



# WELCOME TO POLYNESIA

**NEW! COMPACT  
10-DAY MARQUESAS**

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION | 2019 & 2020



**Lindblad  
Expeditions**



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*Sven's photos from his recent Polynesia expedition aboard National Geographic Orion, clockwise from upper left: vivid color in the 'aquarium of Rangiroa'; drone's eye view of a reef; the scent of tiare (gardenia) is everywhere; Orion's chef, Lothar Greiner, sourcing locally; guest, Kristin Hetterman, wearing her warm Polynesia welcome; Zodiac with guests returning from a day of exploring; a skilled palm frond weaver crafts a bowl.*





## DEAR TRAVELER,

In the past three years I've spent a couple of weeks in French Polynesia, each time exploring some new terrain. Why return year after year? Because I find the region utterly joyous, beautiful and fascinating; the people, the land and sea and 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.

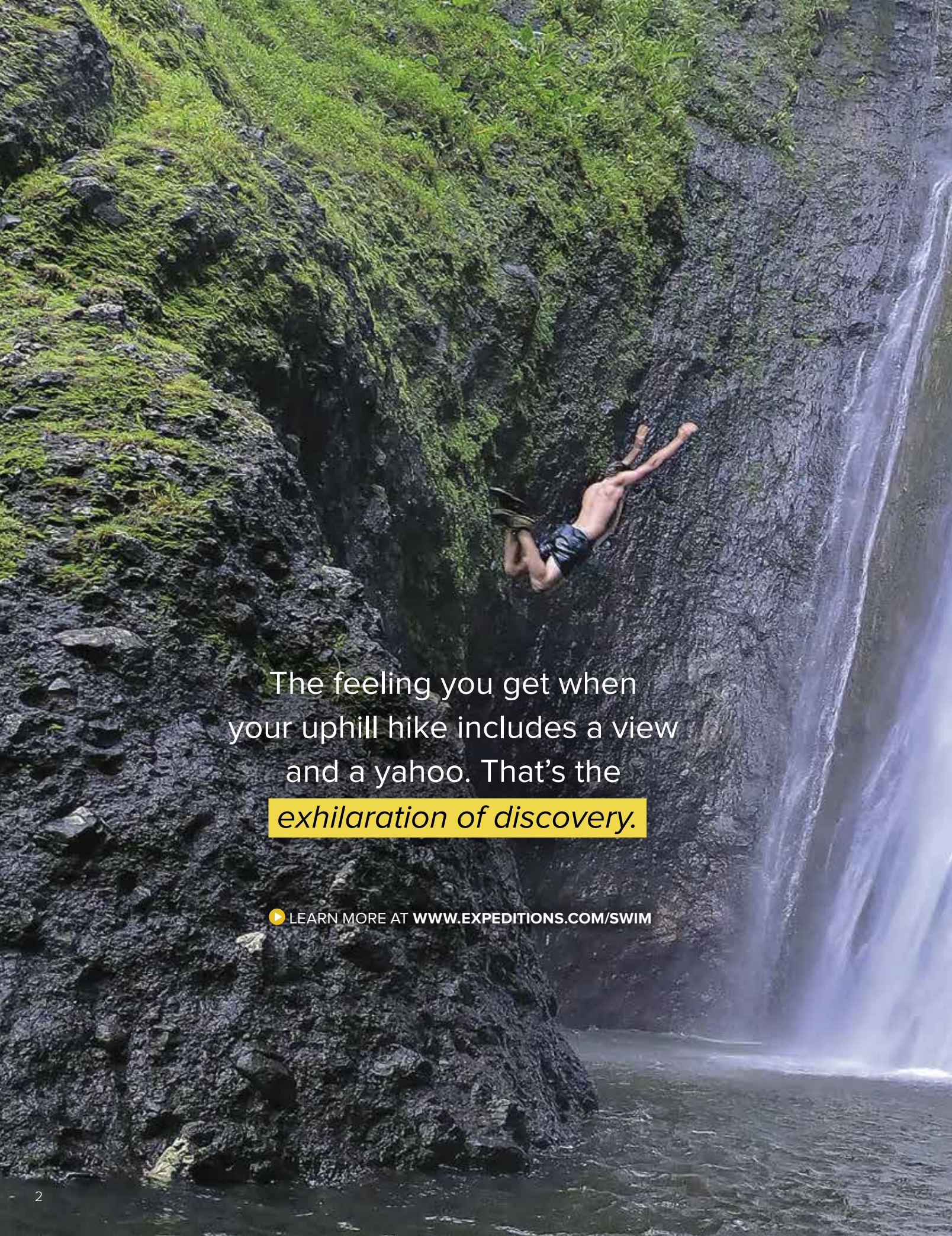
All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

### FREE AIR!

Book by **Dec. 31, 2018** and receive **FREE** international round-trip airfare from Los Angeles. Plus, bar tab & crew tips included. See page 44 for details.

P.S. If you have any extra time either before or after an expedition I'd urge you to consider a few nights at the Brando. I stayed there this past August and I have never had a more delightful experience in a resort. The Brando has only 35 villas, so it's very special. See pages 40-41.

A person is seen from behind, swimming in a pool of water at the base of a waterfall. The person is wearing dark shorts and is positioned in the center of the frame. The waterfall is on the right side, cascading down a dark, rocky cliff. The cliff face is covered in green moss and vegetation. The water at the bottom is dark and turbulent.

The feeling you get when  
your uphill hike includes a view  
and a yahoo. That's the  
*exhilaration of discovery.*


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Fatu Hiva, Marquesas  
10°28'20.8"S 138°38'34.5"W





*Expedition leader, Adam Cropp enjoying a close encounter and photo op with a reef manta ray.*



*“Snorkeling and diving in Polynesia’s warm waters is extraordinary. And you get to do them in places hardly anyone else knows about, as National Geographic Orion ranges freely through remote and beautiful islands and atolls: the Tuamotus, Society, Pitcairn and Marquesas. The remote areas we visit offer healthy reef systems—stunning coral heads and colorful fish, with thriving shark populations—good news for the ecosystem, and thrilling for snorkelers and divers. Whether it’s experiencing a rare drift snorkel, diving the steep drop-offs on the outer rim of an atoll, or snorkeling the crystal-clear waters of a lagoon, you’ll discover riveting, ‘what’s-next!’ opportunities on our Polynesia expeditions. Last season, guests had an exhilarating encounter with magical and mysterious manta rays on our Marquesas expedition.”*

*—Maya Santangelo,  
Divemaster*



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[WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/MANTA](http://WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/MANTA)

## A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT SHARKS



*The facts and the myths about sharks are by no means aligned. We have, through the ages, been conditioned to fear them and blockbuster films like “Jaws” certainly contributed to ill-founded fears. Yes, of course there have been incidents—remarkably few.*

*Reality, though, is sharks have no interest in us and calmly snorkeling or scuba diving in their realm is not only a magnificent privilege but an experience which should cause no discomfort at all. There are parts of French Polynesia which have very healthy shark populations. In 2012 French Polynesia and the Cook Islands created adjacent shark sanctuaries, spanning 2.5 million square miles, banning all shark fishing. Healthy shark populations are critical to healthy reefs so entire systems here are in balance.*

*Places like the south pass of Fakarava Atoll, for example, (pictured below from my latest dive there this past August) are teeming with hundreds of resident gray reef sharks and being amongst them is a benign privilege you would never forget.*

*Spren*








*Sven's underwater shots, some of which he posted on Instagram while in Polynesia (to see more of his shots from locations worldwide, follow him @solindblad) show his enthusiasm for swimming among sharks in Fakarava and off Moorea. From the above shot of a solitary encounter, to the bottom left and right, each image has the pop of a good news headline: high density shark populations signal a thriving reef.*



*Our local guide Frieda (beside the tiki known as “Takai’i”) regaling us with stories from the Marquesas at Me’ae l’ipona, Puama’u, Hiva Oa, Marquesas, French Polynesia.*



*“The culture of Polynesia is absolutely fascinating. And, what makes experiencing the islands we explore so deeply rewarding is the quality of the interpretation onboard. On our Easter Island voyage, in addition to having a connection to the island that dates back to Lars-Eric Lindblad’s pioneering expeditions, our guests get to linger at the Ahu Tongariki site with the very archaeologists responsible for rebuilding after the destruction of the 1960 tsunami. Short of being with the original builders, this is as insider as it gets. And you’ll share the Marquesas expedition with one of the original team of archaeologists working on digs of the sacred marae on Nuku Hiva and Hiva Oa. You’ll be prepared prior to visits, and knowledgeably accompanied on site. You can’t imagine what it’s like to be inches away from thousand-year-old tikis, in their original locations, without intervening guards, stanchions or crowds... truly privileged. And on our Beyond the Postcard voyage, you’ll travel with an expert on both Easter Island and Polynesian culture, plus a renowned Polynesian Master Navigator, custodian of the culture’s treasured sailing lore.”*

*—Brent Stephenson, Expedition Leader*



*White terns.*



*“The birds of Polynesia are of super-high quality. Hard-core birders dream of seeing some of the species we have the opportunity to observe on our expeditions. Both the Easter Island and the Marquesas itineraries offer chances to add some incredibly difficult-to-see birds to your list.*

*On our Easter Island trip, the seabird highlights are the Henderson Petrel, Herald Petrel, Murphy’s Petrel, and Christmas Shearwater. Actually making the landing at Henderson Island is challenging, but if possible, birders will have the chance to spot four single-island endemic species: a rail, lorikeet, fruit-dove, and reed-warbler. Pitcairn, another difficult landing, has a single island endemic reed-warbler.*

*The Marquesas are home to a number of some of the rarest birds in the world. We visit island after island, giving birders multiple chances to see gorgeous species, ranging in number from hundreds of individuals to as few as three. Highlights include the stunning Ultramarine Lorikeet, Marquesas Imperial-Pigeon with its crazy call, Marquesas Kingfisher, and teetering on the edge of extinction, the Fatu Hiva Monarch.*

*Itineraries that include the Tuamotus offer the chance to see endemics such as the Blue Lorikeet, Atoll Fruit-Dove, or Niau Kingfisher. On Makatea, a beautiful walk through a wild tropical forest includes the chance to spot two birds only found on Makatea: the Polynesian Imperial-Pigeon and Makatea Fruit-Dove.*

*—Mike Greenfelder, Naturalist, Birder & Undersea Specialist*



*Endemic and endangered Blue Lorikeet; Rangiroa, Tuamotus.*



*Endemic and endangered Makatea Fruit-Dove, Tuamotus.*



*Endemic Niau Kingfisher; Tuamotus.*



Above: "The Southern Pass of Fakarava Atoll is one of the top 10 shark dives in the world and was recently featured in *Blue Planet II*. 100s of sharks glide gently through the pass each day searching for food. This is my favourite drift snorkelling in the entire South Pacific!"  
—Adam Cropp, Expedition Leader, Instagram post

Left: Guests were treated to an incredible swim in 12,000 feet of deep blue ocean between Tenararo Atoll and Raroia.

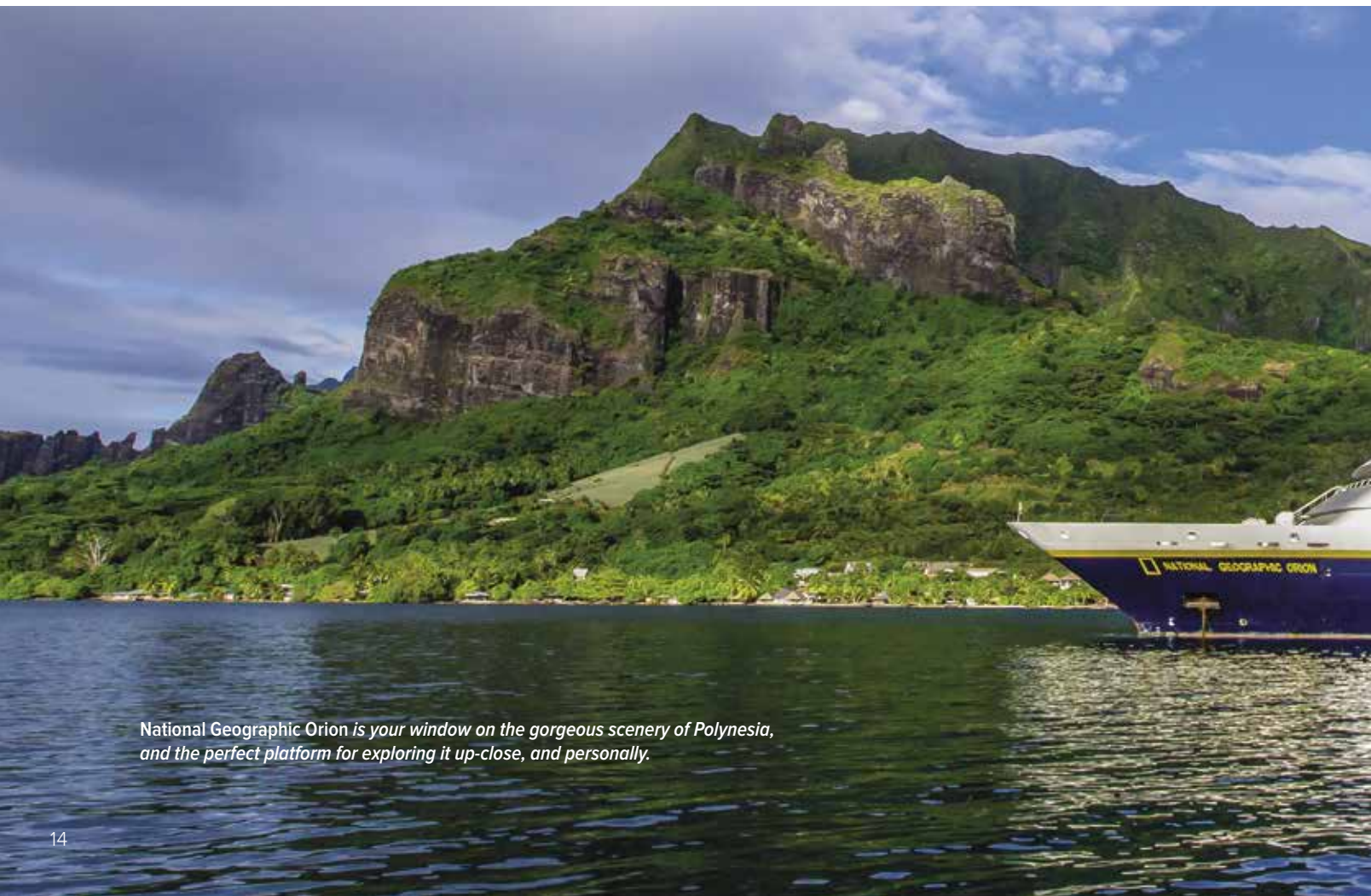


## OUR TEAM WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES

Our 2018 Polynesia season was the first time exploring there for most of our expedition team, and they relished every second. Using maps, charts from previous Lindblad forays into the South Pacific, and Google Earth, they took last season's guests to atolls and lagoons no other ship had ever entered. Invited them to plunge into the blue heart of the Pacific to swim in water 12,000 feet deep. Led them off a verdant forest trail to a candlelit descent into a grotto for the world's most refreshing spelunking swim, and much more. So, whether it's sending waiters with iced trays of gourmet ice cream bars to you on an idyllic motu, or creating a surprise landing complete with a welcome dance by the village's children, your expedition team will do whatever it takes to ensure unforgettable moments for you.

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

*National Geographic Orion* is your base camp for south sea adventure, uniquely equipped to get you out there and up close. 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 an ingenious platform, which allows us to snorkel or swim virtually anywhere, plus a glass-bottom Zodiac, custom-crafted to enable those who prefer to stay dry a remarkably clear view. 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.



*National Geographic Orion is your window on the gorgeous scenery of Polynesia, and the perfect platform for exploring it up-close, and personally.*





*Clockwise from top left: Polynesia is a mecca for paddleboarding and offers fun no matter what your skill level is. Calm waters in lagoons make for easy learning and improving your paddling mastery; our glass-bottom Zodiac makes the undersea accessible to everyone; kayaks offer opportunities for personal exploring; our exclusively designed water-level snorkeling platform, set between two Zodiacs enables us to provide safe and easy access to prime undersea sites.*



# MAGIC HAPPENS

Hospitality aboard *National Geographic Orion* is wonderful every day. But special occasions bring out the best in our team. Frequent Lindblad guests Kathie and Bart Astor were booked on *National Geographic Orion's* August 2, 2018 departure.



The voyage, a trip they had wanted to take for some time, coincided with their 40th wedding anniversary. Bart contacted Director of Field Staff and Expedition Development, Jen Martin, to see if there was something special the Lindblad team could arrange to help them celebrate on the actual day, August 6th. Bart wanted to surprise Kathie and make the celebration truly special—especially since he planned to present her with ruby earrings to celebrate their ‘ruby anniversary.’ So, the Lindblad team— Expedition Leader Jimmy White, Hotel Manager Craig Murray, Chef Lothar Greiner, and others—collaborated to make magic, culminating in bringing the Astors by Zodiac to their own private sunset celebration on the quintessential tropic isle, complete with champagne and canapes. Bart presented Kathie with his special gift, and the moment was documented for posterity by National Geographic photographer, Jay Dickman.



*"I can't begin to tell you how touched we were with the incredible display of joy shown to us in celebration of our 40th anniversary. Craig, Jimmy, Jay, Dexter, Maureen, Lothar, and Meo, along with all the others who participated in the plan, went so far out of their way to make this voyage special for us that we want you and the entire Lindblad organization to know how appreciative we are."  
—Bart and Kathie Astor*





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



*From left: National Geographic photographers Stephen Alvarez, Cristina Mittermeier, Heather Perry, Jonathan Kingston, and Randy Olson.*



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

**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*

**JONATHAN KINGSTON**

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

**RANDY OLSON**

*Tahiti to the Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery  
May 22, 2019*

## OBSERVE POLYNESIA AND PARTICIPATE IN CITIZEN SCIENCE

In 2019 we'll expand our citizen science program to all Lindblad-National Geographic expeditions in the South Pacific. Guided by onboard naturalists and undersea specialists, you'll have the opportunity to collect and contribute data to aid the Shark Search Initiative. The core aim of this project is to create *checklists* for each region—identifying shark species and their distribution—to assist in developing conservation management strategies. These checklists are living documents, updated over time and changed as new information sources, perhaps even new species, are discovered.



National Geographic Orion offers an incredible platform for collecting information within remote ecosystems. The iNaturalist app is built on the concept of mapping and sharing observations across the globe. Your photos, uploaded to iNaturalist, might make the difference to the Shark Search initiative!

## SHARE THE ADVENTURE WITH ENGAGING GUEST SPEAKERS

Share daily adventures with and enjoy the company of these individuals. See who's on your voyage on the following itinerary pages. Find additional details at [expeditions.com/perspectives](http://expeditions.com/perspectives).



**CHRISTINA THOMPSON**  
*Tahiti to Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery + sea voyage to Hawai'i* **May 22, 2019**

Christina has been writing about the South Pacific for more than 20 years. She is the author

of a history of Polynesia, *Sea People: The Puzzle of Polynesia*, as well as a memoir about her life in the antipodes, *Come on Shore and We Will Kill and Eat You All*. She now serves as editor of *Harvard Review*.



**KEOLU FOX**  
*Tahiti to Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery + sea voyage to Hawai'i* **May 22, 2019**

National Geographic Emerging Explorer, biologist, and Native Hawaiian geneticist, 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.



**TUA PITTMAN**  
*Tahiti to Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery + sea voyage to Hawai'i* **May 22, 2019**  
*French Polynesia: Beyond the Postcard* **May 9 & May 16, 2019**

An internationally acclaimed master navigator, Tua will share his stories and wisdom from 30+ years of sailing the world's 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.



**GREG STONE**  
*Tahiti to Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery + sea voyage to Hawai'i* **May 22, 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.



## YACHT-STYLE SCALE

With its welcoming clubby atmosphere, *National Geographic Orion*, accommodating just 102 guests, is a pleasure to travel aboard—especially in Polynesia where open air decks give every breakfast and lunch a genuine holiday feeling. The social find ample space indoors and out to congregate, while nooks and crannies all over the ship invite the more solitary among us to savor some quiet time. Dinners, are served in the dining room and in an inclusive series of ‘invited dinners’, out on deck. Meals feature a Chef’s Tasting menu and a la carte options. Whether it’s for performances, talks or presentations, the Lounge is the center of expedition life at cocktail hour, tea time and after dinner.



National Geographic Orion's outdoor decks are your front row seat for rainbows and vistas; Sunrise to sunset, cocktails, daily breakfast and lunch are served al fresco; Dinner, in the dining room or at hosted tables on deck, features the Chef's tasting menu, plus a la carte options; The Lounge (bottom), is where all gather for teatime, and the daily cocktail hour Recap, for engaging presentations by naturalists and photographers, plus lively performances.





*Clockwise from top left: vibrant color and density characterize the undersea in Rangiroa's 'aquarium,' a sunset swim at Takume, discovered by our team, exclusively enjoyed by our guests; the endemic Imperial-Pigeon, Marquesas; rainbow off Fatu Hiva, Marquesas; Welcoming dance at Hapatoni, Tahuata; guests enjoying a refreshing waterfall at the end of a hike.*





## Join us in 2019 or 2020 on your choice of four extraordinary itineraries. Give yourself the joy of experiences like these:

Experience the heartwarming Polynesian culture of welcome.

Notice that you are standing inches from a petroglyph incised thousands of years ago and no guard is asking you to step back.

Sit on the edge of a pandanus-thatched longhouse at an ancient site, seeing the light rain drip from the fringed eaves, imagining what it was like to inhabit a culture where toil for toil's sake didn't exist.

Learn what brochure copy "hike to waterfall" really means on location in Polynesia, and how it feels.

Add the Imperial Pigeon to your life list and crow about it to every birder you know.

Every time snorkeling is offered: go. Every time you slide into Polynesian waters, thank yourself for having the explorer gene.

See copra. Learn how coconut oil gets made. And never forget the scent of roasting coconut.

Swim in the aquarium of Rangiroa. Drift dive in Fakarava. Find yourself surrounded by gray tipped reef sharks, thrilled to your core.

Relish the fact that your expedition leader created the opportunity for you, a tiny group and your voyage archaeologist, to return to a sacred site just to steep in the *mana*.

Attend a church service, see devotion articulated in shells, hear hymns of ethereal beauty and see what "Sunday best" looks like in Polynesia.

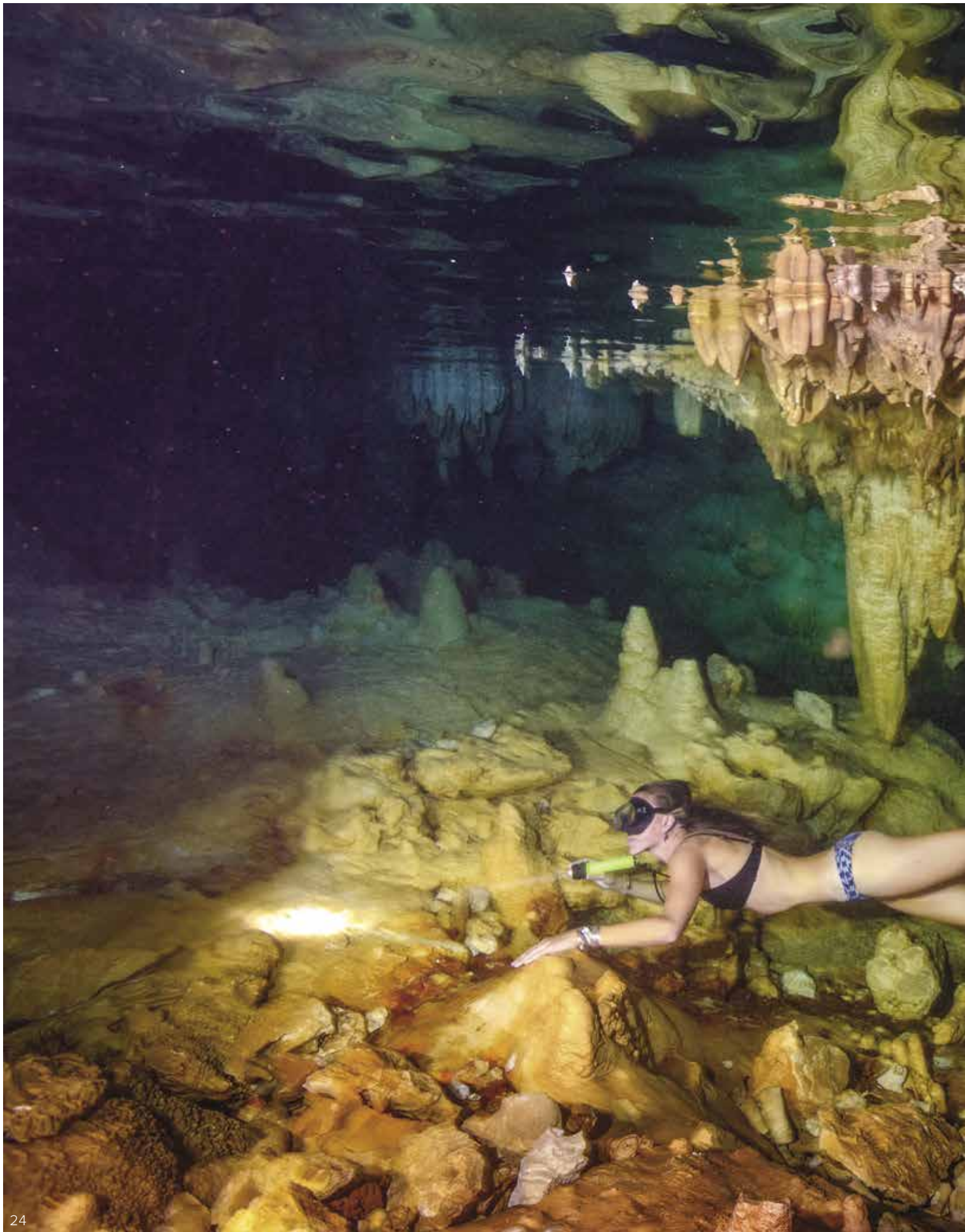
Taste Polynesia; sample the fruit you're offered: mango, papaya, guava, banana, picked moments before your arrival.

Let yourself be adorned. Get used to flowers in your hair or your hatband.

Gaze into a sky so dark, so star-soaked, you can feel the universe. And actually see the constellations your naturalist is indicating with his/her laser pen in the balmy air of the top deck.

Descend from the heat of the forest to the cool crystal-clear waters of a cave swim on Makatea.







*The island of Makatea greets us with the remains of a long-gone phosphate mining operation, reclaimed by a lush forest. Hiking through this beauty and fervid diversity of flora in the warm tropical air, we arrive at the lip above this grotto in wonder. We descend steep limestone steps to the world's most refreshing swim among a splendor of stalactites—utterly ours alone.*

# FRENCH POLYNESIA: BEYOND THE POSTCARD

**10 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION**

PRICES FROM: \$7,960 TO \$17,420 (See page 43 for complete prices.)

Book by **Dec. 31, 2018** to guarantee 2019 prices for 2020 departures.

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 Hawai'i and New Zealand. Sail among some of the 80 atolls of the Tuamotu Archipelago, a string of tiny islands in an azure sea that hides thriving reefs we'll explore while scuba diving and snorkeling.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit one of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, Marae Taputapuatea on Ra'iatea, recently named a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive some of the healthiest reefs of the Pacific in the Tuamotu Archipelago.
- ▶ Learn stand-up paddleboarding in gorgeous turquoise lagoons.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates Tiputa Pass into the lagoon at Rangiroa, one of the largest atolls in the world.

## 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.*

*Marae Taputapuatea on Ra'iatea.*



**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**

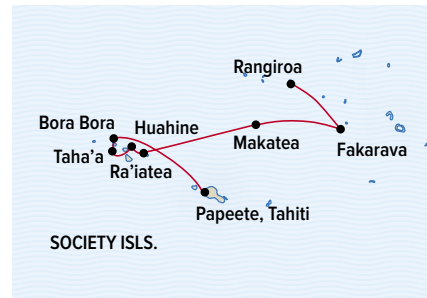
Spend two days exploring some of the nearly 80 islands and atolls in the "Dangerous Archipelago." An uplifted coral atoll, the island of Makatea is one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. Spend the day exploring limestone caves and grottos with your expedition team and local guides, or search for endemic fruit doves and myriad seabirds. Fakarava is one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. (B,L,D 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\*

2020 Apr. 14; May 5; May 12\*

\*These voyages travel in reverse from Rangiroa to Papeete.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by Dec. 31, 2018 and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIR** from Los Angeles to Papeete on all 2019 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.



*Explore Bora Bora island's interior by 4WD.*



*Snorkel or dive and discover the healthy reef of Fakarava.*



*The dance performances we've experienced on our visits to the Marquesas are extraordinary for their authenticity, as well as their artistry. Watching them, we are transported back to the pre-colonial era when wide-eyed explorers were greeted ambiguously by villagers alternating between displays of ferocity and engaging curiosity.*



# AZURE SEAS FROM TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS

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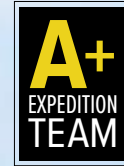
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Remote and enigmatic, the Marquesas are islands that belong to the past. Some of them virtually untouched since the era of European exploration, their isolation has given way to a proud people whose unique Marquesan dialect is a direct link to the ancient Polynesian language of Maohi. Indeed, it is believed locally that the spirits of the ancient Maohi live among the islands' saw-toothed peaks and lush, verdant valleys, and the limestone caves and grottos that we'll explore. Herman Melville penned his novel *Typee* based on his time on Nuku Hiva and established himself as the "man who lived among the cannibals," and Robert Louis Stevenson landed here aboard his yacht *Casco* in the late 19th century. We hope to encounter manta rays, either of the two species found here, or both.

## 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.

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*Hanavave Bay, Fatu Hiva, Marquesas.*





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**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)



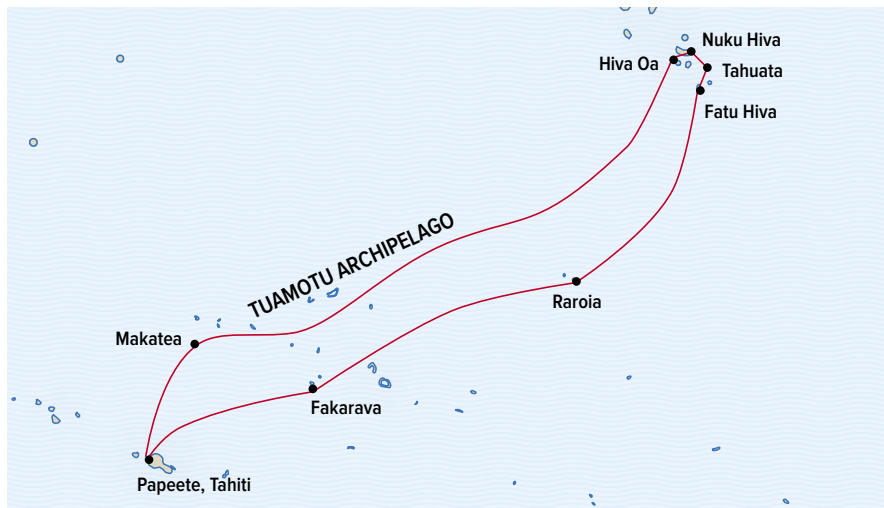
Stone tiki carving at me’ae lipona, Hiva Oa, Marquesas.

**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 Hatihe’u Bay, on the north shore of Nuku Hiva Island. Visit ancient petroglyphs and witness a spectacular dance performance at a Marquesan *me’ae*, or hike up the valley with the naturalists and local guides in search of rare birds and spectacular views. Later, sample local foods in the village, and peruse unique arts and crafts. (B,L,D 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. In the village of Atuona, 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**

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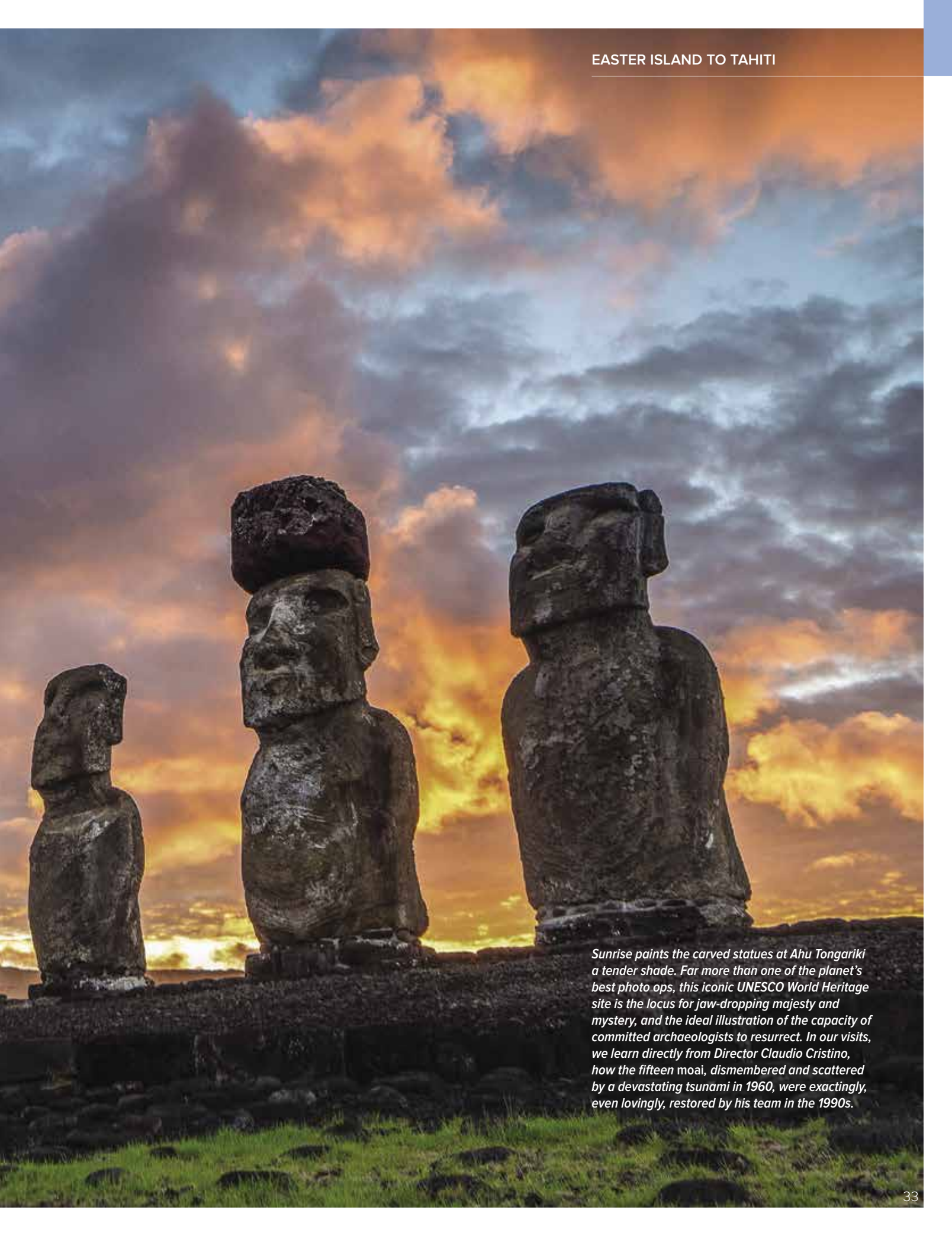
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Young dancer, Fatu Hiva, Marquesas.





*Sunrise paints the carved statues at Ahu Tongariki a tender shade. Far more than one of the planet's best photo ops, this iconic UNESCO World Heritage site is the locus for jaw-dropping majesty and mystery, and the ideal illustration of the capacity of committed archaeologists to resurrect. In our visits, we learn directly from Director Claudio Cristino, how the fifteen moai, dismembered and scattered by a devastating tsunami in 1960, were exactingly, even lovingly, restored by his team in the 1990s.*

# 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 43 for complete prices.)

Book by **Dec. 31, 2018** to guarantee 2019 prices for 2020 departures.

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

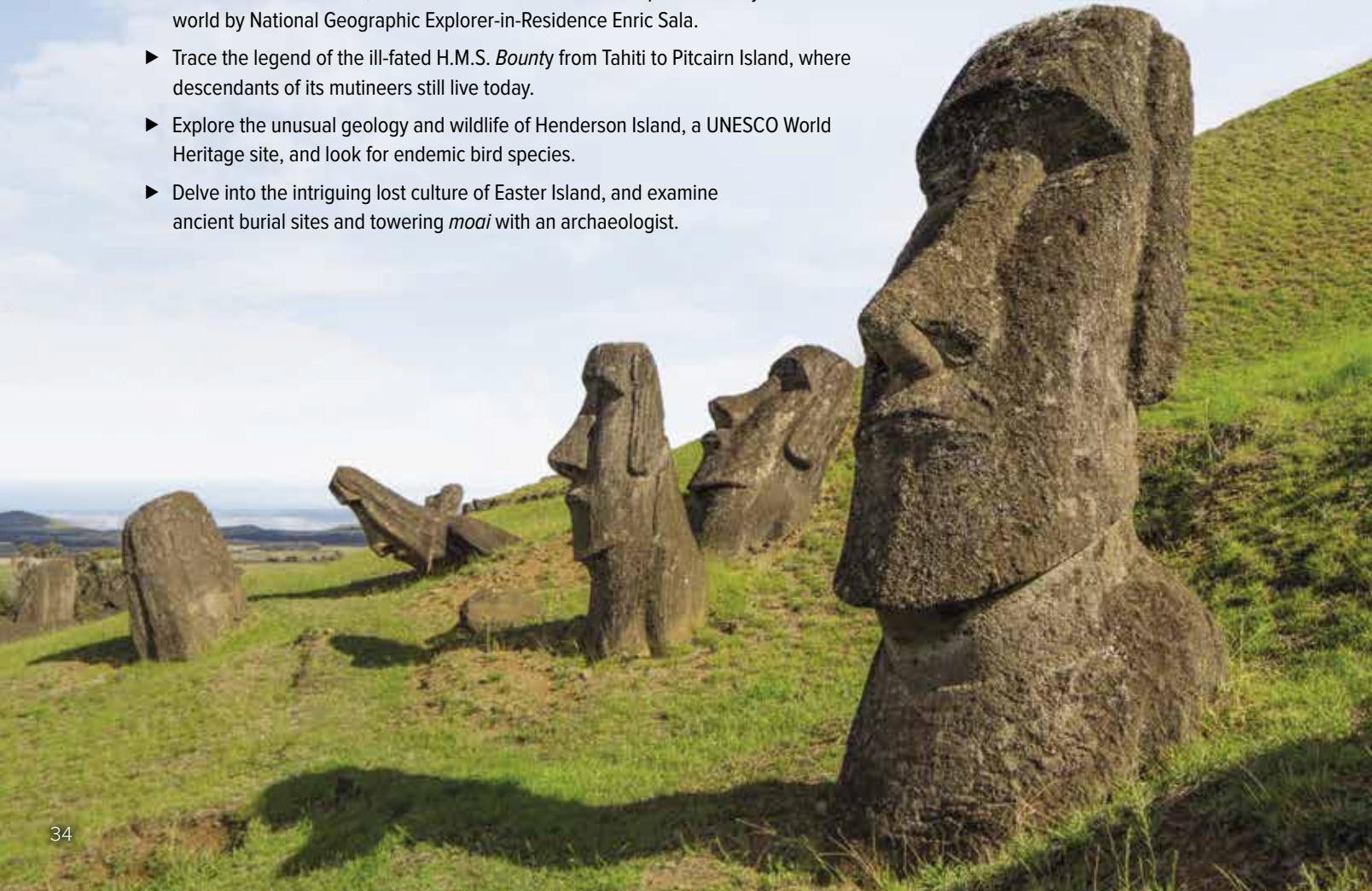
**50**  
YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

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)

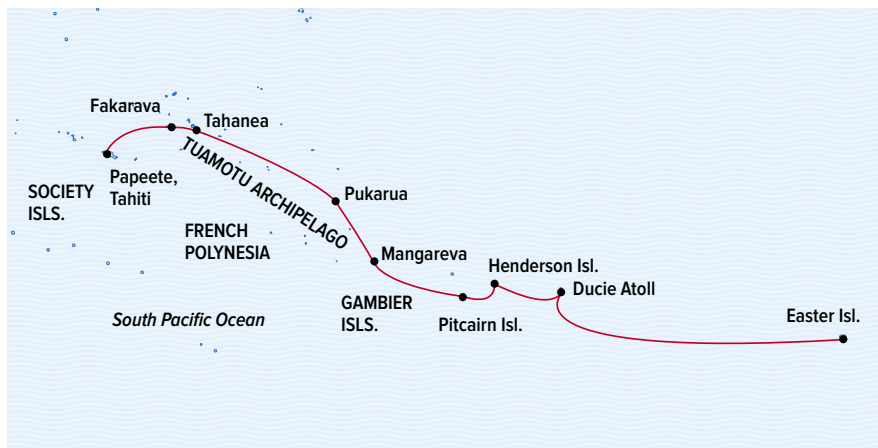
**DAYS 6–10: AT SEA/PITCAIRN ISLANDS**

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**

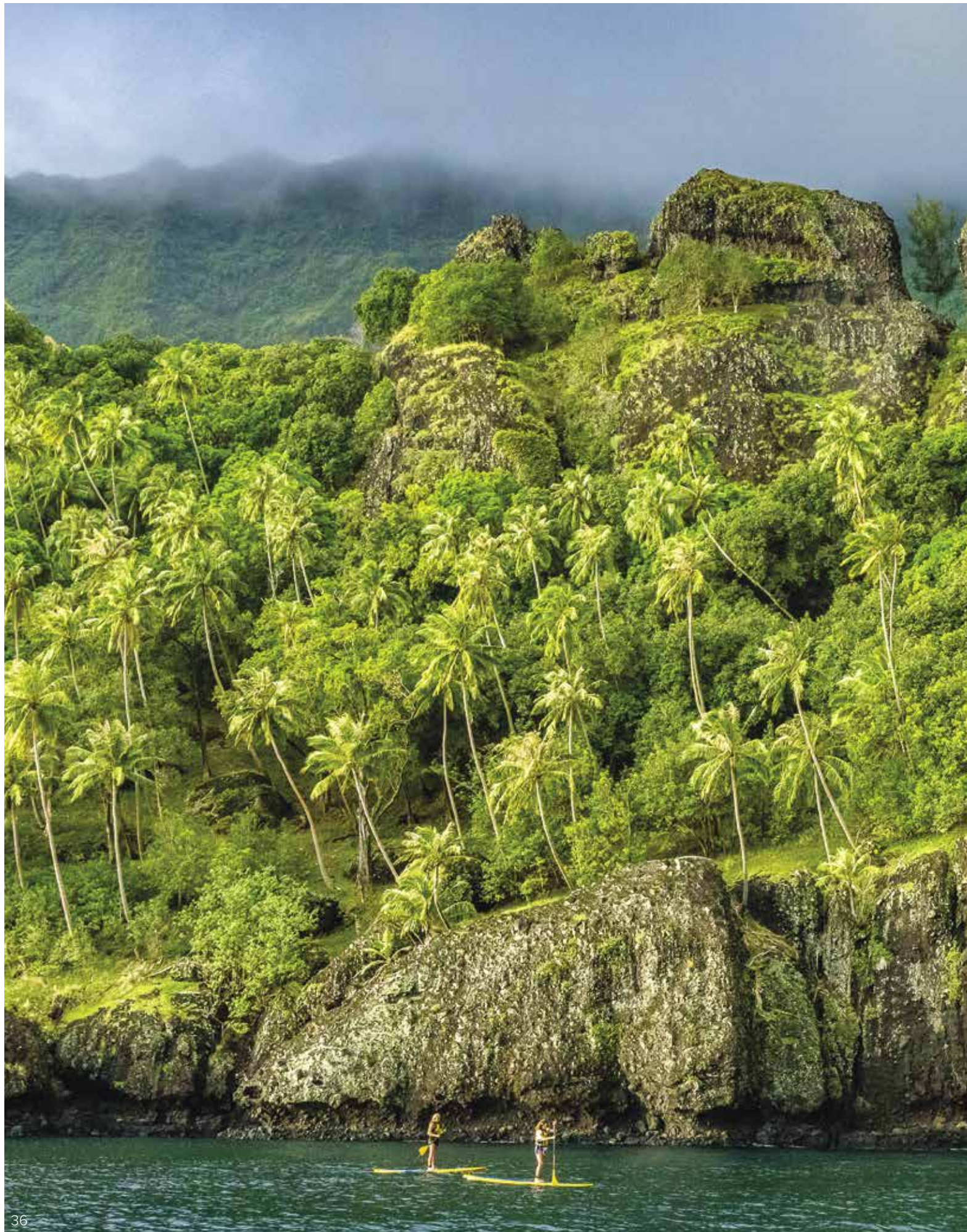
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*Venture underwater to snorkel or dive.*





*Exploring the Marquesas means arriving at a succession of islands, each lovelier than the one before. Loveliest of all, judged by yachtsmen, explorers, and photographers, is Fatu Hiva, with its iconic (to the cognoscenti) Hanavave Bay. Trace its coast on a Zodiac cruise, in a kayak or, as depicted here, on a stand-up paddleboard—for beautiful vistas and the sense of being in a dinosaur-free Jurassic Park.*

NEW

# TAHITI TO THE MARQUESAS: FRENCH POLYNESIAN DISCOVERY

10 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$7,960 TO \$17,420 (See page 43 for complete prices.)

Book by Dec. 31, 2018 to guarantee 2019 prices for 2020 departures.

Follow in the path of early Polynesian navigators on this epic voyage. From the aquamarine atolls of the Tuamotu Islands to the lush volcanic peaks of the mysterious Marquesas, you'll visit some of the most remote and compelling sites in the far reaches of French Polynesia. You'll have the option to continue onboard with us on a relaxing seven-day sea voyage, as we trace the path of master Polynesian navigators and make our way across the equator to Hawai'i.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Venture into the lush tropical forest and discover ancient Polynesian sacred sites on the verdant island of Hiva Oa.
- ▶ Snorkel or dive in the Tuamotus and see abundant fish and thriving coral reef ecosystems.
- ▶ Learn stand-up paddleboarding in gorgeous turquoise lagoons.
- ▶ Watch on deck as *National Geographic Orion* navigates into dramatic Hanavave Bay.

## 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**

Arrive in Papeete, Tahiti early this morning and check into your room at the tropical InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa. Spend the day adjusting to island time and enjoying the resort's many amenities, or join us for a leisurely afternoon excursion. This evening, connect with your fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail party.

**DAY 3: PAPEETE/EMBARK**

Today, join an island tour and have lunch at a local restaurant before embarking *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)



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

**DAYS 4 AND 5: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO**

Spend two days exploring this idyllic archipelago. Experience with all your senses while learning the geological distinction between volcanic islands, atolls, and uplifted coral atolls, like the stunning island of Makatea, one of the most unique landforms in the Pacific. See the spectral remains of a mining operation as you hike through a primeval landscape with your expedition team, to discover an incredible limestone grotto. Birders might add endemics such as the imperial pigeon or the Makatea fruit dove to their lists. Snorkelers will revel in the protected reefs of gorgeous Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Conditions permitting, ride the current into the vast lagoon on a world-famous drift dive or snorkel. (B,L,D)



Tahuata, Marquesas.

**DAYS 6 AND 7: AT SEA/FATU HIVA, MARQUESAS**

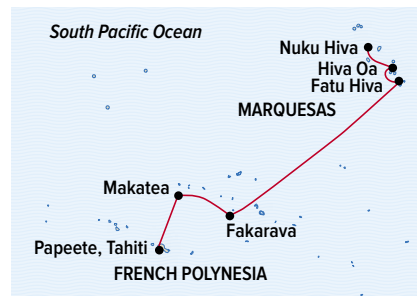
A relaxing day at sea brings us to one of the most remote and historic island groups on Earth, the Marquesas. One never forgets the first sight of lovely Hanavave Bay, fronting one of the world's most soul-stirringly beautiful islands—Fatu Hiva. Be sure you're on deck and camera-armed as we arrive at one of the most storied shorelines in the entire Pacific. Enjoy a warm Polynesian welcome on a visit to a remote village where you'll see displays of well-made, uniquely Marquesan arts and crafts. Choose a challenging hike through landscapes studded with sculptural granite and stunning flora to a remote waterfall, or Zodiac to the next bay where local transport takes you birdwatching deep in the Omoa Valley. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: HIVA OA, MARQUESAS**

At Hiva Oa, we plan to land at Atuona. Stop for a fresh-baked French baguette before a short visit to Calvary Cemetery and the gravesites of French artist Paul Gauguin and Belgian, Jacques Brel, both revered on the island. We'll visit the village of Puamau to explore a well-maintained Marquesan sacred site, at *me'ae lipona*. Accompanied by our team



Hapatoni, Tahanea, the remotest of the inhabited Marquesas.



and knowledgeable local guides, we'll learn about religious rites, and get the chance to photograph one of the largest, most arresting ancient *tikas* in Polynesia. (B,L,D)

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

If you read Herman Melville's *Typee* in prep for your voyage, you'll thrill doubly to the green-mantled, rugged silhouette of Nuku Hiva, the largest and most imposing of the Marquesas. Choose to end your Polynesia adventure here, and fly via chartered plane back to Papeete, and connect to your flight home. Or continue: spend seven relaxing days at sea following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers north to Hawai'i. (Day 9: B,L)

**EXPEDITION DETAILS**

**DATES:** 2019 May 22; 2020 May 18

**OPTIONAL HAWAII' I EXTENSION**

Join our Captain, officers and master navigator, Tua Pittman, for an informative seven-day journey from Marquesas to Hawai'i—following in the wake of the great Polynesian explorers. Read, relax, unwind as you discover the skills required to master an ocean. And, enjoy a two-day stay on the Big Island with our compliments. Visit [expeditions.com/Hawaii](http://expeditions.com/Hawaii) or call for details.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**

- Book by **DEC. 31, 2018** and receive either **FREE ROUNDTRIP AIR** from Los Angeles to Papeete or **\$1,500 AIR CREDIT** if you continue to Hawaii on the 2019 departure. See details on page 44. 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.

# CAN'T BEAR TO LEAVE? DON'T. LINGER LONGER AT THE BRANDO.

A National Geographic Unique Lodge of The World, the Brando is the epitome of French Polynesia luxe—with a cultural heritage, an eco-conscious mission, and a level of quality that more than merits its mystique. Built on land Marlon Brando purchased in the 60's when he fell in love with his Tahitian co-star while shooting *Mutiny on the Bounty*, and inspired by his original vision, the hotel is idyllically sited on the atoll of Tetiaroa. It features one- to three-bedroom villas; two restaurants under the guidance of a Michelin-starred chef; and a Spa offering holistic treatments, bordering the pond where Tahitian royalty once gathered to undergo beauty rituals. There's a host of island-gear activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, kite surfing, lectures, natural history walks and much more.

If you would like to stay at the Brando as a post-voyage extension, our Expedition Specialists will be happy to assist you in making arrangements. Please call for complete 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, she 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, and marina platform. Our “open bridge” allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

**CABINS:** All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate

**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

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, crew’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 a number of guests, a glass-bottom Zodiac, and a 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.

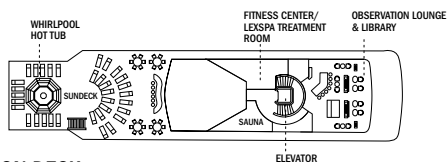
**CATEGORY 1 SOLO:** Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

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

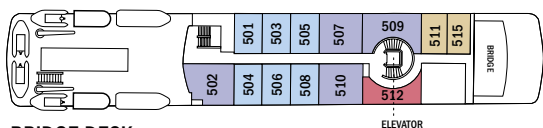
**NOTE:** Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

**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 and should indicate interest when making their booking. 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.



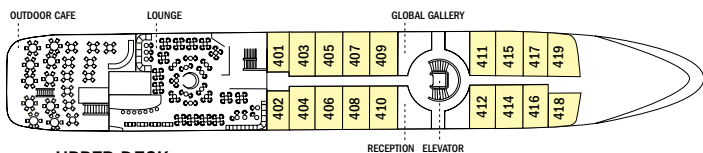
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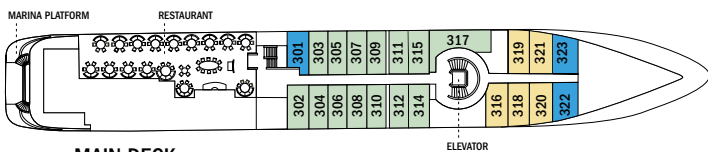
BRIDGE DECK



Clockwise from above: Breakfast on deck; Category 6 Owner's suite with French balcony; Category 3 suite with window; marble bathroom.



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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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 26-27	2019 2020*	\$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 30-31	2019 2020*	\$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 34-35	2019 2020*	\$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 the Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery – Pages 38-39	2019 2020*	\$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.

\*2019 prices guaranteed for 2020 departures if booked by Dec. 31, 2018. After Dec. 31, 2018, call or visit [expeditions.com](http://expeditions.com) for new prices.

Prices quoted in this brochure are valid as of the time of printing, are subject to modification, and are not guaranteed until booking and required deposit is made. See our website at [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com) for the most up-to-date pricing.

# 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 or extensions. Call for details.

**\$1,500 AIR CREDIT:** If you choose to extend your [Tahiti to Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery](#) voyage by continuing with us to Hawaii, you will receive a \$1,500 air credit. Book by **Dec. 31, 2018**.

**SOLO PREMIUM WAIVED:** On the [Tahiti to the Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery](#) voyage, the solo premium is waived for travelers who choose to extend their trip to Hawai'i.

**TWO COMPLIMENTARY NIGHTS:** We've also enhanced your experience with two additional complimentary nights in Kona for guests who choose to extend their trip to Hawai'i on the [Tahiti to the Marquesas: French Polynesian Discovery](#) voyage.

**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!

## 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

- ✓ All shore activities
- ✓ Zodiac, kayak and stand-up paddleboard explorations
- ✓ Snorkeling, including wetsuits, masks, fins
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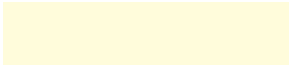
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