conservation Trail that will link Turtle Lake with the nearby Leon Levy Native Plant Preserve.

There is much more to the Bahamas than a postcard vision of a tropical paradise if one is willing to go deeper. The Bahamas are full of special places protected by Bahamian people who love them.

This article has been edited and condensed. Learn more about the Bahamas' Turtle Lake at expeditions.com/turtle-lake

# Exploring the Bahamas' Out Islands: Natural Wonders & Hidden History



8 DAYS | FROM \$5,590/pp

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Far away from the all-inclusive resorts, the Bahamas is truly wild at heart. This archipelago of more than 700 islands—of which only about 30 are inhabited—is home to blue holes and thick mangrove forests, coral reefs, and spectacular beaches. Discover the Bahamas' on a voyage to some of its most far-flung islands and hear an intriguing history of pirates, pilgrims, lost civilizations, and the enduring Lucayan people. Snorkel with abundant sea life in warm turquoise waters, explore tranquil mangrove forests by kayak, and get introduced to the islands' terrestrial flora and fauna on guided walks in nature reserves.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Snorkel little-known reefs and dazzling lagoons, and explore the coasts and creeks of remote islands.
- Kayak between the mangroves of Turtle Sound, spotting namesake reptiles and rich birdlife.
- Visit Conception Island National Park and see nesting boobies, seabirds, and wintering songbirds.
- Learn the evolution of Bahamian history and culture, from the native Lucayan people through European exploration to modern times.
- Witness nature conservation in action on a visit to Eleuthera's innovative Island School.

#### DAY 1: GEORGE TOWN, THE EXUMAS, BAHAMAS

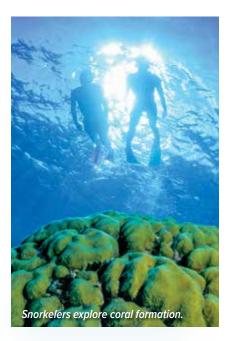
Arrive in George Town on the island of Great Exuma, and transfer to the *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Settle into your cabin and meet the crew as we set off on our Bahamian adventure.(D)

#### DAY 2: CROOKED ISLAND/LONG CAY

This morning, we arrive at Crooked Island, anchoring near Long Cay. After breakfast, we'll take Zodiacs to shore to kayak Turtle Sound, an aquamarine waterway that cuts deep into the island. The sound draws sea turtles in search of calm waters, and the mangroves at the water's edge make for great birding opportunities as well. This afternoon, gear up for our first snorkeling excursion, watching for schools of amberjacks, wrasses, and maybe a sea turtle. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: ACKLINS ISLAND

Separated from Crooked Island by a three-mile wide channel, Acklins Island has been at different times in its history the haunt of pirates, an island of cotton plantations where enslaved people toiled, and, some say, an early stop on Christopher Columbus's first voyage. This morning, walk across the island at its most narrow section and explore the fishing settlements on the lagoon side. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon of paddleboarding, kayaking, and snorkeling. (B,L,D)





#### **DAY 4: MAYAGUANA**

The easternmost island in the Bahamas, Mayaguana is the name given to the island by the original inhabitants of the Bahamas, the Lucayan people. On a morning walk on this rugged and remote island, learn about its history and the lost Lucayan culture. Keep an eye out for wildlife such as Bartsch's iguanas, West Indian flamingoes, royal terns, and Wilson's plovers. In the afternoon, return to the magical undersea, snorkeling amid an extraordinarily diverse population of reef fish including blue tangs and princess parrotfish. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: LONG ISLAND

Wake up in Long Island for a full day of water activities, including snorkeling, kayaking, and paddleboarding in the vast lagoon that stretches along the island's western coast. Cruise the shore in Zodiacs in search of stunning wildlife. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: ELEUTHERA

Measuring 100 miles long but rarely more than two miles wide, Eleuthera is an island of pink sand beaches and wild landscapes. Visit its innovative Island School, which uses a unique, hands-on approach to teach science, conservation, and sustainability to international and Bahamian high school students. After lunch on board, choose to go snorkeling or learn about the island's terrestrial flora and fauna while walking the trails of Leon Levy Native Plant Reserve. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: CONCEPTION ISLAND

This morning, land on a white-sand beach on the northeast side of Conception Island, an uninhabited island that is now a national park.



Hike inland in search of tropicbirds and boobies that nest here, as well as many other bird species. The island is laced with creeks that we can access with our Zodiacs when conditions are right. Enjoy asnorkeling the rich waters surrounding Conception Island before toasting our Bahamian adventure with a beach cocktail this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: GEORGE TOWN, EXUMAS/HOME Disembark after breakfast and transfer to George Town Airport for your flight home. (B)

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National Geographic Sea Lion 2023 February, March

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### National Geographic Quest & National Geographic Venture

CAPACITY: 100 guests in 50 outside cabins. REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 238 feet.

Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* are 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 a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired 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), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, 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.



From top: Enjoy expansive views and regional fare in the informal dining room; gather to watch for wildlife or enjoy an evening cocktail with friends in the open air, partially covered sun deck.



Clockwise above: the lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Category 5 cabin is our most spacious; Category 4 cabin with single beds (which can be converted to queen) and private step-out balcony.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #301-306 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck #307-315 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

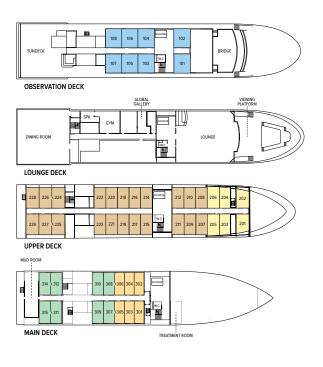
**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins face outside with a large window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

**CATEGORY 4:** Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins face outside with a sliding glass door and small private balcony, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two night-stands, full length mirror and a closet.

**CATEGORY 5 (SUITE):** Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror, convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person, expanded bathroom and extra closet space.

**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



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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 a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired fare.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** A fleet of 5 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



From top: Dinner is served in single seatings with unassigned tables for easy mingling; enjoy morning stretch class or afternoon wildlife viewing from the partially covered sun deck.



Clockwise from left: the lounge with expedition library and flatscreens for easy presentation viewing; single beds can be pushed together to form a queen in the four Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck; a comfortable Category 2 cabin.

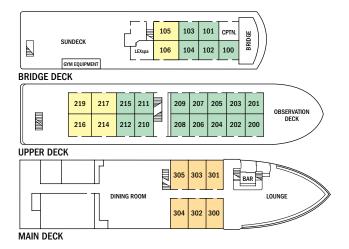
**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #300-305 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

**CATEGORY 2:** Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

**CATEGORY 3:** Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands, a closet, small table and two chairs. Upper deck cabins have a pull-out Murphy bed to accommodate a third person and two single beds that can convert to a queen.

**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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**Bar Policy:** Beer and wine are included on all 2023 departures aboard *National Geographic Venture*, *National Geographic Quest, National Geographic Sea Bird*, and *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Starting in 2024, full bar tab (excluding certain super-premium brands) will be included aboard these ships.

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