

EPIC PATAGONIA

FROM FJORDS &
PEAKS TO FORESTS

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS
TO PRIVATE PARKS

PLUS FREE AIRFARE



DEAR TRAVELER,

Patagonia is an astonishingly beautiful place replete with rugged landscapes and exceptionally interesting wildlife. We've been exploring there since 1967 when my father, Lars-Eric Lindblad, was among the first to bring adventurous travelers by expedition ship. Today our deep knowledge of the region and our personal connections allow us to arrange some truly exceptional experiences for our guests.

This year you may be interested to know that Chile has launched the Patagonian Route of Parks, a large scenic route spanning 1,740 miles from the city of Puerto Montt down to Cape Horn and encompassing 140 species of birds and 46 species of mammals. The route was the idea of Tompkins Conservation—the foundation set up by our friends, the late Douglas Tompkins and his wife Kris—and it created a connected network of 17 national parks. On this 20-day expedition, *Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks and Forests*, we'll be visiting no less than five of these wild parklands, known for their lakes, waterways, and rich flora and fauna. See page 9 to learn more about Pumalín Natural Park, one of the greatest of them, which we've been visiting for some time now. You'll also discover many more of the region's high points—from the fjordlands of Chile's Inside Passage and iconic Torres del Paine National Park to the massive Pío XI Glacier and seldom-seen Isla de los Estados (known as Staten Island).

Our visit to this remote, wildlife-rich island at the tip of Argentina is the result of a dialogue we initiated with key conservation officials, who came to believe that carefully planned visits by our ships would spotlight the need to conserve this spectacular place. The term 'seldom-seen' has seldom been more appropriate for Staten Island.

We hope you'll choose to experience Patagonia with us. I am certain you'll find it inspiring. And to add to the exhilaration of the discoveries you'll make, we'd like to gift you with an especially relevant book, and an invitation to join our onboard Book Club. Read on for details!

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

PATAGONIA: EVERYTHING, PLUS

Spanning Chile and Argentina, Patagonia has no precise borders of its own. It includes massive snow-covered Andean peaks, pampas, fjords, glaciers, forests, rivers, lakes, and valleys—inhabited by penguins, boisterous elephant seals, Andean condors, whales and dolphins, guanacos, rheas, and more. See it all on this sweeping voyage.

SANTIAGO: Begin with a sojourn in this gracious, sun-struck city, dramatically backed by the Andes.

THE CHILEAN FJORDS: A network of serpentine fjords and channels carved by enormous forces—with mountains rising from the sea, epic waterfalls, and 2,000-year-old *alerce* trees.

TIERRA DEL FUEGO & KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK: We have special permission to visit Karukinka Natural Park, donated by Goldman Sachs and administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society. It spans 735,522 acres across the southern edge of Patagonia on the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego—a land visited by both Magellan and Darwin—and includes the world's southernmost old-growth forest, a complex of wetland systems, peat bogs, mountains, alpine meadows, and at least 90 animal species. See more on pages 6-7.

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK:

Its iconic and spectacular mountain range appears like a fairy castle as you approach across the flat Patagonian steppe—soaring walls crowned by jagged peaks. As we get close the view reveals deep valleys dividing vertical granite horns and fluted towers, carved by the great glaciers of the ice ages.

—DAVID COTHRAN, NATURALIST

See more on page 8.

PIO XI GLACIER: Nearly 41 miles in length, it's the longest outside of Antarctica.

CAPE HORN: Venture 'round the Horn and join the list of those to navigate these treacherous waters—in safety and comfort.

STATEN ISLAND: World famous for Jules Verne's *The Lighthouse at the End of the World*, the hundreds of wrecks and heroic rescues of stranded sailors by legendary Argentinean sailor and explorer Comandante Luis Piedrabuen, plus its abundance of wildlife, wind-shaped forests and deep calm fjords, this area, probably the least visited in the whole of Patagonia, is a must-see. Our guests have the rare opportunity to experience a truly remote and unexplored location, and revel in the feeling of being 'first' during our expedition. See more on pages 4-5.

FROM
SANTIAGO

CHILE

CHILÓE
ISLAND



Torres del Paine National Park.

S EXCLUSIVES, IN ONE VOYAGE

ARGENTINA

PIO XI
GLACIER

THE CHILEAN FJORDS

TORRES
DEL PAINE

TIERRA DEL FUEGO

CAPE
HORN

STATEN
ISLAND



Chilotan architecture.

CHILOÉ ISLAND: Chiloé has a special place in the hearts of Chile's people. It's a tranquil place with deeper Native American roots than much of the rest of Chile, where old traditions still hold strong, and which remains close to nature. Its wooden churches collectively constitute a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its architecture is distinctive.

EXPLORE MORE

Why simply turn around and head home, when this stellar region offers you rich opportunities to explore? Add the optional extension of your choice. See pages 20-21.

THE ISLAND AT THE END OF

Isla de los Estados, also known as Staten Island, is so seldom seen that it holds a near-mythic place in the region's collective consciousness. In 2015, ours was the first outside expedition ship granted the privilege to travel here since it was essentially closed off to tourism decades ago. What we discovered on that pioneering voyage exceeded our fondest hopes: an island of exceptional interest with exceptional wildlife. Thousands of seabirds in a number of places. Blue-eyed shags nesting in the tussock grass. Magellanic penguins heading down to the sea to feed. South American fur seals basking on the rocky shoreline and in the crystal clear waters. South American sea lions swirling through the beautiful kelp beds.



Kayaking in a quiet cove.



National Geographic Explorer's pioneering exploration of Staten Island in 2015.

THE WORLD

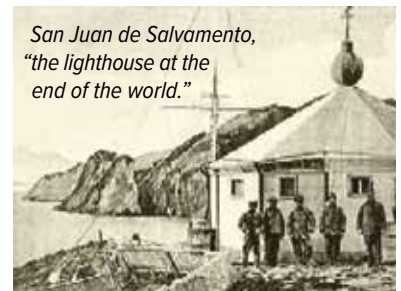


A pair of Magellanic penguins with their distinctive pattern of black stripes.



Hiking on Staten Island.

We are proud to have helped pave the way for accountable, environmentally responsible exploration of the island, and we remain one of the only organizations venturing into this untamed nature reserve. Now, you can discover it as you should—in its pristine state, largely untouched by humankind. Hike through the last stands of forest before the Andes disappear into the Atlantic Ocean, observing the forces of nature evident in the rocks and vegetation, to a knoll overlooking the placid bay where ‘the lighthouse at the end of the world’ stands. Experience sights few others have thus far.




San Juan de Salvamento, “the lighthouse at the end of the world.”

STUNNING LOCATION, LITERARY CLASSIC



Staten Island’s natural assets—enchanted forests, large Magellanic penguin colonies, and beguiling topography—have inspired the very few lucky enough to visit this ultra-remote location. And it moved one legendary writer, Jules Verne, to write his classic adventure novel, *The Lighthouse at the End of the World*, about the location. We believe reading it might deepen your understanding of and appreciation for the island, so we will send you a complimentary copy prior to your departure. And we invite you to join the Facebook page we’ll create for discussion before the voyage, and the in-person Lighthouse Book Club once aboard. See page 25 for more details.

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A close-up, vertical shot of a waterfall. The water is white and turbulent as it falls over dark, jagged rocks. The rocks are heavily covered in green moss and lichen, especially on the left side. The background is a continuation of the rocky cliff face, partially obscured by the falling water.

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Exploring Karukinka Natural Park on Tierra del Fuego.



KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

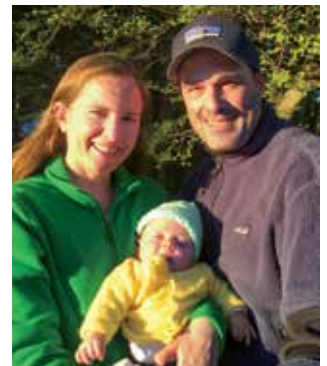
NATURALIST SANTIAGO IMBERTI RECAPS THE STORY OF A VOYAGE HIGHLIGHT

Karukinka Park represents a surprising and positive turn of events for the natural world. Here you can find glaciers, and typically Antarctic leopard seals, resting on a nearby ice floe! The juxtaposition of all these incredible elements in one place, against a backdrop of thick, wind-tortured forest and steep fjords is unique. Hiking into the forest reveals smaller yet surprising wonders: carnivorous plants, delicate sub-Antarctic flowers, and endemic hummingbirds and Austral parrots, which seem totally out of place in these southern latitudes.

A forest that was once set to be destroyed by a timber company was successfully rescued at the last minute when the conservation movement won a huge battle against economic interests to save this massive, southernmost woodland on the planet. When the company went bankrupt, a timely donation from Goldman Sachs to the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) created the largest protected tract of forest in Tierra del Fuego, conserving habitats from the depths of the fjords, to the top of the southern Andes, and everything in between. An area that was used by nomads and canoe people for thousands of years, as huge middens still testify, is now preserved for its natural and historical value. These are rare places where albatross breed in protected waters; Andean condors soar above them; and elephant seals bask on sandy beaches.

The end of the world is also a place where I found something unexpected. My wife, Melissa, works for the WCS and is in charge of Karukinka. Every time our ship visits, a WCS representative comes on board for a few days to show and tell us about the area. A few years ago, Melissa joined us aboard National Geographic Explorer—fast-forward a bit and on July 4th our baby boy, León, arrived. We are now an Argentinean-Chilean family.

—SANTIAGO IMBERTI, NATURALIST



*The Imberti-Carmody family:
Melissa, León, and Santiago.*



ICONIC LANDSCAPES IN REM

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

One of our guests summed it up best: “I felt like I could reach out and touch the mountains around us. And I felt as though they were reaching out to embrace me!” Torres del Paine National Park seems to compress all the most beautiful and exciting features of the region into a single gem, so accessible you feel you can turn it in the palm of your hand for a closer look at every facet. Its iconic and spectacular mountain range appears like a fairy castle as you approach across the flat Patagonian steppe—soaring walls crowned by jagged peaks. As we get close the view shifts revealing deep valleys dividing vertical granite horns and fluted towers, carved by the great glaciers of the ice ages. One of the most beautiful mountain ranges on Earth—it’s only the beginning. Our exploration of the park will be richly rewarding, with outstanding views and options for a long or short hike, bringing you to roaring waterfalls and endless vistas. Big herds of guanacos roam the hills below the mountains; Andean condors soar over the peaks; and little Patagonian red foxes scamper through the brush. Most thrilling of all are the pumas (mountain lions); and this is one of the best places on the planet to see them, with luck—resting on distant ledges observing us as we hike in the southeast part of the park through a beautiful landscape of remarkable sandstone bluffs.

—DAVID COTHAN, NATURALIST & CERTIFIED PHOTO INSTRUCTOR



OTE REGIONS

PUMALÍN NATURAL PARK-DOUGLAS R. TOMPKINS

Chile's Pumalín Park owes its existence to the dedication of the conservationists Doug and Kris Tompkins, and the commitment of Chile's government and people to protect their natural heritage. The late Doug Tompkins first visited Chile in 1961, and returned repeatedly. In 1991, determined to protect a key area of temperate forest—some of the last remaining in Chile—from logging, he purchased a 42,000-acre ranch in a particularly beautiful region of Patagonia. Over time his foundation added to the total, to create a protected area larger than Yosemite in the United States. Pumalín, as it was named, now stretches from the Pacific coast all the way to the Andes, and encompasses forests, lakes, and mountains. It protects many rare plant and animal species, notably including alerce trees, among the tallest and oldest on Earth. Knowing that the park's long-term survival depended on sustainable use and Chilean commitment, Doug and his wife Kris worked with the Chilean government. And in March 2017, Chile's President Michelle Bachelet formally accepted the gift of Pumalín, to be incorporated into a vast Patagonian national park. We are privileged to be able to explore this extraordinary land.

—RALPH HAMMELBACHER, V.P., EXPEDITION DEVELOPMENT, EMERITUS

Clockwise from upper left: Torres del Paine; you can hike to a powerful waterfall that flows off one of Pumalín's mountains; your naturalists will help you spot rheas, large flightless birds related to the ostrich and emu; if we're very lucky we may even get to see the elusive puma.



WITHOUT WILDLIFE, LANDSCAPES ARE MERE SCENERY



Patagonia's remoteness means that pockets of South American wildlife have gone undisturbed for ages. In recent years, forward-thinking conservationists and investors have worked to turn key parts of the region into parklands, ensuring some measure of security for guanacos, Andean condors, Magellanic penguins, and more species.

Clockwise from top: Guanaco herd in Torres del Paine; Andean condor; Patagonian red fox; South American sea lion; imperial shags.

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES ENSURED WITH COOL TOOLS

National Geographic Explorer is equipped to enable you to discover Patagonia. A fleet of Zodiacs means you can land on a remote Staten Island beach studded with Magellanic penguins. Our kayaks let you experience a calm Chilean fjord with all your senses. The onboard ROV, guided by our undersea specialist, might discover something even few scientists have seen. In addition, our generous 1:10 expedition staff-to-guest ratio creates opportunities for you to choose different personalities to engage with every day. And, the National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard will help you capture key moments in photos you'll be proud to share.

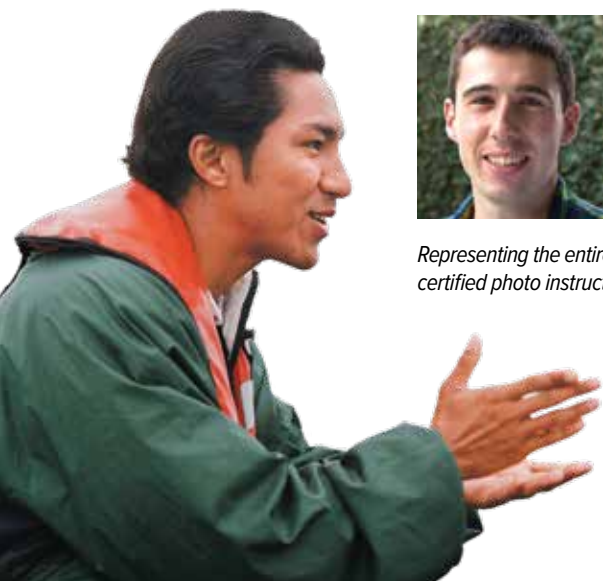
Clockwise from upper left: Zodiacs get you out exploring at a moment's notice; a fleet of kayaks allows you to paddle for personal exploration; National Geographic Explorer's ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) can explore depths up to 1,000 feet, providing footage to view in the dry warmth and comfort of the lounge; guests join staff in examining nautical charts on the bridge; National Geographic Explorer in the White Narrows in the Chilean fjords.



Zodiacs get us out exploring at a moment's notice.

TRAVEL IN EXCEPTIONAL COMPANY, SHARE THE ADVENTURE

Comprised of scientists, naturalists, historians, and a veteran expedition leader, the members of our dynamic expedition team are engaging companions. You'll benefit from their broad array of specialized knowledge—history, archaeology, geology, ornithology, botany, photography, and their engaging personalities. You're never assigned, so you can choose who to go on activities with, have lunch or dinner with—as you share the adventure daily.



Representing the entire team, from left: Expedition leader Lucho Verdesoto, glacier researcher Enaut Izagirre Estibaritz, certified photo instructor Steven Morello, and naturalists Santiago Imberti, Eduardo Shaw and Jim Kelley.

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There will be countless reasons to 'aim & create' in Patagonia. Chilotan architecture, beloved by Chileans, including UNESCO World Heritage site churches. Andean condors drifting on the thermals. The towering *alerce* trees, and the granite spires of Torres del Paine. And whether you consider yourself a photographer or not, we're certain you'll come home with photos you'll be proud to share. Our ships are the only ones exploring Patagonia with National Geographic photographers aboard every departure. These photographers have inspired countless professionals and amateurs alike and accompany our ships to inspire and assist you. They are flanked by Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors, naturalists trained by National Geographic photographers to assist you with your camera settings, the basics of composition, observation, and more.



National Geographic photographer Rich Reid will join us on the Oct. 7, 2019 departure.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Our Global Perspectives Guest Speaker program, available exclusively on *National Geographic Explorer* expeditions, pairs engaging, knowledgeable experts with fascinating geographies to enrich your experience, and add extra levels of perspective and insight to our expedition team's expertise.



**BRIAN
CARPENTER**
Oct. 7, 2019



**CAROL
BERKIN**
Oct. 7, 2019

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Hotel Manager Patrik Svärdmyr welcomes you aboard National Geographic Explorer.

EXCEPTIONAL HOTEL STAFF



CHILEAN WINE TASTINGS AT SEA

Chilean vintners are producing world-class wines, and you'll have an opportunity to learn about and enjoy them in an introduction to the best of the current vintages.

National Geographic Explorer has an appetite for adventure, as well as dining excellence. Serge Dansereau, the head chef and owner of the iconic Bathers' Pavilion Café in Sydney, Australia, is a multi-award-winning chef, renowned

internationally, and considered 'the father of the fresh food movement.' He designs the menus and trains the staff aboard both *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*. His menu concepts are brought to life daily by each ship's Executive Chef. Count on them to keep your expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak, and for daily diversity and regional flavors.





*The critics have spoken—our food is first-rate! National Geographic Explorer was named **#1 Best Dining** (Small Ship Category) in the 2018 Cruise Critic Cruisers' Choice Awards.*

“We provision for Patagonia in Chile and Argentina with fresh produce and sustainably produced meat and poultry. Unlike cruise companies which mandate a food program across the fleet, our chefs have the freedom to execute Serge’s smartly conceived dishes while taking advantage of what’s at hand. When a local fishing boat hails our ship with line-caught fish, for example, the chef can say ‘yes!’ Our goal is for our guests to experience the geography through the food served aboard wherever possible. And to always dine extraordinarily well.”

—Ana Esteves, Director of Hotel Operations, Lindblad Expeditions

The lounge bar (above) is a social hub. Breakfast and lunches in the informal dining room are often buffet-style; dinners are artfully plated and served. Save room for dessert—extraordinary daily!



EPIC PATAGONIA: FJORDS, PEAKS AND FORESTS

20 DAYS/17 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICING FROM: \$19,470 (See page 23 for complete pricing.)

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

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore Patagonia's signature Torres del Paine National Park, and discover the Chilean fjords by Zodiac, kayak and on foot.
- ▶ See and photograph the Pío XI Glacier, the longest in South America.
- ▶ Venture through pristine wildlife reserves not easily accessible, including the privately held Karukinka Park and protected Pumalín Park.
- ▶ Explore the culture and World Heritage sites of Chiloé Island, a place beloved by Chileans.
- ▶ By special permission, be one of the few people ever to explore Argentina's Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), located at the extreme end of South America.
- ▶ Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and take in the view of Cape Horn, following the same route as some of history's great explorers.

EXTEND YOUR STAY—
THREE DIFFERENT WAYS

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

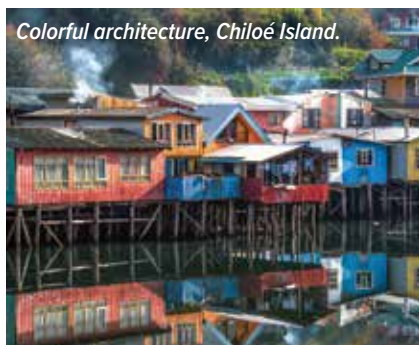
The Bernal Glacier and the freshwater lake at its terminus.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE

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

DAY 3: PUERTO MONTT/EMBARK

Fly from Santiago to Puerto Montt, Chile's northern gateway to Patagonia. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)



DAY 4: ANCUD (CHILOÉ ISLAND)

Explore Chiloe's culture including its *palafitos*, colorful stilt houses along the water. Its wooden churches collectively constitute a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: PUMALÍN NATIONAL PARK

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

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

A vast area of snowcapped mountains, glaciers, thousands of islands, lakes, soaring granite walls, and waterfalls, the archipelago is virtually untouched by man. We make good use of our Zodiacs, kayaks and undersea technology. One highlight is the Pío XI Glacier, the longest glacier in the Southern Hemisphere outside Antarctica. Look for condors as our ship transits the White Narrows. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

From Puerto Natales, drive to monumental Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere. The landscape is big, wide, and sprawling, with razor-backed ridges, Andean

condors, flamingos, and rheas. It's hard to imagine that the park could top the drive, but the Torres del Paine are an amazing sight, jagged granite mountains topped with a thick layer of dark slate. Discover one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and colorful lagoons. Chileans themselves dream of visiting this magnificent park. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12 AND 13: EXPLORING TIERRA DEL FUEGO/KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK

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

DAY 14: THE CHILEAN FJORDS, BEAGLE CHANNEL

Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. We cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel and explore some of its many possibilities. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: CAPE HORN

Today we visit Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of the continent, and, conditions permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)



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

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

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

Disembark in Ushuaia. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight home. (Day 19: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2019 Oct. 7; 2020 Oct. 8

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Book by Jul. 31, 2019 for **FREE ROUND-TRIP** economy airfare Miami/Santiago, Buenos Aires/Miami, and internal flights Santiago/Puerto Montt, Ushuaia/Buenos Aires. Plus, we will cover your bar tab and tips to the crew.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN THE REGION— EXTEND & EXPLORE MORE

ADD SANTIAGO CITY, WINE AND CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

PRE-VOYAGE/2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2019/20*: \$2,390 per person, double occupancy.



Get a taste for Santiago's world-famous cuisine at premier restaurants, and venture into wine country for tastings at Chile's top wineries. Visit Santiago's charming neighborhoods, backed by the spectacular Andes, and then head outside the city for private tours of historic wineries, meeting the winemakers, and sampling their wares in scenic settings.



ADD IGUAZÚ FALLS

POST-VOYAGE/3 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

2019/20*: \$2,870 per person, double occupancy.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls' monumental Devil's Throat thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon—an incredible display of power. Get close on catwalks to experience the raw force and noise of the cascades. Stay at the only hotel within Argentina's Iguazú National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, owing to its beautiful landscapes and subtropical forest, with 450 species of birds, including toucans and parrots, butterflies, orchids and endangered jaguars.



ADD EASTER ISLAND

POST-VOYAGE/4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2019/20*: \$4,520 per person, double occupancy.

Take advantage of proximity to one of the most remote and mysterious places on Earth—Easter Island. Home to more than 600 giant *moai*, or stone statues, carved by the ancient Rapa Nui, this tiny island is almost 1,200 miles from its nearest island neighbor. Where did these people come from and why did they carve these giant stone statues? Learn from key archaeologists about the ancient Rapa Nui culture that grew up in isolation.

**Note: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Buenos Aires; additional cost applies.*

**Note: On all extensions airfare is not included; additional cost applies.*





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 367 feet.

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the flagship of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an Ice-1A Super on the forward hull. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with one or two portholes
#301-308

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

CATEGORY 4: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

CATEGORY 6: Veranda Deck—Suite #101-102;
Upper Deck—Suite with balcony #213

CATEGORY 7: Upper Deck—Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote controlled camera and video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Global Perspectives guest speaker, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, LEXspa treatment room and sauna.

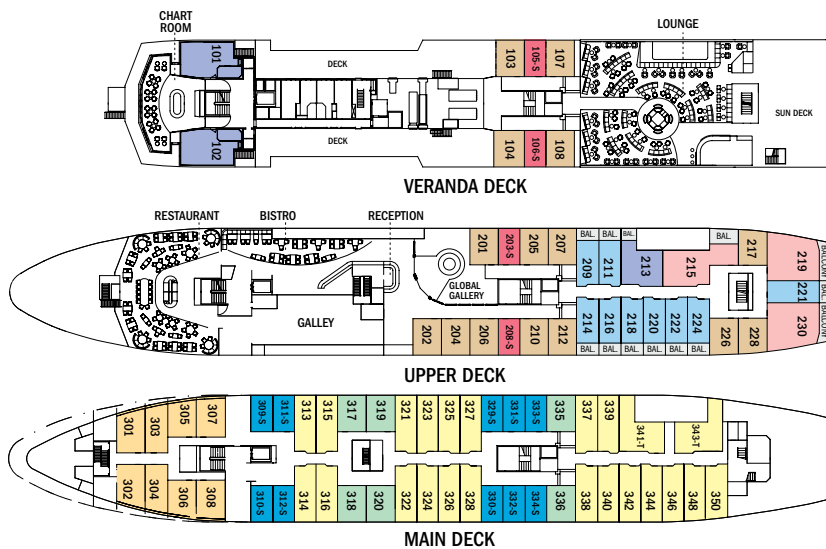
CATEGORY A SOLO: Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

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

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219, and 230 can accommodate a third person.



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Above: Upper deck balcony cabin; fitness center;
 library; Suite balcony; suite cabin; solo cabin;
 standard bathroom.

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. 7	CAT. A SOLO	CAT. B SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Epic Patagonia: Fjords, Peaks and Forests—Page 18	2019	\$19,470	\$20,950	\$21,790	\$23,150	\$27,420	\$31,910	\$36,520	\$26,190	\$27,240	\$2,500	Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included. Sample Airfares: Miami/Santiago, Buenos Aires/Miami: Economy from \$1,000; Business from \$3,300. Internal airfare from \$805 (Santiago/Puerto Montt, Ushuaia/Buenos Aires).
	2020	\$19,950	\$21,450	\$22,330	\$23,660	\$27,970	\$32,560	\$37,300	\$26,770	\$27,800	\$2,500	

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIRFARE—BOOK BY JUL. 31, 2019: Complimentary airfare is based on round-trip economy group flights from Miami/Santiago and Buenos Aires/Miami, PLUS internal flights Santiago/Puerto Montt and Ushuaia/Buenos Aires. Airfare is subject to availability at time of booking and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the event 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, and may not be combined with other offers and pre- and post-extensions. Call for details.

COMPLIMENTARY BAR TAB & CREW GRATUITIES: We will cover your crew gratuities and shipboard bar tab (excepting certain super-premium brands of alcohol.)

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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, wellness treatments and other specialized arrangements.

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- ✓ All meals and beverages (excepting certain super-premium brands of alcohol)
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap; teatime with pastries
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card & internet access
- ✓ Access to the B+H Photo locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff
- ✓ Complimentary gratuities to the crew

ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary, and nonalcoholic beverages with meals
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ One night hotel accommodation at the excellent Mandarin Oriental Hotel
- ✓ Guided overview in Santiago
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

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- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
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Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as internet access, voyage DVD, laundry.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. The per-person advance payment amount is: \$2,500 for the 20-day voyage. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check. Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention.

Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and more.

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