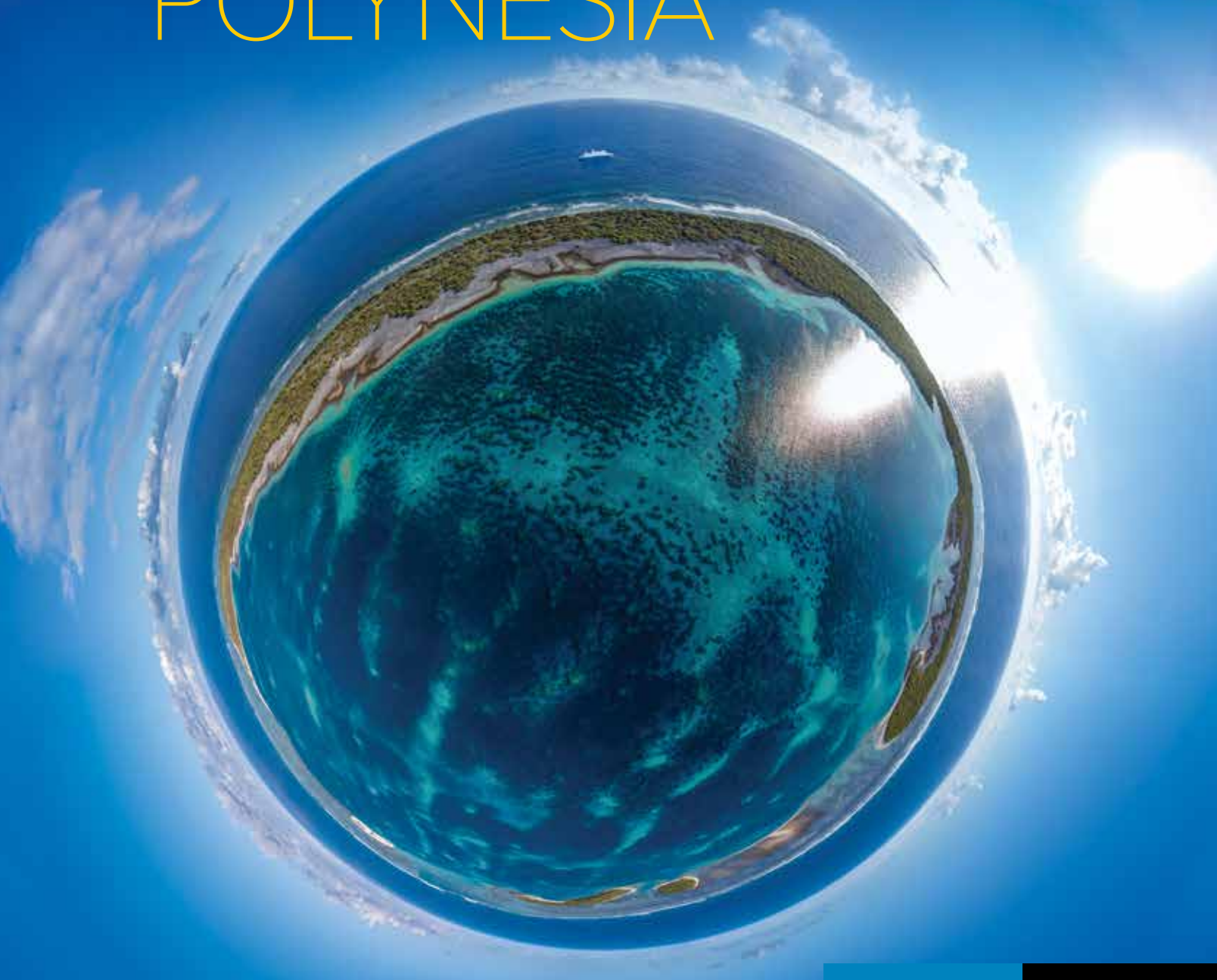


DISCOVER WILD BLUE POLYNESIA



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DEAR TRAVELER,

In 2016 and 2017 I spent two weeks in Polynesia, and on August 9th I'm going back—this time on our expedition through the Tuamotu and Society Islands. (If you're so inclined to join me there are still a few cabins left.) Why am I returning? Because I find the region utterly joyous, beautiful, and fascinating; the people, the land and the sea—particularly the undersea.



I might not have developed my interest, however, were it not for two perspective-changing moments. The first was hearing my father's tales of the South Pacific, particularly Easter Island which he explored and brought visitors to in the 1960s. The second was traveling in the company of Bengt Danielsson in 1987 on a sailing barque from Easter Island to Tahiti. Subsequent to our voyage Bengt, who sailed with Thor Heyerdahl on the *Kon-Tiki* in 1947, stayed in Tahiti and became a renowned anthropologist. "We never learned much about Polynesia in school, actually nothing," he told me once with a smile.

What he said was true. We in the West were pretty obsessed about Europe, the Greeks and Romans, the Egyptians—but not the Polynesians. So, it's not a region on many people's bucket list, which actually I'm grateful for as it's in no way overrun. I think a lot of people come here first somewhat accidentally or for distinctly romantic reasons (honeymooners love Bora Bora). But there are deeper discoveries to make. With master canoe-building and navigational skills, ancient seafarers set out and colonized the entire Polynesian triangle—from Hawai'i to Easter Island and New Zealand—an achievement equivalent to the moon landing! For sheer daring, it is surely one of the greatest chapters in human history—as deserving of attention as any of the other mythic civilizations we studied.

There's so much to love about this vast region—the awe-inspiring *moai* of Easter Island and the mysterious solemnity of this place that is surrounded by nothing but the immensity of the South Seas; the unique culture of Pitcairn—population 50-some people, most descendants of Fletcher Christian of *Bounty* fame; the Marquesas with their imposing volcanic architecture and lush green landscapes, so isolated that genuine culture still thrives; the Tuamotu Islands, postcard-perfect with some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world; and the tall, granitic Society Islands brought to life by the musical *South Pacific*.

The crew and staff of the *National Geographic Orion* would love to show you this magical place and share the exhilaration of discovery.

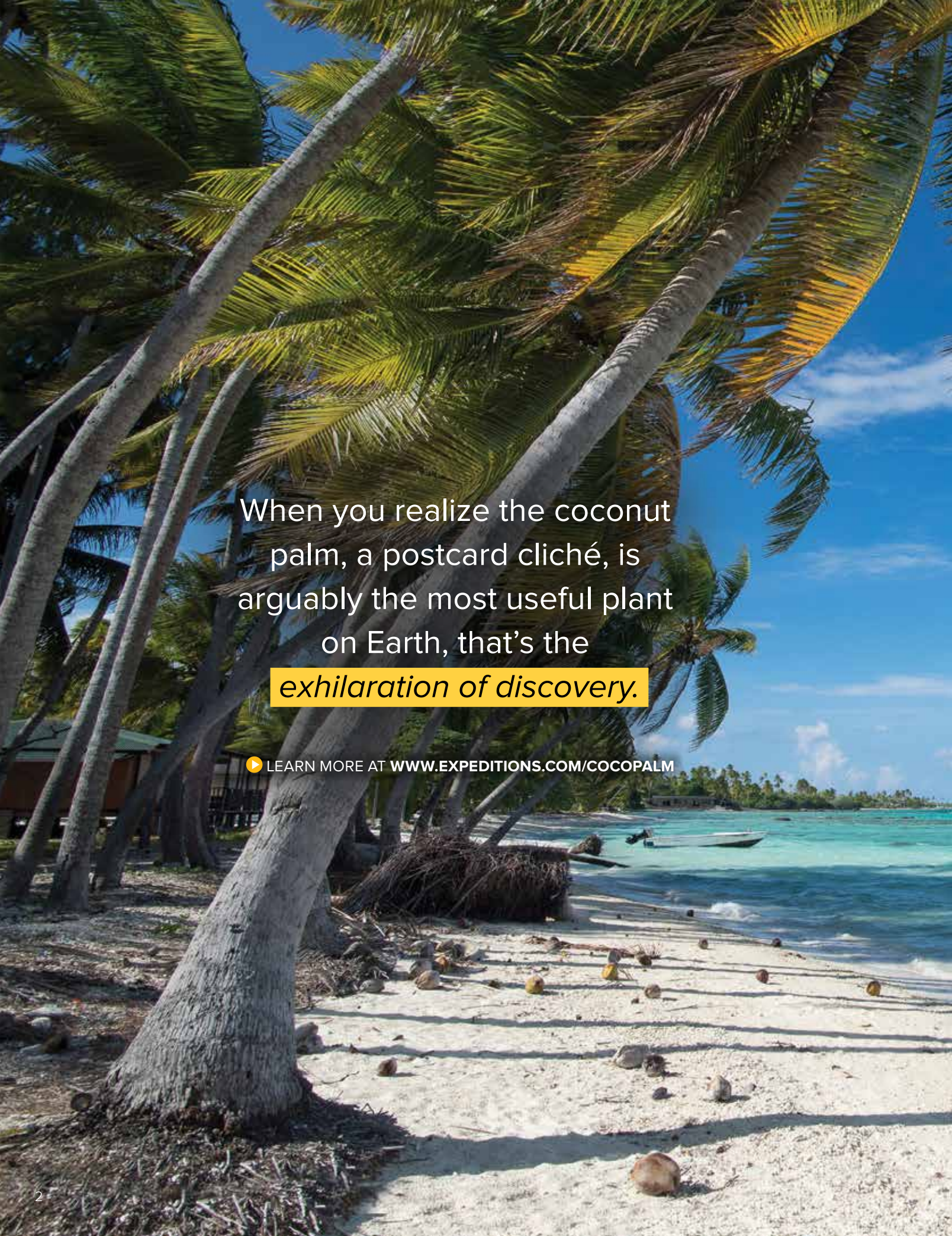
All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven-Olof Lindblad', written in a cursive style.

Sven-Olof Lindblad

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When you realize the coconut palm, a postcard cliché, is arguably the most useful plant on Earth, that's the *exhilaration of discovery.*

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Raroia Atoll, South Pacific

16.0692° S, 142.4252° W



As you'll see ahead, our 2018 Polynesia season provided thrilling experiences—those we carefully planned, and others we discovered—as the alchemy of wind, weather and team creativity made extraordinary moments a fact of life for our guests.

Join us in 2019 as we return to where awesome lives—hard to reach places that are a joy to explore, give you bragging rights, and make huge deposits in your memory bank. Choose from the following four itineraries to experience all that's promised, plus exhilarating discoveries.





FRENCH POLYNESIA: BEYOND THE POSTCARD

Discover Polynesia’s deep spiritual pulse—at the “Sacred Island,” home to one

of the region’s most important cultural sites and a recently named UNESCO World Heritage site, *Marae Taputapuātea* (shown below). And, see the turquoise lagoons and reefs bursting with kaleidoscopic marine life you expect of Polynesia.

APPEAL: Culture & history; shorter duration, active; good for families, too. Itinerary on pages 24-25.

AZURE SEAS FROM TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS

The Marquesas are extraordinary islands with a wealth of archeological wonders, and astounding, rugged, natural beauty. This is a rare opportunity to explore untrammelled paradise. (Find Jacque Brel’s beautiful ode, *Les Marquises*, on youtube.com)

APPEAL: Culture & history; destination rarity; snorkeling & scuba diving; marine & bird wildlife. Itinerary on pages 28-29.



EASTER ISLAND TO TAHITI: TALES OF THE PACIFIC

Lars-Eric Lindblad, father of our CEO Sven Lindblad, not only pioneered tourism to Easter Island, he was instrumental in building

the airport necessary to enable it. We offer you an in-depth experience of it, including a voyage through marvels to arrive there.

APPEAL: Culture & history; a must for the well-traveled; snorkeling and scuba diving. Itinerary on pages 32-33.

TAHITI TO HAWAI’I: IN THE WAKE OF THE ANCIENT NAVIGATORS

Follow in the path of early Polynesian navigators on this epic voyage that spans over 2,700 miles, crossing the equator and visiting remote islands in both northern and southern hemispheres, before arriving at the Big Island of Hawai’i.

APPEAL: Epic ocean crossing; navigation fascinations; culture & history; marine wildlife. Itinerary on pages 36-37.



UNESCO World Heritage site, Marae Taputapuātea on Ra’iatea.



“I’d never experienced a drift snorkel before. It was an amazing experience! The expedition team took us out in Zodiacs, aligning us in the passage with the current moving swiftly over the reef and into shore (carefully plotted so we wouldn’t get swept out to sea!) I didn’t have to do a thing but flow along, seeing the kind of coral reef species that we consistently saw on our snorkeling outings—BUT with a bonus: friendly sharks! Literally hundreds of sharks of various sizes (our divemaster told us we’d seen at least three different species) were swimming against the current so gracefully—as we, above them, gripped by the current, passed by really fast. It was so exciting!” —Jeff N., Guest





Perfectly sized to navigate the reef-strewn waters of the South Seas, National Geographic Orion takes you to seldom-seen islands and atolls devoid of infrastructure.

THE PERFECT SHIP TO EXPLORE ATOLLS, LAGOONS, ISLANDS & THE UNDERSEA

National Geographic Orion is your base camp for South Pacific adventure, uniquely equipped to get you out there on up-close explorations. The upper dive deck holds scuba gear for a number of qualified divers and complete snorkeling gear for all 102 guests aboard—maintained by two divemasters. On the rear deck, a marina platform makes loading divers, snorkelers, and gear into Zodiacs efficient and safe. *Orion* is also equipped with a glass-bottom Zodiac, custom crafted by our engineers to enable remarkably clear observations for those who prefer to stay dry. Plus, *Orion* is the only expedition ship in the South Pacific with an undersea specialist equipped with undersea video tech and an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths of up to 1,000 feet on board. You'll enjoy vivid HD video and engaging presentations in the comfort of the ship's lounge, throughout your voyage, perhaps with a cocktail in hand.



Clockwise from top left: our ROV descends to capture undersea footage beyond the depths that divers can reach; glass-bottom Zodiac makes the undersea accessible to everyone; kayaks offer opportunities for personal exploring; stand-up paddleboards.

Note on stand up paddleboards: Polynesia is a mecca for this sport, and offers much fun no matter what your skill level is. Calm waters in lagoons make for easy learning and improving your paddling mastery. Skilled paddlers can go exploring!





Blue water swim between Tenararo Atoll and Raroia.

“We were all settled down for an uneventful day at sea as Orion headed to the next itinerary point. Suddenly, the ship’s engine quits. No familiar rumble. Silence. Expedition Leader, Jen Martin, comes onto the PA, gently announcing: ‘Ladies and gentlemen, as you’ve probably realized, the Captain has turned the ship’s engine off. There is nothing wrong. In fact, conditions are ideal, so we’d like to invite you to enjoy an open ocean swim.’

It was incredible. The expedition team had positioned the swim platform between two Zodiacs off the Marina deck for those who wanted easy water access, and were letting the bolder swimmers dive from the deck. We were in the middle of the South Pacific—in 6,000 feet of water, with 300 feet of clear visibility into the purest blue...It was truly awesome to experience that immensity. Nearly every guest told me it was the most thrilling ocean experience they had ever had.”

—Nicole T., Lindblad Expedition Developer



Nature offers no guarantees. And the Pacific is seldom as ‘pacific,’ not even a swell, as it was on this day at this latitude and longitude. So, while we can’t promise this experience on future itineraries, we can promise that our expedition team will do whatever it takes to create unforgettable opportunities for you.

LIFE ABOARD IS RELAXED, CASUAL AND REWARDING

Modern and elegant with a gracious, sunlit ambiance, *National Geographic Orion* is as relaxed and informal as the Polynesian islands she explores. *Orion's* public spaces are social and welcoming. In the dramatic window-lined main lounge, the heart of the expedition community, you can enjoy spirited cocktail hours, our lively daily Recap sessions, and informative presentations. No assigned seating in the dining room makes for easy mingling with fellow guests, expedition staff and guest speakers. And *Orion's* generous deck space invites you to delight in the balmy air and brilliant South Pacific vistas by day or the romance of dining under stars at night. Head to the observation lounge and library perched at the top of the ship to hole up with a good book or your own thoughts. And visit the bridge where you're welcome anytime to watch the captain and his officers navigate, and join the naturalists scanning the skies for birdlife and the horizon for whales.

Our hotel staff will do what it takes to ensure your comfort and satisfaction aboard.

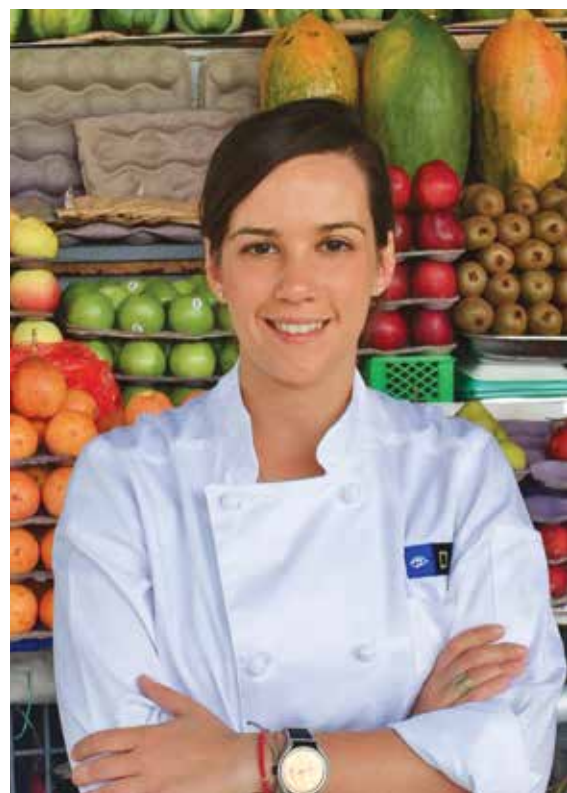




Clockwise from above: Enjoy meals on the aft deck in the open air; manager of hotel operations Ana Esteves; appetizing examples of the superb cuisine; the majority of produce on board is provisioned from local markets. Save room for dessert—extraordinary options are served daily!

“A robust combination of Indo-Pacific, French and Polynesian influences infuse the cuisine you’ll experience in the South Pacific aboard National Geographic Orion. French cheeses, freshly baked baguettes and crepes honor the French influence of the islands, while rotis, chutneys and curries reflect the Indian influence found in Fiji. South Pacific cuisine is also long on healthy ingredients—leafy greens, root vegetables, seaweeds, chiles, papaya—and the majority of produce used on board will come straight from the islands. Chef will provision from local markets as well as Lycée Agricole in Moorea, French Polynesia’s only agricultural school, to bring back lemons, vanilla beans, pineapples, among other local fruits, as well as jams and sorbets. Anticipate Polynesian cooking techniques like steamed fish wrapped in coconut or banana leaves, whole slow roasted pig which recreates the traditional underground earth ovens known as umu, lovo or ahima, and dishes like Tahitian poisson cru or Fijian kokoda which take advantage of the high density of Albacore tuna found in the South Pacific.”

—Ana Esteves, Manager Hotel Operations, Lindblad Expeditions





Picturesque motus, tropical beaches and colorful reefs are all part of the scenery.



“The hospitality aboard Orion is superb. The dining is amazing and the graciousness actually follows you right off the ship. One of my favorite moments on the trip was when we anchored to go ashore at a lovely motu, the untouched tropical island of my dreams...and we arrived to find the team had set up a bar tent with cocktails and cold drinks...we had a little social and then strolled off to beachcomb with a drink in hand. Such a nice touch, and typical.” —Amy H., Guest





This page, clockwise from top: Our exclusively designed water-level snorkeling platform, set between two Zodiacs enables us to provide safe and easy access to prime undersea sites; among the cultural attractions we'll discover, including handicrafts and locally-cultivated vanilla, will be a variety of musicians

across the range of islands we visit; the Polynesian tradition of welcoming visitors with music means you'll experience a wonderful diversity of expression, costuming, and accompaniment as National Geographic Orion makes her way between the various island groups on each of our four itineraries.



This page, clockwise from top left: Naturalist Tom Ritchie cycles around Fakarava island with a coconut drink; video chronicler Rodrigo Moterani; an undersea specialist snorkels in Rangiroa and shoots film of the vibrant undersea to share during Recap; learn tips from a certified photo instructor and go home with your best shots ever.

OUR TEAM IS ACE AT DOING WHAT IT TAKES

You didn't come all the way to the South Pacific to have ordinary experiences. Our itineraries offer you extraordinary encounters with beauty and wildness, and our staff will go to incredible lengths to ensure you don't miss a thing. Discover the South Pacific with a veteran expedition leader, an assistant expedition leader, and a team of four naturalists/cultural specialists well-versed in the region's flora, fauna, and human history. Two divemasters and an underwater specialist will maximize your experience of the incredible undersea, while a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and a video chronicler will ensure you go home with amazing shots, and the option of a DVD that captures the story of your voyage. In addition, a wellness specialist is aboard to enhance the tonic effects of life aboard *Orion* in the South Pacific.





“We were trekking on Makatea—across a flat, exposed plateau covered with pisonia and pandanus, banyan and Polynesian plum trees, endemic Tuamotu palms, as well as beautiful ground orchids, tiger claw lilies, rosy periwinkles, and many other flowering plants. At a place called the Belvedere, we walked off the main road for an amazing view. As everyone recovered, I could feel a reluctant resolve growing as the group self-motivated for an anti-climactic sweaty trek back.

So, I said: ‘C’mon, I’ve got something to show you.’ I led them down a steep road to a grotto. We entered the dark, cave-like entrance, to discover a pool of cool, incredibly clear fresh water under a ceiling festooned with stalactites. This was a true slice of paradise after our hot and steamy walk and everybody jubilantly took the dip. The more intrepid of us swam through a narrow opening in the rear of the grotto to discover an awesome hidden cave system.”

—Mike Greenfelder, naturalist and certified photo instructor



National Geographic Photographer, Jeff Mauritzen, at Rano Kau caldera, Easter Island.



From left: National Geographic photographers Stephen Alvarez, Cristina Mittermeier, Heather Perry, Andy Mann, and Randy Olson.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Every expedition features a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor to inspire you to improve your skills, no matter your level. In addition, globetrotting National Geographic photographers join you on every expedition.

STEPHEN ALVAREZ, *Easter Island to Tahiti*, **Mar. 25, 2019**

CRISTINA MITTERMEIER, *French Polynesia*, **Apr. 18, 2019**

HEATHER PERRY, *Azure Seas From Tahiti to the Marquesas*, **Apr. 25, 2019**

ANDY MANN, *French Polynesia*, **May 9, 2019 & May 16, 2019**

RANDY OLSON, *Tahiti to Hawai'i*, **May 23, 2019 & Sep. 24, 2019**

OBSERVE POLYNESIA AND PARTICIPATE IN CITIZEN SCIENCE

Since you will be one of the few people in the world able to observe the birds and wildlife of various Polynesian islands up-close, you're perfectly positioned to share discoveries. In the future, researchers might use citizen science observations to study migratory patterns of birds, monitor endemic species or how populations respond to climate change. It couldn't be easier to participate. Simply spot birds or other wildlife and take photos or keep track on a list. Then, upload to iNaturalist.org or if bird-specific, to eBird.org (we recommend that you download the apps before leaving home).



iNaturalist will bring you closer to nature and many fellow naturalists. Both a citizen science project and an online social network of naturalists, citizen scientists, and biologists, iNaturalist is built on the concept of mapping and sharing observations of biodiversity across the globe.

SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH ENGAGING GUEST SPEAKERS

Share daily adventures with and enjoy the company of these individuals, over dinner, drinks, or the deck rail. See who's on your voyage on the following itinerary pages. Find additional details at expeditions.com/perspectives.



TUA PITTMAN,
Tahiti to Hawai'i, May 23, 2019 and Sep. 24, 2019

An internationally-acclaimed master navigator, Tua will share his stories and wisdom from 30+ years of sailing the world's great oceans using an ancient navigational system. As the

respected chieftain of his island homeland, Tua is also a mentor to young islanders, a dancer, drummer, athlete, and gifted speaker.



KEOLU FOX
Tahiti to Hawai'i, May 23, 2019 and Sep. 24, 2019

A postdoc at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine who grew up in Hawai'i, Keolu uses genomic

technologies to understand human variation and disease. He also advocates for more representative genome sequencing to allow indigenous populations to gather and analyze their data.



GREG STONE
Tahiti to Hawai'i, May 23, 2019 and Sep. 24, 2019

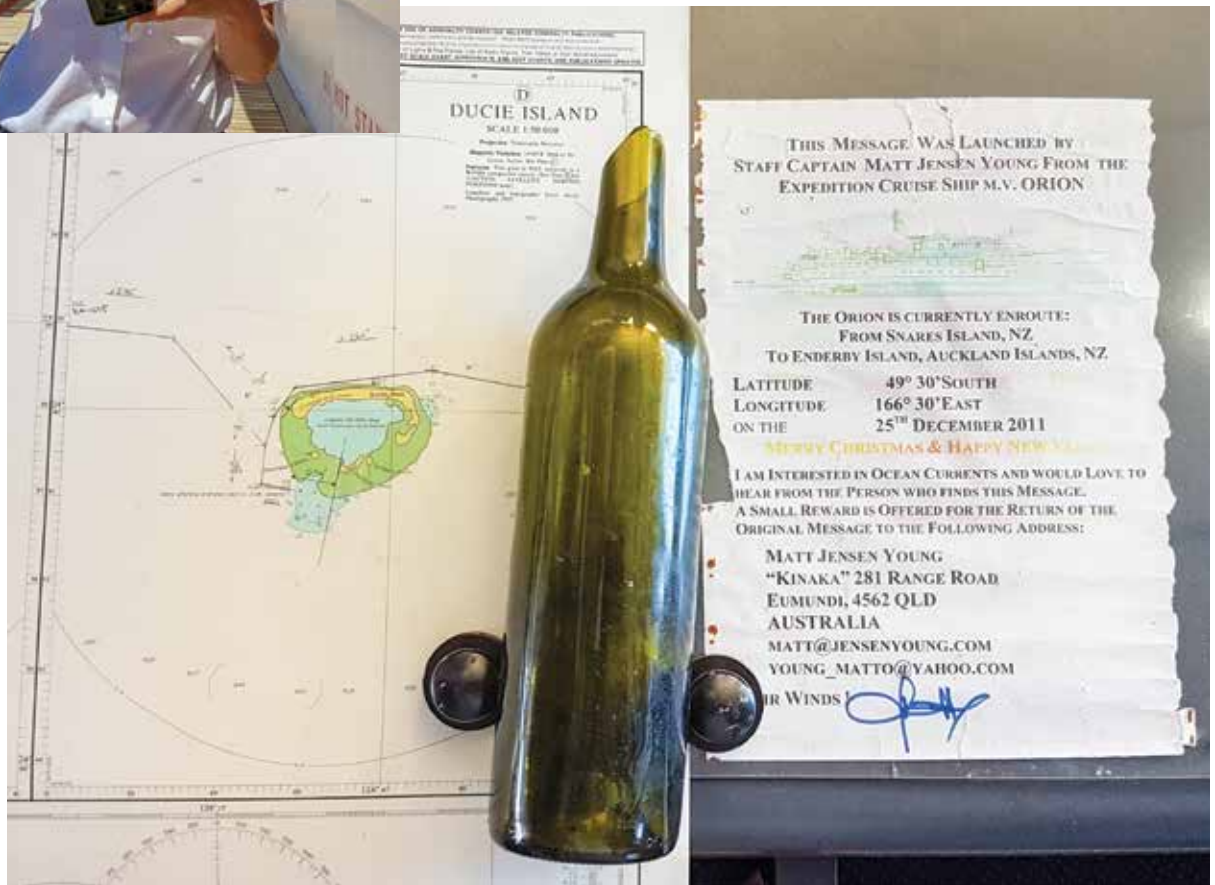
As longtime former Executive Vice President and Chief Scientist for Oceans of Conservation International, Greg is a leading expert on marine

science and conservation. An adventurous scientist, he once lived underwater for 30 days and has authored numerous articles for *National Geographic* magazine and three award-winning books.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE



Left: Navigation officer Fia Wistrand holds her discovery. Below: After 7 years and 3,566 nautical miles, staff captain Matt Jensen Young's original signed message is displayed back onboard the Orion.



*The coincidence was astounding—
the very ship that sent the message out
found it almost seven years later...*

The Fateful Landing

On March 26, *National Geographic Orion* set off on the maiden voyage of our 2018 South Pacific season and spent part of the time exploring the legendary Pitcairn Islands. This group of four volcanic islands, put on the map by the mutineers of the *Bounty*, includes Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie, and Oeno. The goal was to visit the first three: no easy feat as these are three of the trickiest landings in the South Pacific. Ducie, in particular, is notoriously tough as David Cothran, naturalist and photo instructor on the voyage, explained. “Typical atolls have the fringing reef with the lagoon inside, but Ducie is just an uplifted coral island in the middle of the Pacific with no protection around it. On first glance, it looks like an easily accessible shoreline, but you can’t see the reef concealed underwater. You can only see it when the waves crash. Our team needed to find a channel within the reef through which to pull the Zodiacs, all while the waves kept crashing, and multiple crew members were maneuvering, guiding, and catching the boats so they didn’t flip.”

So early morning, on the day *Orion* dropped anchor near Ducie, a scouting party of officers and crew headed out—eagerly hoping for positive results. They were beyond excited to discover conditions were perfect—from the weather to the tides—and they succeeded in bringing the Zodiacs safely ashore. Fueled by their good fortune, everyone split up to explore the island, find the best trails, and lay down a map for guiding guests later on.

The Thrilling Discovery

One scouting party headed for the far side of the island where navigation officer Fia Wistrand soon spotted something intriguing. “The bottle was laying on the beach, but a bit higher up from the water, partly hidden under the bushes,” she recalls.

“From where I stood down on the sand, I could actually see the message rolled together inside the bottle. It was the day after April Fool’s and I couldn’t believe I was really seeing it: I needed witnesses! So, I ran to fellow shipmates Jeroen Bartos and Ian Tomcho. Jeroen got to open it while Ian took photos and I just stood overly excited next to them. Finding a message in a bottle has been a childhood dream—it’s the treasure of treasures for a kid who loved combing beaches.”

The green-glass bottle was broken at the neck so they weren’t sure what to expect. But as they unfurled the message they could see it was miraculously intact, not a drop of water or weather damage. Another surprise! And there was still one more to go.

The Unexpected Twist

Back on board, news of their amazing find spread quickly. The message was from...*Orion*! It turns out that on December 25, 2011, staff captain Matt Jensen Young launched the bottle from the *M.V. Orion* (before Lindblad Expeditions had acquired and renamed it). It traveled over 3,566 nautical miles from Snares Island in New Zealand to end up back on board the *Orion* once again. The coincidence was astounding—the very ship that sent the message out found it almost seven years later on the opposite side of the Pacific Ocean, on one of the world’s most remote atolls! All because the stars aligned, allowing for a smooth landing at Ducie. That alone would have been a rewarding ending to our tale but to top it all off *Orion* was able to land successfully at all three islands—and guests enjoyed the trifecta of Ducie, Henderson, and Pitcairn. A truly rare happening on a truly one-of-a-kind expedition.

—Report by Lauren G., Lindblad staff writer

FRENCH POLYNESIA: BEYOND THE POSTCARD

10 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$7,960 TO \$17,420 (See page 39 for complete prices.)

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 *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 Hawa'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.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled field staff is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous 12-person expedition team means more choice in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests to which you can gravitate. An expedition leader, naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an undersea specialist, two divemasters, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Bora Bora, French Polynesia.



DAY 1: DEPART U.S.

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

DAY 2: PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA/ EMBARK

Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti early this morning, check into dayrooms and take a brief tour before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (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 Taputapuatea was a center for Polynesian seafarers and the location from which they set out for Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Hawai'i and New Zealand. Watch from on deck as we navigate lagoon channels en route to Taha'a, then go ashore for a visit to a small, family-run vanilla plantation. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HUAHINE

One of Polynesia's best-kept secrets, Huahine is well off the beaten path. Once the home of Tahitian royalty, Huahine maintains the highest density of ancient *marae* in French Polynesia. Visit these sites with cultural experts and archaeologists who bring them to life. Explore

the verdant shoreline by kayak, stand-up paddleboard or Zodiac. Finish the day with a swim in the island's crystal-clear lagoon. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 AND 7: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

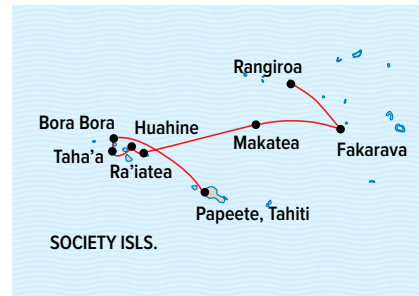
Spend two days exploring some of the nearly 80 islands and atolls in the "Dangerous Archipelago." Fakarava is one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. An uplifted 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. (B,L,D Daily)

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 AND 10: RANGIROA/ DISEMBARK/PAPEETE/U.S.

Disembark this morning and take a short flight back to Papeete, where you'll connect to international overnight flight home. (Day 9: B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2019 Apr. 18*; May 9, 16*

*These voyages travel in reverse from Rangiroa to Papeete.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- Book by Dec. 31, 2018 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare from Los Angeles to Papeete on all voyages. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *Orion* departures.
- SAVE 10% when you book two or more voyages in South Pacific aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Arrange a pre-voyage stay—effortlessly. Arrive in Papeete and rest up at the InterContinental Tahiti before embarking. Call for details.



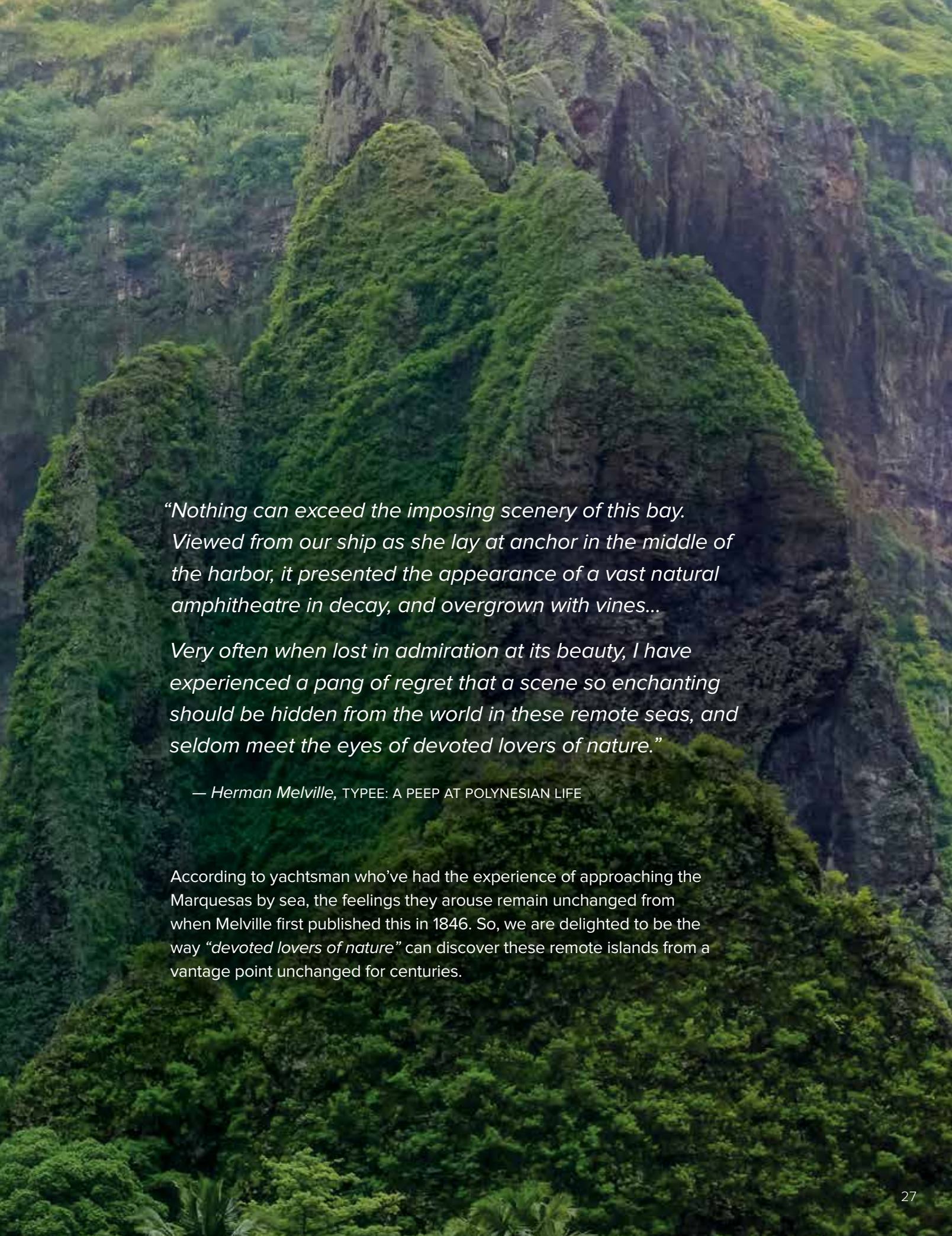
Explore Bora Bora island's interior by 4WD.



Snorkel or dive and discover the healthy reef of Fakarava.



Vaipo Waterfall, Nuku Hiva, Marquesas.



“Nothing can exceed the imposing scenery of this bay. Viewed from our ship as she lay at anchor in the middle of the harbor, it presented the appearance of a vast natural amphitheatre in decay, and overgrown with vines...

Very often when lost in admiration at its beauty, I have experienced a pang of regret that a scene so enchanting should be hidden from the world in these remote seas, and seldom meet the eyes of devoted lovers of nature.”

— *Herman Melville, TYPEE: A PEEP AT POLYNESIAN LIFE*

According to yachtsman who’ve had the experience of approaching the Marquesas by sea, the feelings they arouse remain unchanged from when Melville first published this in 1846. So, we are delighted to be the way “*devoted lovers of nature*” can discover these remote islands from a vantage point unchanged for centuries.

AZURE SEAS FROM TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS

17 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$15,920 TO \$34,840 (See page 39 for complete prices.)

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 indulgent 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. At sea we hope to encounter cetaceans, potentially the rare melon-headed whales.

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 Fakarava, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

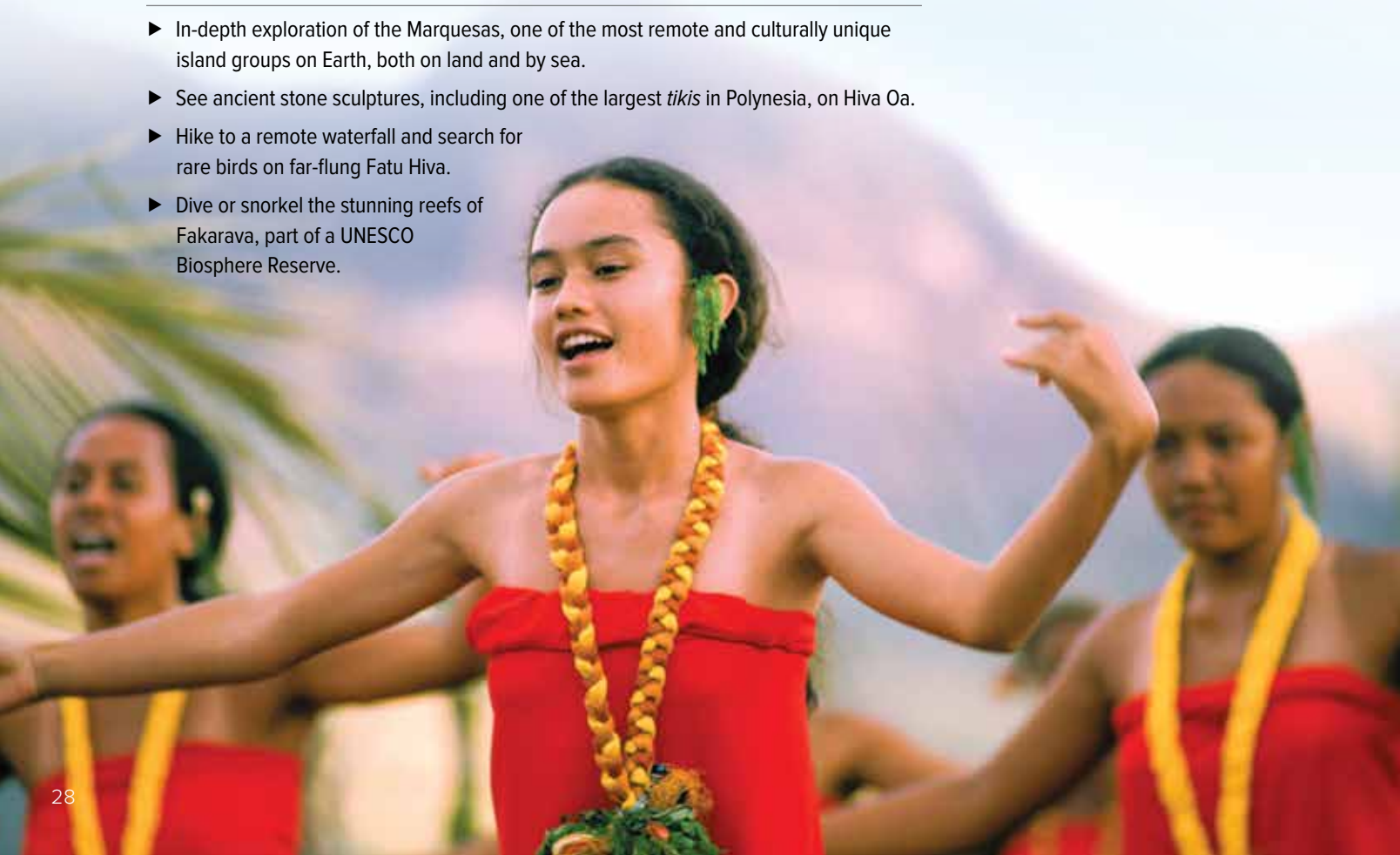
EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled field staff is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous 12-person expedition team means more choice in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests to which you can gravitate. An expedition leader, naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an undersea specialist, two divemasters, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Dance performance, Nuku Hiva.



DAY 1: DEPART U.S.

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

DAY 2: PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA/ EMBARK

Arrive in Papeete, early this morning, check in to dayrooms at the InterContinental Tahiti, and take a brief tour before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (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. Learn about the island’s pearl industry, and walk its pristine beaches. 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 Daily)

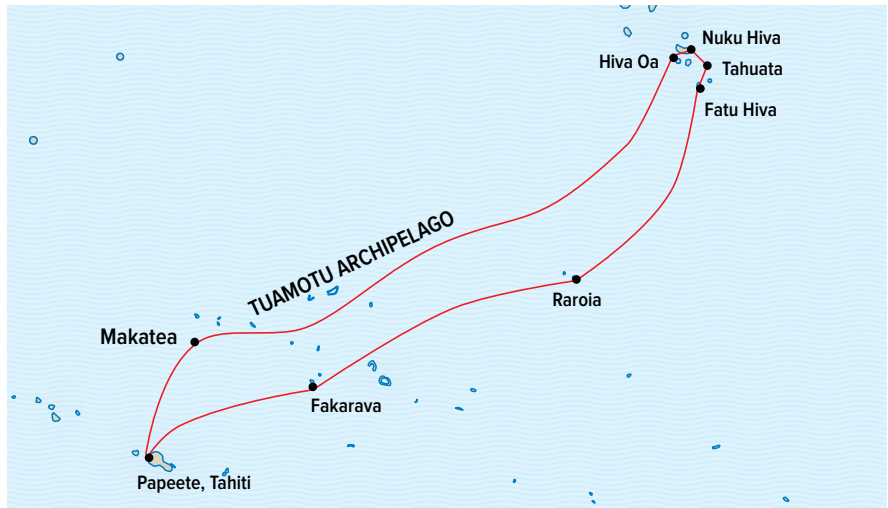


DAYS 6 AND 7: AT SEA/NUKU HIVA, MARQUESAS

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 Hatiheu 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 Daily)

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. Stop for a fresh-baked French baguette before a short visit to Calvary



Cemetery and the gravesites of French artists Paul Gauguin and Jacques Brel. (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 *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 cetaceans with your naturalists and marvel at the rugged volcanic silhouettes of these legendary islands from the Zodiacs and kayaks. (B,L,D Daily)

DAYS 13 AND 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 Daily)

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 endemic fruit doves and myriad seabirds, then snorkel and dive among colorful fish on the nearby reef. (B,L,D)

DAYS 16 AND 17: DISEMBARK/ PAPEETE/U.S.

Disembark in Papeete this morning and tour Tahiti before overnight flight home. (Day 16: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

2019 Apr. 25

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- Book by **Dec. 31, 2018** and receive **complimentary round-trip airfare** from Los Angeles to Papeete. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *Orion* departures.
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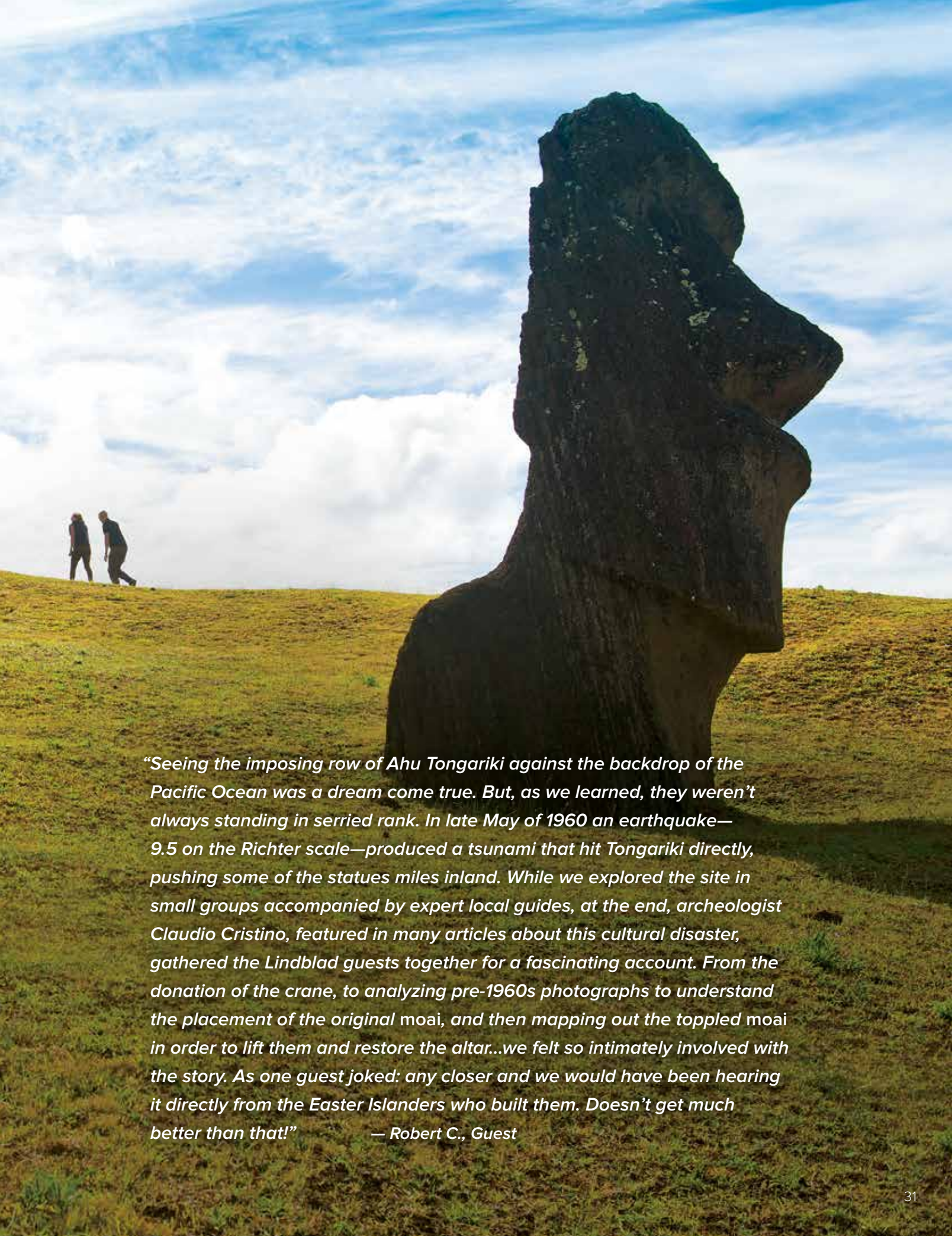
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Moai, Easter Island.



“Seeing the imposing row of Ahu Tongariki against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean was a dream come true. But, as we learned, they weren’t always standing in serried rank. In late May of 1960 an earthquake—9.5 on the Richter scale—produced a tsunami that hit Tongariki directly, pushing some of the statues miles inland. While we explored the site in small groups accompanied by expert local guides, at the end, archeologist Claudio Cristino, featured in many articles about this cultural disaster, gathered the Lindblad guests together for a fascinating account. From the donation of the crane, to analyzing pre-1960s photographs to understand the placement of the original moai, and then mapping out the toppled moai in order to lift them and restore the altar...we felt so intimately involved with the story. As one guest joked: any closer and we would have been hearing it directly from the Easter Islanders who built them. Doesn’t get much better than that!”

— Robert C., Guest

EASTER ISLAND TO TAHITI: TALES OF THE PACIFIC

20 DAYS/17 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$18,590 TO \$39,390 (See page 39 for complete prices.)

Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From remote and enigmatic Easter Island, to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to Tahiti, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. The voyage begins in one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island. Walk the length of untouched tropical beaches, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Dive or snorkel the stunning reefs of 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.
- ▶ Delve into the intriguing lost culture of Easter Island, and examine ancient burial sites and towering *moai* with an archaeologist.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

50
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

In 1967 Lars-Eric Lindblad set his sights on bringing travelers to Easter Island by air.

But with no airstrip to speak of, it seemed an impossible challenge. Yet Lars’ resolve was as strong as the facilities on the island were weak, and after much negotiation and planning he orchestrated the building of the airport that was crucial for tourism. Now, 50 years later, our deep connection and unrivaled knowledge of this enigmatic archipelago allows us to offer an in-depth experience that shines a light on the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture.

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 Ritz Carlton 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 Hanga Roa Eco Village & Spa 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)

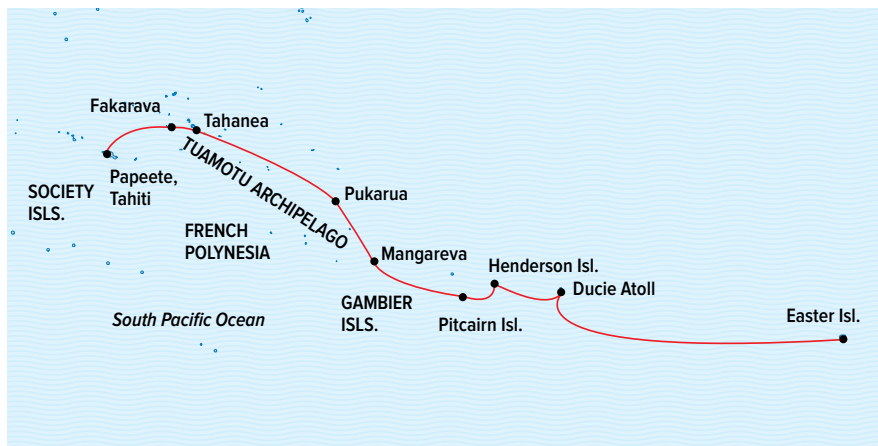
DAYS 6–10: AT SEA/PITCAIRN ISLANDS

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.



Black pearls, Fakarava.

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 Daily)



White fairy tern, Ducie Atoll.

DAYS 11 AND 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 Daily)

DAYS 13–18: AT SEA/TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” in Pukarua, where we’ll be greeted by traditional dancers. 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 Daily)

DAYS 19 AND 20: PAPEETE/ DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive in Papeete, French Polynesia and take a tour of Tahiti before your overnight flight home. (Day 19: B, L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

2019 Mar. 25; Oct. 9*

*This voyage travels in reverse from Papeete to Easter Island. Oct. 9, 2019 departure is 19 days. See website for details.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- Book by **Dec. 31, 2018** and receive **complimentary international airfare** between Los Angeles/Santiago and Papeete/Los Angeles. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *Orion* departures.
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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Arrange a pre-voyage stay—effortlessly. Arrive in Papeete and rest up at the InterContinental Tahiti before embarking. Available on the Oct.9, 2019 departure. Call for details.



Venture underwater to snorkel or dive.



“The colonization of the Pacific Ocean is the last chapter in the story of planet-wide human migration.

For thousands of years, ancient Polynesian navigators managed voyages crossing vast sections of the Pacific Ocean from one island to another. For them, the ocean was a sea of islands crossed by pathways, charted in their minds, and passed on from generation to generation.

They used the stars, moon, ocean currents, sea birds, and clouds as guides that allowed them to see the ocean as a highway rather than an obstacle.

The settlement of the Pacific Ocean islands was not an accident; it was a deliberate and systematic process of genuine exploration. The Polynesians were constantly looking for new bits of land to spread their culture, reaching to distant places such as Hawai’i, Easter Island, and New Zealand.”

—Alex Searle, Lindblad naturalist and Polynesian cultural specialist

Have the time and the imagination to appreciate an epic ocean voyage? Our final expedition of the season, repositioning *National Geographic Orion* for Antarctica, follows the invisible path of the great Polynesian explorers, and features special guest, Tua Pittman, the acknowledged master of traditional Polynesian navigation. Share the adventure with him, and learn Polynesian wayfaring from the source.



NEW

TAHITI TO HAWAI'I: IN THE WAKE OF THE ANCIENT NAVIGATORS

18 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$10,800 to \$27,890 (See page 39 for complete prices.)

Follow in the path of early Polynesian navigators on this epic voyage that spans over 2,700 miles of the Pacific, calling at some of the most remote and pristine reaches of French Polynesia before arriving at the Big Island of Hawai'i. From Moorea's verdant peaks to the reefs of Kiribati, explore lush trails, stroll secluded, palm-fringed beaches, and kayak idyllic coves. Arrive at the far-flung Southern Line Islands, a place few others have ever visited. Snorkel or dive these waters, boasting healthy fish and reef shark populations. Walk with your naturalists on shore to see multitudes of nesting sea birds and the largest arthropod on the planet—the coconut crab! Then cap off the adventure in one more island paradise—explore Hawai'i's stunning Kona coast or head inland to witness geological wonders at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike through tropical forest trails and discover ancient Polynesian sacred sites on the verdant island of Moorea.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive in the Southern Line Islands, and walk ashore on isolated beaches very few have ever visited.
- ▶ On the Big Island, spend a day exploring the geologic marvels of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.
- ▶ Enjoy engaging onboard presentations on a wide range of topics from National Geographic experts.

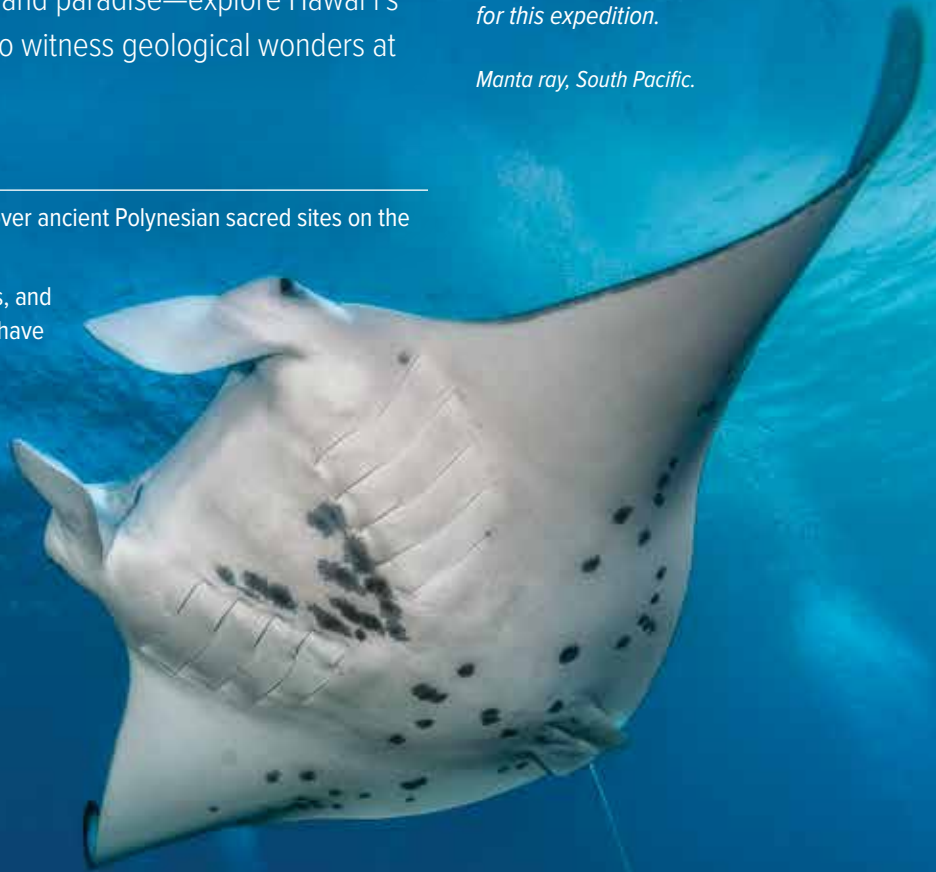
EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled field staff is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 3:5 means more choice in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests to which you can gravitate. An expedition leader, naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an undersea specialist, two divemasters, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the region's wonders.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Manta ray, South Pacific.



DAY 1: DEPART U.S.

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

DAY 2: PAPEETE, FRENCH POLYNESIA/ EMBARK

Arrive in Papeete early in the morning. Check into dayrooms and take a brief tour before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (L,D)

DAY 3: MOOREA

Approach the island of Moorea this morning, and anchor for the day in Opunohu Bay on the north shore. Spend the day hiking forest trails or exploring Polynesian sacred sites with an archaeologist. Take in sweeping views from Belvedere Lookout, then visit Lycée Agricole d'Opunohu agricultural school to sample local treats. (B,L,D)



Island of Moorea.

DAY 4-6: AT SEA/SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS, KIRIBATI

A day at sea brings us to the Southern Line Islands, where we'll spend two full days exploring seldom-visited Caroline Island. Also known as Millennium Atoll, the realignment of the international date line made it one of the first places on Earth to welcome the year 2000. Navigate the turquoise waters by Zodiac or kayak, spot nesting seabirds, and swim along its fringing reef. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 7-9: AT SEA, SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Enjoy the daily rhythms at sea as we navigate the Pacific. Stop by the bridge to meet the Captain or join our naturalists on deck to scan for marine mammals and seabirds. Attend engaging talks: hear about Polynesian way finding from master navigator Tua Pittman and get insights into vanishing cultures from Keolu Fox and Randy Olson. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 10-11: EXPLORING THE NORTHERN LINE ISLANDS

The Line Islands stretch across some 1,500 miles of the Pacific Ocean. Stop at Kiritimati (Christmas Island), one of the few inhabited islands in this part of the Pacific. Continue

north to Tabuaeran, also known as Fanning Island, where opportunities for remote island exploration abound. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 12-14: AT SEA, NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

These three days at sea, learn photo tips from our National Geographic photographer and photo instructor. Spend time on deck looking for flying fish and the evenings discovering equatorial constellations under starry skies. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 15: KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII, USA

Arrive at the Big Island of Hawai'i and discover its flora and fauna. Ascend Mauna Kea volcano to 9,200 feet and learn about the famous Keck, Subaru, and Gemini observatories. Hike to see the endangered habitat of the palila bird. This evening, join the Captain for our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: KAILUA-KONA

Disembark this morning and venture into Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park—a geologic wonderland centered on the smoldering crater of Kīlauea. Learn about the 70 million years of volcanic activity that has formed the park's otherworldly landscapes. Check into your hotel room, and this evening, join us for a thrilling night snorkel among some of the largest manta rays in the world. (B,L)

DAY 17: KAILUA-KONA

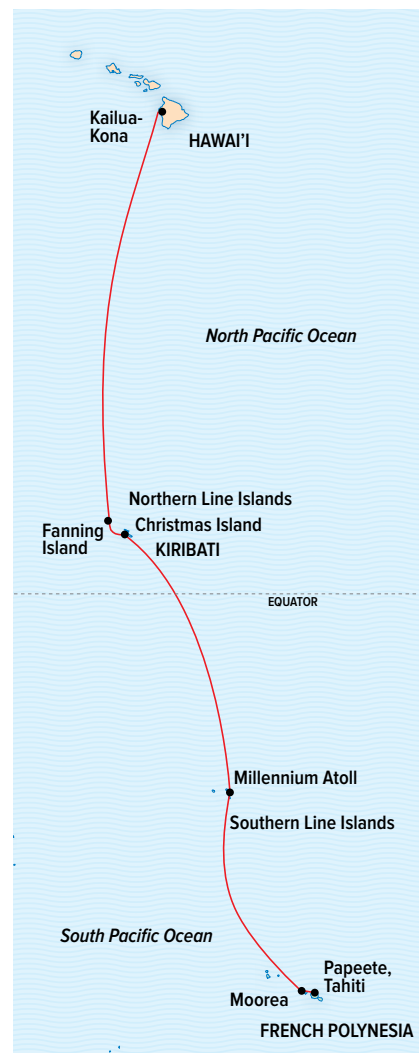
Begin the day with a visit to the Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden, home to over 2,000 species of plants. Hike along a winding trail to the Captain Cook monument, which overlooks the sparkling waters of the Kona Coast. Spend an afternoon at leisure enjoying the hotel's amenities, before celebrating our journey at a final farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 18: KAILUA-KONA/HOME

Depart from the hotel and transfer to flight home. (B)



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

2019 May 23; Sep. 24*

* This departure travels in reverse from Kona to Tahiti.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- **\$1,500 AIR CREDIT:** Book by Dec. 31, 2018 and receive a \$1,500 air credit. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips for the crew on all *Orion* departures.
- **SOLO PREMIUM WAIVED:** The solo premium is waived for solo travelers.
- **TWO COMPLIMENTARY NIGHTS:** We've also enhanced your experience with two additional complimentary nights in Hawai'i.
- **SAVE 10%** when you book two or more voyages in South Pacific aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Call for details.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 feet.

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* (built in 2004) joined the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet in 2014. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with a steel reinforced forward hull, is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbors in the South Pacific.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, marina platform, and mudroom. 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.

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

CABINS: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV with interactive system. Equipped with ethernet and wifi 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, stand-up paddleboards, crow’s nest camera, hydrophone, underwater video cameras, video microscope, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Plus, there is snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24 guests, glass-bottom Zodiac, and splash-cam.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, two divemasters, an undersea specialist and video chronicler.

WELLNESS: A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.

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.

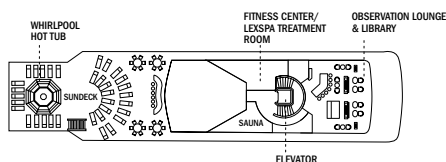
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CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512

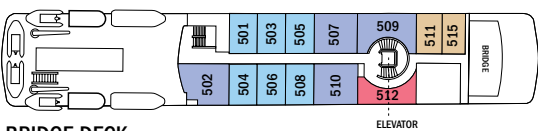
NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

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

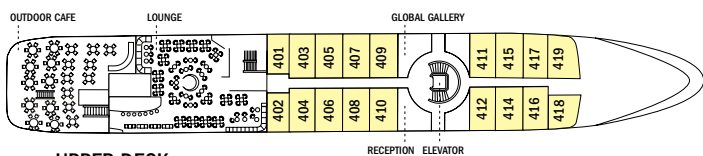
Note: Scuba divers must be certified by an internationally recognized dive association prior to the voyage, and certification cards and logbooks must be shown on board. Divers must have logged 25 dives in total and made a dive within the 12 months preceding the voyage. All guests wishing to take part in Scuba diving are required to submit all requested documentation well before joining the voyage. If you have not made an open water dive within the past year, please contact us about a dive refresher course in Tahiti prior to your voyage.



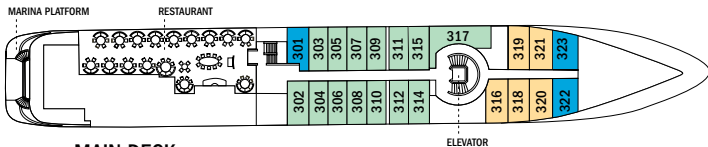
OBSERVATION DECK



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



Clockwise from above: Main lounge; Category 6 Owner's suite with French balcony; Category 3 suite with window; marble bathroom.

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WITH COMPLIMENTS, YOUR BAR TAB AND ALL CREW GRATUITIES ARE INCLUDED.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
French Polynesia: Beyond the Postcard – Pages 24-25	2019	\$7,960	\$9,690	\$11,370	\$12,390	\$14,990	\$17,420	\$11,940	\$17,050	\$1,000	Sample airfares: Round-trip Los Angeles/Papeete: Economy from \$1,600; Business from \$4,500; Internal airfare from \$290 (Rangiroa-Papeete), subject to change.
Azure Seas from Tahiti to the Marquesas – Pages 28-29	2019	\$15,920	\$19,380	\$22,740	\$24,780	\$29,980	\$34,840	\$23,880	\$34,100	\$2,500	Sample airfares: Round-trip Los Angeles/Papeete: Economy from \$1,600; Business from \$4,500.
Easter Island to Tahiti: Tales of the Pacific – Pages 32-33	2019	\$18,590	\$21,990	\$26,250	\$28,450	\$33,970	\$39,300	\$27,890	\$39,390	\$2,500	Includes two hotel nights accommodations on Easter Island. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Los Angeles/Santiago, Chile, Papeete/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,800; Business from \$4,000; Santiago/Easter Island from \$950, subject to change.
Tahiti to Hawai'i: In the Wake of the Ancient Navigators – Pages 36-37	2019	\$10,800	\$11,630	\$12,930	\$17,950	\$20,790	\$16,200	\$27,890	\$19,390	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights accommodations on Kona, Hawai'i. Sample airfares: Los Angeles/Papeete, Kona/Los Angeles: Economy from \$1,950; Business from \$3,800, subject to change.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIR: BOOK BY Dec. 31, 2018: Take advantage of complimentary international air offer when you book select South Pacific itineraries aboard *National Geographic Orion*. If you choose not to book your air with us, the savings can be applied as a reduction to your voyage cost. Free air is based on round-trip group economy flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that Lindblad's group flights are no longer available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue a credit. All offers are valid for new bookings only, subject to availability at the time of booking, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

\$1,500 AIR CREDIT: Book by **Dec. 31, 2018** to receive a \$1,500 credit on the [Tahiti to Hawai'i](#) itinerary.

SOLO PREMIUM WAIVED: The solo premium is waived for solo travelers on the [Tahiti to Hawai'i](#) itinerary.

TWO COMPLIMENTARY NIGHTS: We've also enhanced your experience with two additional complimentary nights in Kona on the [Tahiti to Hawai'i](#) itinerary.

BRINGING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18.

MULTIPLE VOYAGE SAVINGS: Save 10% when you book two or more voyages in South Pacific and French Polynesia aboard *National Geographic Orion*. You may take these voyages as back-to-back or non-consecutive journeys. This savings is applicable on voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare.

BAR TAB AND CREW TIPS: There will be no bar bill on these voyages and we will tip the crew on your behalf.

TRAVELING AS A GROUP: Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This savings is applicable to voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

COMBINING OFFERS: Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings!



INTERCONTINENTAL TAHITI RESORT & SPA

PRE-VOYAGE HOTEL OPTION: 1 night, based on availability. Includes: early check-in, \$125 per person resort credit to be used at either of the dinner venues on property, and breakfast on day of check-out.

Add this stay on any [French Polynesia: Beyond the Postcard, Azure Seas from Tahiti to the Marquesas](#), or [Easter Island](#) departure.

From \$450 per person, double occupancy; From \$650 per person, single occupancy. Call an Expedition Specialist for additional details.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as part of your expedition aboard ship and ashore. The only things not included are those of a personal nature—internet usage, laundry, wellness treatments and other specialized arrangements. Scuba diving is an additional cost.

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals, alcoholic beverages (except certain super-premium brands) and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during recap
- ✓ Sauna & Fitness Center
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff
- ✓ Gratuities to ship's crew

ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

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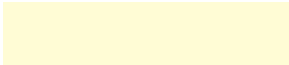
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