

BEST OF CHILEAN PATAGONIA

TORRES DEL PAINE TO CAPE HORN

**INCLUDES 3
SPECTACULAR DAYS**
IN THE HEART OF
PATAGONIA'S
LEGENDARY NATIONAL
PARK

PLUS
SPECIAL ACCESS
TO ARGENTINA'S
STATEN ISLAND

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DISCOVER THE BREADTH OF PATAGONIA'S WILDNESS—BY LAND & SEA



Dramatic Grey Glacier in Torres del Paine National Park.

The wilderness and wildlife of Patagonia challenge even the most articulate visitor's powers of description. And nowhere does this hold true more than within the protected borders of the region's most iconic and spectacular parkland, Torres del Paine National Park. Spend three days in the wild heart of this monumental UNESCO Biosphere reserve at the Explora Patagonia Hotel. Wake up to breathtaking views—saw-toothed peaks capped in white, plunging verdant hills, and shimmering Pehoé Lake with its turquoise, glacial-fed waters—then head out to hike, horseback ride and sail among icebergs in the sprawling, rugged landscape (you choose those activities that interest you most). As you encounter Andean condors, guanacos, foxes and rheas, the Paine massif and its famous “horns” command your attention, no matter where in the park you find yourself.



Explora Patagonia Hotel.

DEAR TRAVELER,

Back in 1967 my father, Lars-Eric Lindblad, was among the first to bring adventurous travelers to Patagonia by expedition ship. And since that time, we've added greatly to our knowledge of these legendarily rugged places, which are inhabited by diverse wildlife and people. Our 15-day **Best of Chilean Patagonia** itinerary aboard *National Geographic Orion* offers a broad view of the region, so you'll experience the highlights as well as several out-of-the-way wonders.

This combination land and sea journey includes three nights at **Explora Patagonia**, a superb lodge situated inside iconic Torres del Paine National Park—a wilderness area that Chileans themselves dream of visiting. It's an ideal base camp from which to discover inland Patagonia, and you'll have choices to explore at activity levels best suited to you. Hike in some of the most astonishing landscapes anywhere; horseback ride, if you wish, in the shadows of great mountains; and at the end of each day dine with views of Patagonia's legendary snow-capped peaks and one of the world's most beautiful glacial lakes.

Along the way you'll enjoy privileged access to seldom-seen Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), a place that's almost mythical to Argentines. It's long been off-limits to outsiders. This stop on our itinerary came about after we initiated a dialogue with key conservation officials. They came to believe, as did we, that carefully planned visits by our ships would call attention to the need to conserve the island. And it provides an extraordinary experience for our guests—one few others will ever have. And in Karukinka Natural Park, we have just been told that a representative from the Wildlife Conservation Society will illuminate our visit as we search for culpeo fox, black-browed albatross, and that great symbol of Patagonia, the Andean condor.

As always, our expedition staff will add further dimensions to your experience, and a National Geographic photographer will help you capture the abundant and incredible photo opportunities that lie at the ends of the Earth.

Our October 2017 departure has already sold out—but there are limited cabins left for March, so I hope you'll act quickly to be able to join us. I promise you that exploring Patagonia with us will be a rewarding adventure.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad



Once aboard National Geographic Orion, we'll make our way down Patagonia's awe-inspiring, glacier- and fjord-studded coastline. In Tierra del Fuego, with special permission, we visit Karukinka Natural Park. Here, together with a Wildlife Conservation Society expert, you may witness a rare spectacle—enormous elephant seals undulating across surf and sand as they puncture the air with comical snorts and



Magellanic penguins.

bellows. We explore places only accessible by expedition ship—including Isla de Los Estados (Staten Island). Largely off limits to travelers since 1923, ours is one of the only expedition ships to ever be allowed here, and you'll have the unique opportunity to discover the island as you should—in its pristine state, essentially untouched by humankind. The

landscape has abundant wildlife from waterline to mountainside—spot Magellanic penguins, South American fur seals and sea lions, thousands of seabirds, and more. Hike through the last stands of forest before the Andes disappear into the Atlantic Ocean, to a knoll overlooking the placid bay where “the lighthouse at the end of the world,” the inspiration for Jules Verne’s adventure novel of the same name, stands. See the forces of nature evident in the rocks and vegetation shaped by powerful storms that impressed Verne. Experience astounding sights few others have thus far.



A pair of rheas.



Guests exploring Staten Island by Zodiac.

IN PATAGONIA: GAIN UNIQUE INSIGHTS

AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM REVEALS THE MARVELS OF PATAGONIA

With 50 years of expedition heritage, our expedition team have acquired the knowledge and field expertise to make our learning-oriented expeditions deeply rewarding. Explore Patagonia under the expert guidance of veteran Lindblad naturalists, relying on their expertise to maximize wildlife sightings. Go with an expedition leader, naturalists, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler, plus aboard ship an undersea specialist and a wellness specialist. Their knowledge and passion for Patagonia are key to your once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Left to right, representing the entire team: Expedition leader Lucho Verdesoto, naturalist John Frick, naturalist/photo instructor Doug Gould, and cultural specialist Alex Searle.

INSIDER INSIGHTS & STELLAR EXPERIENCES

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) has given us permission to visit the remote and private **Karukinka Natural Park**, Tierra del Fuego's newest and largest protected reserve. And a knowledgeable representative from WCS will accompany us. Established in 2004 through a gift from Goldman Sachs, Karukinka is one of the largest donations ever made for conservation. We'll look for Andean condors, Magellanic penguins, rheas, massive elephant seals, and many other kinds of wildlife.



CAPTURE PATAGONIA IN YOUR BEST PHOTOS EVER

You'll have a National Geographic photographer as your traveling companion, to inspire you and provide tips in the field. And the services of a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, as well, to assist you wherever you are on your photographic journey—whether an 'aim and create' novice, iPhone shooter, or big glass pro. You'll find no end of subjects, and the help you need to return home with your best photos ever.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

KRISTA ROSSOW / MAR. 7, 2018

Photographer and educator Krista Rossow shoots nationally and internationally for travel publications such as *National Geographic Traveler*. She travels the globe photographing everything from people and cultures to wildlife and landscapes, and sees the camera as a tool for understanding new cultures, meeting the locals, and exploring the natural world. Her technical aptitude combined with her eye for storytelling brings students to new levels in their own photography.



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Includes Argentina's Staten Island

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$13,940 to \$22,620

MARCH 7 AND 8: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE
Fly overnight to Santiago, Chile. Check in to the Hotel Santiago by Mandarin before exploring the Plaza de Armas, the main square and nearby Presidential Palace. (March 8: L)

MARCH 9: USHUAIA/EMBARK
Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and embark *National Geographic Orion*. (B,L,D)



Elephant seal.

MARCH 10 AND 11: ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS (STATEN ISLAND), ARGENTINA
Discover extraordinary Staten Island. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful. Spot southern rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, fur seals and sea lions. See the San Juan de Salvamento “lighthouse at the end of the world,” which inspired Jules Verne’s novel by the same name. (B,L,D)

MARCH 12: CAPE HORN
Visit Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of the continent, and, weather permitting, land there for panoramic views. (B,L,D)

MARCH 13: EXPLORING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL
Myriad fjords or *senos* indent the coast. Cruise deep into the *senos*, punctuated at the end by tidewater glaciers, to explore by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. Transit the Beagle Channel, where we’ll look to use our

Zodiacs to land and explore one of the many intriguing sites. (B,L,D)

MARCH 14: KARUKINKA NATURAL PARK/EXPLORING TIERRA DEL FUEGO
Tierra del Fuego is one of Patagonia’s crown jewels. We have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit Karukinka Natural Park, home to nesting black-browed albatross, condors, and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

MARCH 15: KIRKE NARROWS & EXPLORING CHILEAN FJORDS
Our Captain and local pilots guide us through Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small ship such as *Orion*. We’ll look to make a stop in the extensive maze of channels and islands of the Chilean fjords, where we may go out by Zodiac and kayak and look for elephant seals, or take a forest walk. (B,L,D)

MARCH 16-18: DISEMBARK/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK
Disembark, drive to this UNESCO Biosphere reserve and spend three days at the Explora Lodge, discovering one of the most wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests, grasslands, rivers, and colorful lagoons. Choose among a variety of possibilities, including walks and hikes, horseback riding, gliding among



Hiking in Patagonia.



Guests kayaking.

icebergs to the foot of the immense Grey Glacier, visiting the Salto Grande waterfall, and seeing the towers of the central massif from the Blue Lagoon. Look out for guanacos, gray foxes, rheas and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

MARCH 19: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK/PUERTO NATALES
We have a final morning to explore Torres del Paine, then drive to Puerto Natales via Milodón Cave, and stay at the remarkable Hotel Singular. (B,L,D)

MARCH 20 AND 21: PUERTO NATALES/SANTIAGO/U.S.
Fly to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home. (March 20: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATE: 2018 Mar. 7

GOT A SCHEDULE CONFLICT? We also have a 15-day departure on Oct. 25, 2018. And an 11-day departure (without Torres del Paine) on Oct. 29, 2018. Visit our website or call for details.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is a modern, fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with a reinforced hull.

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 ft. **REGISTRY:** Bahamas.

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

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.

CABINS: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screened TV. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle), underwater video camera, crow's nest camera, laundry, full-time doctor, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler, wellness specialist.

CATEGORY 1: \$13,940

Main Deck with oval window #316, 318-321

CATEGORY 2: \$14,600

Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317

CATEGORY 3: \$15,610

Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419

CATEGORY 4: \$17,540

Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515

CATEGORY 5: \$19,640

Bridge Deck—Suite with balcony #501, 503-506, 508

CATEGORY 6: \$21,710

Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510

*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of balcony.

CATEGORY 1 SOLE OCCUPANCY: \$20,120

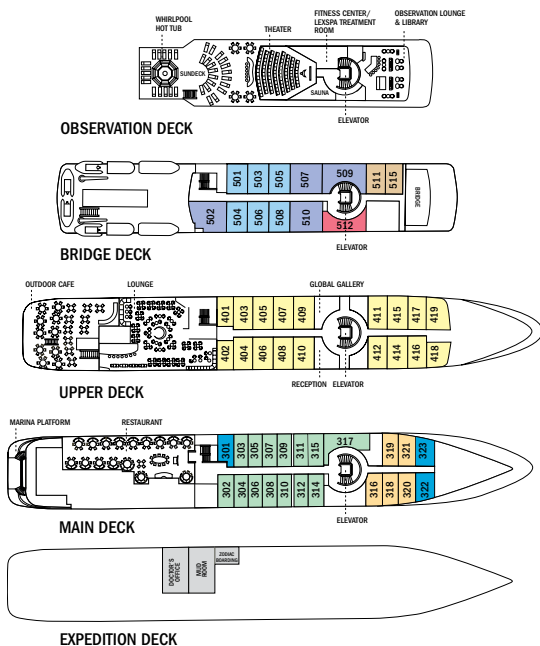
Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323

CATEGORY 3 SOLE OCCUPANCY: \$22,620

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.

From top: Spacious Category 3 cabin; main lounge.



For Reservations: Contact your travel advisor or Lindblad Expeditions

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COST INCLUDES: All accommodations including one hotel night in Santiago, one hotel night in Puerto Natales and three hotel nights in Torres del Paine. Meals indicated and, aboard ship, beverages (except certain super-premium brands of alcohol), shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, tips to ship's crew, taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, baggage/accident/travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry, etc.

SAMPLE AIRFARES: Miami/Santiago/Miami: Economy from

\$950; Business from \$3,000. Internal airfare from \$855 (Santiago/Ushuaia, Puerto Natales/Santiago).

For all programs, airfare is an additional cost. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

ADVANCE PAYMENT: \$1,500 due at time of booking.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our web site at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for this trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

IMPORTANT: Cancellations are subject to penalty. Call for details on our Cancellation Policy and Travel Protection Plan.

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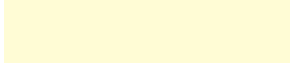
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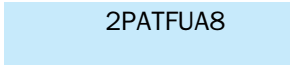
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DON'T MISS OUT ON EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES ON THIS LAND & SEA JOURNEY

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover the wildlife-rich, iconic landscapes of Torres del Paine, Patagonia's jewel. Stay three nights at the outstanding Explora Lodge, set in the parklands.
- ▶ Explore wild, windswept Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), which has largely been off limits to travelers since 1923.
- ▶ See storied places such as the legendary Beagle Channel and Cape Horn.
- ▶ Venture through wildlife reserves not easily accessible to the public, including Karukinka Natural Park on Tierra del Fuego.
- ▶ Zodiac cruise and kayak through the breathtaking Chilean fjords.

A rare sighting of an orca feeding frenzy, photographed near Isla de los Estados by expedition leader Lucho Verdesoto during last season's expedition.

